

Global estimates of violence against women: prevalence, health effects & prevention options

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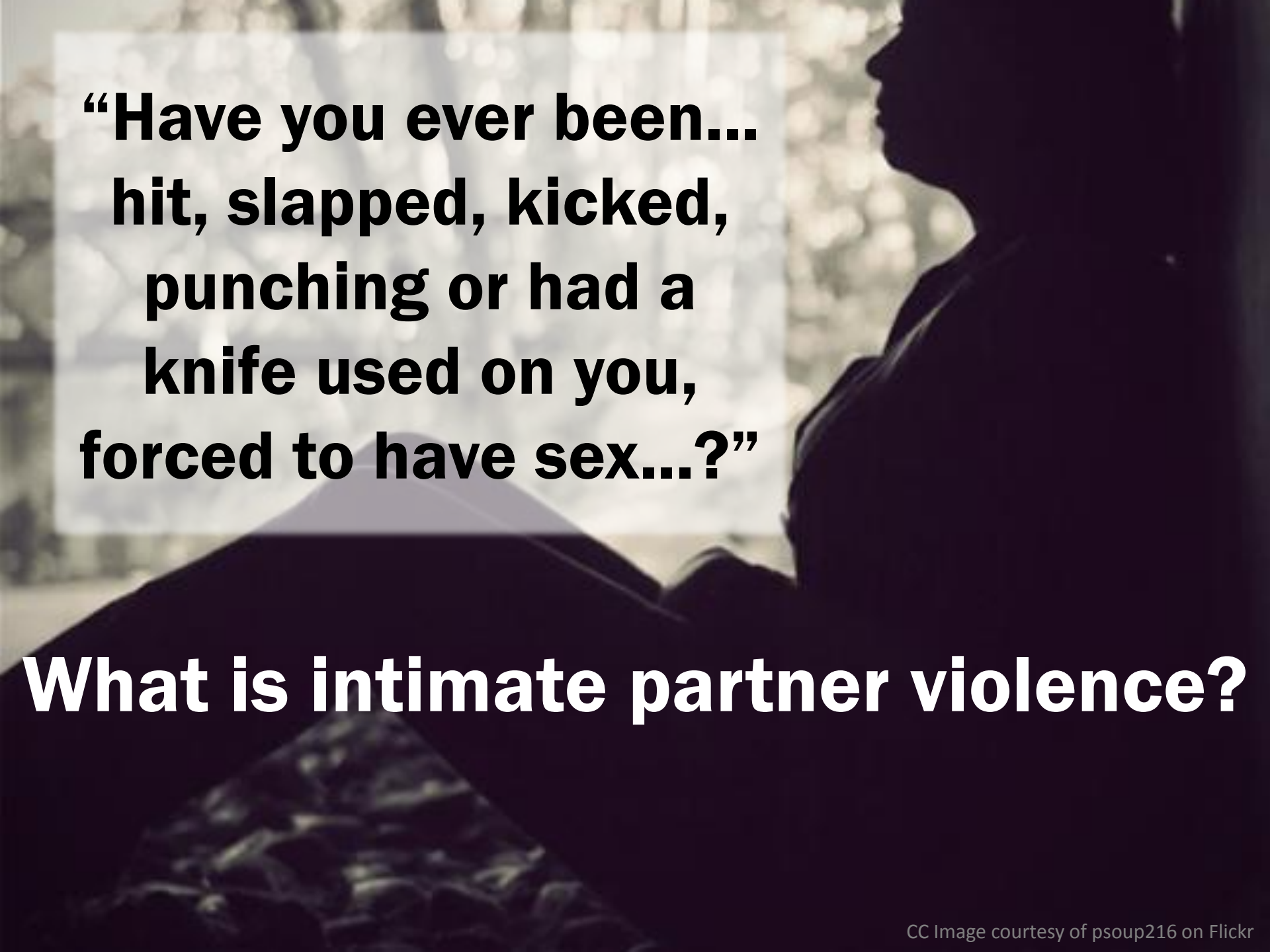
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A person is shown in silhouette, looking out of a window. The view outside the window shows a city street with buildings and trees. The person's head and shoulders are visible in profile, looking towards the left. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor scene.

**“Have you ever been...
hit, slapped, kicked,
punching or had a
knife used on you,
forced to have sex...?”**

What is intimate partner violence?

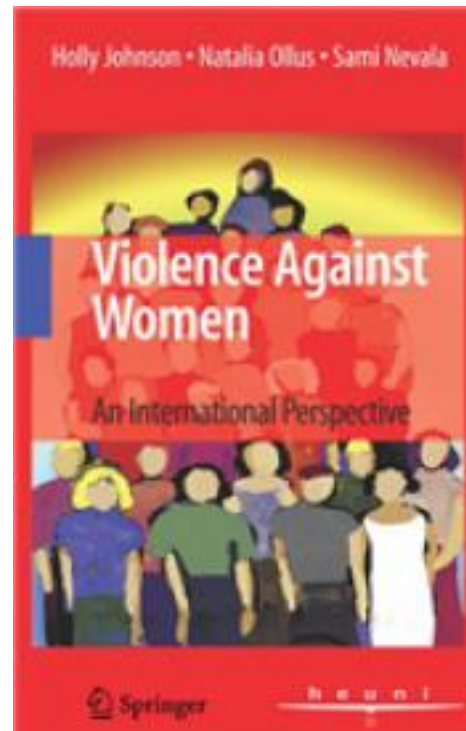
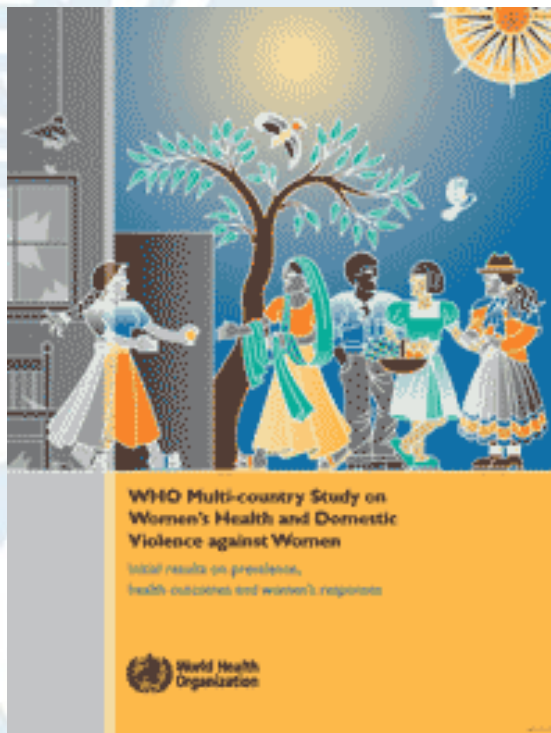
How did we estimate prevalence?

Systematic Reviews



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Secondary Analysis



MEASURE DHS
Demographic and Health Surveys

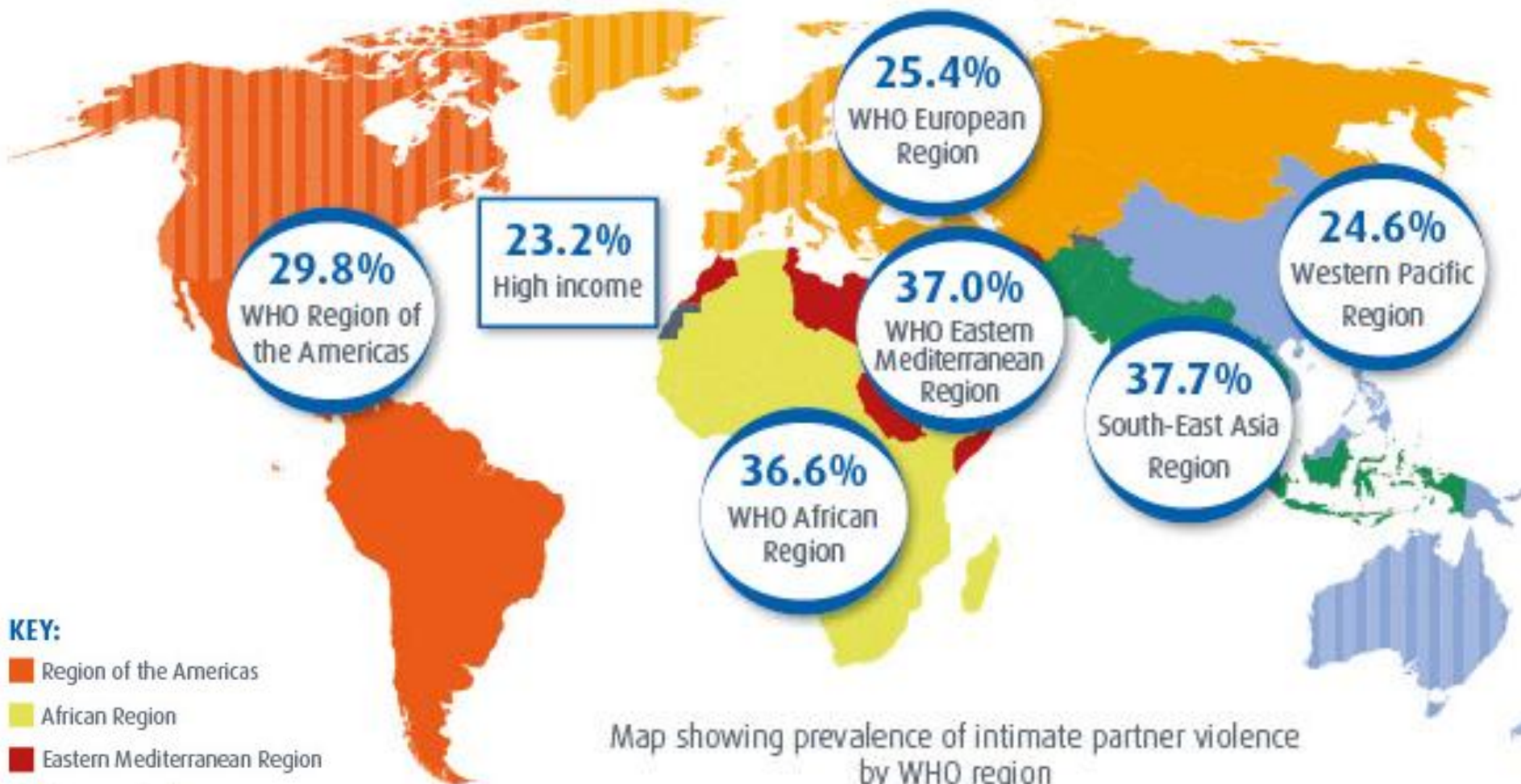
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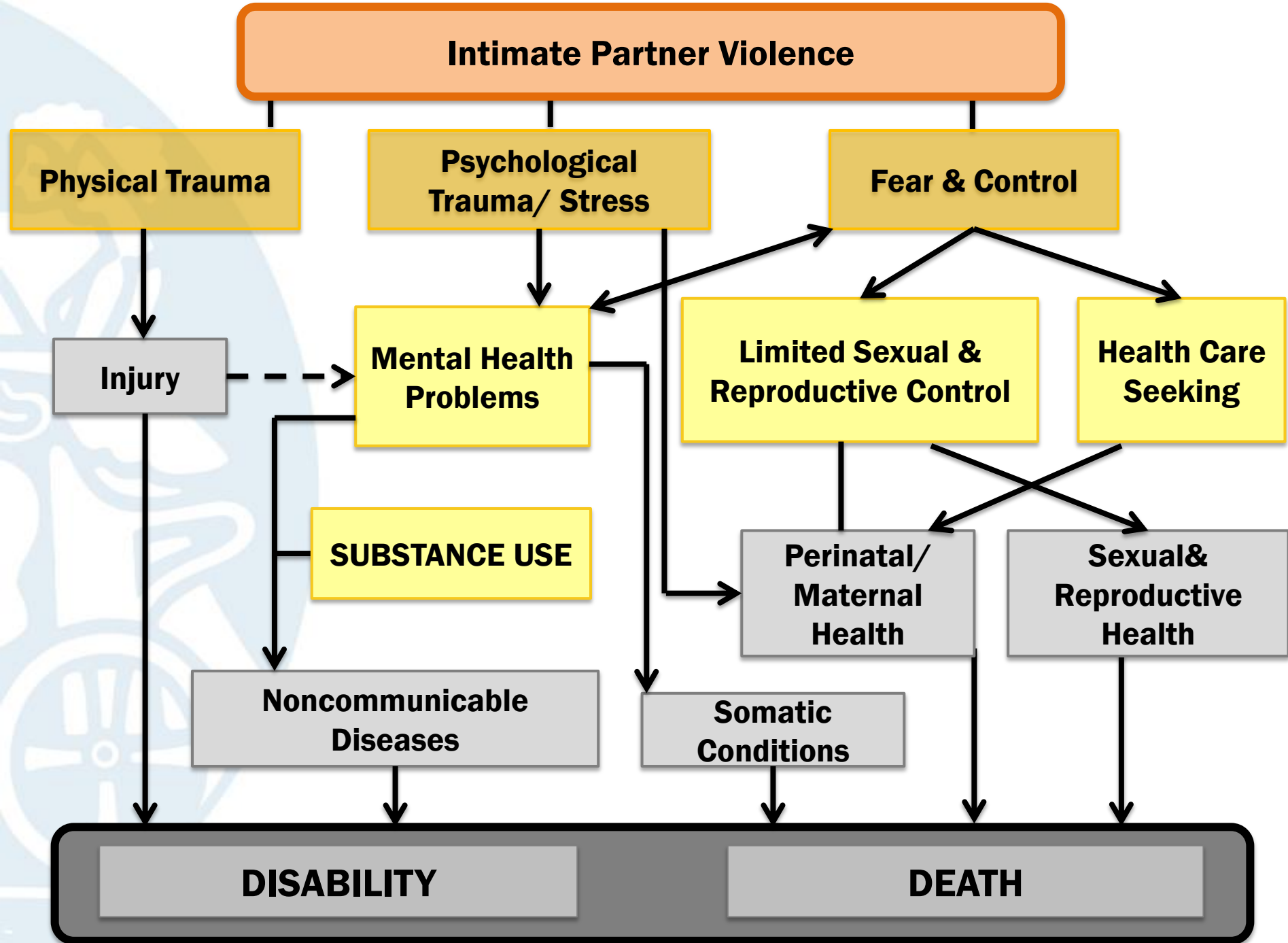
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**What are the health
impacts of violence?**





Intimate Partner Violence

Physical Trauma

Psychological Trauma/ Stress

Fear & Control

42%



of women who have experienced physical or sexual violence at the hands of a partner have experienced injuries as a result

TWICE



as likely to experience depression

ALMOST TWICE



as likely to have alcohol use disorders

Limited Sexual & Reproductive Control

Health Care Seeking

16%



more likely to have a low birth-weight baby

1.5 TIMES



more likely to acquire HIV and 1.5 times more likely to contract syphilis infection, chlamydia or gonorrhoea

Noncommunicable Diseases

Somatic Conditions

4.5x more likely to attempt suicide

DEATH

Why are women who experience violence at greater risk of HIV?

Unprotected forced sex

Trauma and lacerations from violent forced sex may lead to heightened risk of transmission

Perpetrator at higher risk of HIV

Clustering of behaviours, with men who are violent also more likely to have concurrent sexual partners and/or engage in commercial sex

Gender power imbalance

In violent & controlling relationships, fear of and use of violence reduces women's ability to negotiate sex

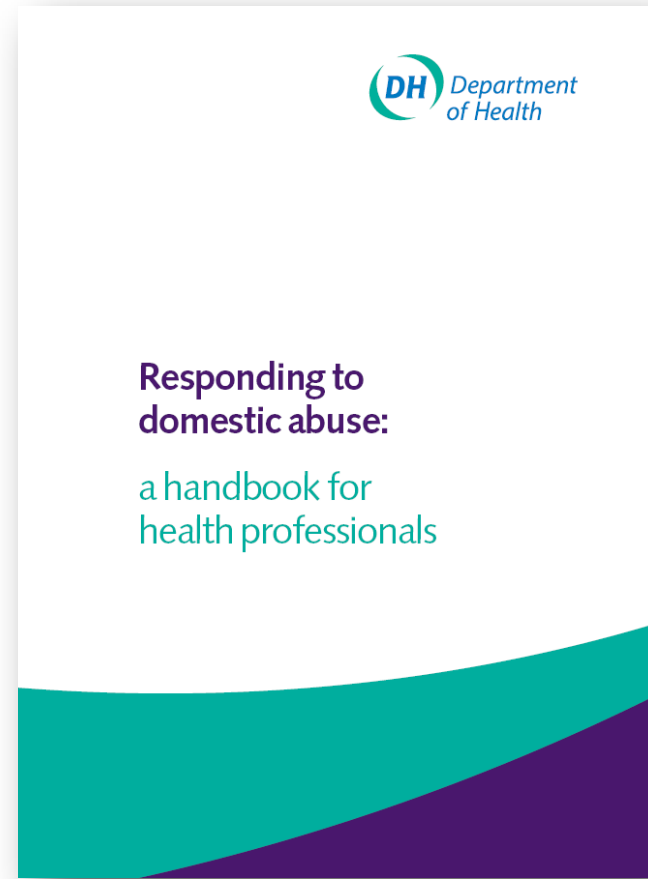
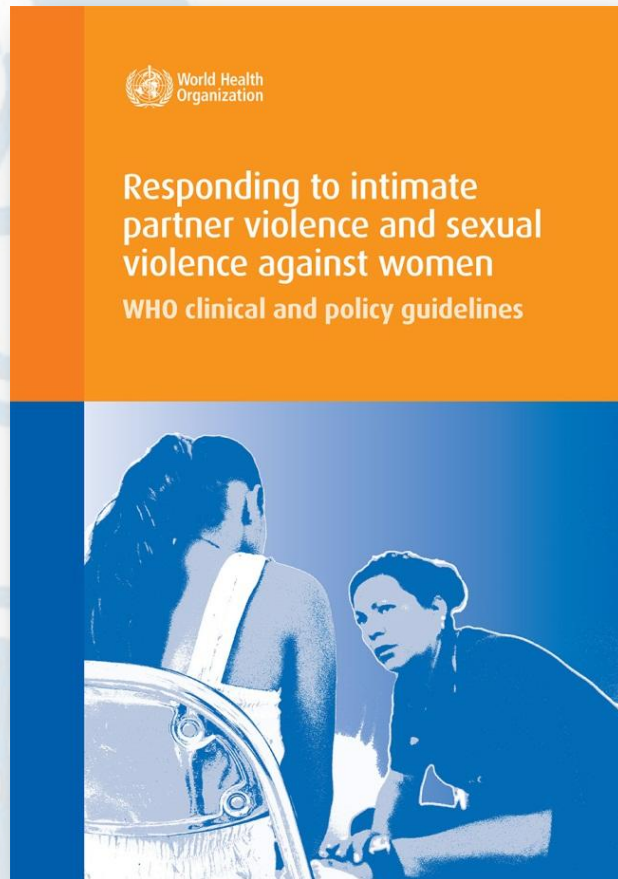
HIV & other STI



**38% of
female
homicides
are
perpetrated
by a partner**



We need to strengthen the health sector response



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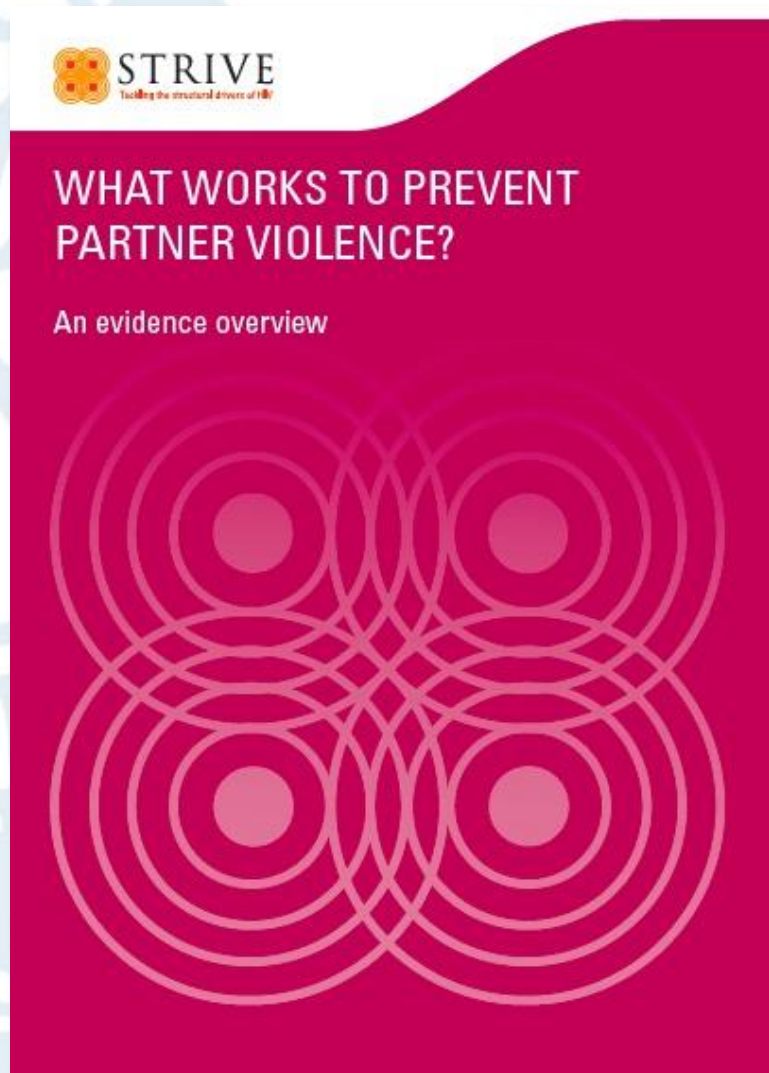
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Prevention Options



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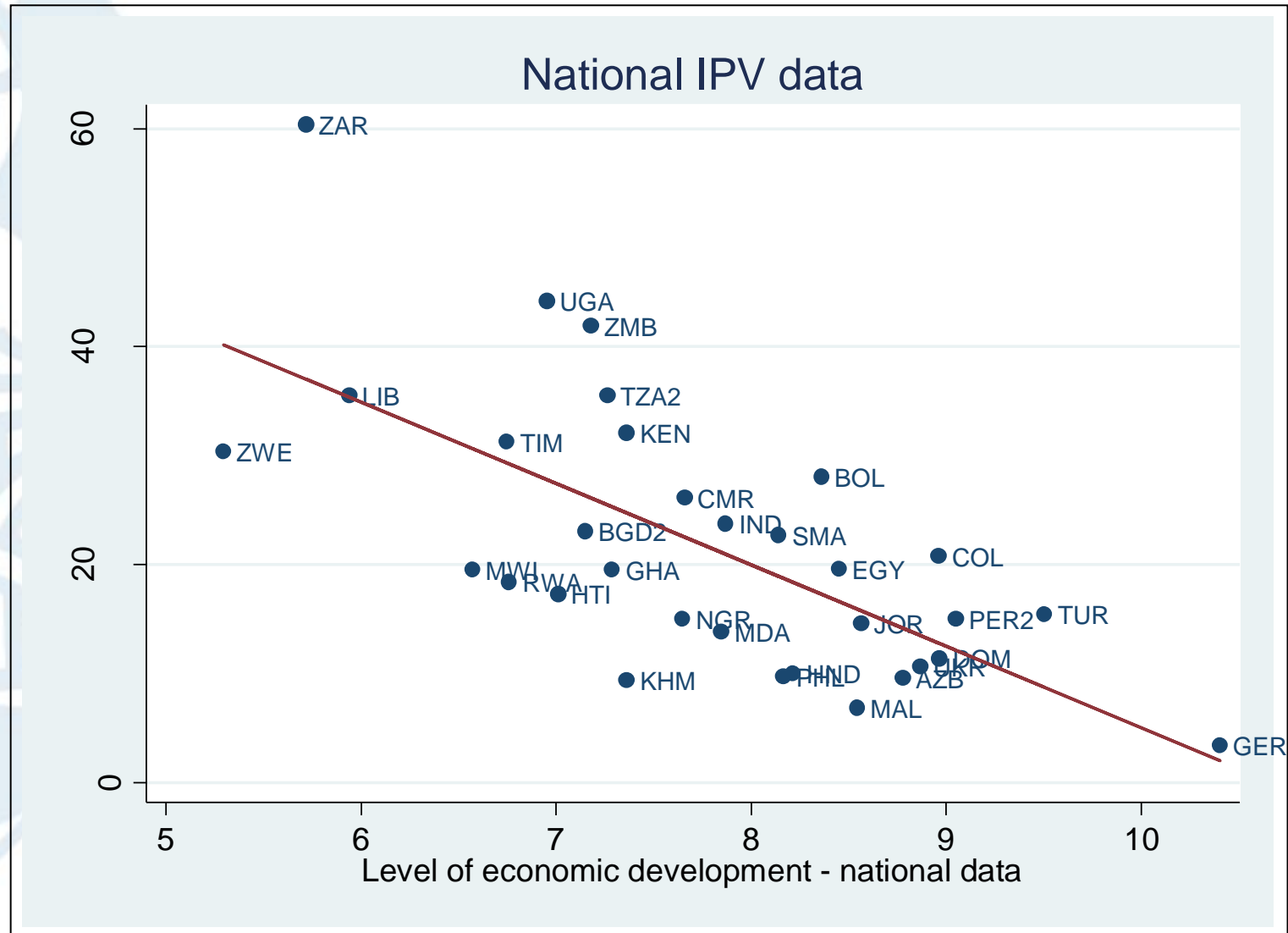


“Running the Numbers: An American Self-Portrait”, Chris Jordan, See the video: www.chrisjordan.com/gallery/rtn/#barbie-dolls

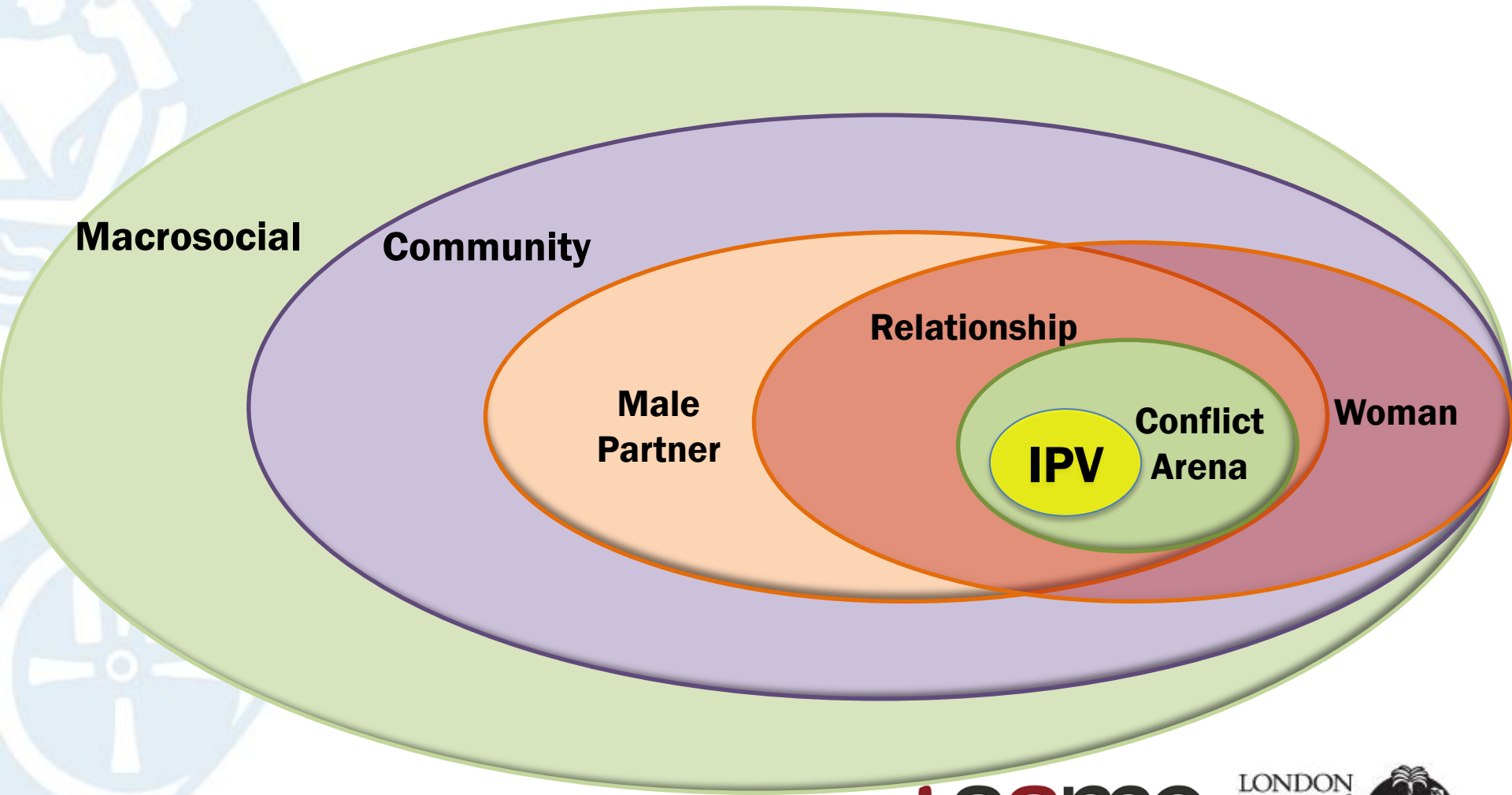
IMAGE: combining microfinance & participatory training on gender, violence & HIV



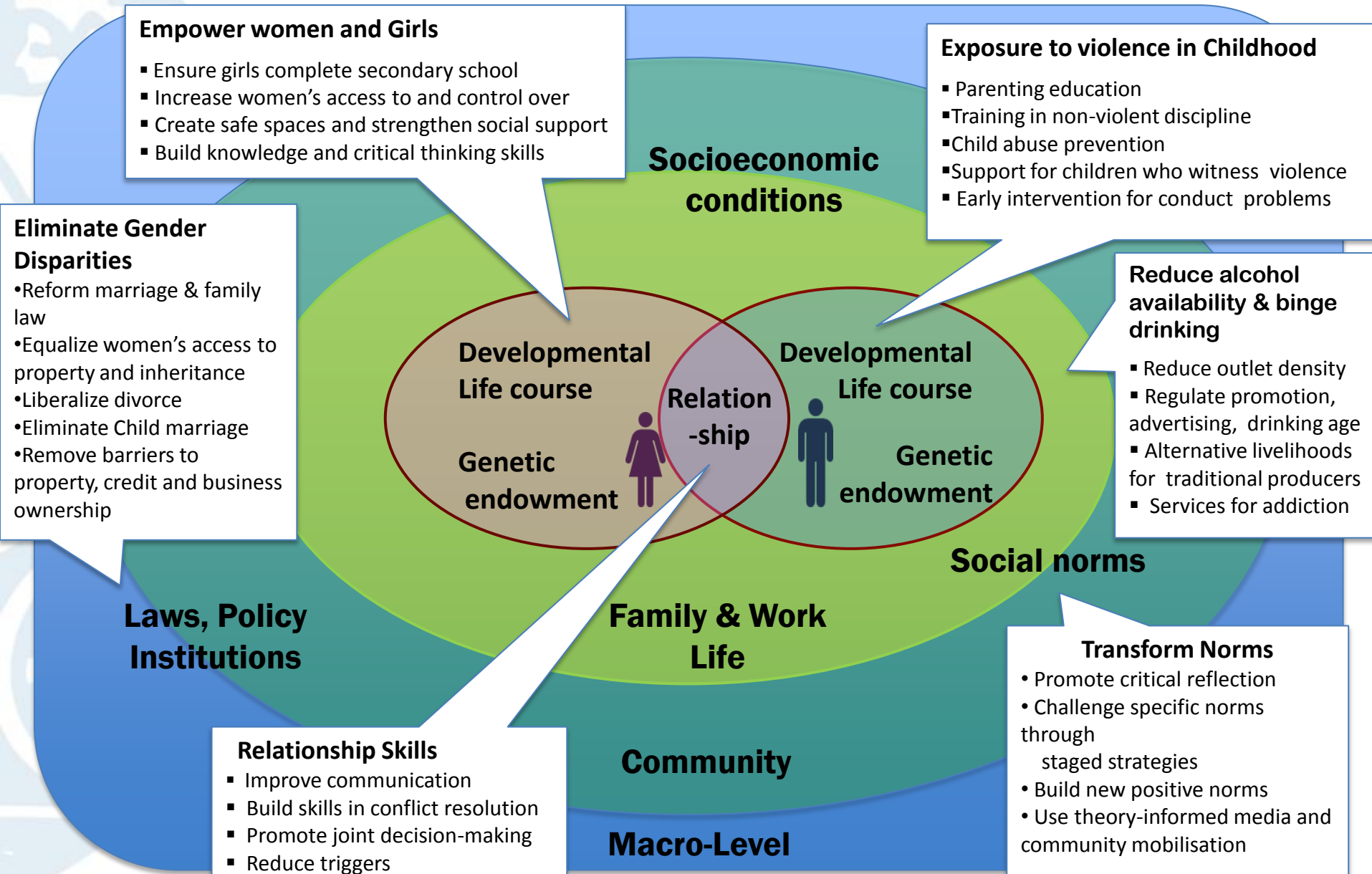
Country-level variation in 12 month prevalence of partner violence



Ecological Model of Partner Violence



Primary Prevention of Partner Violence





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