

Table 1 Services for male domestic violence victims in Asian countries

Country	Organization/ Program	Service Descriptions	Service Targets
China		No available services can be found.	
Hong Kong	Caritas-Hong Kong Family Service	Men's Hotline: 2649 1100 (Wednesday: 2:00 pm-5:00 pm) http://family.caritas.org.hk/ser/hotline.html	Men
Hong Kong	Christian Family Services Center	Men's Hotline: 2787 1355 (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10:00 am-10:00 pm) Men's Growth Group http://www.cfsc.org.hk/service/serv1/serv1c.php	Men who are disturbed by domestic violence
Hong Kong	Family Welfare Society - "Alternatives to Violence Project"	Originated from the Quakers in 1975 and has been adopted by 26 countries, it is a movement advocating anger management in a peaceful way. In 2002, the Society is the first agency to bring the Project to Hong Kong from overseas in view of increased family violence. It offers experiential workshops to empower individuals to transform violence in a peaceful way and build a peaceful community. http://www.avphk.org/index.php	Aged 21 and above (male and female)
Hong Kong	Harmony House - Third Path Man's Services:	It aims to end DV with men as perpetrators Hotline: 2295 1386 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2:00 pm-10:00 pm) http://www.harmonyhousehk.org/eng/serviceimage/service7_eng.htm	Male perpetrators
Hong Kong	Po Leung Kuk	Men's Hotline: 2890 1830 Men are encouraged to use this hotline service and avoid violence if they are upset by problems regarding marriage, family, financial problem, work and interpersonal relationship, and courtship, etc. [24 hours] http://www.poleungkuk.org.hk/plk/index.aspx?lang=t&id=20060809125111	Men in DV situations
Hong Kong	Social Welfare Department (SWD) -Support for Victims of Child Abuse, Spouse Battering and Sexual Violence	In Hong Kong, a wide range of welfare services for victims of child abuse, spouse battering and sexual violence are provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), subsidized and non-subsidized non-governmental organizations (NGOs). i) <u>The Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)</u> of SWD: One-stop services include outreaching, social investigation, crisis intervention, statutory protection, intensive individual and group treatment to victims of child abuse and spouse battering, batterers and their family members. Referrals for various services e.g. legal aid, school placement, residential placement etc. will also be made whenever necessary. ii) <u>Integrated Family Service Centers (IFSC)/Integrated Services Centers (ISC)</u> run by NGOs: Provide counseling and tangible assistance to help victims of child abuse, spouse battering and their family members. For victims of sexual violence, social workers of IFSCs/ISCs from both SWD and NGOs provide counseling services, crisis intervention, therapeutic and supportive groups, escort for report to the Police, if needed, and arrange referrals for other services including clinical psychological service, financial assistance, legal service, schooling arrangement, job placement, housing assistance (e.g. compassionate rehousing, conditional tenancy) and other community resources.	Victims of child abuse, spouse battering and sexual violence

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		<p>iii) <u>Medical social services</u>: Provide counseling, tangible services and arrange referrals for rehabilitation, community services and so forth to help the victims of child abuse, spouse battering and sexual violence cases and their family members.</p> <p>iv) <u>Clinical psychological Services</u> (from SWD / NGOs / and some hospitals): Provide assessment and treatment services to abusers and victims of domestic and other sexual violence if they present symptoms of psychopathology.</p> <p>v) <u>Witness Support Program</u>: In strengthening support to the abused children serving as witnesses in criminal proceedings, support persons would be arranged through the Witness Support Program, set up jointly by SWD and the Police, to accompany the abused children who have to testify in the court proceedings through a live television link system. This program is also available to the mentally incapacitated persons</p> <p>vi) <u>Four Refuge Centers</u>: Provide temporary accommodation and supportive services to women and their children who are facing domestic violence or family crisis (including Wai On Home for Women, Harmony House, Serene Court and Sunrise Court. Refuge centers), admissions on a 24-hour basis</p> <p>vii) <u>The Family Crisis Support Center</u> (FCSC) operated by the Caritas-Hong Kong provides time-out facility and an integrated package of services in helping people under extreme stress or facing crisis to manage their emotions and seek positive solution to family problems, including domestic violence</p> <p>viii) <u>Two Pilot projects of Batterer Intervention Program</u> (operated by the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society and SWD): Develop a systematic and localized group intervention model to meet the needs of batterers of domestic violence, launched in March 2006 and completed by March of 2008</p> <p>ix) <u>Hotline Service</u>: Provide information on social welfare services and immediate support to victims of domestic and sexual violence (including child abuse). The hotlines which are operated by social workers or volunteers, or through the interactive voice processing system include: SWD Hotline : 2343 2255 [24 hours]</p> <p>x) <u>Family Crisis Support Center</u> : 18 288 [24 hours]</p> <p>xi) <u>Mutual Aid — HKCSS Helpline</u> (through IVPS) : 1878668 [24 hours]</p> <p>xii) <u>Crisis Intervention Team on Family Violence (CIT)</u>: The crisis intervention team has been set up in A&E Department of Tuen Mun Hospital, United Christian Hospital and Tseung Kwan O Hospital to render immediate crisis intervention and support to battered spouse cases.</p> <p>xiii) <u>Men's Health Program</u>: Use an internet program to encourage men to answer questions regarding their concerns about health and issues including domestic violence. http://www.hkmenshealth.com/eng/relationship/index.aspx http://www.swd.gov.hk/vs/english/welfare.html</p>	
Hong Kong	SWD & Tung Wah Group of Hospitals: CEASE Crisis Center 24-hour Hotline: 18281	It provides the following services: 24-crisis intervention service; coordination with the concerned departments/agencies to facilitate the victim to go through the procedures, if necessary; provision of support and company to the victims and their families throughout the process; referrals to other necessary services, e.g. psychological treatment,	Domestic violence victims including children, women, men and elderly

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		financial assistance and temporary accommodation (80 beds by 2008 will be provided for victims of domestic violence); and case consultation to frontline professionals handling sexual violence cases. ceasecrisis@tungwahcsd.org http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_family/sub_listofserv/id_sersexviolvic/	
India		No available services can be found.	
Japan		No available services can be found	
Singapore	Singapore Government	1) Family Violence Networking System: It is collaboration between government and non-government agencies to deal with family violence cases. The system helps ensure that victims receive the appropriate and timely help and advice for their safety and protection. It links police, hospitals, social service agencies, the courts, prisons and Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) in a web of assistance for victims and perpetrators of family violence. A victim of family violence can approach any one these agencies and appropriate services will be rendered to the person. This means that there are many contact points for the victims and their families to seek help. 2) Family Protection and Welfare: Mandatory Counseling Program: A Counseling Order (Section 65 of the Women's Charter) is usually made when the Family Court issues a Personal Protection Order. It is an order for those involved in family violence to attend a compulsory counseling program. MCYS works closely with social service agencies in providing counseling services to these cases. http://app.mcys.gov.sg/web/faml_supfaml_familyprotection.asp#1	Victims and perpetrators of family violence
Singapore	Family Service Centers (FSCs)-Family Violence Programs	Along with the Family Court, police, hospitals and crisis shelters, the FSC is one of the entry points into the network of help and support for people who experience family violence. FSCs provide a range of professional services and practical assistance, which include the following: Legal advice and referrals to the Family Court Referrals to crisis shelters, if necessary Counseling, Groupwork and Support Groups for: - Those who experienced violence - Those who used violence - Children who witnessed violence http://app.mcys.gov.sg/web/faml_supfaml_familyservicesctr.asp#2	Abuser and abused of DV as well as the children who witnessed violence
S. Korea	Ministry of Gender Equality and Family	Programs for the prevention of sexual abuse/domestic violence and for the protection of victims include 'enforcing victim protection' and 'prevention plan.' A 24-hour national women's hotline '1366' service for victims to call in case of emergency and to report incidents has been made available. Interpretation service for foreign sex trafficking and sexual assault victims has been provided. In addition, counseling centers and shelters have been established to offer legal, medical and vocational training services. The shelters to house family-level domestic violence victims are under expansion as well. Prevention plans that focus on increasing awareness and preventing violence are also executed. Domestic violence offender treatment and behavioral correction therapy programs are being developed and applied to prevent the recurrence of violence.	Women and all victims

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S. Korea	Seoul Women's Hotline	http://english.mogef.go.kr/index.html The SWHL was founded in 1983 to eliminate wife abuse, and it is one of the leading non-governmental organizations for women's human rights in Korea.	Abused wife
	<i>Affiliates:</i> Domestic Violence Counseling Center	The Domestic Violence Counseling Office provides counseling to the victims of domestic violence, and provides them with medical and legal support. To keep homes violence free, it trains future counselors on domestic violence and holds various kinds of campaigns and forums. * Counseling: 82-2-2263-6464	Victims of domestic violence
	Seoul Sexual Assault Counseling Center	The Seoul Sexual Assault Counseling Center provides counseling, medical and legal support to the victims of rape and sexual harassment. In order to create equal and healthy values on sex and culture, the center trains sex education instructors and organizes sex education projects. * Counseling: 82-2-2263-6465	Victims of rape and sexual harassment
	Temporary Protection Facility, "Shimteo"	The SWHL operates a "Shimteo", temporary protection facility, to provide the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with a place to stay, and offers not only psychological treatment through individual, group counseling and various group activities but also legal and medical support. Inquiry: 82-2-2272-2161	Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

violence for protecting female victims and their children. (Table 1)

Based on these internet sources in Asia, we found three hotlines that provide services for men in domestic violence, but these hotlines do not solely target men as victims. Generally, most specified services focus on helping men to find ways to avoid violence. For instance, according to Po Leung Kuk Men's Hotline in Hong Kong, men are encouraged to use the hotline to avoid using violence when faced by problems with marriage, family, financial condition, work, interpersonal relationships, and courtship issues. Another example is "Alternatives to Violence Project" offered by the Family Welfare Society in Hong Kong, which aims to empower men to transform violence peacefully. In Singapore, services are offered by the government, in collaboration with NGO's, to help DV victims of both genders as well as their children. These findings indicate that Hong Kong and Singapore have developed a system accessible through the internet, mainly for female victims of spouse abuse.

Further investigation reached services in Australia and New Zealand for males in crisis or men inflicted and at risk of family violence. "Mensline Australia" uses teleconferencing technology to support male callers individually, as well as in groups, and its "Mensline's Online Counseling Service" helps men as victims or perpetrators. "Service Assisting Male Survivors of Sexual Assault" clearly targets male survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse, which might implicitly include male DV victims although it was not the focus. Also in Australia, "Commissioner for Victims' Rights, South Australia" helps victims of both genders. The "No To Violence" in Australia and "Man Alive" in New Zealand are programs that encourage men to take responsibility for their violence and assist them to change and end their violent behaviors. Again, most services focused on working with men as perpetrators. (Table 2)

In the third search, possibly due to the use of English as the medium, we found websites from Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Knowing many Asians are also residing in these countries, we went ahead with further analysis. We found 32 male-focused non-duplicated sources with a home website describing domestic violence, including five in Canada, eight in the United Kingdom (UK), and 19 in the United States of America (USA). None of these websites specify Asian populations as their target clientele. Among these websites, five characteristics of their male victims' services stand out.

First, about half of these service agencies or programs have provided hotline services with most of them running on a 24-hour basis. For instance, "Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men" offers a nationwide hotline in the USA for all victims of domestic violence, with a particular focus on battered men and same sex victims. Programs in Canada

Table 2 Services for male domestic violence victims in Australia & New Zealand

Country	Organization/ Program	Service Descriptions	Service Targets
Australia	Mensline Australia 1. Helpline service	It responds to callers in a variety of ways: - Standard Call — an immediate, single-session discussion and support - Call Back Support Service — short to medium term follow-up coaching and support, initiated by the service to the caller after the initial contact call - Peer Education Telegroups — small groups of men from anywhere in the country engaged in a facilitated discussion on a relevant topic using teleconferencing technology. - Assisted Referrals — Referring services or agencies who have established protocols with -Mensline Australia can assist their clients to link directly with the Mensline service via a real-time warm-link transfer or email. - Dedicated Industry Lines — Mensline Australia can provide customized telephone counseling services to support male employees. http://www.menslineaus.org.au/HelpLine.aspx	For men with relationship and family concerns
	2. Mensline's Online Counseling Service	This service is currently in development. Expected delivery date: October 2008 http://www.menslineaus.org.au/OnlineCounsel.aspx	
Australia	No To Violence (NTV), the Male Family Violence Prevention Association Inc.	NTV is a peak organization of individuals and agencies working for the prevention of male family violence. The specific focus is work with men to assist them to change and end their violent behavior. Activities undertaken by NTV include: • Provision of telephone, counseling, information and referral service for men wishing to change and end their use of violence towards family members • Support and development of men's behavior change programs • Development and provision of training, resources and information • Data development and analysis • Education and information provision • Provision and Support of research • Contribution to policy development • Service sector advocacy and leadership. http://www.ntv.org.au	Men inflicted and at risk of family violence
Australia	Commissioner for Victims' Rights, South Australia	Domestic violence hotline: 1-800-80-00-98 (24/7) This is a domestic (family) violence helpline for anyone, male or female, who would like to speak to a person who understands domestic (family) violence. This service is available Statewide. http://www.voc.sa.gov.au/Information/Who_can_help/Support_services/Support_services_SA.asp	Men and women DV victims
Australia	Department for Community Development: The Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	The Men's Domestic Violence Helpline is a free telephone information, referral and counseling service for men to help them change their violent behavior towards female partners. Ph. 9223 1199 or 1800 000 599 (24 hours) http://www.dvirc.org.au/ServicesHub/ServicesIndex.htm	Men as perpetrators
Australia	The Lone Fathers Association (Australia) Inc. (LFAA)	The LFAA conducted for some years a men's and children's crisis and accommodation service in the ACT for homeless men and their children.	Lone fathers and their children

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Country	Organization/ Program	Service Descriptions	Service Targets
Australia	The Men's Phone-Line (Sydney)	<p>The MAACS (Men's Accommodation and Crisis Service), based in Canberra, provides short term crisis accommodation (up to 21 days) as well as information and referral services for men and their children who are in a marriage or relationship breakdown situation.</p> <p>http://www.lonefathers.com.au/ (02) 6241 0433 6255 0970 or 6258 4216 (After Hours)</p> <p>The Aims of the Men's Phone-Line are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to provide telephone information & support for men; acknowledging that men can feel more comfortable initially discussing sensitive issues with another man. And, - to assist new & existing services to identify themselves to men in need. And, - to provide phone-line inquiry-based research into men's needs. <p>Phone: 02-99799909</p> <p>http://www.gelworks.com.au/mpl/MPL.HTM</p>	Men in crisis
Australia	Murringu Men's Center	<p>Information and services for men, including one to one counseling; a senior men's group meeting fortnightly; programs on anger management, grief and loss support; and on-going confidential peer support groups.</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9428 2899</p> <p>Email: vnet@vicnet.net.au</p> <p>http://www.safe4all.org/resource-list/view/10241</p>	Men in crisis
Australia	Service Assisting Male Survivors of Sexual Assault (SAMSSA)	<p>SAMSSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provides support to men recovering from sexual assault and child sexual abuse; - provides education and information services about male sexual assault issues to the community; - assists men who seek to eradicate sexual violence against men, women and children. - is inclusive and accepting of all men who seek assistance in their recovery. <p>24-hour Hotline: 02 6247 2525</p> <p>http://www.apex.net.au/~samssa/</p>	Male survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse
New Zealand	Man Alive	<p>Living Without Violence and Te Ara Taumata Ora programs run by Man Alive will not blame, shame or judge men. Men will be encouraged to take responsibility for their violence and understand there is no excuse for abuse. Man Alive's point of difference from other non-violence programs is that they are run by men, for men. [Counseling for men by men]</p> <p>In mid 2006, their services expand to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's change and support group - Counseling and Group Support for Sexually Abused Men - The Respect program - Family & couple counseling <p>http://www.manalive.org.nz/nonviolence.htm</p>	Men and boys in crisis

Table 3 Services for male domestic violence victims in Canada, UK and USA

Country	Organization / Program	Service Descriptions	Service Targets
Canada	Men's Alternative Safe House (MASH Project)	Works towards providing men and fathers with children an opportunity to remove themselves from a potentially explosive domestic situation. The fulfillment of its goal to provide beds for these people in need is imminent Operates a telephone crisis line, shelter, and support for people wanting support and information for abused man http://www.mash4077.ca	Men victims
Canada	Ontario Association of Male Survivor Services (OAMSS)	Provides victim services and treatment programs with critical information, networking, and training. http://www.malesurvivor.on.ca	Men victims
Canada	Ottawa Men's Center	A dedicated support group whose primary goal is to stem the trend of suicide by fathers. It provides divorce resources, impartial attorney referrals and support for men or fathers who are victims of false allegations, parental alienation and or gender bias. http://www.OttawaMensCentre.com	Men or fathers in crisis
Canada	The Family of Men Support Society	It aims to stop the cycle of violence and abuse. The society is for men who want to remove themselves from a potentially explosive domestic situation with dignity. It provides a positive form of intervention and help before anyone is hurt and before children experience violence. It educates all persons that family violence and abuse are non-gender issues and to elevate the cries of men to the same level of women and children. Hotline: 403-242-4077 http://www.familyofmen.com/	Men victims in domestic violence
Canada	The Victoria Men's Center	As the physical representation of a supportive men's network, it is a place for men to gain support, companionship, and a place to share concerns and experiences in a spirit of brotherhood. http://victoria.tc.ca/Community/MensCentre/	Men victims
UK	It Does Happen 2 Men	Offers Advice Line and SMS based support for battered men (07800 647 379). Founder: Mike Kenny http://www.bbc.co.uk/tees/content/articles/2004/09/10/it_does_happen_to_men_feature.shtml	Battered men
UK	Men Cry Too	Provides an invaluable resource on male victim of domestic violence, such as information, facts, myths, and coping methods. http://www.mencrytoo.homestead.com/index.html There is a hotline especially designed for male victims of sexual and domestic violence, which provides opportunities for men to talk in confidence and anonymously. Victim Support's Male Helpline: 0800-328-3623 http://www.mencrytoo.homestead.com/Links.html	Male victims of sexual and domestic violence
UK	Men's Advice Line & Enquiries (M.A.L.E.)	Offers a range of support, information & counseling services to men who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence and abuse from intimate partners. Provides a telephone advice line for a minimum of 28 hours per week; face to face outreach work and to liaise with other relevant service providers from the statutory and voluntary sectors.	Men experienced domestic violence

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Country	Organization / Program	Service Descriptions	Service Targets
UK	Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Center	<p>Hotline: 0808-801-0327 http://www.mensadvice.org.uk</p> <p>The first refuge for male was opened in Wales in south-west England, will shelter men and their children who have been physically or emotionally abused by a female partner.</p> <p>Its program, Men Experience Domestic Abuse, provides a confidential 24 hour help line every day of the year for individuals who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic violence. Help Line: 01686-610391 http://www.familycrisis.co.uk/safehouses_male.shtml</p>	Abused men and their children / all victim of domestic violence
UK	Men's Aid	<p>Aims to help and support all men suffering any form of abuse or discrimination. It is run and supported by a group of concerned parents and professionals.</p> <p>Provides national support throughout the UK for male victims of domestic violence, their children, family, friends and colleagues.</p> <p>Advice Line: 0871-223-9986 (8am-8pm; 7 days a week) http://www.mensaid.com/about_us/</p>	Men suffering from abuse/ discrimination
UK	Survivors UK	<p>Provides a telephone helpline with staff who are specialized in male abuse. The helpline is Helpline: 0845-122-1201(Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 10pm) www.survivorsuk.org</p>	Male victims of domestic abuse
UK	The Mankind Initiative	<p>National Domestic Abuse helpline for men and their children (01823-334244). www.mankind.org.uk</p>	Men and their children of domestic abuse
UK	Warwickshire County Council	<p>Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Referral Line Provides the opportunity to talk through abuse experiences and help to determine what options are available (0845-234-0822)</p> <p>The Council's webpage also lists resources available for male victims in Warwickshire and the UK. http://www.talk2someone.org.uk</p>	Male victims of domestic abuse
USA	Alternative Horizons (Colorado)	<p>Victims Support: 0845-130-9551</p> <p>Services include 24-hour crisis hotline, court advocacy, support groups, Latino outreach, legal project and community education Hotline: 970-247-4374 http://www.alternativehorizons.org/</p>	Abused gay/bisexual, transgender men (Individuals with disabilities, individuals in gay/lesbian relationships, individuals who do not speak English)
USA	Crisis Connection	<p>Men's Line: Counselors available to help men with domestic violence/abuse calls, custody and legal referral calls (612)379-6367 (612-379-MENS). http://www.crisis.org/aboutmain.html</p>	Abused men
USA	Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (Nationwide)	<p>Offers a nationwide hotline for all victims of domestic violence. Services are particularly sensitive to the plight of those who traditionally have not been believed when they call, such as battered men and same sex victims.</p>	All victims of domestic violence (also with a focus on men)

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USA	Domestic Abuse Shelter Homes (Florida)	Hotline number: Toll Free 1-888-7 Helpline (or 207-683-5758) http://www.dahmw.org/ Provides support, referral and transitional housing to victims of domestic abuse and their families (men, women, children and teens) in Sarasota and Charlotte Counties. http://www.safe4all.org/resource-list/view/13390	Male victims as well as their families
USA	Equal Justice Foundation	It sets up “Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado” to help males who have suffered from physical or mental abuse from a female partner are encouraged to write their story or seek help by emailing help@ejfi.org . It hopes that the presented stories can influence the law that brings into equal justice. It preaches the message that domestic violence and abuse is a human problem, not a gender issue. http://www.ejfi.org	Abused men
USA	Men Working Against Abuse (Washington)	Crisis Line: (206) 461-7824 (serves residents of King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties in Washington state) Offers voluntary support group for abusive men; educational programs for individuals and couples that suffer from abusive relationship; and services for men who are victims of abuse, to help them understand the situation and get free of abuse. Also offers public educational services. http://www.mwaa.org/	Abused men
USA	Men’s Resource Center (MRC) for Change	Supports men, challenges men’s violence, and develops men’s leadership in ending oppression in oneself, families, and communities through Domestic Abuse Program, Anger Management Classes, Support Program for sharing, Fathering Program, Workshop, Training and Consultation. http://mrcforchange.org/programs.html	Men as victims or perpetrators
USA	MenWeb	Encourage male victims of domestic violence to email their personal stories http://www.menweb.org/battered/bathelpnatl.htm	Abused men
USA	National Center for Men	Incorporated in 1987, NCM is dedicated to the advocacy of <i>men’s equal rights</i> . Educates the public about how men have been hurt by sex discrimination and also counsel individuals and families who have been damaged by discrimination against men. Educates the public about male victims of domestic violence, men’s health concerns and how men are often victimized by false accusation, particularly during divorce. http://nationalcenterformen.org	Male victims and general public
USA	Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Shelter	Offers services to both men and women. Men do not stay at the shelter; however, they are able to provide shelter in a safe place for them at another location in the community. (912)764-4605 crisis line in Atlanta, GA	Men and women in DV situations

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USA	Peaceful Choices	http://www.safe4all.org/resource-list/view/33881 Helps male and female victims find shelter in Washington County, Maine. 1-800-604-8692	Men and women in DV situations
USA	Safe Horizon/ Safe Horizon's Domestic Violence Accountability Program (DVAP)	http://www.safe4all.org/resource-list/view/10697 Provides support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. http://www.safehorizon.org/index.php?nav=nb 24 Hour Crisis Line 1-800-621-4673 http://www.safehorizon.org/page.php?page=batterersgethelp&nav=se_batterersgethelp	Male victims of domestic abuse
USA	Shattered Men International	A web-based organization established in Indiana for the purpose of educating churches, schools and other groups and organizations on the issues of abuse from a Biblical prospective. Most of its work takes place in the interactive club on Yahoo. This club is open for everyone. http://www.shatterdmen.com/	Men victims of abuse (Women are welcome to join the discussions)
USA	Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) (Nationwide)	A human rights organization that provides services for those who typically do not have services. Services include: Professional trainings and presentations to service providers, Brochures for underserved domestic violence groups (currently men, gay men, and lesbian women) in several languages, an online support group, online resource lists, such as court advocacy, support groups, hotlines. Phone: (319) 441-1010; jade@safe4all.org http://www.safe4all.org/info	Battered men, same sex victims, teens, the elderly, and immigrants.
USA	The Florida Men's Resource Center	Has a list of resources for men in Florida. Provides information about support group, shelters, divorce and so forth. http://www.themenscenter.com/fmrc/	Abused men (Women and children are welcome also)
USA	The Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project	It is a nonprofit program that provides support service for male victims of same-gender domestic violence. In addition, they provide outreach and education to law enforcement and communities. The crisis line (Toll free crisis line at 1-800-832-1901) is monitored 24 hours a day and accessible throughout the commonwealth. They have also initiated a Safe Home Program where victims can go when leaving a battered relationship. GMDVP offers shelter, guidance, and resources to allow gay, bisexual, and transgender men in crisis to remove themselves from violent situations and relationships. http://www.gmdvp.org	Male victims of same-gender domestic violence
USA	The Resource Center (South Dakota)	Provides counseling for men, may start a men's support group, and provides ad hoc sheltering for battered men who've had to leave their homes. http://www.safeharbor.ws/services.html	Battered men
USA	Twin Cities Men's Center	Provides resources for men seeking to grow in body, mind and spirit, and from that foundation advocates for healthier family and community relationship.	Men, heterosexual, gay, bisexual and transgender men in crisis

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USA	Valley Oasis Shelter	<p>Offers support groups and services for male victims of sexual abuse, men who were wrongly accused, bisexual men, and men in crisis, as well as a web-based newsletter <i>Men Talk</i>.</p> <p>Information: 612-822-5892 or online at http://www.tcmc.org.</p> <p>http://www.tcmc.org/</p> <p>The <i>Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council</i> provides domestic violence services including a shelter for people of all ages in Los Angeles County. There are no geographic restrictions and they serve both men and women in abusive situations.</p> <p>Stated as the only shelter in the USA that provides full ranges of services to male victims in the Special Report, VAWA Programs Discriminate Against Male Victims, 2006.</p> <p>1-800-282-4808 (Service/Intake and Hotline), 1-661-945-6736 (Service/Intake and Hotline)</p> <p>http://www.avdvc.org/</p>	Male DV victims

and the UK also provide hotline services for male victims, such as “Men’s Alternative Safe House (MASH Project)” in Canada and “Men Cry Too” in the UK.

Second, these services specify distinctly that their service targets are male victims or abused men. These agencies advertise that they offer services for men who are dealing with their own abuse, such as “Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men” in the USA, “Ottawa Men’s Center” in Canada, and “Men’s Advice Line & Enquiries (M.A.L.E.)” in the UK.

Third, six shelters or shelter resources—four in the USA and one each in Canada and the UK—are available exclusively for men and some for their children as well. These shelters provide a clear message that men need help too.

Fourth, technology is used as a means to reach out to abused men through online support groups and email services for male victims. In the USA, Equal Justice Foundation’s “Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado” and “Stop Abuse for Everyone” provide online support for men to build mutual support through sharing on the internet. Both “Shattered Men” and “MenWeb” encourage male victims of domestic violence to email their personal stories for sharing with strict anonymity.

The fifth characteristic is that these three countries list multiple services for male victims, such as crisis counseling, support group, educational programs, community resources, legal advice, and referral for other services. Some programs stress the importance of engaging men in couples counseling and group treatment. (Table 3)

Implications for Practice and Research

This paper originally aimed to explore the service needs of Asian male domestic violence victims. We were not successful, however, in identifying much information in Asian countries about men’s help-seeking behavior or the resources supporting them. Through a literature review that focused on domestic violence affecting male victims, we were able to analyze the possible cultural and social expectations that lead men not to seek help. Of nine service sources available for men in Asian countries that posted internet materials on domestic violence, we noted that the services seldom advertised with “men also need help” or “men are victims/survivors/sufferers, too,” or the equivalent, as catchphrases to reach out to the male client population. On the other hand, in Canada, the UK, and the USA, it seemed to be appropriate for services to tell clients that “men cry too” or “men as DV victims need help.” We will need further research, however, to find out whether Asian men with domestic violence problems living in these countries have actually utilized the services available for men as DV victims.

Though computer and internet searches are convenient and efficient in obtaining timely information, this techno-