A parable...
Most current SEC programmes focus on response

- Meeting abused child’s need for care, shelter, and healing
- Identification, referral networks, rescue and reintegration,
- Making services and institutions responsive and child friendly
- Law reform and holding perpetrators accountable

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LEARNING INITIATIVE ON NORMS, EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE
Prevention response continuum

### Primary Prevention
- Stopping violence, exploitation and abuse before it starts

### Secondary Prevention
- Reducing repeat violence among those previously victimised

### Response
- Addressing needs of survivors
- Reforming institutional responses
### Prevention response continuum

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Strategies to address abuse & exploitation of children

**Individual**
- Support groups
- Drop in centres
- Awareness efforts
- Work with families

**Formal**
- Prosecution of offenders
- Counselling/social work support
- Rescue and reintegration programmes

**Informal**
- Law reform efforts
- Child friendly courts & clinics
- Policy change
- Training of police, health workers, teachers

**Community**
- Social norms & beliefs as under-exploited locus for change

**Structural**
- Work with families
So what does primary prevention look like?

The example of intimate partner violence
Primary Prevention of Partner Violence
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Empower women and Girls
- Ensure girls complete secondary school
- Increase women’s access to and control over
- Create safe spaces; strengthen social support
- Build knowledge and critical thinking skills

Exposure to violence in Childhood
- Parenting education
- Training in non-violent discipline
- Child abuse prevention
- Support for children who witness violence
- Early intervention for conduct problems

Eliminate Gender Disparities
- Reform marriage & family law
- Equalize women’s access to property and inheritance
- Liberalize divorce
- Eliminate Child marriage
- Remove barriers to property, credit and business ownership

Developing Relationship Skills
- Improve communication
- Build conflict management skills
- Promote joint decision-making
- Reduce triggers

Reduce binge drinking
- Reduce outlet density
- Regulate promotion, advertising, drinking age
- Alternative livelihoods for traditional producers
- Services for addiction

Transform Norms
- Promote critical reflection
- Challenge specific norms through staged strategies
- Build new positive norms
- Use theory-informed media & community mobilisation

Laws, Policy Institutions

Developmental Life course

Genetic endowment

Social norms

Family & Work Life

Community

Macro-Level

Socioeconomic conditions
Thank you
Ecological Model of Partner Violence