- Gender inequality,
- National laws and Statutes (federal, state, and tribal),
- Sanction mechanisms regarding abuse

- Norms granting men control over women
- Acceptance of violence against women
- Rigid gender roles
- Notions of Masculinity linked to dominance

- Poverty, low socio economic position, unemployment,
- Associating with delinquent peers
- Isolation of women and family

- Marital conflict
- Male control of wealth and decision-making within the family
- Family structure

- Intergenerational exposure to abuse
- Educational attainment
- Employment and income
- Social networks outside the family