

“By the way...Did you ask women?”

Ethical considerations when researching, implementing, and funding programmes engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls (VAWG)

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Agenda

OPENING AND WELCOME

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FRAMING THE CONVERSATION - FEMINIST RESEARCH ON VAWG: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Zainab Sulaiman (COFEM)

ACCOUNTABILITY TO WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM A DONOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Annika Lysén (SIDA)

ACCOUNTABILITY IN RESEARCH ON VAWG - DECOLONISING KNOWLEDGE, SUBVERTING POWER

Angelica Pino (SVRI)

ACCOUNTABILITY AS A RESEARCHER - THE EXPERIENCE OF A SVRI GRANTEE CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON VAWG IN MEXICO

Susana Medina Salas (IPPF WHR)

ACCOUNTABILITY AS A PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTER - THE EXPERIENCE OF A UNTF GRANTEE IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAMME ENGAGING MEN IN TURKEY

Suna Hanoz (AÇEV)

Q&A SESSION AND CLOSING

Elizabeth Dartnall (SVRI)

FEMINIST APPROACHES TO VAWG RESEARCH

Presented by Zainab 'Zee' Sulaiman



WHAT IS FEMINIST RESEARCH?

Feminist research is action oriented and focuses on individual, social/systemic and institutional change to bring about gender equality.

Feminist research methodologies acknowledge that the gender hierarchy between males and females shapes all aspects of our social world.

Feminist research builds evidence with women and girls with the aim of transforming the unequal systems and structures of patriarchy that oppress women.

What does feminist research look like in practice?

ENSURES ACCOUNTABILITY TO DIVERSE WOMEN AND GIRLS

Feminist research recognizes women as experts on their lives.

CHALLENGES TRADITIONAL METHODOLOGY

Recognizes women as experts and co-producers of knowledge rather individuals from whom data is extracted.

SHIFTS POWER

Feminist research recognizes the power imbalances that exist in every step of the research process.

PRIORITIZES ETHICAL AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Ethics and safety are fundamental tenets of feminist-informed research and are especially vital for feminist research.

Feminist research is vital to ensure VAWG programming and policies are grounded in women and girls' realities, and in transformative approaches to preventing and responding to VAWG.

*FEMINIST APPROACHES TO BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND EVIDENCE ON GBV
COFEM FEMINIST POCKETBOOK, TIPSHEET 5*

Feminist Research on VAWG

WHEN WE RESEARCH ISSUES RELATED TO INEQUALITY AND VIOLENCE, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DESIGN A 'NEUTRAL' RESEARCH STUDY.

Feminist research should be shaped inherently by our commitment to transform gender inequality and we want to frame our research questions in ways that supports this goal.

The structural analyses undertaken by feminist research is also from a feminist standpoint. Existing inequalities are challenged throughout the research process as well as the analysis, generation, and application of findings.

COVID-19 & Feminist Research

While ethics and safety considerations are core tenets to feminist research, during the pandemic the need to uphold safety for women and girls is of utmost importance.

- Data collection must consider safety at all levels of the research process, examining any potential risk of in-person data collection or telephone/online methods.

Short-term needs vs rights-based approaches and responses.

Feminist research is not
only research about
women: it is **emancipatory**,
both in process & intended
outcome.

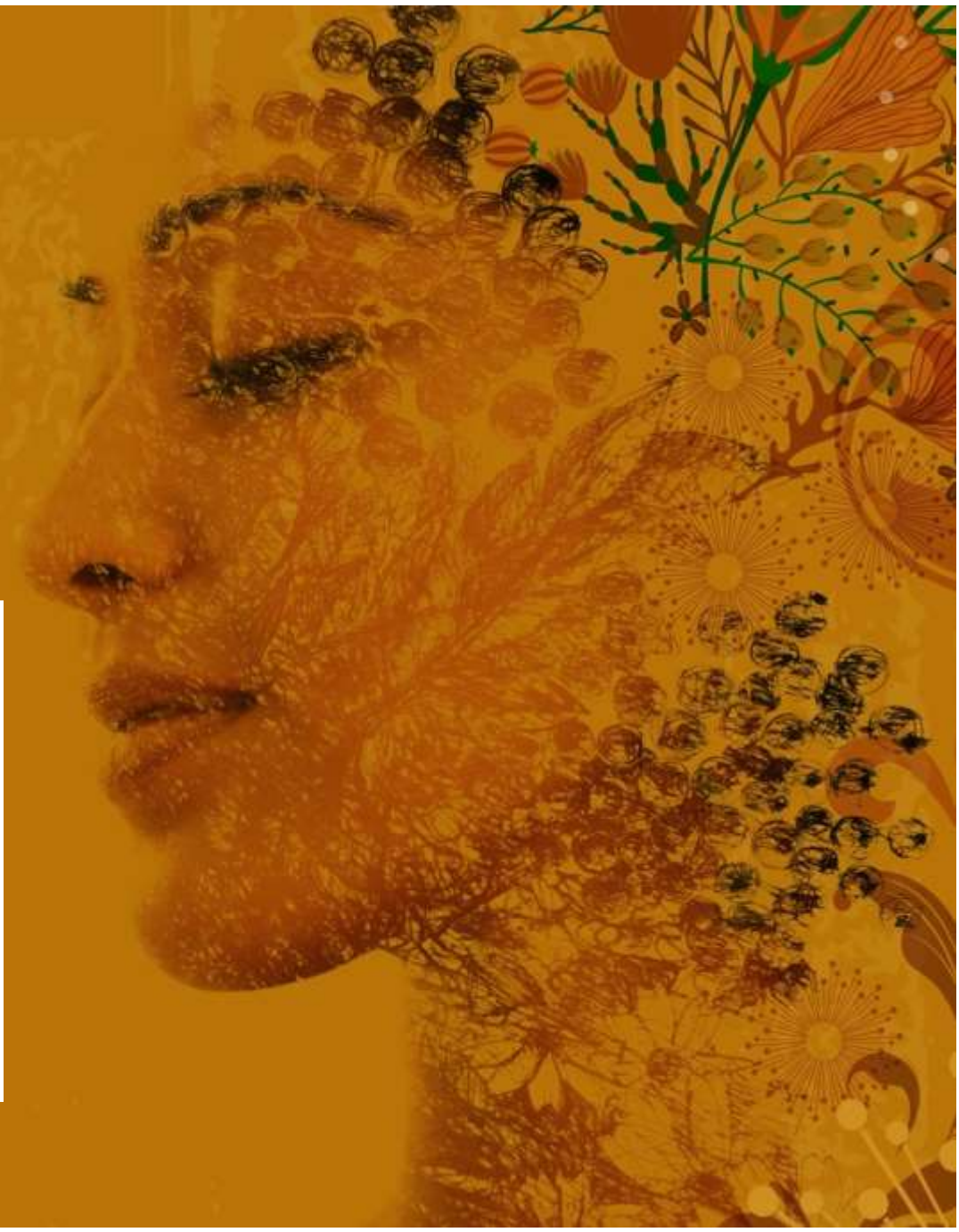


**ACCOUNTABILITY IN RESEARCH ON
VAW & VAC**

**DECOLONIZING KNOWLEDGE,
SUBVERTING POWER**

Angelica Pino

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Decolonising and intersectionality

‘Decolonising’ - *disrupting the way that knowledge is currently valued and created: contributing to a movement that challenges eurocentrism and a colonial legacy in which knowledge production privileges white, male scholarship.*

‘Intersectionality’ - *understanding that gender does not exist in isolation from race, caste, class, religion and ability among others, that these identities are multiple and intersecting impacting experiences of resultant power, privilege, inequalities and/or exclusion.*

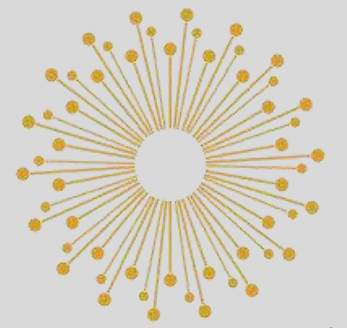
[Decolonising Feminist Knowledge Through Art | Gender Politics at Edinburgh \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.wordpress.com)

Reality check - The imbalance production of knowledge

- *'The 'Big Five' – US, European Union, China, Japan and the Russian Federation still account for **72% of all researchers.***
- *Researchers from lower income countries are still pursuing career opportunities abroad but their destination of choice is widening'*
- *In 2013, **Africa had 169 researchers per million inhabitants:** 4.6 times less than Asia and **24 times less than France**, which had 4,125 researchers per million inhabitants.*

[International funding for research in Africa](#) (French Development Agency)

Goals



SVRI sexual
violence
research
initiative

BUILD EVIDENCE

- Support and fund innovative research on VAW and VAC in low and middle income countries (LMIC)
- Identify, amplify, debate and disseminate new knowledge and trends in the field

PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS

- Organise and convene the biennial SVRI Forum
- Promote learning through knowledge exchanges
- Leverage strategic partnerships

STRENGTHEN CAPACITY

- Strengthen capacity for quality, policy relevant research and practice

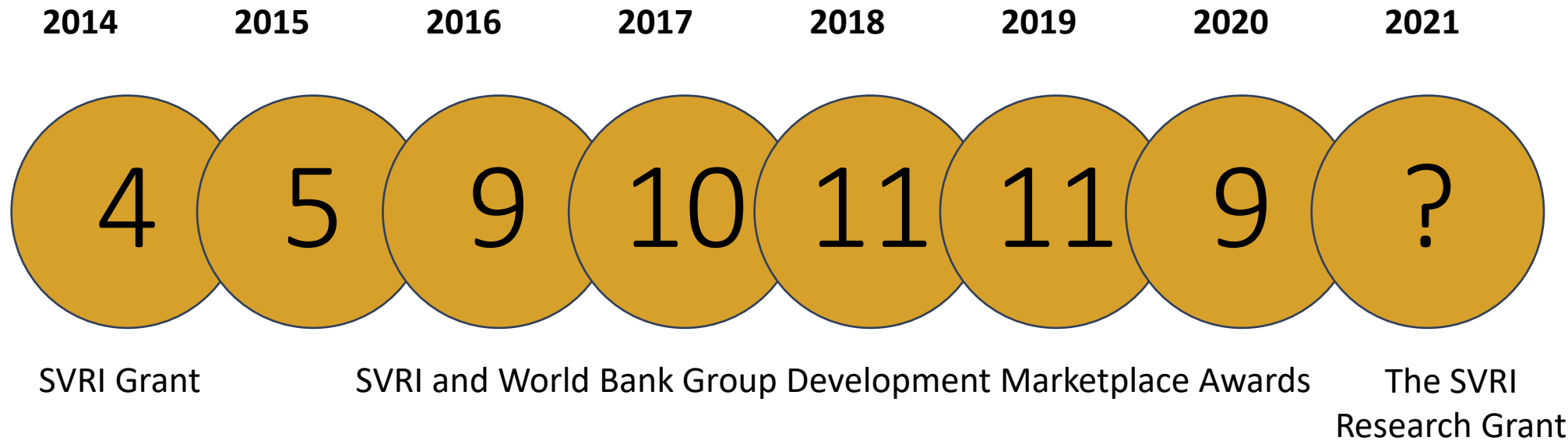
INFLUENCE CHANGE

- Maximise the use of research for policy and practice
- Raise awareness/advocate with

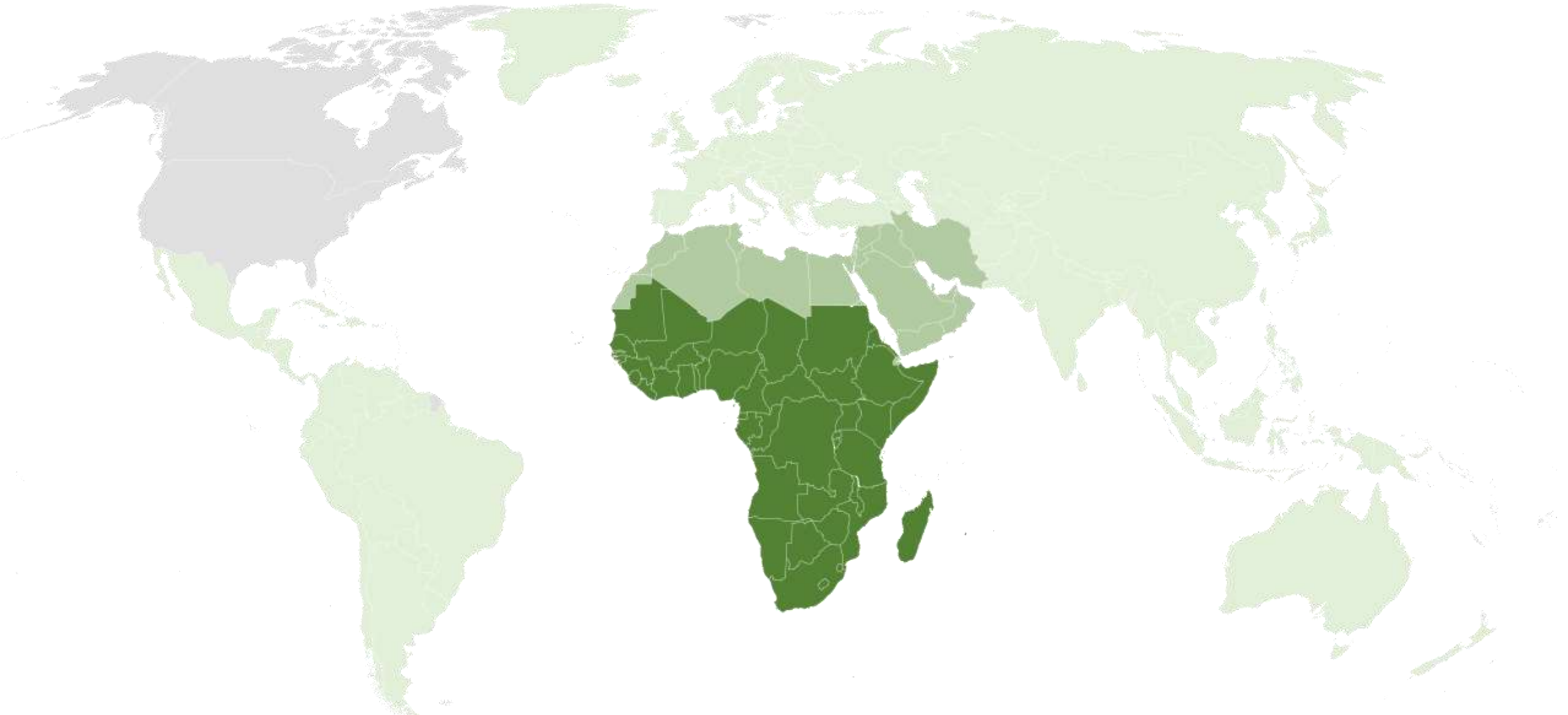
Whose research agenda is it, anyway?! - Subverting power through democratic discussion

- *“Without priorities, development is blind. With priorities, the science and innovation sectors can flourish to support development, equity and health.” [COHRED \(2010\)](#)*
- Priority setting will assist researchers, funders, practitioners, and policy-makers with research planning, fund-raising and serve as a signal to stakeholders in the areas of research that have been identified as being important.

Subverting power through resource (re) distribution SVRI Grant Making



Percentage of grant winners by region of research focus 2014-2019



Grant Making Principles

- Feminist
- Ethical
- Innovative
- Evidence-informed
- Collaborative, cross-sectoral & multi-disciplinary
- Diversity
- Gender equality
- Actionable



SVRI grantees in the field on engaging men and boys to address VAW & VAC

- [Designing a gender-transformative intervention to involve men and boys in the prevention of intimate partner violence against women and girls in rural Uganda](#)
- [Mental health and problem management support for men to reduce incidences of sexual and gender based violence in urban Kenya](#)
- [Masculinities and Prevention of Sexual Violence – Peru](#)
- [Living Peace: Evaluating the IPV prevention impact of an intervention with male partners of women survivors of conflict-related sexual rape in the DRC](#)

Subverting power in VAW and VAC research

- Questioning what is knowledge, how and by who knowledge is produced - subverting hierarchies of knowledge, being innovative in aims and methods, applying feminist principles
- Promoting ethical research that puts women and children at the centre – actors and not subjects
- Promoting actionable research – accountability of researchers
- Strengthening the research capacity of LMICs researchers and institutions
- Advocating for more research resources for LMICs - promoting ethical funding for research on VAW & VAC

Research is not a luxury; it is a need for accountable and effective programming to end VAW & VAC



**Fathers are Here for Promotion of Gender Equality
and Prevention of VAW/G**

An Involved Fatherhood Program

AÇEV– Mother Child Education Foundation

Founded in 1993 to improve the lives of vulnerable young children and their families through education. AÇEV is unique as both the only organization in Turkey, and one of the leading organizations in the world, working with men as partners within its early childhood development and parent training programs.



FACE-TO-FACE EDUCATION

1.028.712

MOTHERS, FATHERS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS



12.979

VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS



TELEVISION AND ONLINE EDUCATION TOOLS

10.000.000 PEOPLE



EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, FAR EAST AND MIDDLE AMERICA

15 COUNTRIES

AÇEV PROGRAMS



NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGNS

Fatherhood as a Entry Point for Democratizing the Home Environment

CHANGE takes place in the home where most often the acts of violence occur.

CHANGE takes place by working with families to address..

- EQUAL DIVISION OF LABOR
- EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING
- EMPATHY, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

What are the ingredients of
the Father Support Program?

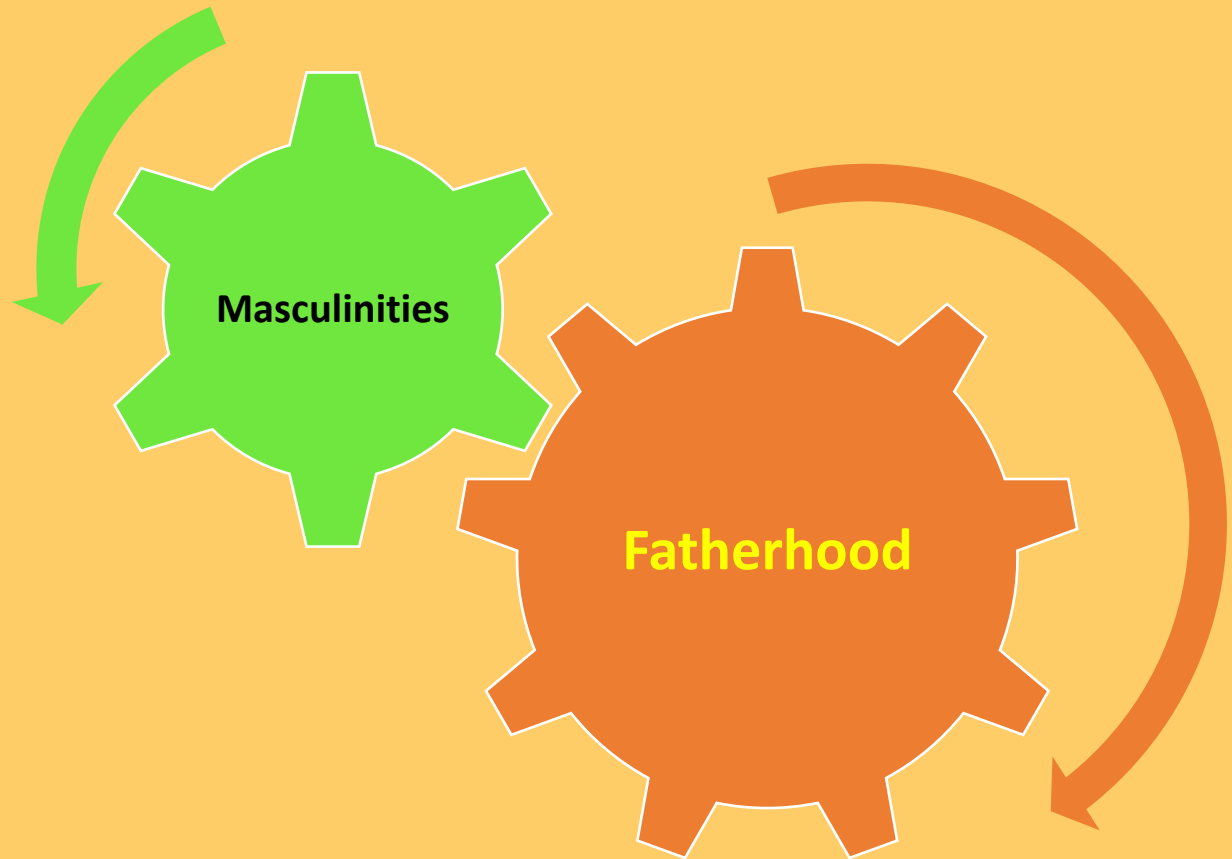




Group Dynamic

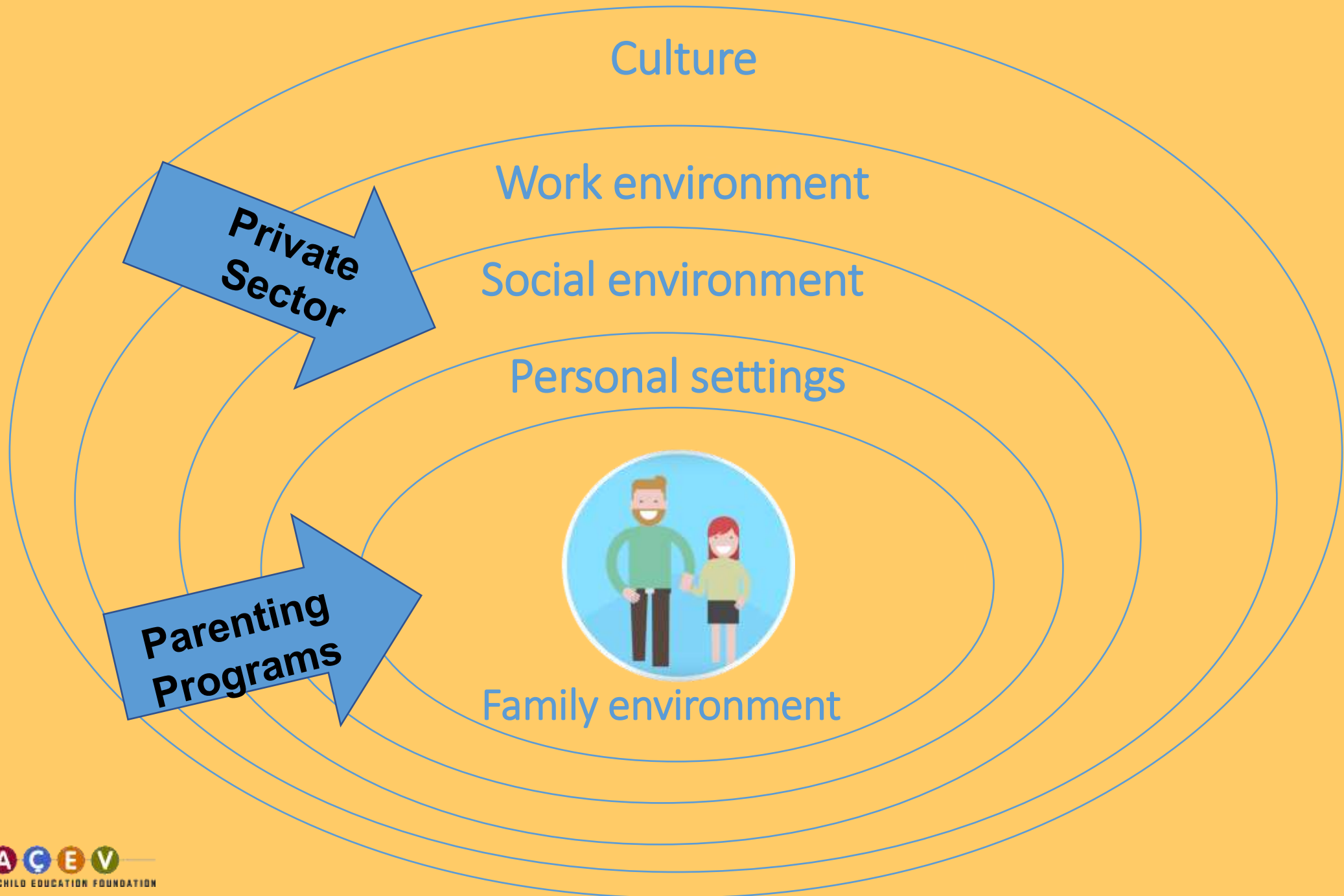
- Fathers with children between ages 3-6 and 7-11
- 13 weeks, 2.5 hours a week, different topic every week
- Run in public schools with volunteer teachers and counselors

Three Essential Premises for our Strategy



Evidence based Advocacy



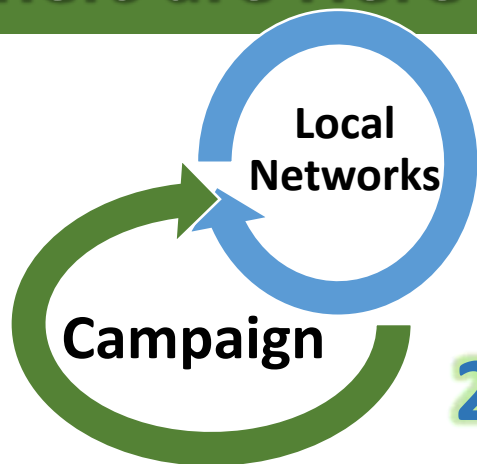


Grassroots
advocacy

AÇEV'S
FATHER SUPPORT
PROGRAM:
FROM A
PROGRAM
TO A MOVEMENT



Fathers are Here for Gender Equality in NUMBERS



5.490.984

reached via
social media

2.062.185 people
reached via national and
local media

3743 fathers reached

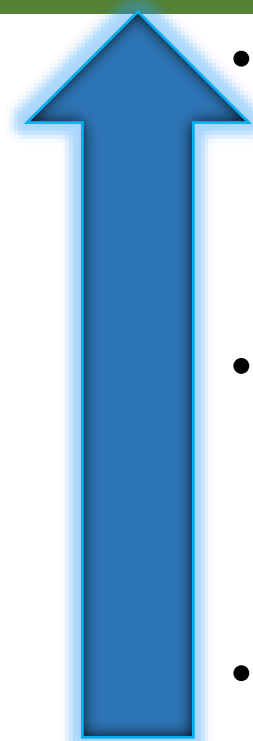
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Father Support Program Groups

44 new FSP trainers

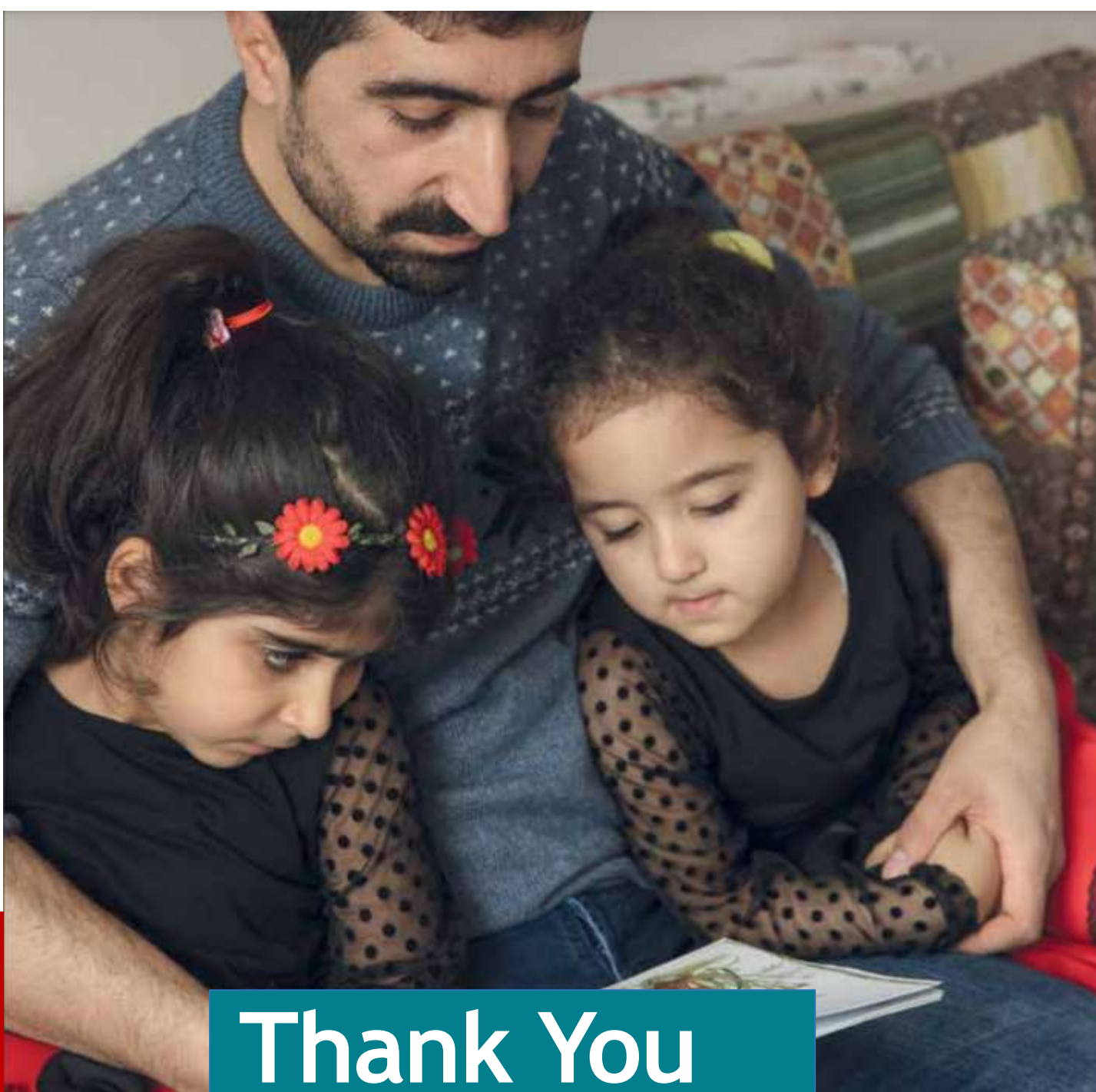
5 local fathers' advocacy groups

1007 mothers reached via
Mother Sessions



- Increase in assuming responsibility in household chores, **gender equitable role division in the home** – **28%**
- Increase in **involved fatherhood** behaviors, i.e., responsibility in child care duties, time spent with the child – **14%**
- Increase in **positive and effective communication** with the child, i.e., less punitive and more empathic communication styles, **better anger management** when child misbehaves (interviews with **mothers**)
- Increase in **gender equitable attitudes** – **26%**





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