

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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Types of Domestic Violence

Please refer to
Power and Control Wheel (last page)

...Case presentation

Case -Domestic Violence from Burkina

- Couple with 4 children
- Psychologically ill and alcoholic husband
- Physical violence against Wife (only)

SCOPE OF FDP IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ROLE OF A SOCIAL WORKER

- To help the family build trust and rapport with the SW
- To help her/him ventilate
- To listen empathetically
- To give emotional support
- To try to find internal support system and strengthen the same
- To give information about existing law and resources/
support systems existing for the family in need
- To encourage and motivate to use these resources

SCOPE OF FDP IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ROLE OF A SOCIAL WORKER... *continued*

- To help and motivate the 'abused' to be strong
- To meet and try to collaborate with other service providers/ authorities
- To work with rest of the family members
- To try to establish rapport with the "so called abuser" and to understand his/her background and work further with him/her if possible
- To motivate him/her to go for therapeutic sessions

Social worker's

feelings

- feels touched and pre-occupied at times
- Feels responsible to change the family's life
- Feels helpless
- Feels insecure at times to intervene.

Limitations of FDP

- No advocacy
- No volunteering to sign on behalf of the family while assigning/ admitting individual to external services
- FDP worker is not a "counsellor" or psychologist/family therapist but provides "guidance and support"
- Not an angel to change people's lives

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

To prevent the causes leading to Domestic violence

Understand the CAUSES!!!

Not understanding 'what I want'

Not satisfied with 'my current life'

Not being able to see 'my future brighter than today!'

Not being able to see 'how can I reach where I want to be!'

Not having 'my identity/ self esteem'

Unrealistic expectations from self and others around me

Abusive /violent treatment from others in past or present life

Exposure only to violence ...

Victims of Gender biased patriarchal society !

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Working with boys and girls on equality (children)
- Working closely with boys/youth (men) between 15 to 22 yrs of age group
- Strengthening them to discuss this with peers, parents and teachers
- Awareness about law and available resources using IEC tools
- Awareness about different types of abuse and encouraging inter-personal communication ...
- Working with authorities...

Available Referral agencies	B u r k i n a	Camb odia	India	Nepal	Philippines	Vietnam
A] Rescue homes/ Women's crisis centers						
B] residential institutions for children						
C] residential institutions for psychologically disturbed/ mentally ill						
Counseling services						
Existence of Law						
Enforcement of mechanism / systems						
Positive Response of Police						

