Evidence for Action to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children
The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) is inviting applications for innovative research that will contribute to the prevention and response of violence against women (VAW), violence against children (VAC) and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries.

The types of projects that may be supported under this grant include:

- Research projects that are either standalone projects or a component of a larger project that will guide efforts to effectively address or prevent VAW and VAC.

- Qualitative studies that explore the effectiveness and process of creating change with innovative VAW and VAC prevention interventions or the acceptability, impact, and process of change created by interventions that support and assist survivors of VAW and VAC.

- Projects that seek to address VAW and VAC prevention and response together or simultaneously or in one intervention with distinct elements.

- Projects that work to understand how to integrate VAW and/or VAC programming into other sectoral work, for instance, large infrastructure development programmes.

- Those that develop innovative methods and tools for VAW and/or VAC research.

- Those that evaluate how to effectively expand tested VAW and VAC prevention and response interventions.

- Secondary analysis of existing data that will provide insights into addressing VAW and VAC more effectively and sustainably.

- Research on violence across diverse populations in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities, people living with HIV, older persons, indigenous peoples, LGBTQI, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.

- Research on the impact of Covid–19 on VAW and the VAW / VAC intersections, including: conducting research and programming during times of widespread instability and anxiety; ethical and safe use of remote data collection; support services for survivors under restrictive regulatory environments.

Applicants can apply for grants between $40,000 to $200,000 no longer than 24 months in length.

The common characteristic of these awards is the provision of limited funding for a short period of time to research projects with a clear, measurable outcome.
Guiding principles

Projects supported by The SVRI Research Grant should:

• Apply feminist and women-centred research and partnerships.
• Be conceptualised within a human rights framework.
• Adhere to international safety and ethical guidelines.
• Strive for innovation in ideas, new methodologies and partnerships, while building on evidence.
• Strive to be collaborative, cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary.
• Promote equitable participation and bring to the field diverse voices from low and middle-income countries (researchers, survivors, marginalised groups).
• Where relevant and appropriate, endeavor to engage the community where the research will take place.
• Challenge the gender hierarchy that contributes to VAW and VAC in order to promote gender equality.
• Inform policy, programmes and services and strengthen access to comprehensive care and support for survivors.

How to apply

Applications must be made via the ProposalCENTRAL online system at: https://proposalcentral.altum.com/.

If you are a first-time user of ProposalCENTRAL, you must first register before you can proceed with your application.

All information needed for proposal submission is available online in The SVRI Research Grant Guidelines.

Closing date

All applications must be submitted and reach us by midnight (South African time) on 15 September 2020. Only applications submitted via the online system before the stated closing date and time will be considered.

Online applications can be complicated. Please try and submit well before the deadline. The SVRI and ProposalCENTRAL will not be held responsible for delays in internet connectivity or problems experienced with the online form.

Grant information summary

• Level of award: between $40,000 to $200,000
• Period of award: 12-24 months in length
• Closing date for applications: 15 September 2020
• Further information: email svri@svri.org
• Method of application: Applications must be submitted online here (Select Award Maker: Sexual Violence Research Initiative)
• Language of application: Applications in English, French and Spanish will be accepted.