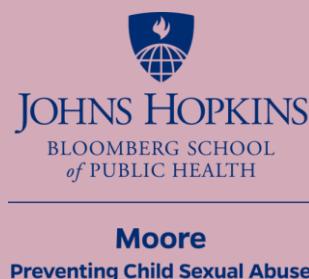


# From Evidence Gaps to Action: Exploring How to Prevent Childhood Sexual Violence by Expanding our Understanding of Perpetration

21 January 2026, 3pm SAST

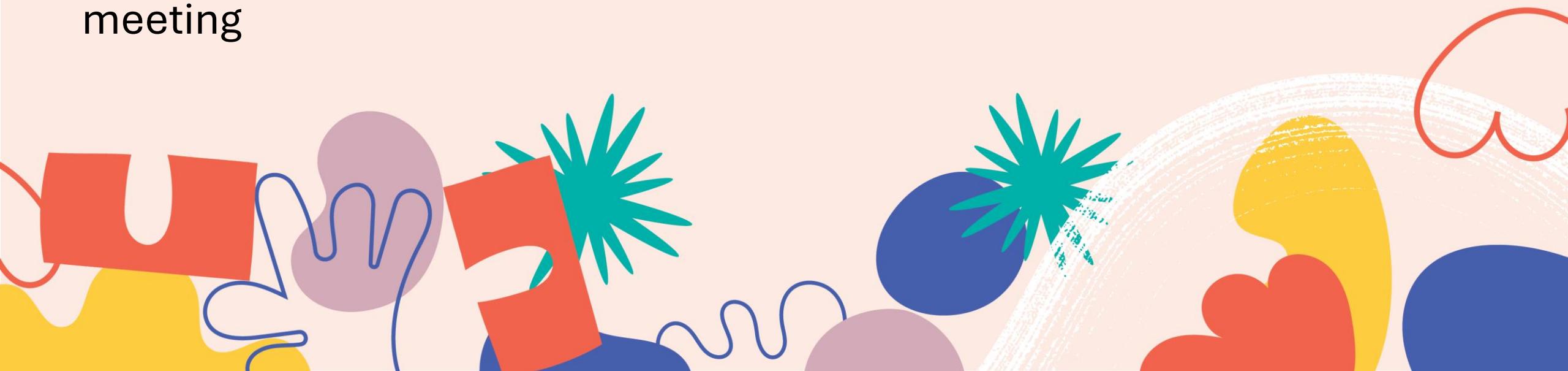


# Agenda

Opening and Introduction	<b>Nicolas Makharashvili</b>   Safe Futures Hub <b>Alessandra Guedes</b>   UNICEF - Office of Strategy and Evidence Innocenti
Insights from the CSV Research Agenda	<b>Joan Njagi</b>   SVRI
Presentation on Perpetration Prevalence, Risk and Protective Factors, & Prevention Research	<b>Elizabeth Letourneau</b>   MOORE
Q&A	
Case- study Presentations from LMICs Implementing Perpetration Prevention Strategies	<b>Sidnei R. Priolo Filho</b>   Universidade Tuiuti do Paraná, Brazil) <b>Frederico L. Cabredo</b>   World Hope International, Philippines
Panel Discussion with Survivor Advocates, Practitioners (PbK) & Researchers	<b>Samuel Likindikoki</b>   Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences <b>Namrata Joshi</b>   ARPAN
Q&A	
Closing	<b>Alessandra Guedes</b>   UNICEF - Office of Strategy and Evidence Innocenti

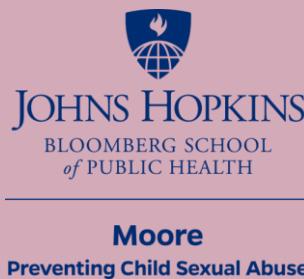
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# Insights from the Shared Research Agenda on Child Sexual Violence in LMICs: Why Perpetration Matters

Joan Njagi (Child Sexual Violence Researcher, SVRI)



# Current state of CSV evidence in LMICs

*The shared research agenda on CSV was developed in response to:*

- Lack of a cohesive evidence base for the field
  - Methodological and knowledge gaps
  - Ethical concerns
- Evidence from HICs dominates the field
- Intersectional approach is mostly absent



The gaps provide basis for a collaborative, participatory, inclusive and collective decision-making process of setting research priorities and agenda for child sexual violence (CSV) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

**For too long research agendas have been set by too few, often the loudest, most senior in the room.**

# Collaborative and Inclusive Priority Setting



Scoping review  
to develop  
domains

5 domains established:



Stewardship &  
Advisory  
Groups  
established

Researchers, practitioners, and  
advocates met monthly over 18 months

Generating  
research  
Questions



380 questions generated  
by Advisory Group,  
children, youth, CSV  
survivors, LGBTQI+  
people, indigenous  
people & people with  
disabilities.



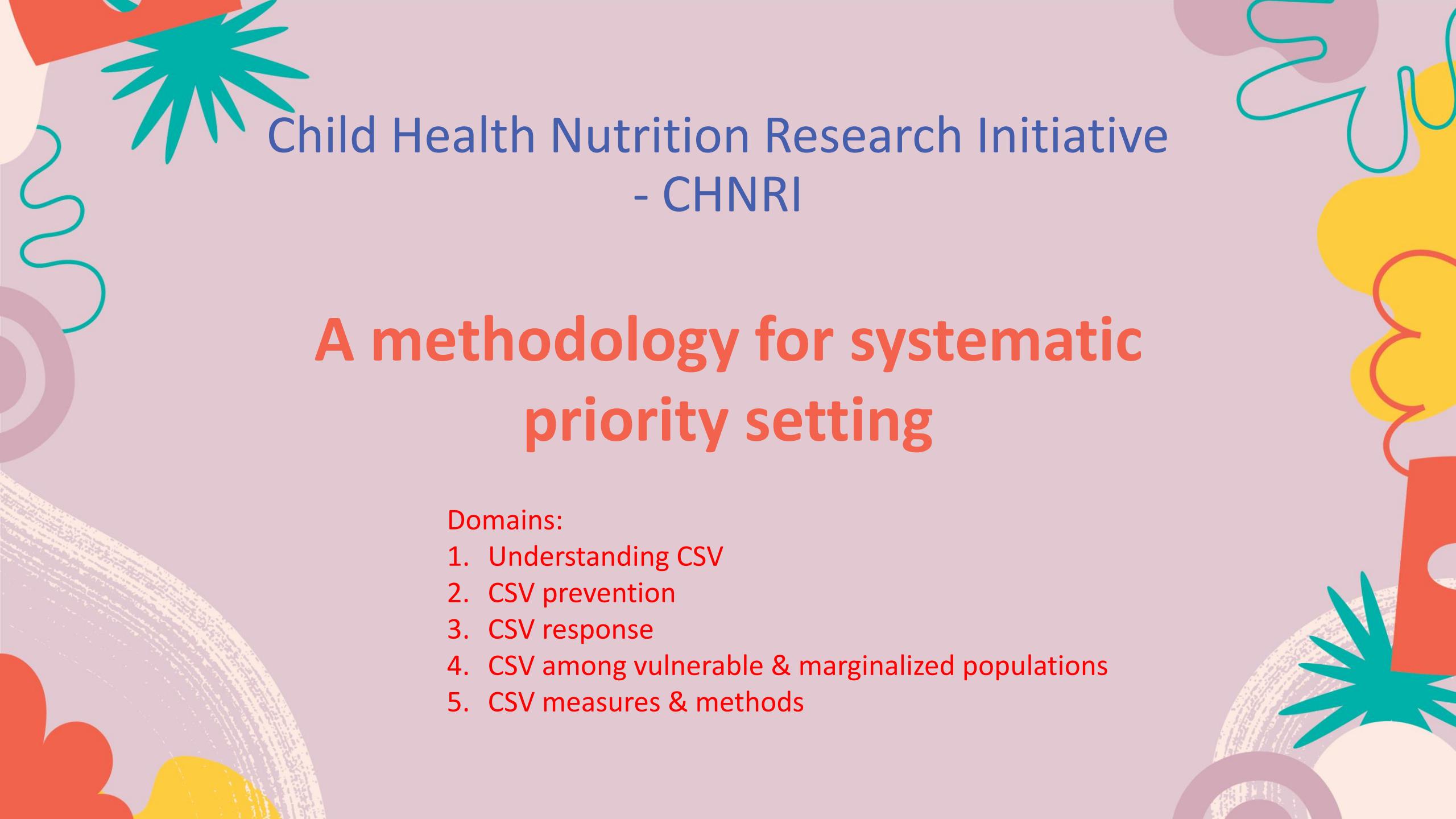
49 questions generated  
RAG (red,  
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rating by  
Stewardship  
Group



265 valid responses  
74% from LMICs –  
established priorities



Wide  
dissemination



# Child Health Nutrition Research Initiative - CHNRI

## A methodology for systematic priority setting

### Domains:

1. Understanding CSV
2. CSV prevention
3. CSV response
4. CSV among vulnerable & marginalized populations
5. CSV measures & methods

# Why a shared research agenda?

1

**Identify**  
evidence gaps

2

**Assist** research  
planning and  
fundraising

3

**Serve** as an  
advocacy tool

4

**Serve** as a  
monitoring tool

5

**Guide** SVRI  
grant-making



# Priorities Relevant to CSV Perpetration

- Prevalence and drivers of harmful sexual behaviour in adolescent peer relationships
- Risk and protective factors shaping pathways into perpetration and harmful sexual behaviors
- Evidence on what works to prevent perpetration and enable early intervention
- Effective, perpetrator-focused approaches integrated into broader prevention systems in LMICs

## Other Priorities Shaping Perpetration Prevention

- Social and gender norms shaping pathways into harmful sexual behaviour
- Adapting interventions for marginalised and vulnerable children and youth
- Strengthening measurement in contexts of under-reporting and limited data

# Why this matters

*These priorities demonstrate:*

- The field's recognition of perpetration and harmful sexual behaviors as central to effective prevention
- How limited the evidence base remains in LMICs
- Urgent need for better data, stronger theory and more rigorously tested interventions from LMICs

# Resources

- CSV RPS webpage

<https://www.svri.org/developing-shared-research-agenda-on-child-sexual-violence-csv-for-low-and-middle-income-countries/>

- CSV Research Priorities English Report

[https://www.svri.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SVRI\\_C\\_011\\_CSV\\_Report\\_ENGLISH\\_V2\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.svri.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SVRI_C_011_CSV_Report_ENGLISH_V2_WEB.pdf)

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