PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
19–23 September 2022
Mexico
The SVRI Forum 2022 is the SVRI’s 7th global conference, which at each occurrence finds its home in a different city around the world. For 2022 it will land in Cancún, Mexico, from 19 - 23 September. A lively and unique moment for researchers, practitioners, funders, policy-makers, activists and others working in the field of violence against women, violence against children and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality, from all around the world to come together and learn from each other, share experiences and connect.

We are now in the process looking for funding for the 2022 Forum to enable people from low and middle-income countries to attend; to ensure that we are inclusive and can encourage young researchers to take part in the SVRI Young Professionals Programme; to bring guest speakers from all corners of the world; and to implement innovative and comprehensive knowledge sharing and networking strategies.

**Total funding sought for SVRI Forum 2022 is USD$350,000.**
The SVRI was founded in 2003, and today is proud to host the world’s largest network of researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and other stakeholders who all share one aim: to achieve a world free of violence against women, violence against children and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low- and middle-income countries. We have a particular interest in sexual violence as one of the more neglected/less researched aspects of violence against women and violence against children. Our network provides a space where global voices in the field can connect with one another, share and promote their research and practice-based knowledge, and work to bring evidence to shape policies and improve the lives of those who have experienced violence. We do this through funding research, strengthening research capacity, promoting partnerships, and influencing change.

The biennial SVRI Forum is the face of SVRI and is grounded in feminist partnership and collaboration, ensuring that diverse voices and innovation are amplified to accelerate and advance the field.
The SVRI Forum has been held every two to three years since 2009. It is one of the largest abstract-driven research conferences in the sector, providing a unique and valuable space for discussion and knowledge exchange. The event runs over the course of five days and includes capacity strengthening workshops, presentations from researchers, practitioners, activists and others in the field, networking events, and more.

The Forum provides a safe space for sensitive and challenging discussions which help us to move the field forward and engage with empathy and kindness. Our Forum Code of Conduct guides conference participants in such discussions closely linked to the SVRIs values in communicating and working with others.

The SVRI Forum's attendance has tripled from 194 participants in 2009 to over 700 in 2019, an increase we are incredibly proud of. As we grow we work hard to continue to provide an atmosphere that is supportive, intimate and engaging.
SVRI Forum 2022 will be held from 19 – 23 September, in Cancún, Mexico. The Forum 2022 co-host is Centro Regional de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias – Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* (CRIM-UNAM). CRIM-UNAM is a hugely valuable partner on the ground, and will be working closely with us and our local conference organiser Destinos, on the day-to-day planning and local outreach activities to encourage and help facilitate regional abstract submissions, mobilising funds to support attendance from the region as well as capacity-strengthening opportunities for LAC-based researchers, activists and practitioners at the Forum.

COVID-19 and SVRI Forum 2022

Although the SVRI is committed to hosting the face-to-face Forum in Mexico, we are aware that circumstances around the COVID-19 pandemic are ever-changing. The SVRI has taken a risk-based approach to the conference and if the need arises, we will announce a shift from a face-to-face to a hybrid event by March 2022, where local and possibly regional participants can gather together in Mexico with the rest of the world joining virtually. The SVRI Forum is a truly interactive experience, and whether it will be hosted face-to-face or as a hybrid event, it will seek to increase personal and professional opportunities to grow and learn from others.
SVRI Forum 2022 Themes

Building on Forum 2019 key outcomes, and in discussion with the field, Forum 2022 themes are:

1. What works and what doesn’t to prevent and respond to violence against women?
2. Integration and intersectionality in programming and in research.
5. Adaptation, scaling up and costing – research and practice.
7. Promoting resilience and mental well-being, self/collective care and kindness.
8. Decolonising and democratising research.

The themes were shared and debated by SVRI network members to ensure they reflect feminist principles and are inclusive and comprehensive.

Feedback received as a result of this process is available in English and Spanish.
Diversity and inclusion is essential to the field. Since its inception, SVRI's guiding principles have embraced inclusiveness, ensuring voices from the South and acknowledging the power dynamics inherent in research. SVRI has consistently fostered the participation of young researchers, and provided mentoring to young professionals from low and middle-income countries. Sponsored bursaries to researchers from low and middle-income countries are central to this effort and to the SVRI Young Professionals Programme. The SVRI has always awarded a Forum Prize for the best young researcher presentation.
Partner with us
Pre-conference workshops are an important capacity-strengthening strategy and tradition of SVRI Forum. Topics are based on needs identified in post-Forum evaluations and guidance from SVRI Leadership Council. Once topics are identified, colleagues are invited to submit expressions of interest to run pre-conference workshops. Where possible, those organising the workshops would also cover the costs of venue hire and administration. As this is not always possible, funding is being sought to cover these costs involved for the successful hosting of pre-conference workshops.

Request: $15,000
Promoting diversity at SVRI Forum through bursaries

To promote equity and ensure SVRI Forum continues to be an inclusive and diverse space, we award a limited number of bursaries to researchers, activists and practitioners from low and middle-income countries who would not otherwise be able to attend. The overall objectives of bursaries are to:

• ensure fair access, diversity, equity, and inclusion at the SVRI Forum 2022;
• foster a space for shared dialogue across disciplines and a diversity of voices
• to build capacity of young professionals to strengthen the quality of their work on violence against women or violence against children.

The SVRI adopts an open and transparent approach to bursary selection, awarding bursaries through a competitive application process reviewed by a committee consisting of SVRI and Leadership Council members. Bursaries are given to applicants based in low and middle-income countries and cover conference registration fees, return flights, accommodation, small per diem, reimbursement of visa costs and shuttle to and from the airport in Mexico. Preference is given to applicants who have had an abstract selected for presentation at the Forum. We are seeking funding to support as many bursaries as possible to ensure participation of LMIC researchers and practitioners.

Request: Up to $100,000 @ approx. $5000 per bursary
Strengthening the capacity of young and emerging researchers to undertake quality research on violence against women and violence against children is a core objective of the SVRI. The SVRI Young Professionals Programme is a key strategy for achieving this. This Programme provides an opportunity for new and emerging researchers from developing countries to receive feedback and guidance from more experienced researchers (mentors) on their conference abstracts and presentations prior to and during the Forum. We are seeking support for up to six bursaries under this Programme.

Request: $30,000
@ approx. $5000 per bursary
The SVRI is honoured to have Dr Claudia García-Moreno, Unit head, Addressing the needs of vulnerable populations unit, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, as the Forum’s standing conference Chair and co-founder of the SVRI.

The SVRI Forum 2022 programme is abstract driven, prioritising research and intervention abstracts focused on low and middle-income countries. The Forum also highlights research from the region in which it is hosted. The SVRI Forum appoints a Scientific Committee tasked with identifying gaps, organising plenaries and inviting international guest speakers based on these gaps and opportunities (especially from the LAC region for Forum 2022). Funding for guest speakers’ attendance is also being sought through this proposal.

Request: $25,000
Various sharing platforms will be used during the Forum to effectively communicate innovative and exciting new research findings to NGOs, policy-makers, donors and more. These will include: livestreaming of the Forum, the Forum website, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, SVRI Listserve and SVRI Blog. More specifically, to support research uptake and discussion of SVRI Forum presentations and outputs, the SVRI Forum will:

- Host an online event to announce the Forum and our local co-host CRIM, give feedback on Forum themes and create momentum for Forum 2022;
- Create a space on the SVRI Forum 2022 website where all Forum presentations will be housed after the conference;
- Invite selected experts and Forum partners to blog their thoughts and comments on key debates happening in the field in the build-up, during and after the Forum;
- Invite young researchers to blog on their experience of the Forum (including those who received bursaries and who took part in the Young Professionals Programme);
Research uptake – Implementing innovative knowledge sharing strategies

- Circulate SVRI Forum updates via SVRI Listserv which is currently home to over 6,500 members globally;
- Online campaigns on social media in the build up to Forum and sharing key findings during the conference;
- Create space outside of the conference programme for participant-driven events to reflect on learnings from the Forum and have policy discussions;
- Hold a donor forum at SVRI Forum 2022 to discuss key findings relevant to donors, to discuss ethics in funding, and to create opportunities for more engagement between donors and researchers;
- Develop and disseminate media briefs and packs for local and international media;
- Develop SVRI Forum materials and publications for sharing virtually.

Total amount requested to support communications and research uptake activities at SVRI Forum 2022 is $50,000
Ensuring self-care and well-being at Forum 2022

The SVRI Forum recognises the emotional impact of listening and talking through difficult conference topics, and we recognise that many participants themselves may have experienced violence. Support to participants is provided through counselling services and provides a quiet room for reflection and relaxing when needed. The SVRI Forum welcomes additional well-being activities such as teaching participants relaxation techniques, yoga or meditation.

Funds are required to ensure these services are available to participants.

Request: $30,000
Many great researchers and practitioners doing excellent work miss out on the SVRI Forum due to language and financial barriers. We would like to overcome these barriers by providing regionally targeted bursaries, and translation services in Spanish at SVRI Forum 2022. With the current COVID-19 crisis and the way it has changed the world, we would also like to provide online participation through a well-resourced and professional online platform at Forum 2022 for those not yet ready to travel.

Request: $100,000
The SVRI Forum Chair and Secretariat is seeking funding to support the SVRI Forum, including pre-conference workshops, SVRI Young Professionals Programme, SVRI Forum bursaries, guest speakers, research uptake, interpretation services and online participation. A summary budget is provided below and more detailed information is available, upon request.

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