



Prevention of violence against women and girls: lessons from practice

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Background



- VAWG is finally recognized as priority health, development and rights issue.
- Primary prevention efforts increasingly seen as important: Stop violence before it occurs.

Aim & process



Aim:

Identify key principles for effective VAWG prevention based on lessons learned from practice in the field.

Process:

Draw on authors' accumulated experience, published papers and approaches, and a literature review.



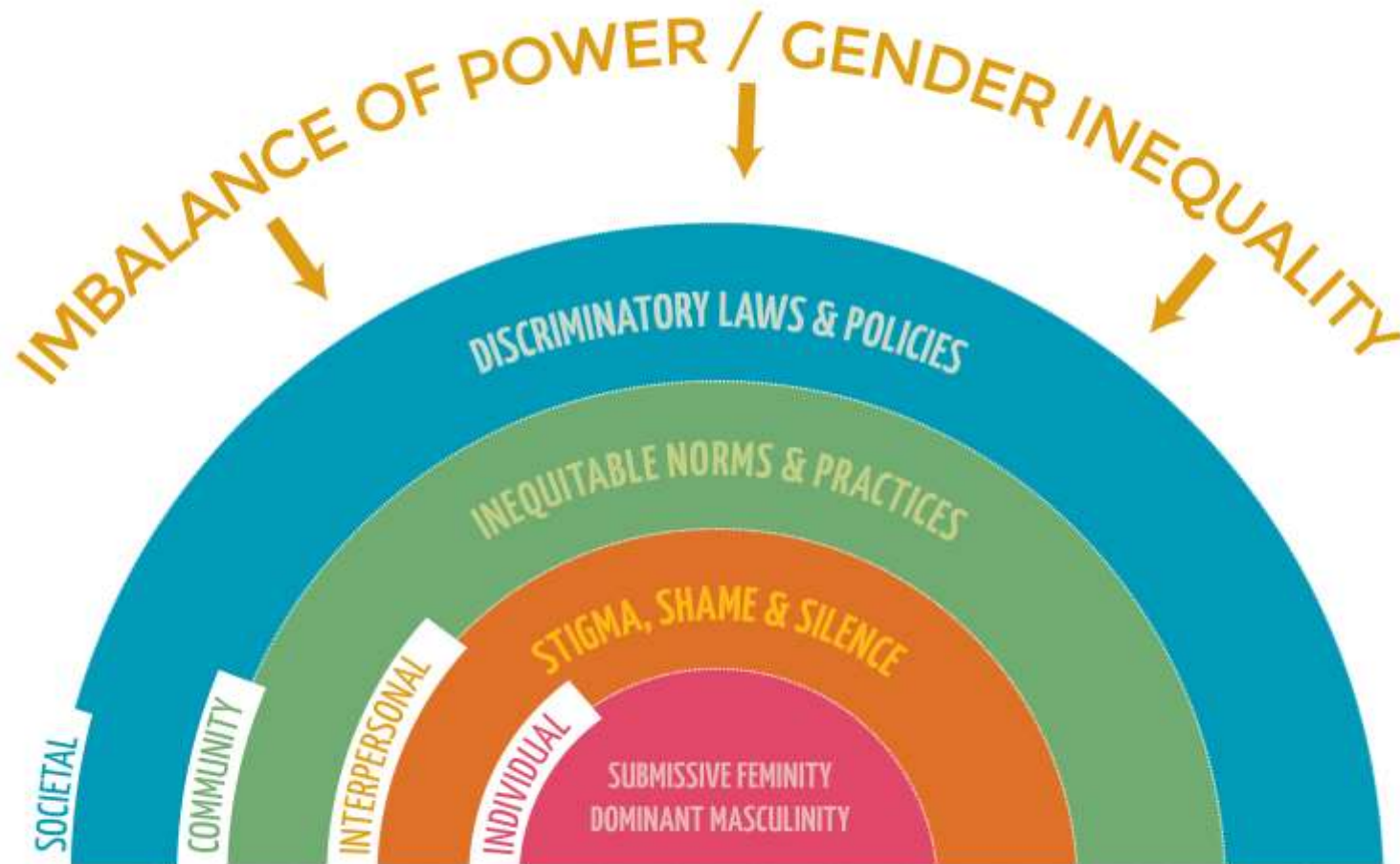
Starting point



Common limitations of VAWG prevention efforts:

- Insufficient attention to primary prevention
- Focus on individual change and awareness-raising
- Silos: sectors, populations, types of violence
- Parallel actions without collective analysis
- Project logic

Understanding the problem

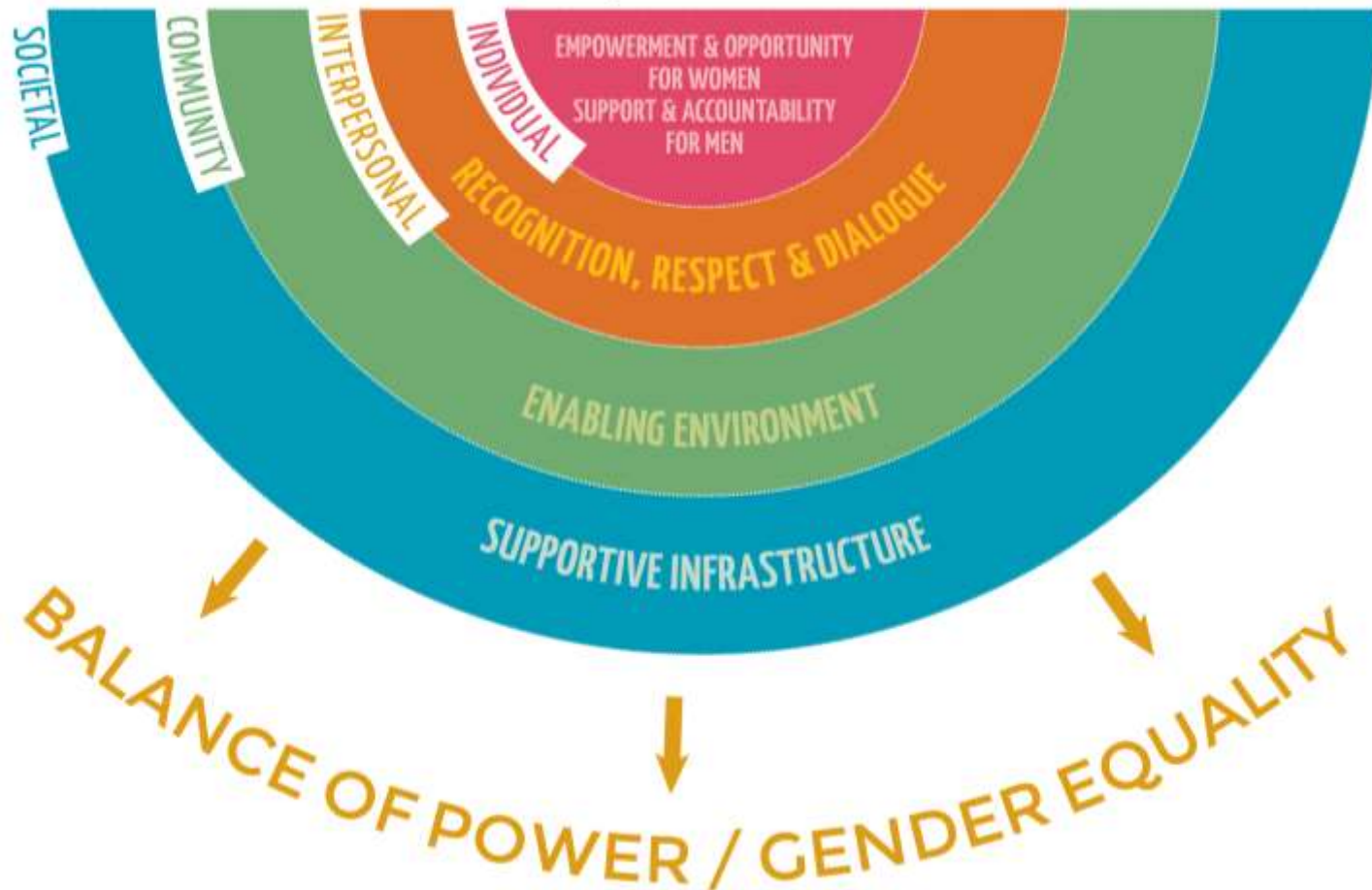


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Envisioning change



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6 key principles of effective VAWG prevention efforts:



- 1. Intersectional gender-power analysis**
- 2. Work across the ecological model**
- 3. Sustained, multi-sectoral and coordinated initiatives**



6 key principles of effective VAWG prevention efforts:



4. Informed by theory and evidence

5. Inspires personal and collective reflection

6. Aspirational and fosters activism



Take action



- Prioritize primary prevention – and changing social norms.
- Experiment, innovate, learn.
- Coordinate & collaborate across sectors and fields.
- Integrate and implement principles of effective VAWG prevention.
- Think beyond projects: Sustain investments for long-term efforts.



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Violence is preventable

