FEMINIST FUNDING/MOVEMENTS
Reaching the margins: The case for South-led Feminist funds

Global South Women's Rights and Feminist Organisations are **critical champions for gender equality**

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**WROs & Feminist organisations bring decades of expertise, innovation and frontlining change in the face of growing backlash, low funding and under-profiling**

**Only 1% of all Gender Equality funding goes to women’s rights organisations leaving South-led feminist funds that prioritise WROs even more underfunded amidst growing funding for anti-feminist groups**

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**WROs-led advocacy has yielded changes in laws/policies, more awareness and stronger alliances for often unheard voices, knowledge and high-impact partnerships**

The LFS is proof that resourcing South-led women’s funds results in prioritising the leadership and expertise of frontline women’s rights/feminist organisations resulting in sustainable gender equality outcomes.
What will it take to shift from funder-driven to field-driven evaluation in our violence prevention work?
Lessons from the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women on Supporting and Promoting Resilience in the context of a Global Pandemic

Mila Ioncheva and Fiona Dalmier - SVRI Forum 2022

Promoting resilience, in the context of COVID-19

• In 2019, the UN Trust Fund piloted two new budget allocations for small grants.

• During COVID-19 the UN Trust Fund put in place additional measures to further support small women’s rights organization resilience.

Key Takeaways:

• Funds on healthcare staff and mental health support.

• Decreased level of stress and improved workplace relations.

• Keep self-care costs in the proposal budget, as a permanent allocation.
When Feminist Activism, Civil Society, and Academia Unite: centering prevention in South Africa’s National Strategic Plan to end GBV and Femicide

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Leading from Behind: The NGOization of Feminist Movement Building
**SVRI- Funding Ethically**

**Better Funding to Help Decolonise Research in Lower and Middle Income Countries**

- Project began in February 2021- multiple complementary methods- consultative processes were key

- Four main principles were identified:
  - Decolonising knowledge and methods of learning
  - Creating equity in research partnerships
  - Ensuring funding is flexible, adaptive, and long term
  - Transforming the funder grantee relationship

- Thinking about putting principles into practice at each stage of the research process

- Where do we want to go from here?

“Always assume that is hard to unlearn and interact in relaxed, open honest way- unlearning the relationship with who gives you money-simultaneously questioning what it means to be the one who is giving the money and how you expect others to act when you do give them money.” (FGD, researchers, July 2021)
LET’S TALK ABOUT MONEY!
Shifting the Way We Resource Feminist Movements

• 99% of development aid and foundation grants do not directly reach women’s rights and feminist organizations (AWID, 2019)

• Spotlight Initiative’s experience and learnings: setting ambitious funding thresholds and accountability mechanisms
  $144.5 delivered to Civil Society Organizations, of which 72% went to Women Rights Orgs.

• Call to action: fund from a position of trust
Democratizando las prioridades de investigación en VCMN en ALC

101 expertas (en violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas) afrodescendientes, indígenas, mestizas, blancas, lesbianas, bisexuales, *queer* y con discapacidad de 22 países de la región construyeron la

**Agenda Regional de Prioridades de Investigación en VCMN**

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**Metodología tradicional:** Agenda construida a partir de las prioridades de los financiadores o de la academia

**Enfoque nuevo:** el propio proceso es tan importante como los resultados

23 prioridades de investigación para ALC

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Feminists for Rights, Equality and Empowerment

[Logo: SVRI sexual violence research initiative]
Qualitative analysis of joint EVAW Initiatives

Coverage:
13 countries

130 individuals consulted
40 documents reviewed

28 KIIs
14 FGDs
8 survey responses
Timeframe 2016-2022

Recommendations for Joint EVAWG Initiatives:
1. Prioritize accountability to diverse women and girls
2. Promote connections and safe spaces for building trust
3. Cultivate an appreciation for the wider ecosystem in which we operate and co-exist
4. Invest in deliberate approaches and structures which build solidarity and collaboration
5. Provide longer-term funding for strategic cooperation aligned to feminist principles which explicitly dismantles resource competition and power imbalances between actors
Social Media as a Tool for Feminist Movement Building
Applying an Intersectional Lens to Promote Inclusion

- Intersectionality is a powerful tool for feminist activism, but flawed interpretations of the term can undermine work to address GBV and even cause harm.

- An intersectional lens:
  - Centers the historical context which led to the adoption of intersectionality
  - Analyzes based on power and not difference
  - Promotes inclusion while questioning privilege

- An intersectional approach cannot be used to justify the inclusion of groups who historically and currently enjoy systemic privilege and benefit from violence against women and girls.

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RESEARCH METHODS
Conceptualisations of reproductive coercion

“Well, I didn’t want to, but my husband said that if I didn’t get pregnant, he would leave me.” (Provider, Nepal)

“I advised her to adopt FP [...] And I even said that to her husband together, he said, “[My wife] bears as many [children] as God gives. If you give her any medicines [FP], I will kill you straight away.” (Provider, Nepal)

“She didn’t have any apparent physical signs of abuse, but they forbid her from getting her tubes tied.” (Provider, Palestine)

“His father said he wants to have son [but] when I went to have again I did not have that, it did not work out and then I had to do abortion.” (Woman, Nepal)

“She was told that he needed a son [...] but she doesn’t want to bear another child. And therefore, she was beaten; she had bruises all over her body.” (Provider, Nepal)

Colombini, Rishal, Guida Vieira Graglia, Marques de Aguiar, Bacchus, Schraiber, Silvados Reis, Dheensa, and Garcia Moreno.
Preparing for Unexpected Suicidal ideation: Lessons from Evaluation of Becoming One Program

We were not prepared
We did not expect To hear about Suicidal ideations because We did not ask about it!

We had to act
- Recruited a professional psychologist
- Encouraged Field officers to report these
- Held debriefs for field officer mental health support
- Documented these cases and reported them to the IRB as unexpected events
- Followed up

Recommendations
Plan for these instances - have standby professional support
Act fast
Train teams
Follow up
Do no harm
Innovative Qualitative Methods for Collection of Sensitive Data

Shireen Shehzad Bhamani, David Arthur, An-Sofie Van Parys, Nicole Letourneau, Gail Wagnild, Olivier Degomme

Photo Elicitation

Ecological model

Subjective modeling

Free Listing

Vignettes & Storytelling
Financial abuse should be recognized in practice and research.

El abuso financiero debe reconocerse en la práctica y la investigación.
GLOBAL SHARED RESEARCH AGENDA

1. SCOPING REVIEW
   - Advisory Group Consultation

2. QUESTION GATHERING
3. CONSOLIDATE TO 40-50 QUESTIONS
   - Advisory Group & GED Consultation
4. SCORING
5. ADVISORY GROUP CONSULTATION AND VALIDATION WORKSHOP
6. WIDE DISSEMINATION
ADOLESCENT-LED CHILD MARRIAGE RESEARCH VIA STORYTELLING IS FEASIBLE IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS AND FACILITATES A SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACH