To stem violence, it is crucial that countries and program implementers are informed by evidence on what works best. There needs to be a stronger, broader knowledge base about prevention and response that can inform investments, policy and practice. That’s why the World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) celebrate and advance groundbreaking research through the Development Marketplace: Innovations to Address Gender-Based Violence.

The fifth cohort of research grantees will be announced in 2020. Over four years, the Development Marketplace has supported innovative research projects in 28 countries with an investment totaling more than $4 million.

In identifying winners among hundreds of applicants each year, we prioritize research that will make a scientific contribution to the field by building on what is already known and addressing a gap. We look for projects that will be methodologically innovative, expand capacity in low- and middle-income countries, and will further collaboration between academics, practitioners and policy-makers.

2016 RESEARCHERS

The effects of transfers and behavior change communication on intimate partner violence: Evidence from rural Bangladesh. Lead: International Food Policy Research Institute. PI: Shalini Roy


Double vulnerabilities of violence and HIV among women in Brazil: A latent class analysis. Lead: University of California, San Diego. PI: Jamila K. Stockman

Trauma-informed, community-engaged violence prevention for FSWs in Thailand. Lead: Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health. PI: Michele Decker

Masculinidades Y Prevención De La Violencia Sexual. Lead Agency: Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia. PI: Nancy Palomino

Making sense of early marriage among Syrian refugee girls. Lead Agency: Queen’s University at Kingston. PI: Susan Bartels

Formative research to inform the development of an intervention to prevent intimate partner violence among Syrian refugees in Greece. Lead: Women and Health Alliance

2017 RESEARCHERS

Building the evidence base to understand and prevent campus sexual assault in Swaziland. Lead: University of California, San Diego. PI: Rebecca Fielding-Miller

Gender-based violence prevention in the Amazon of Peru (GAP) Project. Lead: University College London. PI: Jenevieve Mannell


Building the evidence base for ‘Safe Families’ - a comprehensive community-led model for violence prevention in Solomon Islands. Lead: Oxfam Australia. PI: Anna Trembath

Piloting a customizable, user-designed information and communication technology-based approach to reduce intimate partner violence among refugees. Lead: Fondation Hirondelle. PI: Vandana Sharma

Sexual harassment among Jordanian college students: Pilot testing a promising primary prevention intervention. Lead: King Hussein Foundation. PI: Aida Essaid

Gender Equity Model, Egypt – Promoting women’s economic empowerment and fighting gender-based violence. Lead: The American University in Cairo. PI: Ramadan Mohamed

Mapping for policy. Lead: The Urban Institute. PI: Yasemin Irvin-Erickson

Combatting sexual violence in Kyrgyzstan through innovative education and information technology. Lead: American University of Central Asia. PI: Elena Kim

Building research capacity and data use for gender-based violence prevention and response in adolescents/ young adults. Lead: Together For Girls. PI: Daniela Ligiero
2018 RESEARCHERS

Examining the effectiveness of a gender transformative approach in economic empowerment programs to reduce intimate partner violence. Lead: Send A Cow. Pl: Peg Bavin

Zona Segura: A trauma-informed youth-centered innovative solution to teen dating violence prevention in Honduras. Lead: YTH. Pl: Bhupendra Sheoran


Adaptation and scale up of School Action Groups in schools in Bougainville and Papua New Guinea. Lead: Equal Playing Field. Pl: Lauren Siegmann

Geeks against GBV: Unlocking potential of new change makers and leveraging ICT solutions. Lead: Enterprise Incubator Foundation. Pl: Bagrat Yengibaryan


Prevention of intimate partner violence among newly married couples in Jordan. Lead: Try Center for Training and Education. Pl: Majd Hammad

2019 RESEARCHERS


Examining the potential of comprehensive sexuality education for intimate partner violence prevention among young people in Mexico City. Lead: International Planned Parenthood Federation. Pls: Shelly Makleff and Susana Medina Salas

A media experiment to reduce intimate partner violence in Bangladesh. Lead: BRAC University. Pl: Paula Lopez


Promoting female empowerment and preventing violence (IPV) through a multi-sectoral intervention targeting couples in Ibadan, Nigeria. Lead: University of Ibadan. Pls: Ayodeji Adebayo and Neetu John


Harnessing the power of social networks to create positive change in norms and attitudes towards SGBV among youth in Jordan. Lead: Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. Pl: Langer Ana


How to make actions taken by companies to prevent violence against women sustainable: An evaluation model to measure the economic impacts of prevention actions in companies. Lead: University of San Martín de Porres. Pl: Alberto Díaz Rosillo

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