We strive to:

- Increase awareness about the prevalence of DV in African Immigrant communities by partnering with and educating existing community based organizations.

- Support survivors with free and confidential case management and advocacy to address the individual needs of AI survivors in Washington, DC in their preferred language.

- Advocate for just policies that address the unique needs of African Immigrants and collaborate with advocacy groups for legislation that protects all survivors.

- Provide professional training to programs who serve African immigrants experiencing domestic violence in order to increase their cultural humility and inclusiveness.

Research suggests that African Immigrant women are likely to be abused by their spouses or partners in the United States at an alarming rate. Combining domestic violence incident rates in DC with national trends among AI populations, we estimate 2,278 AI women will experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking in the next year. And of those 2,278, 775 will experience multiple forms of violence.

African Immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence experience significant barriers in accessing services including:

Language Justice
Service provider limitations in cultural competency and language barriers.

Gender Roles
A sense of collectivism leads women to put familial harmony before their own well-being while dominance, power, and economic control rests largely with male family members.

Justification of Abuse
Jealousy is often seen as justification for violence. Power and control may be tolerated due to a reduction or loss of economic and/or social status, women may view abuse as their fate.

Isolation
Far from supports and family, both men and women lack social networks to navigate stressful situations and the struggles of assimilation.

Legal Vulnerability
Women may have different protections in the US yet are hesitant to access the law due to fear, stigma within their community, past experiences in their home country, or a lack of information about the range of supports available.
TPC works to ensure every AI survivor seeking services feels safe, welcomed, and is able to fully and meaningfully access supports. To help with language barriers, TPC has Afan Oromo, Amharic, Arabic, and French speaking advocates available. When supporting AI survivors who speak other languages, TPC works with Ayuda’s Language Access Program to ensure confidential and trauma informed interpreters are present at all case management and advocacy meetings.

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