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AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY to Reduce Violence against Women & their Children

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## What works in addressing or ending violence against women? New ANROWS Evidence Portal brings together interventions aimed to end violence against women.

The ANROWS Evidence Portal, a living online resource, allows users to quickly and easily find high-quality, curated information about what might work to address or end violence against women.

The ANROWS Evidence Portal, launched today by ANROWS, with Assistant Minister for Social Services and Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Justine Elliot, brings impact evaluations to end violence against women and children, in one place to provide a trusted, curated database of available evidence.

The Portal is designed to promote a collective understanding of where the evidence exists and where there are gaps, what interventions might work, to inform evidence-based policymaking, and to support quality decision-making and implementation.

This curated database, which contains impact evaluations and a specialised search engine designed for the violence against women sector, allows for detailed analysis of where there are gaps in evidence, and what we know, with confidence, about what works to end violence against women.

Consisting of two tools – Intervention Finder & Reviews and Evidence & Gap Maps – the Portal will provide users with a place in which to find quality evidence and to see where gaps exist in the existing research.

Padma Raman PSM, CEO of ANROWS, said the Evidence Portal is a key instrument to measure the impact of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032*.

"To end violence against women and children in one generation, as outlined in the National Plan, we need to know what the evidence says, where the gaps in our understanding are, and what programs and interventions might work to end violence," Ms Raman said.

"The ANROWS Evidence Portal brings together reliable and relevant data so that policymakers, practitioners, researchers and funders can have a trusted site to find quality evidence."

"This Portal will help us all to track what is working, so that as a country we can achieve the National Plan to end violence against women and children in one generation."

Minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth said the Evidence Portal is an important step to creating a safer future.

"Not only will the evidence collated be crucial to achieving the ambitious goals set under the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2023, but it means everyone will be able to share that same trusted and high-quality evidence when considering responses to reducing violence," Minister Rishworth said.

"It will make a real and practical difference in the lives of women and children experiencing violence."

"For the first time we have a single database that pulls together information a range of sources to provide a national picture."

Assistant Minister Elliot said gaining insights into current prevention measures will be vital to addressing family, domestic, and sexual violence.

"The ANROWS Evidence Portal, by synthesising the evidence base, will allow us to build more effective trauma-informed support," Assistant Minister Elliot said.

"This vital research will play a key role in identifying, responding to, recovering, and healing from violence, and will help us to achieve our shared vision under the National Plan."

The ANROWS Evidence Portal is an ongoing and living resource which will be updated regularly.

To access the ANROWS evidence portal visit: <u>www.evidenceportal.au</u>

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#### About ANROWS

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