



# The ANROWS Evidence Portal: Identifying criminal justice interventions for violence against women

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# Objectives



Overview and methodology



Preliminary findings



Ways that the Evidence Portal could support your work

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# What is an Evidence Portal and why do we need one?



Violence against women is a major global problem of epidemic proportions



Evidence is not always “accessible, useful and usable” for decision-making<sup>1,2</sup>



The ‘What Works’ movement is based on the principle that good decision-making should be informed by the best available evidence



Evidence Portals can offer information consolidated in a single curated place, an understanding of intervention effectiveness and key implementation considerations

1. Abdo et al. (2021). What works for “what works” centres: Learnings from system-level efforts to cultivate evidence-informed practice. Centre for Evidence and Implementation.

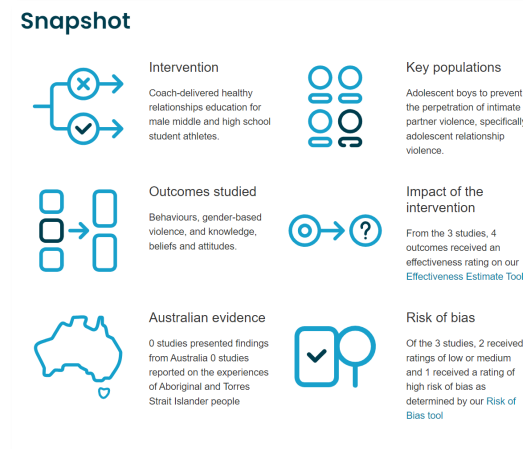
2. Puttick et al. (2023). Evidence Institutes: Lessons for Australia from the UK, US and Canada. Paul Ramsey Foundation.

# What is the ANROWS Evidence Portal?

A living resource of interventions from high-income countries<sup>3</sup> that aim to address and end violence against women.

It is hosted on a website, and includes:

- evidence and gap maps
- an intervention finder
- intervention reviews
- bespoke research tools.



**Intervention Finder:**

Search by keywords or use the filters

keyword search

Domain	Intervention category	Australian evidence
Type of violence	Target population	Population demographics
Setting	Mode of delivery	Outcomes



3. According to the World Bank (2023).

# What do we mean by evidence?



- ✓ Impact evaluations and systematic reviews of interventions focused on violence against women
- ✓ Published in English, between January 1994 and December 2022
- ✓ Designed for victims and survivors, people who use violence, people at risk and general population
- ✓ Based on quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods data

# Important considerations on evidence



The ANROWS Evidence Portal is one tool in your ‘toolkit’



Does not capture all forms of evidence, and we are not able to answer all research questions

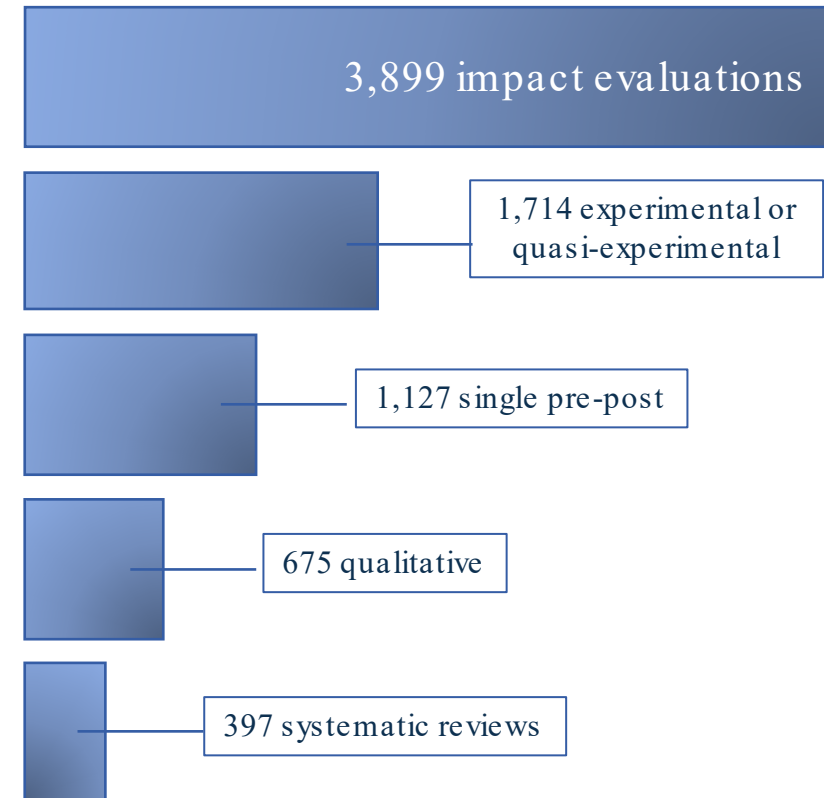


Importance of drawing from other forms of knowledge, including lived experiences, practitioner wisdom, and cultural knowledge and authority

# Preliminary findings

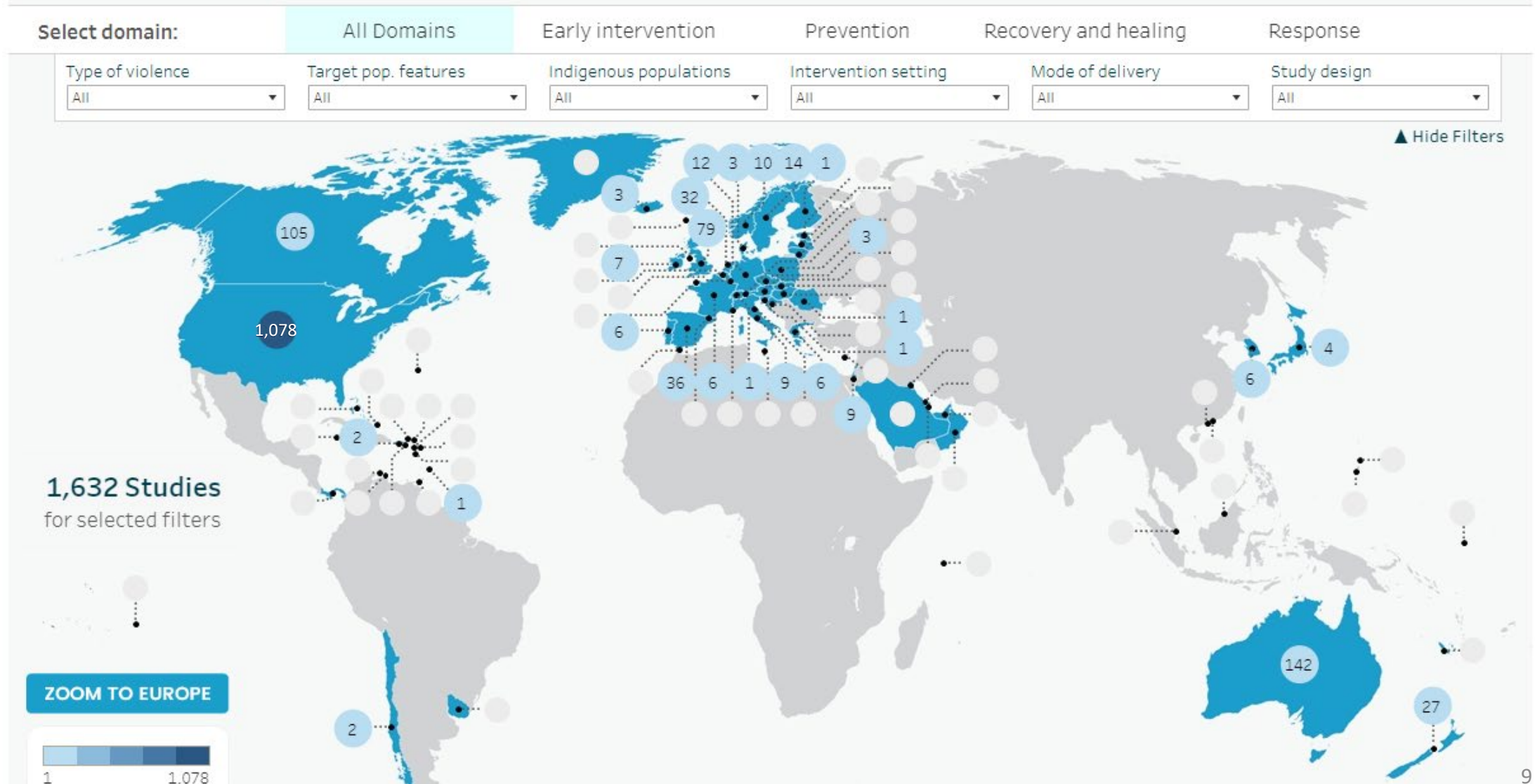
Out of 143,500 references screened, we have identified 3,899 impact evaluations, comprising:

- 1,714 Experimental and quasi-experimental evaluations
- 1,127 Single group pre-post evaluations
- 675 Qualitative evaluations
- 397 Systematic reviews





# What is the geographic spread of the evidence?







# What should Australian stakeholders consider?

## Delivery

### considerations

- Specialised training
- Technology-facilitated delivery options
- Take-home informational resources

## Implementation

### considerations

- Differences between Australian jurisdictions
- Time between intimate partner violence incident and second responder contact may affect intervention effectiveness

## Research

### considerations

- An increase in police-reported intimate partner violence might reflect greater victim and survivor willingness to contact police
- Further Australian-based research is required

# How can the Evidence Portal support your work?

- Identify available evidence and gaps
- Assess the overall quality of a body of evidence
- Understand who an intervention may work for, under which circumstances, and why
- Guide future knowledge production, research priorities or funding



# Thank you and questions

We would love to hear from you if you have questions or want to collaborate. Please reach out:



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