The ecological model shows that a comprehensive response to VAW requires intervention at multiple levels (individual, peer, family or relationship, community, and societal levels) as the risk factors operate at multiple levels and are interrelated. The model further shows that there is no single causal pathway to being a perpetrator or victim.

Conclusion

Not enough is known about the economic and social development impacts of VAW in South Africa, and it is recommended that a more detailed costing exercise be conducted. Additionally, a public surveillance system is needed to centrally analyze and disseminate service delivery data collected by various government departments and to respond to the indicators mentioned in the report. A number of policy interventions, if implemented, could have a significant, positive impact on VAW. Furthermore, the scaling up of best practices, improved monitoring and evaluation, better funding and coordination of existing government and civil society programmes, and improvements to the legal framework are crucial.