



Call for Applications

Individual Consultant or Organisation – Research Priority Setting in Latin America and the Caribbean

Introducing the SVRI

With over 6600 members, the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) is the largest global network for advancing research on violence against women (VAW), violence against children (VAC) and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality. The SVRI brings together a diverse group of actors aiming to achieve a world free of violence against women and children through innovative responses and prevention programmes informed by evidence, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries (LMIC).

Through SVRI's new strategic plan 2019-2023 we are working to advance evidence on how to improve services and prevent violence against women and children (VAW/C) and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in LMIC. Four key pillars underscore our work: Building evidence, strengthening capacity, promoting partnerships and influencing change. This current consultancy will focus on the third and fourth pillars – promoting partnerships and influencing change.

Research Priority Setting

Violence against women is a multi-dimensional issue, requiring multi-dimensional tailored responses for different settings. Priority setting helps advance the field in a more systematic way and ensure that research efforts make the best use of limited resources, and overtime can serve as a monitoring tool for the field, continuously mapping progress.



The SVRI has been working with our partners and the field to identify global research priorities using a crowd sourcing approach to ensure research priorities include diverse voices and perspectives. We would like to work with regional partners in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to develop a set of regional priorities for research on VAW. The process will be informed by findings of the global research agenda setting process alongside a review of literature on regional research gaps in LAC.

Proposed Methodology

The process of developing the research agenda must be multi-staged and consultative. This process will be done in partnership with the World Bank Group. A proposed strategy for developing the agenda includes:

- Create an Advisory Board comprised of regional experts/partners from UN agencies, NGOs, academic bodies and government institutions
- In partnership with the Advisory Board, identify key themes and discuss regional research priorities, guided by
 - Findings from the global research agenda
 - Findings from a scoping review of literature in the LAC region conducted by SVRI
- Gather views from a variety of practitioners and researchers working on these issues in the region to identify specific research questions within each theme that need to be addressed

to inform programmatic efforts on violence against women. This could happen through an online survey, consultations or other appropriate methods.

- Facilitate a series of online meetings to workshop and validate the themes and research questions identified.

Monitoring and management:

- Produce, monitor and update project management and coordination documents, including work plans and budgets;
- Prepare a communication and marketing plan;
- Promote and market the research priorities in coordination with the SVRI;
- Prepare the final priorities in different formats for different audiences.

Once finalised, the priorities will be published online, shared via online webinars and SVRI Update. A separate webpage will be created for them.

The consultant or organisation must be based in the region and must be able to work in both Spanish and English. Applications in Spanish are welcome.

Consultant Duties

The consultant or organisation will work directly with SVRI Executive Director and SVRI Technical Consultant – Julienne Corboz. The objectives of the assignment are to:



- Establish a regional expert working group.
- Develop a set of key themes to guide the priority setting process. Some suggested themes to get the work started are:
 - Understanding prevalence and risk factors for, and the impacts of, different forms of VAW
 - Assessing the effectiveness and impact of violence prevention and response interventions
 - Improving existing violence prevention and response interventions, including scaling up interventions, costing research, and the impacts of policies and laws on VAW
 - Developing new, innovative and more effective ways to measure VAW.
- Use the review of the existing literature on these issues to identify key themes, key questions under each theme and other issues that have been described in published research findings and other reports.
- Gather views from practitioners and researchers on selected themes and research questions, through methods to be proposed by the consultant (e.g., online survey, consultations)
- Facilitate a series of meetings and events (online) to workshop and validate the themes and questions and create a shared set of research priorities for the region.
- Develop and deliver a communications plan for the research agenda for various stakeholders.
- Attend SVRI Forum 2022, to share the research agenda.

Suggested Deliverables and Timelines

Timeline	Task
Mar	Expression of Interest (EOI) for TORs published
Apr	Deadline for EOI submissions, including proposal for how to deliver the multi-staged and consultative methodology
Apr	Assessment of applications
May	Briefing for successful consultant/institution, including review of proposal and development of a project inception report and methods for facilitating the development of regional priorities
May	Develop set of draft themes and priorities
June	Two-three webinars on themes and priorities
June	Gather views from practitioners and researchers (e.g., online survey, consultations)
July-Aug	Webinar series on themes and priorities
Sep	Publication of themes and priorities
Mar-Sep	Marketing and communications plan implemented through out

Application Process

Interested candidates must send a proposal by email to elizabeth@svri.org no later than **8 April 2021 (midnight South African time)** attaching CVs; proposal including project plan, proposed methodology and timeline; budget specifying the daily rate of the consultant (s) and the total number of days allocated to each activity in the project plan (or total budget in the case of organisations applying).

Budget

The assignment will be conducted virtually, hence there are no travel or accommodation expenses to be considered. **Unless the consultant/s are based in South Africa, the budget should be provided in USD. Estimated budget up to \$35,000.**

