INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PHYSICAL TRAUMA PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA/ FEAR AND CONTROL **STRESS** MENTAL HEALTH LIMITED SEXUAL AND ▶ HEALTH CARE ▶ INJURY **PROBLEMS** REPRODUCTIVE SEEKING · musculoskeletal CONTROL PTSD · soft tissue · lack of autonomy · genital trauma · difficulties seeking · anxiety · lack of contraception · other depression · unsafe sex care and other · eating disorders services · suicidality SUBSTANCE USE ► PERINATAL/MATERNAL ► SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE · alcohol · other drugs HEALTH HEALTH tobacco · low birth weight · unwanted pregnancy · prematurity abortion · pregnancy loss • HIV ▶ NONCOMMUNICABLE ► SOMATOFORM · other STIs DISEASES · gynaecological problems · irritable bowel · cardiovascular · chronic pain disease · chronic pelvic · hypertension pain DEATH DISABILITY · homicide · suicide · other

Figure 1. Pathways and health effects on intimate partner violence

There are multiple pathways through which intimate partner violence can lead to adverse health outcomes. This figure highlights three key mechanisms and pathways that can explain many of these outcomes. Mental health problems and substance use might result directly from any of the three mechanisms, which might, in turn, increase health risks. However, mental health problems and substance use are not necessarily a precondition for subsequent health effects, and will not always lie in the pathway to adverse health.