FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MEN COMMITTING RAPE

Society
- Norms granting men control over female behavior
- Acceptance of violence as a way to resolve conflict
- Notion of masculinity linked to dominance, honor, or aggression
- Norms supportive of sexual violence
- Weak laws and policies related to sexual violence and gender equality
- High levels of crime and other forms of violence

Community
- Poverty, low socioeconomic status, unemployment
- Associating with sexually aggressive or delinquent peers
- Lack of institutional support from police and judicial system
- General tolerance of sexual assault within the community
- Weak community sanctions against perpetrators of sexual violence

Relationship
- Associates with sexually aggressive or delinquent peers
- Family environment is characterized by physical violence and few resources
- Strongly patriarchal relationship or family environment
- Emotionally unsupportive family environment
- Family honor considered more important than the health and safety of the victim

Individual Perpetrator
- Alcohol and drug use
- Coercive sexual fantasies; attitudes supportive of sexual violence
- Impulsive and antisocial tendencies
- Preference for impersonal sex
- Hostility towards women
- History of sexual abuse as a child
- Witnessed family violence as a child

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