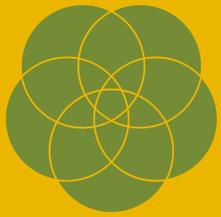




Measuring Abusive Behaviors:

ECONOMIC ABUSE

COMMON FORMS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)

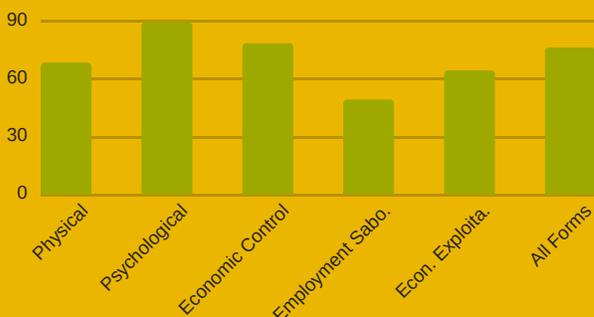


- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Economic abuse including economic control, exploitation, and employment sabotage

All these forms of abuse are correlated, but distinct forms of abuse.

ECONOMIC ABUSE IS A UNIQUE FORM OF ABUSE

- Findings reveal that in most cases participants who reported experiencing one form of IPV also reported experiencing other forms of IPV.
- Women who endure physical or psychological abuse are likely experiencing economic abuse as well.
- Higher levels of one form of abuse are significantly related to higher levels of another form of abuse.
- 76% of participants in our study reported experiencing all forms of IPV.



SPECIFIC FORMS OF ECONOMIC ABUSE

ECONOMIC CONTROL



When the abuser monitors and restricts the women's ability to freely use resources in her life.

ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION



Abuser either depletes existing funds and/or commits certain acts that will create debt or ruins her credit.

EMPLOYMENT SABOTAGE



Abuser blocks employment opportunities or restricts her ability to obtain resources through employment.

Economic abuse tactics may include hindering her economic self-sufficiency and damaging her economic self-efficacy.



This result in women becoming economically dependent on their partner and hence are at risk of being further abused and stuck in the relationship.