

# IMPACT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**Children who grow up in abusive environment may experience some or all of the following consequences:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Low self esteem</li> <li>➔ Poor academic achievement</li> <li>➔ Difficulty forming positive peer relationships</li> <li>➔ Difficulty forming trusting relationships</li> <li>➔ Difficulty choosing suitable, non-abusive partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Difficulty parenting</li> <li>➔ Emotional instability in adulthood</li> <li>➔ Inappropriate or limited range of responses in various situations, e.g. aggressive or excessively passive behaviour</li> <li>➔ Drug or alcohol abuse</li> </ul>
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## Consequences of these behaviours may be:

- Difficulty completing education thus limited employment prospects and increased possibility of poverty;
- Poor choice of partner for example, of women, entering a relationship with a violent partner;
  - Limited parenting skills thus perpetuating a cycle of inadequate parenting;
  - Drug and alcohol abuse which may lead to criminal activity

**THERE ARE MANY COSTS TO A SOCIETY WHICH HAS INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT FUNCTION TO THEIR HIGHEST PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CAPACITY.**