COULD YOUR ORGANIZATION BENEFIT FROM LONG-TERM SUPPORT IN VAW/C PREVENTION PROGRAMMING?

INTRODUCING THE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE’S ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAMME

The Prevention Collaborative is a new global initiative created to serve practitioners and social movements working to prevent violence against women and their children (VAW/C), especially in the family. We use evidence-based research, practice-based learning and feminist principles to assist our partners in developing effective violence prevention interventions.

We are excited to launch our Accompaniment Programme that matches specially-trained Prevention Mentors with partner organisations that are seeking to share, strengthen and expand their programming on preventing violence against women and their children (VAW/C). Our approach and programmes are rooted in relationship building - an exchange between the partner and the Prevention Collaborative that recognises the power of mutual learning and sharing experiences.

We recognise that much of the knowledge practitioners gain from programmes is not integrated into the broader dialogue. We will engage with partners to understand, document and share their experiences with the larger learning community.

THE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE OFFERS:

- Dialogue and engagement through in-person and virtual collaboration;
- Engagement with the Collaborative’s Stewardship Committee and management team made up of VAW/C global experts;
- Participation in a Learning Community that features webinars, cross project learning exchanges and thematic dialogues. We create opportunities to both lead learning and listen to others;
- Access to the Prevention Collaborative’s curated Knowledge Platform, which features high quality resources on prevention of VAW/C;
- The opportunity to work with a community of individuals passionate about and skilled in working to prevent VAW/C while embodying feminist principles and ways of working.

THE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Composed of individuals from across the globe who are committed to efforts to prevent violence against women and children.

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WHAT DOES ACCOMPANIMENT LOOK LIKE?
Accompaniment takes place over 18-24 months and involves a customised program developed by the partner and the Prevention Collaborative to promote mutual learning and reflective, creative thinking to strengthen future programs. Areas of focus could include supporting your organisation to:

- Understand VAW/C in the broader context of gender and power;
- Reflect on past experience to recognise what is working and what could be done differently;
- Understand the evidence-base on VAW/C prevention and how to apply it to programming in specific contexts;
- Capture and share your organisation’s programmatic experience with the broader community;
- Undertake research and learning in programme communities;
- Design a prevention programme/intervention for a specific context or to reach a specific group;
- Adapt successful or promising interventions to a new context and/or population;
- Increase community engagement, activism and ownership within VAW/C prevention programming;
- Design and implement a monitoring, evaluation and learning strategy.

HOW DOES ACCOMPANIMENT WORK?
1. The interested organisation shares an expression of interest with the Prevention Collaborative.
2. We engage in an initial dialogue to determine if there is a good match between the organisation and the Prevention Collaborative.
3. The organisation and Prevention Collaborative agree on broad objectives, duration and level of effort for the partnership. They sign a Learning Partnership Agreement.
4. The Prevention Collaborative identifies potential Mentors whose skill sets and knowledge fit well with the Partner. The Learning Partner reviews proposed Mentor CVs and selects a Lead Mentor (potentially with other mentors in the team where different specialist skills are needed).
5. The Lead Mentor connects with the Learning Partner and begins to work together on the Accompaniment Plan. Typical learning partnerships include 1-2 site visits, telephone and email support.

Over the next 18-24 months, the Learning Partner, the Mentor and the broader Prevention Collaborative team work together to achieve agreed upon objectives.

WHO ARE OUR PREVENTION MENTORS?
Our current cadre of 25 Prevention Mentors have a wide variety of skills and expertise and come from over fifteen countries. Many have more than a decade of experience of designing, implementing and/or evaluating violence prevention programs in the Global South. All have completed the Prevention Collaborative’s 7-day, comprehensive training course that provides Prevention Mentors with up to date information on the drivers of violence and evidence-informed strategies to reduce it. Mentors engage with Learning Partners to build on their experience and work with them to integrate emerging knowledge into their violence prevention strategies and programmes.
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WHO CAN BE A LEARNING PARTNER?
Any organization seeking to collaborate with like-minded organizations and individuals to develop or improve their violence against women prevention work is encouraged to join a learning partnership.

We are particularly interested in Learning Partners who have:

- **Experience** working on women’s rights, violence against women or related social justice causes;
- **Funding** in place for the current or planned work on violence prevention;
- **Ownership**, commitment and participation from the organization’s leadership to ensure organizational uptake, programmatic changes and application of learning;
- **Willingness** to commit to: doing VAW/C prevention work for more than one year; co-leading the process and engaging in continuous learning; and upholding the values and principles of the Prevention Collaborative, which include being feminist inspired and evidence driven, approaching our work with humility, a dedication to intellectual rigor, and a commitment to combating power inequalities wherever we encounter them.

COSTS:
The costs for a learning partnership vary, depending on the nature of the work, as well as the size and situation of the partner. A typical learning partnership costs $15,000 - $25,000 for 30-40 days of accompaniment over two years including the fees for the Prevention Mentor, the matching service, travel costs and support to the overall partnership from Prevention Collaborative staff.

As a civil society network, we provide our services for a fee to those who can pay and raise outside funds to provide subsidized assistance to small NGOs and women’s groups.

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COULD YOUR ORGANIZATION BENEFIT FROM LONG-TERM SUPPORT IN VAW PREVENTION PROGRAMMING?

Is your organization...

- Working in the field of VAW prevention and wondering which programs are showing good results?
- Planning to adapt what is working in other programs or countries to develop a program for your organization?
- Designing an evaluation to learn what’s working in your violence prevention programmes?
- Trying to improve your to understanding of the theory of change behind your work?

Apply to work with a Prevention Mentor to access and integrate recent evidence and practice-based learning into your programs!

If you are interested in learning more or would like to be considered for a Learning Partnership, please contact k.durand@prevention-collaborative.org
WE USE **FOUR PRIMARY STRATEGIES**
TO ACHIEVE **OUR GOALS**

**KNOWLEDGE**
Our web-based “Knowledge Platform” provides curated and synthesised evidence designed to serve the needs of prevention activists and practitioners. The platform also provides assistance on programme design, model curricula, strategy advice, and resources for prevention planning.

**COMMUNITY**
Our Community is built upon the belief that no one is an expert in everything. We are all learning and we all have something to share. As a community, we share a commitment to highlighting the importance of both research and practice-based learning.

**ADVOCACY**
Our collectively defined advocacy agenda challenges key constraints in the current prevention field. We are shaping a new narrative on prevention to inspire action and increase commitment to preventing violence against women and children.

**ACCOMPANIMENT**
Our Accompaniment Programme matches specially trained Prevention Mentors with partner organisations that are seeking to share, strengthen and expand their programming on preventing violence against women and/or children. We offer longer-term Learning Partnerships and Strategic Advisory Services.

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**OUR VALUES**

**WE AIM TO SERVE:**
We are focused on advancing VAW/C prevention, with all of our work in service to the violence prevention field and women’s movements.

**WE ARE GENEROUS IN SPIRIT:**
In our words and actions we aim to demonstrate respect, humility, kindness and solidarity.

**WE ARE AGILE:**
We strive to be non-bureaucratic, flexible and open. We avoid unnecessary hierarchies while being accountable to the mission, each other, partners and funders.

**WE ARE VIBRANT AND REFLECTIVE:**
We approach our work with energy and optimism. We strive to infuse creativity and meaning in our interactions and work.

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**THE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE**
The Prevention Collaborative works to strengthen the ability of key actors to deliver cutting edge violence prevention interventions informed by research-based evidence, practice-based learning and feminist principles. For more information go to www.prevention-collaborative.org

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