Social ecological model [adapted from Heise (1998)]


- 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