Advancing Research to End Men’s Violence against Women and Violence Against Children in LMICs

Presentation at the Webinar: Building networks in South & East Europe
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What We Want To Achieve

01 BUILD EVIDENCE
An increase in innovations tested by strong research designs for improved responses to and prevention of violence against women and violence against children.

02 STRENGTHEN CAPACITY
An increase in the number of researchers from low- and middle-income countries leading rigorous, impactful and innovative research on violence against women and violence against children in low- and middle-income countries.

03 PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS
A co-operative and nurturing field where knowledge is shared and people collaborate and support each other.

04 INFLUENCE CHANGE
More resources mobilised and used effectively for research on violence against women and violence against children and evidence-based practice in low- and middle-income countries.
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<th>Size of the Problem versus Size of the Investment</th>
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<td><strong>1 in 3</strong></td>
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<td>Women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime.</td>
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<td>Women, across the globe, are killed by a family member everyday.</td>
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<td>In 2016, the global cost of VAW was approximately US$1.5 trillion - approx. 2% of the global gross domestic product (GDP), or roughly the size of the entire Canadian economy.</td>
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<td>Overseas Development Assistance is directed to prevention of VAW.</td>
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And these rates have worsened during the pandemic.

Of this less than 6% goes to research.

Source: Shared Agenda Global Accelerator https://www.preventvawg.org/agendas/draft-advocacy-agenda
Build and innovate on what we know works

Faith leaders + Community Action Groups

69% ⇒ 29%

Community activists to address the imbalance of power between women and men

52%

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Drivers of IPV: Current evidence

Structural Inequalities

Gender Inequality & Normative use of violence

- Poor communication, relationship conflict
- Poor mental health & substance abuse
- Child abuse and neglect
- Disability

Shared elements of effective interventions

- A strong theory of change
- Both men & women
- Participatory approaches
- Address gender inequality
- Support survivors
- User friendly manuals
- More activities / longer duration
- Well trained / supported facilitators
- Programming across multiple levels

Strengthening the Evidence base

- No intervention has reduced VAW to zero
- Few interventions have been taken to scale
- Knowledge limited on long term effects
- Integrate VAW into broader development programmes
- Knowledge / research / resources remain clustered in HICs
- Funding gaps and challenges
- Global trust challenge
Pillar 1: Building Evidence

- Support research
- Drive innovation and decolonise knowledge
- Knowledge exchanges and strategic alliances
- Target low- and middle-income countries
SVRI Grant Making


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SVRI Grant  SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Awards  The SVRI Research Grant
Grant Making: Grants per region

- Africa: 32%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 22%
- Europe & Central Asia: 8%
- East Asia & Pacific: 11%
- Middle East & North Africa: 12%
- North America: 2%
- South East Asia: 13%
SVRI Knowledge Hub

• [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org) (new site to launch in 2023)
• [@theSVRI](https://twitter.com)
Pillar 2: Strengthening Capacity

Grant-making
• Bespoke training to grantees
• Technical accompaniment

SVRI Forum
• Workshops
• Young professionals programme

Sharing up to date evidence via Update

Webinars / events

Online training
Pillar 3: Promoting Partnerships

- SVRI Forum
- SVRI Membership and Update
- Webinars and workshops
SVRI Forum

- Largest abstract driven event in the field of VAW, VAC and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality
- Brings together researchers, practitioners, survivors, activist, donors, policy-makers and more
- Inspiring and safe space to discuss and exchange
- The SVRI Forum runs over 5 days:
  - 1 day of conference workshops
  - 3 days conferencing
  - 1 day of participant driven events
- Exhibition stands
- Networking opportunities
- Well-being activities & counselling
- Active fundraising for bursaries for people from LMICs (incl. young researchers & practitioners)
What is great about the Forum?

• Learning - a diversity of evidence presented
• Diversity of voices on panels
• Networking and self/collective care
• Diversity and attention to detail such as translation, pronoun stickers, and care in dietary requirements for different religions
• Deliberate spotlight on young researchers
• Women’s rights organisations/ activists inclusion

The Forum had an amazing overview of new science and practice. Huge congrats and gratitude for elevating sexual violence through this Forum.
SVRI Membership

8000+ members from across all regions of the world
Pillar 4: Influencing Change

• Strengthen knowledge among donors and key influencers
• Mapping funding for research on VAW in LMICs
• Engage funders on ethical funding
• Development of shared research agendas – global, regional and topic specific - working collaboratively to identify research priorities for funding
Final Reflections

• Who and what gets funded and why
• Localisation and decolonisation
• Ensure research funded is informed by the evidence base, guided by research agendas developed by the field for the field.
• Address the trust gap
• Promote ethical sound research and research uptake with a feminist ethos and decolonial approach conducted by local research teams