

# Is the way we fund activities impacting progress towards ending gendered violence in Australia?



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## Introduction

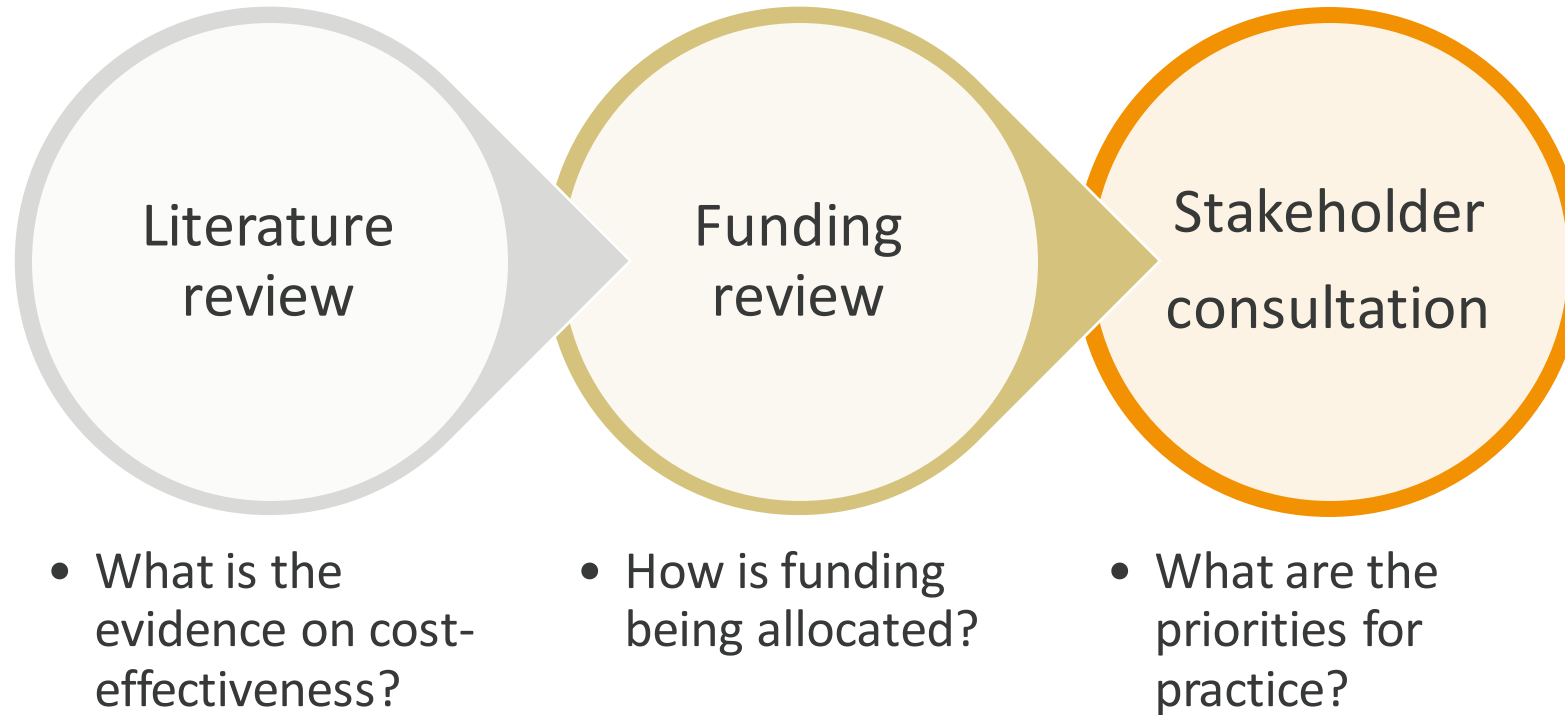
- Limited funding, budget constraints
- A complex range of needs of women and children experiencing gendered violence
- Multiple actions across sectors

**How funding is allocated can determine progress towards ending gendered violence.**






## Mixed methods research





## What is the evidence on cost-effectiveness?

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Literature  
review

### Method

- Global search
- Economic evaluation literature
- 2010 to 2023

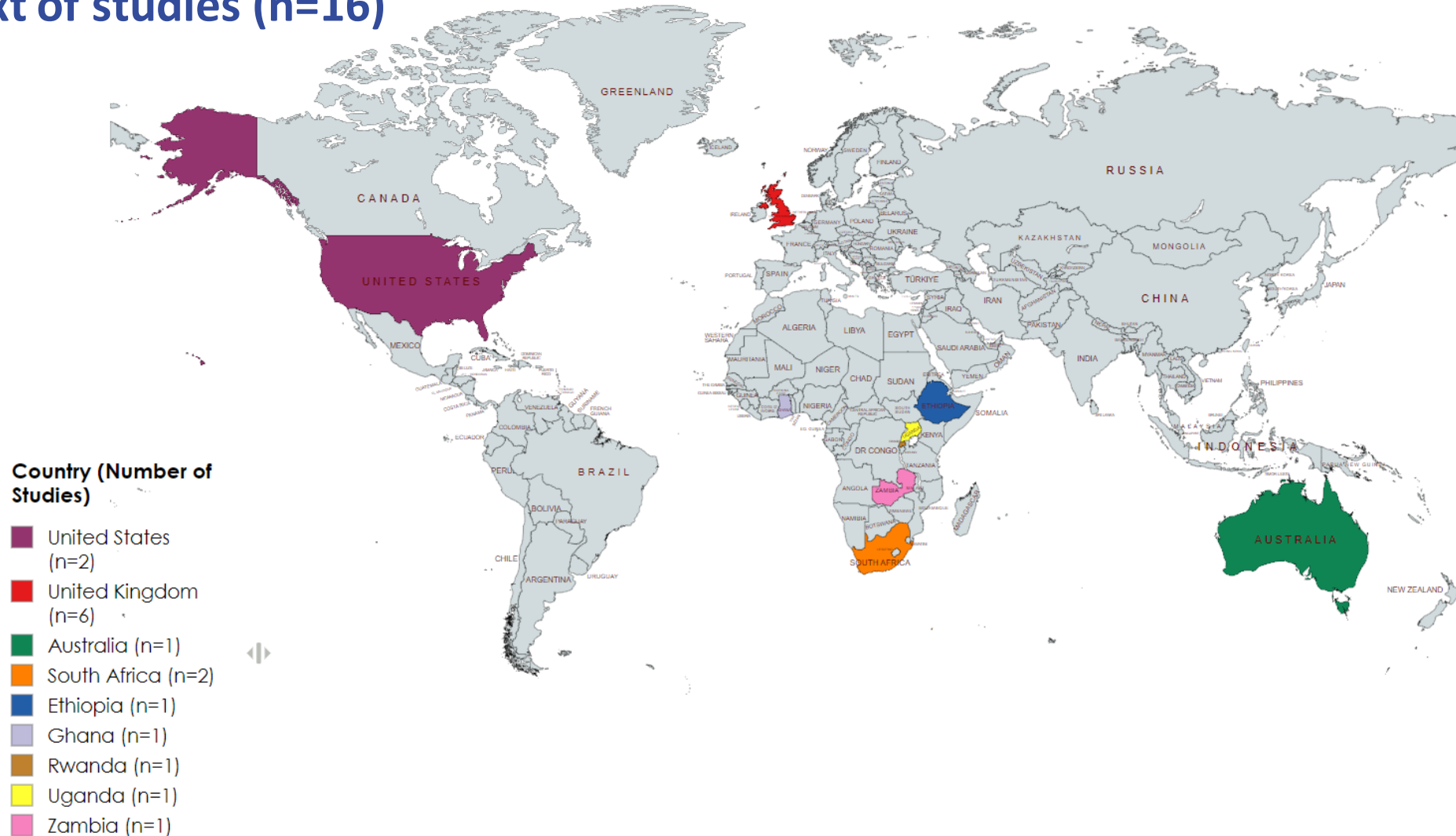
### Results

- 16 papers assessing cost-effectiveness





## Context of studies (n=16)



Source: Map created using <https://www.mapchart.net/>





## Main findings



### Four actions towards being cost effective in multiple settings or multiple studies.

- Low- to middle-income countries  
Community activism  
Gender equity transformation
- High-income income countries  
Justice and law enforcement  
Personnel training, support, and referral in primary care





## How is funding being allocated?



Funding  
review

### Method

- Australia
- Government budget review
- 2010-11 to 2022-23
- Action on gendered violence, gender inequality

### Results

- 508 budget papers
- 201 documenting actions
- 907 funding extractions
- Funding reported in 2022 Australian dollars (A\$)





## Total funding for national and local strategies

- 01 **State and territory**  
A\$8 billion for local strategies
- 02 **Federal**  
A\$4.1 billion for national strategies
- 03 **Total**  
**A\$12.1 billion for 27 million people**  
(US\$8.4 billion)







## Funding the prevention framework

- 01 A\$1.14 billion  
For healing and recovery
- 02 **A\$6.77 billion**  
**For stronger responses**  
**Rapid responses on urgent issues**
- 03 A\$437 million  
For early intervention
- 04 A\$1.05 billion  
For preventative measures
- 05 A\$1.59 billion  
Multiple objectives, grants, research

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\* A\$1.1 billion for gender inequality





## Main themes



### Highly responsive to urgent issues on women's safety.

- Overall focus on stronger actions on violence
- Funding coming from multiple sectors  
Social, community, justice, law enforcement,  
health, housing, emergency management + more
- Resulting in diverse strategies being implemented





## What are the priorities for practice?

Stakeholder  
consultation

### Method

- Interviews, then validation focus groups
- Stakeholders working in Australia

### Results

- Eight interviews, two focus groups (6 participants total)
- Three main themes

Downstream impact of macro-level decisions

Priorities for implementation practice

Research implications





## Main findings

Stakeholder  
consultation

### High-level decisions influence delivery, which in turn affect outcomes.

- Need to prioritise sustainable, community-driven, equity-promoting action that address issues intersecting with gendered-violence
- Stronger alignment needed between policy, research and real-world priorities





## Key opportunities

- More assessment of cost-effectiveness
- Budget decisions that reflect available research (as one of several factors)
- Funding immediate needs, being proactive to longer term goals
- Scope for consensus and consultation





## What needs to happen next?

- To build research ...?
- To strengthen policymaking...?
- To inform practice...?





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