

# Understanding the Needs of **Urban Inuit Women**

Fact Sheet: SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

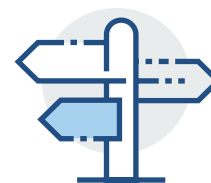
Inuit women also gave us social reasons for why they leave their homes in the North; the main reason among them was the repeated **cycle of violence in families** and **relationship breakdowns**.

## SPECIFIC PATTERNS WE LEARNED INCLUDE:



Women often **leave alone**.

**Hoping to find a safe place** in a large city where no one knows them with the intention of eventually bringing their children with them.



Other women reported **running away with their children**, sometimes passing through many destinations before reaching big cities.

In all situations, women said they had experienced **heavy trauma, guilt, and feelings of failure** as a parent.

