Intimate Partner Violence

Quick Facts for Advocates and HIV/AIDS Workers

- **12% of HIV/AIDS infections among women in romantic relationships are due to intimate partner violence.** (Sareen J., Pagura, B., Grant, B., *Is Intimate Partner Violence Associated With HIV Infection Among Women in the U.S.* published in Science Direct [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com) February 2009)

- **Women who experienced intimate partner violence were over 3 times more likely to have a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS.** (Sareen J., Pagura, B., Grant, B., *Is Intimate Partner Violence Associated With HIV Infection Among Women in the U.S.* published in Science Direct [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com) February 2009)


- **Men who rape or are physically violent with partners are shown to have more sexual partners and more frequent intercourse (therefore are more at-risk of HIV/AIDS exposure).** (Dunkle, K., Jewkes, R., Nduna, et al Connections between perpetration of partner violence and HIV risk behavior among young men in the rural Eastern Cape province of South Africa. *AIDS* (in press) and Abrahams, N., Jewkes, R., Hoffman, M., Laubscher, R., *Sexual violence against intimate partners in Cape Town: prevalence and risk factors reported by men.* Bull World Health Organ 2004;82:330-37.)

- **Safer sex practices are usually controlled by the batterer (negotiation is risky).** (Garcia-Moreno C., *Violence against women: its importance for HIV/AIDS.* AIDS 2000; 14(suppl 3):5253-65) and (Jewkes R., Levin j., Penn-Kenana L., *Gender inequalities, intimate partner violence and HIV preventative practices.* Soc Sci Med 2003;56:125-34

- **HIV/AIDS infection might be elevated due to a compromised immune systems due to cumulative stress, depression, trauma, PTSD** (Leserman, J., Role of Depression, Stress and Trauma in HIV disease progression, Psychosom Med 2008; 70(5):539-45)

- **Risk factors among victims of intimate partner violence reveal an increased likelihood of a higher number of sexual partners (including forces partners).** (Jewkes, R., Dunkle. K., Nduna, M., Jama, N., Khuzwayo, N., Koss, M., Puren, A., Duvvury, N., Factors associated with HIV serostatus in young rural South African women: connections between intimate partner violence and HIV, 2006)