



# Why does PBK matter to faith responses to VAW/C?

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## Housekeeping

- Please introduce yourself in the chat
- Please mute, but keep your video on if you can
- Our session will be recorded and shared
- Use chat box to post comments or questions





Zoom poll



**What is practice-based knowledge?**



## Let's look at the poll questions again:

*Have you ever learned something in your work that was different from what you were taught or what the research said?*

*Have you ever learned something through practice that changed how you or others respond to VAW/C?*

*Have you ever changed your response to violence in the community because of what you learned in practice (not from books or studies)?*



*Practice-based knowledge is the cumulative knowledge and learning acquired by practitioners through years of innovation, reflection, and refinement. It includes insights gained from observations, conversations, direct experience, and programme monitoring. – Prevention Collaborative*

*Practice-based learning as the cumulative journey of intentional learning over time, informed by insights gained from direct experiences, observations, stories, informal reflections, monitoring processes, and more. – Raising Voices*



*PBK is an evolving concept*

*Centres learning insights of those working on the ground in communities*

*Aims to complement and not contradict or replace other forms of knowledge*

*Often informal and collected in informal ways*





## Group discussion

**Can you share an example of when something you learned through practice — your practice-based knowledge — has influenced how your organisation addresses violence against women and children?**

*Please put your hand up, unmute your mic and tell us!*

*If your internet connection is not strong enough to do so, please share in the chat box.*





**Why does PBK matter in the faith & VAW/C space?**

*Faith communities are diverse – PBK allows for reflection on the specificities of cultural, religious and social contexts impacts how interventions play out.*

*PBK helps translate policy commitments into approaches that resonate within faith settings*

*PBK helps capture the pioneering work done by practitioners working at the intersections of faith and VAW/C*

*PBK helps reveal what is unique about the intersections of faith & VAW/C*





# Small-group discussions

## Vignette discussion

*What struck you most about the imam's actions in the vignette?*

*What were the strengths of his approach? What were the potential risks or gaps?*

*Have you seen similar examples of informal or practice-based responses in your own context?*



## Closing

*What is one insight from today that you'll carry back to your work?*

*Next PBK webinar will be in 4-6 weeks, please check your emails and the SVRI update for reminders to register*

*For more on PBK, please take a look at the sources available on the SVRI website:  
<https://www.svri.org/global-library/practice-based-knowledge/>*

