



SVRI Data to Evidence Grant 2027: Knowledge for Action to End Violence Against Women and Child Sexual Violence

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What datasets can I use for my analysis?

A: You may propose analysis of any dataset relevant to VAW and/or CSV, provided it has been ethically sourced and you can demonstrate you have approval to use it. A limited listing of existing datasets is available on SVRI's datasets page (www.svri.org/datasets). You are welcome to propose a dataset not listed there, as long as the data is ethically sourced and has the approval and permissions to use it.

Q: Does CSV include other forms of violence against children, such as physical abuse, neglect, or child marriage?

A: No. This grant uses UNICEF's definition of sexual violence against a child: any deliberate, unwanted and non-essential act of a sexual nature, either completed or attempted, that is perpetrated against a child, including for exploitative purposes, and that results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, pain or psychological suffering (UNICEF, International Classification of Violence against Children, 2023). This covers both contact forms, such as rape and sexual assault, and non-contact forms, including online sexual abuse and exploitation. Physical abuse, neglect and child marriage fall outside this definition unless the proposed analysis addresses their sexual violence dimensions.

Q: My existing dataset covers general child maltreatment (e.g., neglect, physical discipline) rather than sexual violence specifically. Am I eligible to apply?

A: The grant funds analyses focused on VAW and/or CSV. A dataset covering broader child maltreatment may be used, but the proposed analysis must focus on child sexual violence as defined above, or on violence against women or the intersections between the two.

Q: Can I submit a proposal focused only on violence against women, with no child sexual violence component at all?

A: Yes. The RFP frames VAW and CSV as two eligible focus areas; it is not a requirement that every proposal addresses both.

Q: What counts as acceptable evidence that a dataset is “ethically sourced” if I was not part of the original data collection?

A: Documents such as a data use agreement, written permission from the dataset custodian, or evidence of ethical approval covering secondary analysis would be acceptable forms of evidence.

Q: I am currently negotiating access to a dataset and expect approval before the grant would start, but do not have it yet at the time of application. Am I eligible to apply?



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A: No. Applicants must hold the necessary approval and permission at the point of submitting the proposal, evidenced by uploading the letters of approval or permission with the proposal.

Q: Are qualitative datasets (e.g., existing interview transcripts, case files) eligible for secondary analysis, or is this limited to quantitative datasets?

A: Yes. The examples in the RFP are quantitative, but any ethically sourced dataset, including qualitative data such as interview transcripts, is eligible provided it is rich enough to support meaningful further analysis.

Q: Does the [SVRI datasets page](#) list the only acceptable data sources?

A: No. The use of a dataset not listed there is equally welcome, provided it meets the ethical sourcing and approval requirements.

Q: Is the USD 30,000–50,000 range a strict floor and ceiling, or can an exceptionally strong proposal request outside this range?

A: The RFP states awards will range between USD 30,000 and USD 50,000 only.

Q: Is the 15% overhead cap calculated on the total budget including overhead, or on direct costs before overhead is added?

A: The overhead must not exceed 15% of the total budget.

Q: Our institution currently holds an active SVRI grant under a different funding round or programme, not this Data to Evidence round. Are we still eligible to apply?

A: If you are a current recipient of the SVRI grant with an active grant, you are not eligible to apply.

Q: Our institution held a past SVRI grant that is no longer active. Are we still eligible to apply?

A: Yes, institutions that held a past SVRI grant which is no longer active may apply. Note that preference will be given to organisations that have not yet received an SVRI grant.

Q: Can two different research teams at the same institution, led by different principal investigators, each submit a separate application?

A: We encourage only one application per institution to limit the number of applications received. We encourage applicants from the same institution to collaborate on a single application.

Q: Is a letter of institutional support required, and what should it confirm?

A: While a letter of institutional support is not required, we need you to submit evidence that you have access to the dataset you propose to use.





Q: Does the twelve-month grant period begin on the date of the signed grant agreement, or once dataset access is confirmed?

A: The grant period begins from the date of the signed grant agreement, regardless of when dataset access is finalised.

Q: If dataset access is delayed for reasons outside our control, will that count against our proposed timeline being viewed as unrealistic at review stage?

A: We expect that you have access to data at the time you submit your proposal to SVRI, so this situation should not arise.

Q. Are applications proposing work on behalf of UN organisations or other multi-lateral agencies eligible for funding?

A: No.

Q. Are non-profit firms / organisations eligible to submit applications?

A. Yes, they are eligible to apply.

Q. Are for-profit firms / organisations eligible to submit applications?

A. No.

Q. Are there specific countries that are prioritised for research under this grant?

A. Only institutions based in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) may apply. See a complete list of LMIC countries: [World Bank classifications](#)

Q. May applications be submitted through email or carrier mail?

A. No. Applications must be submitted through the PROPOSAL CENTRAL platform only. Any applications received through another means will be rejected at point of receipt. We encourage you to begin your application process early to avoid any challenges with Proposal Central. The platform allows you to save your application and return to it. In case of difficulties in accessing or using Proposal Central, write to pcsupport@altum.com.

To keep the process fair and impartial, SVRI cannot provide feedback on proposal ideas or respond to individual queries while the call is open. All questions are answered through these FAQs, which are updated regularly on the SVRI website.



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