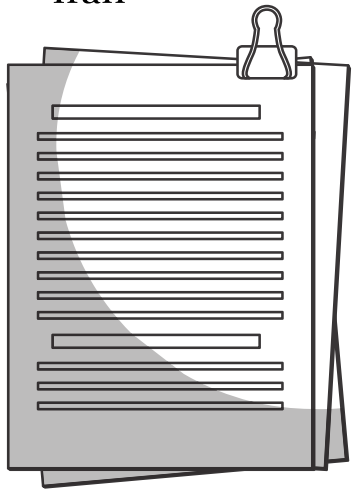


# UNDERSTANDING ECONOMIC ABUSE ACROSS THE GLOBE

**How does the peer-reviewed global literature defines and measures economic or financial abuse?**

**46 peer-reviewed articles from 6 continents were investigated.**

- South Africa
- Canada
- Palestine
- United Kingdom
- Ivory Coast
- Philippines
- Australia
- Germany
- Iran



- Japan
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Nigeria
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Trinidad
- Turkey
- Zimbabwe

## Findings

### HOW IS ECONOMIC ABUSE DEFINED?

There remains a lack of consistency about definitions within the United States and globally, as there is no agreed index with which to measure economic abuse.



### HOW IS ECONOMIC ABUSE MEASURED?

The lack of definitional clarity also means it is difficult to measure whether service and policy responses are dealing appropriately with the issue, if at all.

### 26 ARTICLES

Contained no clear definition of economic abuse or tactics used.

### 17 ARTICLES

Used measures that covered all three constructs including economic control & exploitation and employment sabotage

**Measures used in studies on IPV may include items that ask about forms of economic or financial abuse; however, without identifying such abuse as a focus of the work, they fail to reliably capture the scope, complexity, or magnitude of the abuse.**

**Other researchers included questions on economic abuse without recognizing they had done so.**

**The questions are frequently integrated into emotional or psychological abuse scales or subscales.**

