

# Preventing sexual and intimate partner violence through funding innovative research

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) awards research grants that focus on building the evidence base for the primary prevention of gender-based violence in low- and middle-income countries through two grant mechanisms: the SVRI Grant and, in partnership with the World Bank Group, the Development Marketplace Awards.

## GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE



### GRANTS IN NUMBERS



Grants range from \$40 000 to **\$100 000** over a two-year period

28 research projects in **22 countries** awarded grants



**\$3.1 million** in funds disbursed

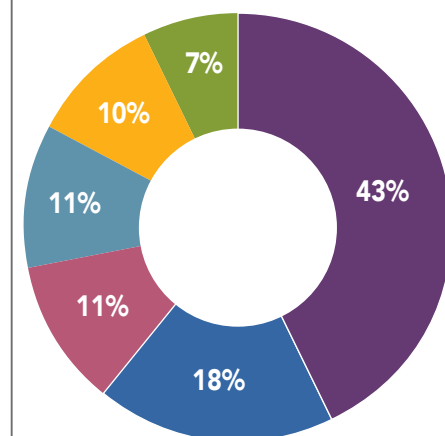
### IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH

Violence against women and children prevents them from participating fully in society. Policy-makers, funders and others are increasingly aware of the importance of evidence to inform their work.

The SVRI and the World Bank Group are building on this awareness by providing effective, practical solutions based on rigorous evidence to ensure women and children are able to live their lives free from violence and oppression.



### PROJECTS BY REGION



- Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East and North Africa
- East Asia and Pacific
- South Asia
- Europe and Central Asia

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The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the South African Medical Research Council





### HOW RESEARCH WILL BE USED



To build the knowledge base on gender-based violence prevention.



To inform gender-based violence policy-making and programme development.



To inform the World Bank Group's work on gender-based violence.

### WHAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS COULD MEAN FOR GRANTEES

Additional funds would allow the SVRI to provide the following grant support:

- Assess grantees' capacity and provide more comprehensive technical assistance where needed.
- Strengthen research uptake and dissemination and skills for stakeholder engagement.
- Build a community of practice among grantees.
- Build relationships with other funders and partners to support the extension or expansion of research projects.
- Continue to support innovative research on gender-based violence prevention in low- and middle-income countries.

### VALUE OF FUNDING



Evidence base expanded



Partnerships developed



Research capacity strengthened



Catalytic: Funds leveraged

### GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

#### REVIEW 1

Applications scanned to check if meet basic criteria

#### REVIEW 2

SVRI and WBG shortlist applications (n=120)

#### REVIEW 3

WBG regions review proposals (20 per region)

#### REVIEW 4

SVRI/WBG shortlist for final review (n=20)



FINAL REVIEW

For more information, visit <http://www.svri.org/what-we-do/research-support/svri-grant> or email [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za).