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Milestone Report

The Social Sciences Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), funder of the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations, has a number of reporting requirements for this project. The first report – the Milestone Report was recently submitted.

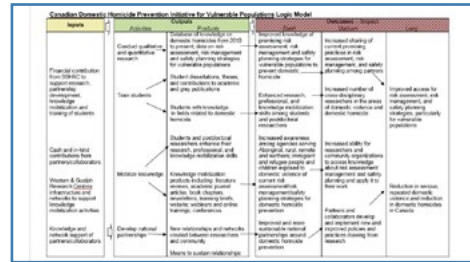
This report addresses

- comments and feedback from adjudicators of the original application,
- project timeline for activities
- evaluation plan for the project including a logic model
- knowledge mobilization plan
- partnership uptake plan.

This newsletter features highlights of the Milestone report.

A Logic Model has been developed identifying the inputs, outputs and expected outcomes of this project. The Logic Model was reviewed and approved by the National Advisory Committee.

[View the full Logic Model here.](#)



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Knowledge Mobilization

Knowledge Mobilization is a key component of this project. This is evident in the various outputs and outcomes identified in the Logic Model. A detailed Knowledge Mobilization plan has been developed for the project. Key products of this plan in the early stages of the project include Project Update newsletters, website

(www.cdhpi.ca) Domestic Homicide Briefs, a webinar series, and a conference in October 2017 in London, ON. Please check the website for new products. All new products will be emailed to project participants, posted on Basecamp, and on our website.

[View the full Knowledge Mobilization Plan Table here.](#)

Products include...

 Website
  Project Update Newsletters
  Standardized PowerPoint Presentations

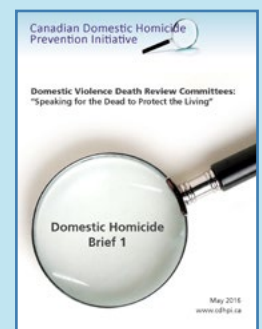
 Learning Briefs
  Webinars
  Conferences

 Literature Reviews
  Book
  Factsheets
  Online Training
  Partnership Meetings

In the Spotlight – Domestic Homicide Brief

The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (CDHPIVP) has published its first Domestic Homicide Brief. This first brief highlights and describes Domestic Violence Death Review Committees.

[Domestic Homicide Brief #1](#)



Literature Review

The CDHPiVP Literature Review explores the research question “What risk assessment, risk management and/or safety planning strategies prevent domestic violence in Aboriginal communities; rural, remote and Northern communities; immigrant and refugee populations; and among children living with domestic violence?”

Our literature review is taking place in multiple stages involving the four research Hubs (Aboriginal, Rural, Remote, and Northern, Immigrant and Refugee, and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence). We began the literature review in October 2015 following our inaugural national meeting, and expect to complete the final literature review report in September 2016.

Each task, timeline, and status varies across four hubs since there are varying amounts of literature for each population.

Tasks completed to date include:

- Development and training on key words and search strategy for academic literature
- Systematic academic literature searches and retrieving articles.
- Development and training of key words and search strategy for grey literature review.
- Developing outline for final literature review.

Additional tasks and timelines are identified in the chart below.

Task	Timeline	Status
Scanning all bibliographies of retrieved articles for additional relevant sources.	January – May 2016	Near completion
Grey literature searches and material retrieval	April – May 2016	In progress
Rating/selection of key articles for annotated bibliography	May 2016	In progress
Writing annotated bibliographies for each of the four Hubs (four total)	June – July 2016	To be completed
Meta-analysis of key articles	June – August 2016	To be completed
Writing up findings in draft literature report	August 2016	To be completed
Final literature report	September – October 2016	To be completed

Phase One Research – Domestic Homicide Database

Members of the Research and Database Development Advisory Panel have connected with coroners’ offices in each province and territory to determine what research ethics agreements are required to proceed with the project. A template research agreement has been developed and sent to each jurisdiction for

review. The Ethics application for this data collection project has been submitted to Western University which requires minor revisions. Once the ethics is approved at Western, we will proceed with submitting applications at co-investigators’ universities. We hope to begin data collection in Fall 2016.

Student Profile: Melissa Wuerch



Melissa is a first year doctoral student in clinical psychology at the University of Regina. She holds a MA in clinical psychology from the University of Regina and a BA (Hons) in developmental psychology with thesis from the University of Windsor. She works as a research assistant for the Research and Education for Solutions to Violence

and Abuse (RESOLVE) Research Network, a tri-prairie network that conducts research in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

Her research interests include intimate partner violence, support-seeking behaviours, and community psychology. Her current research focuses on the examination of support-seeking behaviours among women living in rural and northern communities in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Collaborator Profile: Sepali Guruge



Dr. Sepali Guruge is a Professor and Research Chair in Urban Health in the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing at Ryerson University. Her research focuses on immigrant women's health, in general, and violence

against women throughout the migration process (i.e., pre-migration, border-crossing, and post-migration contexts), in particular. She is Co-director of the Centre for Global Health and Health Equity and Co-lead of the Nursing Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women and Children at Ryerson.

Dr. Guruge's research findings have been disseminated in over 10 languages. Some of her recent publications have examined intimate partner violence in Hawai'i; among older Portuguese immigrant women in Canada; and a review of the Sri Lankan health sector response to intimate partner violence. She has studied perceptions of and responses to intimate partner violence among Sinhalese immigrant women in Toronto, and written about the health sector response to intimate partner violence in Sri Lanka, and intimate partner violence as a global health perspective. Sepali has received numerous awards for her work in the area of violence against women in the migration context, and was selected for the inaugural cohort of the Royal Society's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists in 2014.

We welcome Pertice Moffitt as a Collaborator to this project



Dr. Pertice Moffitt is the Manager, Health Research Programs, North Slave Research Centre/ Aurora Research Institute in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT). She teaches undergraduate students in the BSN

program (Aurora College); and graduate students as a Sessional Instructor, MN Program Athabasca University. She is an evaluator for accreditation reviews with the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN). She has lived and practiced nursing in Canada's north for 30 years. She is currently a co-investigator in research on community response to intimate partner violence (SSHRC funded), rural and remote diabetes intervention project (PHAC funded), and, a large national study of rural and remote nursing (CIHR funded).

Upcoming Conference

RESOLVE Alberta and Awo Taan Healing Lodge present Indigenous Healing and Trauma: Intergenerational Solutions
October 4-5, 2016 in Calgary, Alberta.

Learn more at:

<https://conventionall.swoogo.com/resolveresearch2016/1279>

Save the Date!

CANADIAN DOMESTIC HOMICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

A Conference for Practitioners, Researchers, Policy Makers, Advocates, Coroners, Health & Justice Professionals

SAVE THE DATE

October 18-19, 2017 • London Convention Centre

Featured topics include:

- Emerging Trends in Canadian Domestic Homicides
- Risk Assessment, Risk Management & Safety Planning
- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
- Working with Aboriginal, Rural, Remote, Northern, Immigrant & Refugee Populations
- Domestic Homicide Reviews in Canada
- International Perspective on Domestic Homicide Prevention



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