

## Moving Forward Together: Taking Action to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill in the *Spectrum of Prevention* on the next page answering what you can do **personally, organizationally or as a sector** to comprehensively support intimate partner violence prevention.

### HELPFUL HINTS:

- As you go through the levels of the Spectrum, **identify key partners and players.**
- Focus your activities at **levels 5 and 6** of the Spectrum.
- Develop activities that build on each other to create **synergy.**
- Focus on **primary prevention approach** – strategies that are designed to prevent intimate partner violence before it occurs. Consider which community-level determinants you'd like to address.

#### Community-level factors associated with IPV:

1. **Harmful norms** that support gender inequities and other power disparities within relationships; violence; and, lack of engagement and intervention in family matters.
2. **Weak social networks** that result in distrust and isolation among individuals, couples, and families.
3. **Unwillingness to take action on IPV as a community issue** that enables violence and discourages help-seeking.
4. **A retail environment with high alcohol outlet density and harmful marketing practices** that model and reinforce harmful norms and culture.
5. **Housing insecurity** that can contribute to stress, harmful coping behaviors, disruption of social networks, and economic insecurity.
6. **Family and community economic insecurity** that can contribute to instability and difficulty providing necessary resources, and is related to concentrated disadvantage.

To prevent IPV, communities can promote resilience factors that are associated with safe relationships: **healthy norms; strong social networks and trust; willingness to take action on IPV as a community issue; low alcohol outlet density and healthy marketing practices; affordable, stable, and supportive housing; and family and community economic security.**

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What can you do *personally, organizationally or as a sector* to support intimate partner violence prevention?

Spectrum Level	Activities / Strategies
<p><b>6. Influencing Policy and Legislation</b></p> <p>Developing strategies to change laws and policies that support safe relationships.</p>	
<p><b>5. Changing Organizational Practices</b></p> <p>Adopting practices within organizations that shape norms and improve safety.</p>	
<p><b>4. Fostering Coalitions and Networks</b></p> <p>Convening groups and individuals for broader goals and greater impact</p>	
<p><b>3. Educating Providers</b></p> <p>Informing providers who will transmit skills and knowledge to others and model positive norms.</p>	
<p><b>2. Promoting Community Education</b></p> <p>Reaching groups of people with information and resources to prevent intimate partner violence and promote safety.</p>	
<p><b>1. Strengthening Individual Knowledge &amp; Skills</b></p> <p>Enhancing an individual's capability of preventing intimate partner violence and promoting safety.</p>	