

RATIONALE: WHY IS STOP NEEDED?

Domestic Violence: Explanations

Abstract

Gender-based violence arises from the intersection of structural inequalities, institutional frameworks, social dynamics, and personal histories. Using the research-based model “understanding perpetration” developed for the European Commission this analysis explores how macro-level inequalities, meso-level organizational dynamics, micro-level social interactions, and ontogenetic life histories intersect to sustain violence on the perpetrators side. There is a complex web of influences, including the devaluation of women or masculinity, failed sanctions, the influence of peer groups and general beliefs, inadequate parenting and early exposure to violence. Gender interacts with multiple axes of inequality, hereby influencing experiences of oppression and access to resources. By examining these interconnected factors, the importance of comprehensive, multilevel prevention strategies to address the systemic and relational aspects of violence effectively is highlighted.

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