

Role of men and boys in combating violence against women

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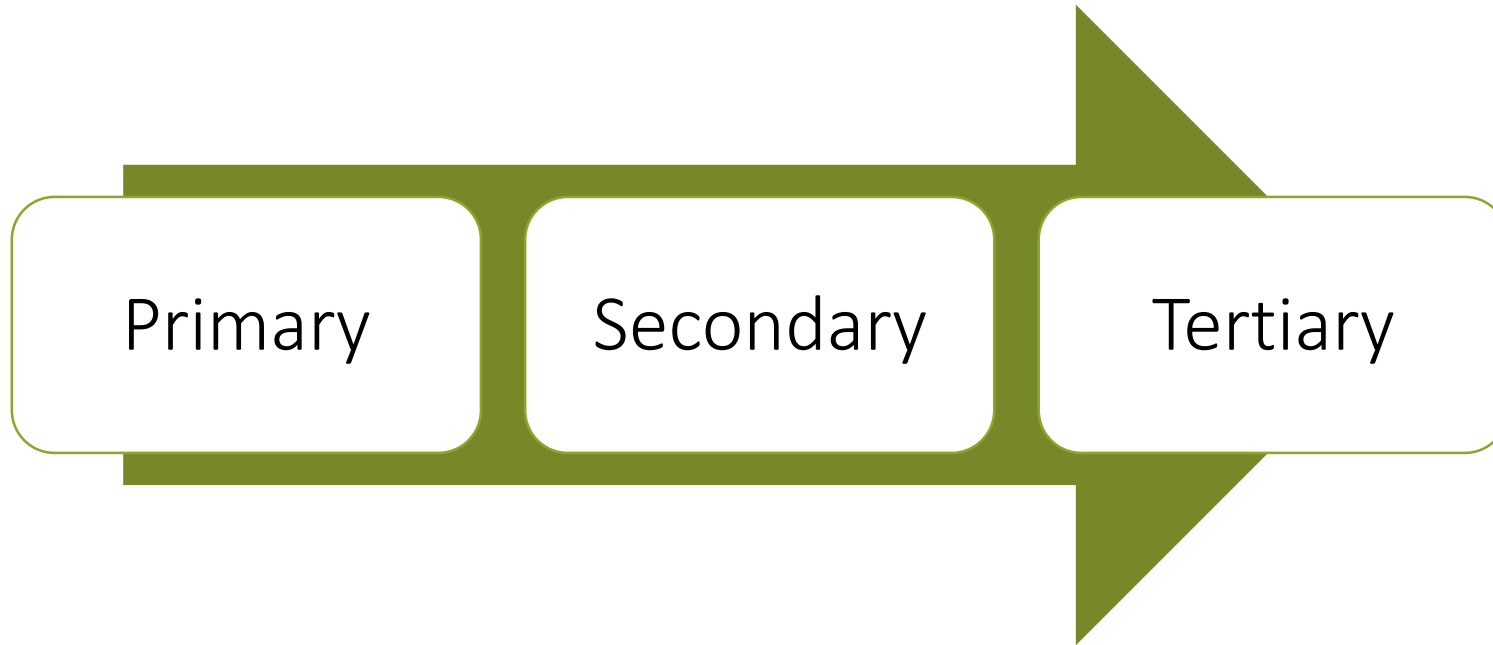
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How to engage men who are part of the problem?

Comprehensive preventive strategies



Ending violence against women



Why do we need to work with perpetrators?

- Many perpetrators **repeat violence** in their new relationships (Shortt, et al., 2012)
- After separation, violence can become more severe rather than stopping (Ornstein & Rickne, 2013; Statistics Canada, 1993: 26)
- Children exposed to intimate partner violence learn violent behaviour and repeat it in adult relationships (Murrell, Christoff & Henning, 2007)
- Many survivors want the perpetrators to change and violence to stop (FRA, 2014)
- Perpetrators also experience negative consequences; some want to improve the relationships with their partners and children and stop using violence (Rollero, 2020)

Added value of perpetrator-focused interventions




Violent behaviour

- **Gender inequality**
- **Gender role beliefs**
- "being a man"...
- **Managing emotions**
- **Unhelpful thinking**
- **etc.**

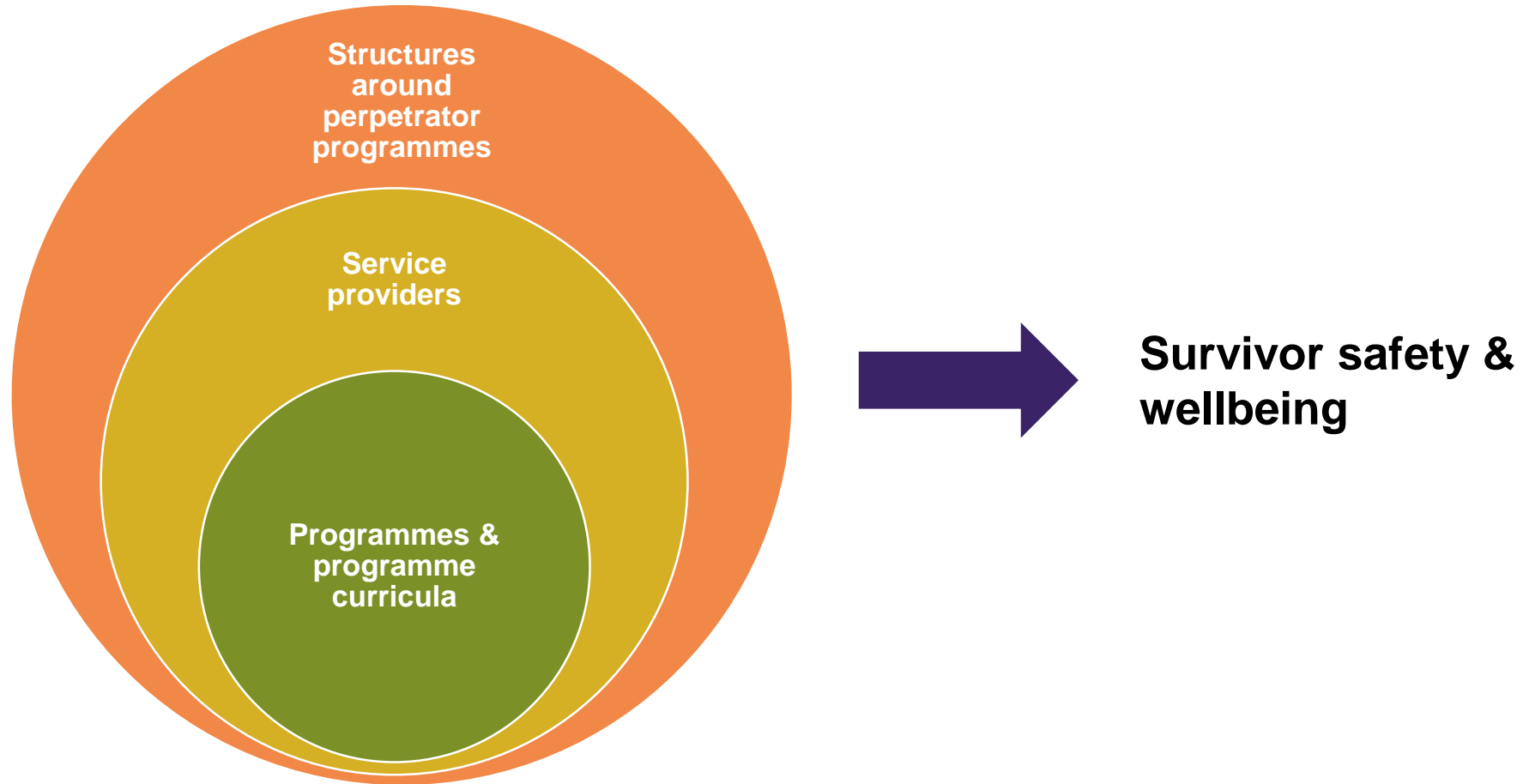
What “part of the iceberg” are we influencing:

- With ‘disruptive activities’ (restrictive and repressive measures)?
- With activities aimed at behaviour and attitude change (a key part of perpetrator programmes)?

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Any strategy to stop intimate partner violence is incomplete without an approach for targeting perpetrators of domestic violence and holding them accountable.

Perpetrator programmes as broad interventions



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Quality assurance:
European standards
for perpetrator
programmes and
accreditation

**Understanding the
problem:** Detailed
mapping of European
practices

**Understanding what
works:** IMPACT
Outcome Monitoring
Toolkit

**Supporting
development of safe
practices:** Training,
mentoring, study
visits, resources, ...

**Leading the
way towards
victim-centred,
high quality
and
accountable
perpetrator
work in
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Thank you!

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