

What is VAWC?

VAWC means Violence Against Women and Children. Under RA 9262, VAWC includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological and emotional violence and economic abuse.

What is our goal?

Our goal is to raise awareness, strengthen support systems, and promote survivor empowerment through coordinated action.

Report, support, protect

Together, communities and institutions can help end violence and build safe spaces for everyone



Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is identified when abuse occurs within a romantic relationship, marked by patterns of control, intimidation, or harm. Key signs include physical injury, emotional manipulation, sexual coercion, financial control, and social isolation.

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) shows up as repeated harm and control in relationships. It may involve physical abuselike unexplained injuries, emotional abuse through criticism or threats, sexual violence by forcing unwanted acts, financial control that limits access to money, and isolation from family or friends. Victims often display fearful behavior, avoid social activities, make excuses for injuries, or live in fear of upsetting their partner. Recognizing these signs early is crucial to protecting lives and supporting survivors.

Victims of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in the Philippines can file a case by reporting to the Barangay VAW Desk or the PNP Women and Children Protection Desk. A Barangay Protection Order (BPO) may be issued within 24 hours for immediate safety, while criminal complaints can be filed with the police, NBI, or courts. Evidence such as medical records, photos, or witness statements strengthens the case, and free legal aid is available through the Public Attorney's Office. Filing promptly ensures protection and access to justice.

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Patterns of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and the Chronic Psychosocial Enormities on Battered Women: Basis for Primary Support Program and Advocacy Intervention



Understanding • Prevention • Support

**Working Together
for a Safer Future
because a Life
Without Violence is Every
Woman's Right.**

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

This study *examined the patterns and psychosocial impact of intimate partner violence among women in the Cagayan Valley Region.*

It used validated institutional data from the PNP Regional Office 2 and allied agencies.

KEY FINDINGS

Women aged 26–40 are among the most affected.

Economic dependence remains a major vulnerability factor.

Perpetrators are commonly young males experiencing socioeconomic stress.

Emotional effects can continue long after physical abuse, including anxiety, depression, and diminished self-worth.

Despite existing laws such as RA 9262 and RA 9710, implementation gaps still exist.

Recommendation on **VOICE** Framework

VISIBILITY

Improve documentation and reporting mechanisms across agencies.

OUTREACH

Expand community education and awareness campaigns.

INTEGRATION

Align local programs with national frameworks for women's protection and mental health.

COLLABORATION

Strengthen partnerships among agencies and institutions to improve coordination, share resources, and deliver more effective support for those affected by violence.

EMPOWERMENT

Build survivor capacity through livelihood, counseling, and leadership programs.



CALL FOR ACTION

Institutionalize IPV response protocols within agency operations.

Invest in training and capacity-building for responders and social workers.

Support survivor-centered programs that promote healing and reintegration.

Collaborate in advocacy campaigns that challenge cultural norms that perpetuate violence.

Together, we can create a safer, more equitable future for all.