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Abbreviations and glossary

Abbreviations

CBO	community-based organization
CBT	cognitive behaviour therapy
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEDAW	United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
DSM	<i>Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders</i>
EMDR	eye movement desensitization reprocessing
FIGO	International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
GDG	Guideline Development Group
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation
ILO	International Labour Organization
IUD	intrauterine device
mhGAP	WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme
NGO	nongovernmental organization
PICOT	Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome and Timeframe
PMTCT	prevention of mother-to-child transmission (of HIV)

Glossary

Advocacy: In the context of services for intimate partner violence, the meaning of the term “advocacy” varies within and between countries, depending on institutional settings and historical developments of the role of advocates. Broadly speaking, “advocates” engage with individual clients who are being abused, with the aim of supporting and empowering them and linking them to community services. In some health-care settings, “advocates” may also have a role in bringing about systemic change, catalysing increased recognition by clinicians of women experiencing abuse. In these guidelines, we define the core activities of advocacy as support that includes: provision of legal, housing and financial advice; facilitation of access to and use of community resources such as refuges or shelters; emergency housing; informal counselling; ongoing support; and provision of safety planning advice. In our recommendations, we have made a distinction between advocacy and psychological interventions, which reflects a relatively clear distinction in the research evidence, with the latter being based on explicit psychological methods or theories.

Case-finding or clinical enquiry: In the context of intimate partner violence, this refers

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