



**PREVENTION**COLLABORATIVE

## **INVESTING** WISELY

The Prevention Collaborative's '**Investing Wisely**' initiative examines the current funding landscape and the factors that constrain and enable effective violence prevention programming.



## WHY THE INVESTING WISELY INITIATIVE?

Over the last decade, evidence has shown that effective programmes can significantly reduce violence against women and their children. As a result, substantial sums of (largely donor) money are now entering the field. **However, whether this money makes a difference in women's and children's lives depends largely on how it is spent.**

Our experiences and conversations with partners from the Global South have highlighted a number of frustrations and constraints that limit our collective ability to design and implement the most effective prevention programmes.



We aim to address these challenges through the Investing Wisely initiative. The initiative will examine how donor requirements, expectations and practices impact the effectiveness of investments made in violence prevention, with an emphasis on funding from the international development and humanitarian sectors.



# 6 POTENTIAL AREAS OF FOCUS

**Understand** how funding from (largely Northern) donor agencies is deployed for violence prevention programming in the Global South.

**Examine** the impact of existing donor policies, procedures and practices on funding amounts, timeframes, and flexibility.

**Analyse** how power relations among different actors affect programme design and who gets to participate in setting agendas and priorities.



**Explore** how implementation and reporting requirements shape programme implementation, agility and sustainability.

**Investigate** whether the current monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) approaches generate the most useful forms of evidence and learning on programme processes of change, outcomes and impacts.

**Reflect** on the political and institutional forces that affect the bilateral and multilateral donors who fund violence prevention work.



## HOW WILL WE APPROACH THIS INITIATIVE?

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**The Investing Wisely initiative aims to engage with donors and grant recipients.** Our goal is to facilitate a series of dialogues in which we collectively examine how money flows, timelines, expectations and practices can be adjusted to improve the effectiveness of violence prevention work and be more empowering for local actors.

**The initiative aims to make concrete recommendations to address challenges within existing funding frameworks and imagine different models and processes.**



# KEY OUTPUTS OF THIS INITIATIVE WILL INCLUDE:

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**A set of briefs** that describe the current funding landscape and what needs to change to make existing investments in violence prevention more effective.



**A series of case studies** and stories that illustrate how donor expectations and funding requirements impact prevention programme design, implementation, and outcomes.



**A series of dialogues and convenings with** practitioners, funders, and other actors to discuss the key issues around prevention programming, funding and outcomes.



**A set of actionable recommendations** for donors and implementing partners and an **advocacy plan** to push for their adoption.



# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE?

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The Investing Wisely initiative team welcomes your comments and feedback. Please write to us here: [support@prevention-collaborative.org](mailto:support@prevention-collaborative.org).

## ABOUT US

The Prevention Collaborative is a global network of practitioners, activists, and researchers working to better equip ourselves and others with the vision and skills to end violence against women (VAW) and violence against children (VAC). We strengthen the capacity of key actors to design and deliver cutting-edge prevention programmes informed by research-based evidence, practice-based learning, and feminist principles.

