



THE PREVENTION
COLLABORATIVE

Feminist inspired. Evidence driven

Introducing The Prevention Collaborative

The Prevention Collaborative serves practitioners and social movements working to prevent violence against women in the Global South. We collaborate with others in the anti-violence field including researchers, international organizations, and service providers.

Our goal is to improve programmes that prevent violence against women in low resource settings. We work to strengthen the ability of key actors in the Global South to deliver cutting edge violence prevention interventions informed by research-based evidence, practice-based learning and feminist principles.

WE USE THREE PRIMARY STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS:



A PRACTICE COMMUNITY

At the heart of the Collaborative is our technical accompaniment programme that provides ongoing mentoring and capacity building to strengthen the prevention programming and advocacy of organizations working to prevent violence against women.



A KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

The Collaborative will launch a web-based "Knowledge Platform" that will provide curated and synthesized evidence and learning designed to serve the needs of prevention activists and practitioners. The platform will also provide "bespoke" assistance on programme design, model curricula, strategy advice, and resources for prevention planning.



AN ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Collaborative is shaping a new narrative on prevention to inspire action and increase commitment to preventing violence against women. Our collectively defined advocacy agenda will challenge key constraints in the current prevention field and inspire more actors to get involved.



- Vetted and trained specialist advisors (Prevention Mentors) from Global South and North available for long term technical accompaniment
- Organized into on-going "community of practice"
- Annual exchange meetings

- Highly curated content
- Staffed for telephone support
- Geared to serve those who design, fund and implement prevention programming or advocacy
- Research and practice based evidence

- New Prevention Narrative
- Advocacy agenda built around 5 pt. plan refreshed semi-annually
- Elevating prevention among donors and stakeholders
- Addressing structural barriers in the field

WHY THE COLLABORATIVE. WHY NOW?

Violence against women is preventable. Thanks to the hard work of so many in the prevention field and recent investment in generating evidence, we know more about preventing violence today than ever before. While further research and learning is needed, we must ensure that the knowledge we already have informs violence prevention policies and programmes.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- ▶ Synthesize and make accessible to practitioners the evidence from research and evaluations on the impact of prevention programmes and processes of change, as well as practice-based learning on the realities of prevention programming.
- ▶ Make this information available through a highly curated knowledge platform that provides opportunities for interaction and bespoke assistance through a staffed help line.
- ▶ Offer strategic and technical accompaniment to groups implementing prevention programmes by pairing them with trained mentors to provide sustained capacity building and assistance with programming and advocacy.
- ▶ Advocate with donors, governments and others to eliminate the structural and political barriers that limit the effectiveness of prevention-related programmes and movements.

WHOSE NEEDS DO WE SERVE?

We serve the people, organizations, and movements implementing violence prevention programming in low and middle income countries with a focus on the needs and interests of activists and practitioners.

WHAT VALUES DO WE BRING TO OUR WORK?

We are feminist inspired and evidence driven. We approach our work with humility, a dedication to intellectual rigor, and a commitment to combatting power inequalities wherever we encounter them – starting with ourselves.

WHERE AND HOW DO WE WORK?

We work only at the invitation of local partners. We work primarily with groups in the Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East, and the Pacific. We work in partnership with organizations based on mutually agreed objectives, values and commitments.

HOW ARE WE ORGANIZED?

The Prevention Collaborative is a mission driven network made up of individuals who share common goals and values. Our vision is of an agile network where individuals come together to pursue common, time-limited projects that advance the network's goals.

We have a 7-person interim Stewardship Committee and a small staff that are responsible for implementing the core work of the Collaborative, including making day to day management decisions. We aim to create an adaptive organizational structure that supports our mission without stifling creativity, and that evolves as needs and opportunities change.

HOW ARE WE GOVERNED?

The Stewardship Committee is guided by a larger Council of Advisors who provide strategic guidance and link us to important violence-related initiatives and other outside constituencies. They help us find synergies, avoid duplication, and to reach beyond the groups and individuals already converted to the causes of violence prevention.

We believe in a model of mutual accountability where members of the Stewardship Committee and Council or Advisors hold each other responsible for protecting and advancing the Collaborative's mission. Conflicts among Committee members or questions of professional ethics will be resolved through mediation, led by a pre-designated ombudsperson.

WHO IS BEHIND IT?

The Prevention Collaborative has been developed and advanced mostly through the volunteer support of the following individuals: Samrawit Assefa (Ethiopia), Amy Bank (USA), Khamsavath Chanthavysouk (Laos), Carme Clavel (Nicaragua), Emma Fulu (Australia), Lori Heise (USA), Jessica Horn (Ghana), Shireen Jejeebhoy (India), Kamani Jinadasa (Sri Lanka), James Lang (Thailand), Evelyn Letiyo (Uganda), Lyndsay McLean (UK), Lori Michau (Uganda), Elizabeth Starmann (USA) and Lisa Witter (Germany).

In 2017, the Collaborative received planning support from a private foundation with a view to include more voices in the organizational design process, to advance the overall concept, and to establish the objectives and priorities for the Collaborative's work.

Serving the violence prevention community

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The Prevention Collaborative provides multiple opportunities to get involved through graduated levels of engagement. We envision a network where people can step in and out of task groups and positions of leadership based on their available time and level of commitment.

To find out more about the Collaborative and how you can become involved, please sign up on our temporary website: www.prevention-collaborative.org or email your specific inquiry to hello@prevention-collaborative.org

