

# Promoting and Strengthening Research Skills/Networks on Sexual Violence

## Objectives of the workshop



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# Aims

To strengthen research capacity in order to:

1. Develop evidence based and locally relevant research agendas in the area of Sexual Violence (SV)
2. Promote research on SV through the creation of regional research networks and research proposals

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- To review findings of SVRI commissioned desk reviews on
  - (1) Women's responses to sexual violence and
  - (2) Medico- legal responses to sexual violence
- To identify gaps and regional research priorities in order to formulate an emerging research agenda



# Workshop objectives

- To promote the creation of local research networks informed by evidence based, regionally relevant research priorities
- To strengthen research capacity among participants with an emphasis on:
  1. Formulating policy relevant research questions
  2. Developing research proposals that meet ethical guidelines and
  3. Creating research teams and networks

# Perspectives on SV

- In the next session:
- SV will be briefly contextualized within a gender based violence framework
- Informed by considerations of gender, human rights and health
- This will be followed by a short history of the SVRI and the rationale for commissioning the two desk reviews



# Participant perspectives

- SV is under-researched in many ways. It is possible that we still do not have a comprehensive picture of all forms of SV
- We need to name all forms of SV before they can be counted/quantified
- After morning tea, we will break into country based groups to identify and discuss the forms of SV that exist in each country

# Afternoon session

- Overview of the Desk Review on Women's responses including perceptions of SV, victim/survivors psychological responses to experiences of SV and interventions/treatments available and their efficacy
- Discussion of the implications of the main findings of the review in regional groups
- Presentations from regional groups of their research priorities