

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES AND COSTS OF MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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ABSTRACT

This article focuses on male violence against women. As it takes place in what is often considered to be 'the private sphere' of the home, violence is difficult to prove, to measure, to prevent and easy to ignore. A multi-country study (WHO, 2005, WHO multi-country study on women's health and domestic violence against women: Summary report of initial results on prevalence, health outcomes and women's responses, Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization) shows that there are wide variations between countries resulting in 15 per cent to 71 per cent of women aged between 15 and 49 years saying that they have been victims of physical or sexual violence in intimate relationships. This article reviews and summarises literature that analyse types of economic costs that result from domestic violence and abuse perpetrated against women.

KEYWORDS

Economic costs, Economic costs approaches, Intimate partner violence (IPV), VAW cost estimates revision, Violence, Violence against women (VAW), Women