Barriers and Facilitators to Integrating Health Service Responses to Intimate Partner Violence in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Comparative Health Systems and Service Analysis

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Key results

- 11 studies, of which 7 comprehensive in ANC, PHC, ED
- 4 common facilitators (comprehensive):
  - clear policies and protocols;
  - leadership and management support;
  - coordinated referrals and intersectoral collaboration;
  - training and support for health workers
- Linkages between different individual factors are crucial and lead to a connected systems level response

Recommendations and conclusion

- importance of including the wider health system context by addressing multiple and combined health systems elements at the same time
- process outcomes considered alongside impact ones to yield contextual information on how interventions are adapted, implemented and integrated