Priority Research Agenda on Violence against Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean

Identify gaps and highlight priority research areas in the region to guide research spending and ensure that resources are used effectively.

Assist individuals and research organisations, funders, practitioners and policymakers in research planning and fundraising.

Serve as an advocacy tool to draw the attention of stakeholders to areas of research that have been identified as important.

Serve as a monitoring tool in the field, including the follow-up of ongoing research and the spending against priorities.

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

A literature review to identify and characterise studies and research on VAWG in LAC in 2016-2021 to determine the most researched topics and absences and gaps. The report with the findings can be downloaded from the SVRI Website.

**REVIEW OF THE GLOBAL PROCESS**

To learn about the global process of defining research priorities on violence against women and girls (VAWG). Further, to identify which aspects of the methodology could be maintained or adapted to the context of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Thus, there were established 6 domains of analysis that guided the process of building the Regional Agenda:

1. Characterisation of VAWG
2. Strategies for preventing and responding to VAWG
3. Improvement of interventions against VAWG
4. Impact of policies and laws on VAWG
5. Costs and economic impacts of VAWG
6. Measurement of VAWG

**CONSULTATIONS**

The 126 experts were asked to complete 2 questionnaires. The first was to identify the issues they considered priorities for research within the 6 domains. The second questionnaire aimed to refine the identification of these priorities and included the issues identified by at least half of the experts who answered the first questionnaire. In addition, other priorities not included in the previous point were added. These were recognised by the experts who self-identified as indigenous, Afro-descendant, disabled, lesbian, bisexual, or queer.

Eleven interviews were also conducted among the experts who answered the first questionnaire.

**IDENTIFICATION OF EXPERTS**

A directory of organisations, institutions and individuals working in the field of VAWG was compiled. It includes 635 organisations, institutions, or experts, ensuring intergenerational representativeness by country, sub-region, type of organisation, areas of intervention, and intersectionality.

An electronic questionnaire was sent out informing about the process and requesting information to characterise their profiles. A total of 126 responses were received from people from 24 countries in the region. They identify as Afro-descendant, indigenous, mestizo, white, lesbian, bisexual, queer and disabled.

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**CONSTRUCTION OF THE AGENDA**

The final Regional Agenda document was created with the VAWG research priorities according to the 6 domains and 4 general priorities. In addition, 4 sub-agendas were also drawn up for the sub-regions of the Southern Cone, Mexico and Central America, the Andean Region, and the Caribbean.

The Advisory Board was constituted as a temporary multidisciplinary, multisectoral and intersectional group from the LAC region. It comprises 16 people who have solid experience and knowledge of the various forms of VAWG in various contexts and realities. The objective is to provide accompaniment and advice in the regional construction of the research priorities in VAWG.

**COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION**