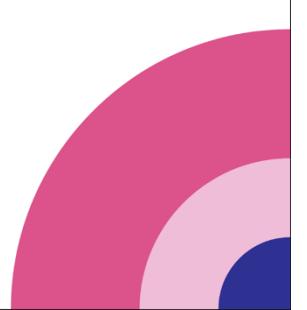


How to Write a Strong Abstract for SVRI Forum 2026

Practical tips, tools and examples

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Gender Violence - Collaborative Network

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Kindness
and trauma
informed

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Feminist and
women-
centered

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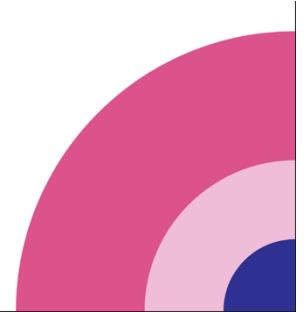
Rights based
approach
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Equity,
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Innovation
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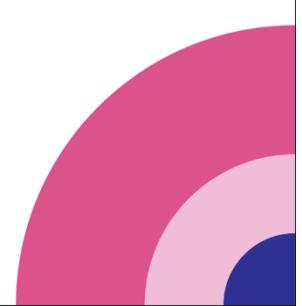


SVRI Forum 2026 – Call for equal participation, voice and decision making

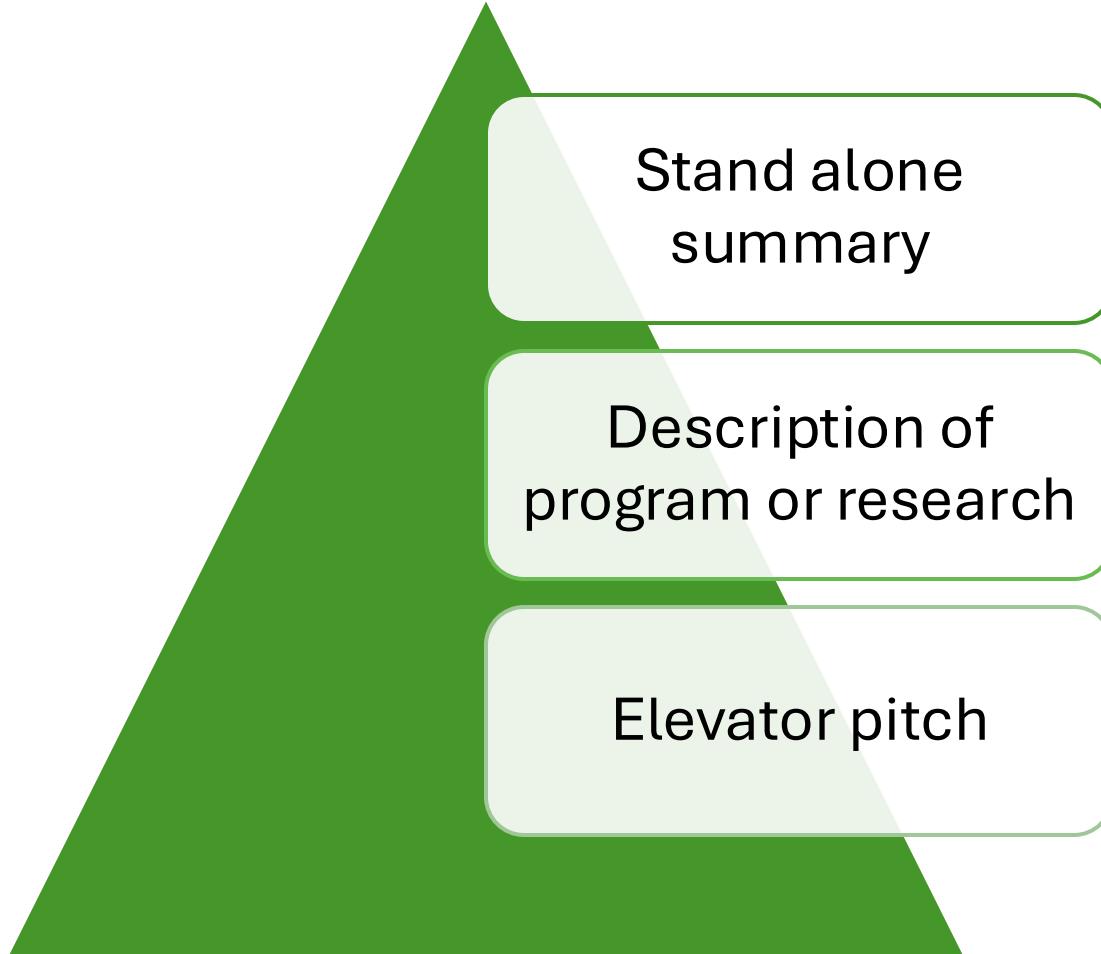
Diverse voices that represent the global majority

- Young people
- Persons with disabilities
- Survivors
- Persons experiencing violence
- Historically marginalized communities and individuals

Lived experiences foster discussion, dialogue and critical reflection for a successful conference



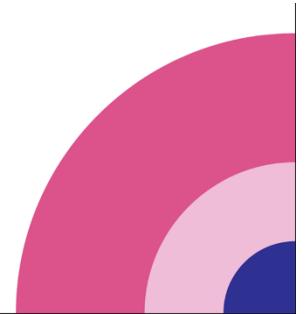
What is an abstract?



Stand alone summary

Description of program or research

Elevator pitch



Writing a compelling title

Formula for Success

Specific population

Clear method/approach

Key outcome

Context (Where is it happening)

Example:

- Peer Violence Prevention Study
- Gendered Patterns and Determinants of Peer Violence Trajectories Among Adolescents in Kinshasa, DRC: A longitudinal study



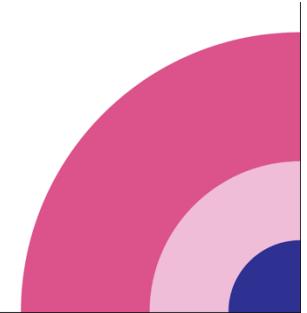
REMEMBER...

Under 25 words -
count them!

Keep it simple! Can
a 7-year old and 80-
year old understand
what you are saying?

Be specific – 'peer
violence' not
'violence'

Include your setting
if it's important -
rural, urban, clinical,
community

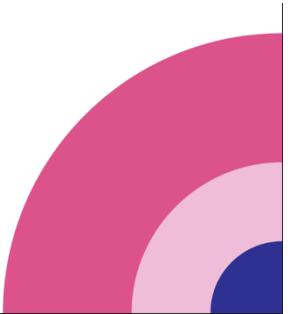


Activity

**A Study About
Women and
Violence**

**Community
Program
Results**

**Healthcare
Worker
Training**



Structuring a strong research abstract

Background (60 - 80 words)

- What is the problem?
- Why does it matter?

Methods (80 - 100 words)

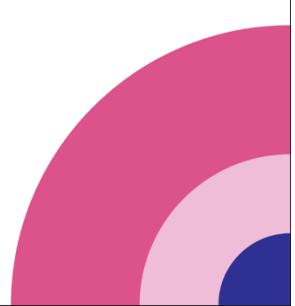
- Study design, participants, setting, measures, analysis

Results (100 – 120 words)

- Key findings with numbers or themes

Conclusions (60 - 80 words)

- Implications for policy, practice or future research



Structuring a strong programme/practice abstract

Background (60 - 80 words)

- Problem addressed

Program description (100 – 120 words)

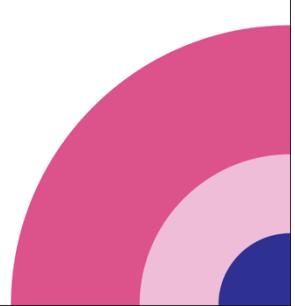
- What you did, where and with whom?

Outcomes/Evaluation (80 – 100 words)

- What worked or didn't work? Evidence

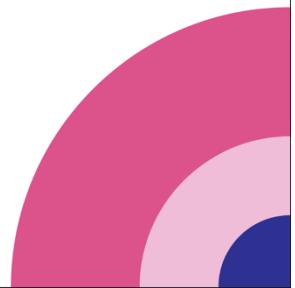
Lesson Learned (60 – 80 words)

- Implications and next steps



Quality checklist

Must haves	Technical requirements	DON'T DO!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear research question/program objective• Specific methodology/approach described• Concrete results with outcomes (numbers or themes)• Practical implication• Addresses equity and intersectionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 350 words• No references, tables or figures• No grammar or spelling mistakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be vague• All background without results• Missing methodology• Overarching conclusion• Ignoring word count



Title: Community based intervention to reduce violence against women

Background: Violence against women is a serious global health issue that affects millions of women around the world. Previous research has shown that intimate partner violence has many negative consequences for women's physical and mental health. There are many risk factors that contribute to violence against women, including social, economic, and cultural factors.

Methods: We conducted a study to examine the effectiveness of a community-based intervention program designed to reduce violence against women. Our study used both quantitative and qualitative methods to collect data from participants. We recruited women from the community who had experienced violence and provided them with various services and support.

Results: Our findings showed that the intervention was successful in many ways. Participants reported improvements in several areas after participating in the program. There were also some challenges that were identified during the implementation process.

Discussion: These findings have important implications for policy and practice. More research is needed to better understand how to implement these types of programs in different settings. Our study contributes to the growing body of literature on violence prevention.



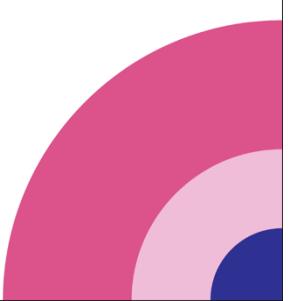
Next steps

Step 1: Draft your title

Step 2: Draft your results

Step 3: Review last year's successful abstracts

Step 4: Get feedback from co-authors



Summary

Title: Specific and compelling

Structure: Background, methods, results, conclusion

Be specific not vague

Address the reviewer criteria - relevance, clarity, methods, significance

Start with the title and results!



A close-up of Dory, the blue tang fish from the Pixar movie Finding Nemo. She is facing right, with her large, expressive blue eyes looking slightly upwards and to the right. Her body is a vibrant blue, and her fins and tail are a bright yellow. The background is a dark blue ocean.

Just keep
writing.