

GENERATING KNOWLEDGE AND
EVIDENCE ON THE PREVENTION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE



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THANKS



SHAPE OF REFLECTIONS

Process of creating the guide

Challenges in knowledge and evidence creation

Where to next

“RAISING VOICES”

- https://raisingvoices.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Raising_Voices_Primer_English.pdf

WHERE “RAISING VOICES” TOOK US

- Document and share experiences in VAW prevention; • Deepen our understanding of a feminist analysis of VAW; • Nurture a feminist organisational culture that internalises the principles of VAW prevention; • Read and learn more about the evidence of VAW prevention; • Contribute to further knowledge production and evidence-generation—including through partnerships with African researchers; • Encourage, support, and promote innovation and practice-based learning; • Collaborate across movements to deepen intersectional approaches; • Advocate for and build a sustainable resource base for prevention work; and • Foster self-care so that it is an integral part of everything we do. By building solidarity across our feminist networks—and sustaining our well-being through self and collective care³⁸—we can dismantle the patriarchal norms that underpin violence against women, and foster communities that enable women to thrive, lead, and inspire.

THE NEXT CHALLENGE

Offer deeper review of actual methods and tools available to feminist and African-women led organizations

Offer discussion on integration of knowledge creation and evidence

Think about what makes knowledge-creation processes feminist, in African contexts

HOW DOES SHARING THIS WITH NGO ALLIES, ACTIVISTS AND PARTNERS STRENGTHEN PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Creation of shared language
- Support for cross-contextual solidarity
- Route towards building programmes which can integrate knowledge-generation into other forms of work

CHALLENGES OF KNOWLEDGE CREATION

- Dominance of northern research economies
- Pace and priorities
- Politics and Ethics

AFRICAN FEMINISMS

- “I would like to suggest that feminism...has established itself as an experimental laboratory for integrating ethics and social responsibility into scholarship” Bisi Adelaye-Fayemi

WHERE TO NOW?

- Decoloniality
- Inclusivity

APPRECIATION:

- Women and girls whose experiences about violence in our lives have, through courage and power, found “voice”
- NGO activisms of 1000+ kinds
- Dinnah Nabwire; Pontsho Mafethe
- AWDF