

RESTORING FINANCIAL SAFETY: LEGAL RESPONSES TO ECONOMIC ABUSE KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS



ECONOMIC ABUSE IS **EXPERIENCED IN COMPLEX WAYS** SUCH AS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO WORK, BEING COERCED TO SIGN FOR LOANS AND DEBTS OR BEING DENIED ACCESS TO PHONES OR VEHICLES.



FORCING WOMEN TO TAKE ON DEBTS AND THEN REMOVING OR RESTRICTING THEIR ACCESS TO THE ASSET IS A COMMON WAY FOR ABUSERS TO CONTROL THEIR PARTNER.

MUCH **ECONOMIC ABUSE** GOES UNIDENTIFIED AS MANY PEOPLE STILL DO NOT RECOGNISE IT AS **A FORM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.**



ECONOMIC ABUSE OFTEN HAS **LONG-TERM IMPACTS.** IT CAN ALSO OCCUR POST-SEPARATION, INCLUDING WITHHOLDING CHILD SUPPORT TO EXERCISE CONTROL OR USING PROPERTY TO PRESSURE WOMEN INTO UNFAIR SETTLEMENTS.

CARS – VITAL FOR A SURVIVOR'S RECOVERY – ARE OFTEN WITHHELD AS A FORM OF ABUSE, GREATLY **IMPACTING A WOMAN'S ABILITY TO WORK AND CARE FOR CHILDREN.**



REFUGEE AND MIGRANT WOMEN FACE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES INCLUDING VISA STATUS AND **ISOLATION FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**



ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY: ABUSERS CAN REFUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO HOUSEHOLD BILLS OR TAKE CONTROL OF PHONES THAT ARE IN THE WOMAN'S NAME.

