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#168 - The ANROWS Evidence Portal: Identifying what works and how to address and end violence against women

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Objectives/aims
Our presentation showcases the Evidence Portal, a living resource of interventions from high-income countries that aim to address and end violence against women (VAW) and aligns to summit theme 3. The Evidence portal aims to determine "what works and how", promote a collective understanding of the nature and effectiveness of interventions, and inform evidence-based policy and practice. We know that violence against women has serious, deleterious consequences for the lives of 1 in 3 women worldwide. But how can we take action on this information to provide policymakers, practitioners and researchers with succinct, plain-language data on the effectiveness of interventions that can work to address and end this violence?

Methods
The Evidence Portal is an innovative tool in the impact evaluation and evidence synthesis space for a few reasons. Overseen by two Advisory Groups, the Evidence Portal is underpinned by a gold-standard systematic review methodology, spanning 1994-2022, and follows the Campbell Collaboration guidance for searching, screening and categorising the literature. The Evidence Portal further captures and consolidates available "what works" evidence through four evidence and gap maps, which provide a big-picture, visual overview of interventions using a pre-specified framework. Two rigorous, purposefully- designed tools were developed and will be made publicly available to measure the risk of bias in primary impact evaluations and estimate the effectiveness of interventions in this area. A series of Intervention Reviews follow a comprehensive, pre-determined format to provide a standardised

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assessment of available interventions in accessible language, designed specifically for policy and practice use.

To increase the uptake and reach of the Evidence Portal, we are engaging in a wide range of dissemination activities, including workshops, conference presentations, and journal articles. This conference presents a highly valuable opportunity to disseminate our work in both a pre-recorded, oral conference presentation or lightning talk, and an article in Implementation Science.

Main findings

The Evidence Portal comprises multiple complementary outputs, designed to synthesise the available impact evaluation and systematic review evidence on interventions to address and end violence against women in high-income countries. The Intervention Reviews estimates "what works and how" by synthesising key information like an intervention's characteristics, target populations studied, the estimated effectiveness of the intervention, the risk of bias within the evidence base, key considerations for implementation, and the transferability applicability of the intervention to an Australian context.

This presentation will demonstrate the methods underpinning the Evidence Portal with a focus on how learnings to date about "what works" can drive real-time implementation improvement in violence against women interventions. We will discuss the methodological decisions taken to build the Evidence Portal and associated body of knowledge, in particular, to explain the importance of and tools used to consider the risk of bias and effectiveness in the evidence base. We will also present preliminary findings pertaining to the nature of interventions synthesised to date; the breadth and type of outcomes studied, and associated gaps in knowledge. Ultimately, we will provide a demonstration of how an accessible Evidence Portal can inform and influence the implementation of interventions by providing an easily accessible resource for policy and practice decision-makers.