Economic insecurity and intimate partner violence: a theoretical model

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Individual level

Some underlying theories:

• The Catalyst Model of Aggression
• The General Aggression Model
• Stress theory
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- Ressource theory (Goode 1971)
- Status inconsistency theory (Levinson 1989)
- Relative resource theory (Macmillan and Gartner 1999)
- Marital dependency theory (Dobash and Dobash, 1979)

Gender role strain paradigm (Pleck 1981)
- Gender role stress theory (Jewkes 2002, Mahalik, 2005)
- Gender resource theory (Atkinson and Greenstein, 2005)
- Revised Model of Economic Solvency (Gilroy, 2019): Variant of the bargaining model (Eswaran 2011)
She tells a kid...go and ask your father...remember that’s a problem that you have created at home...but when it reaches a point when a man says...I can’t help it that I don’t have money to buy food---I can’t even ask my wife to pay for our kid’s school fees, even when she can afford it. The woman will tell you...each one should carry their own burden/cross. That’s when it really gets problematic. – Male participant, Mwanza
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3oGTP3P_dg&t=113s
Community level

Social desirability
Social disorganisation theory

*It’s hard to tell people, I’m not living a good life, with a partner that I’m worried, we’re always fighting, there’s no money, things like that. You just pretend, like now pretending that I’m ok but I’m not ok.* – Pregnant woman, 28 years old, Johannesburg
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Conclusion

Suggestions welcome!