

Supplementary file 1: Online survey with participant group one

Are you currently a SiREN member?

- Yes
- No

How long have you been a SiREN member?

- Less than two years
- Two to three years
- More than three years
- Unsure

Please select the job title that best represents you. This is just to ensure the needs assessment includes feedback from a variety of different people.

- Senior Manager / Executive
- Researcher / Academic
- Nurse / Physician
- Health Worker
- Educator
- Project Officer / Coordinator
- Policy / Planning Officer
- Engagement / Development Officer
- Administration
- Student
- Other (please specify)

Which area of Western Australia do you work? You can select more than one option if you work across multiple areas.

- Metropolitan
- Regional
- Remote

Which of the following best describes the organisation you work for?

- Non-government organisation
- State government organisation
- Local government organisation
- University or research based organisation
- Private organisation
- Indigenous health organisation
- Other (please specify)

How long have you worked in the SHBBV sector?

- Less than one year
- One to two years
- More than two years

My organisation values research. Please rate how much you agree with this statement.

- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree

My organisation values evaluation. Please rate how much you agree with this statement.

- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree

Do you undertake research as part of your current role?

- Yes
- No

What proportion of your week at work do you usually spend on research activities?

- Less than one day
- Two to three days
- Four to five days

In the last 12 months, what barriers to undertaking research have you experienced? (Response options: often, sometimes, seldom, never, not applicable to my role)

- Lack of time as other responsibilities take priority
- Difficulties in engaging target population (community of interest) in research
- Lack of funding to undertake research
- Lack of knowledge and skills
- Lack of confidence in undertaking research
- Low internal support from management/colleagues
- Limited or no training opportunities to improve research knowledge and skills
- Limited or no external resources e.g. online tools, software, access to research publications
- Lack of access to external expertise (universities, research institutions, other agencies)

If you have experienced other barriers to undertaking research not listed above please list them here.

Do you undertake evaluation as part of your current role?

- Yes
- No

What proportion of your week at work do you usually spend on evaluation?

- Less than one day
- Two to three days
- Four to five day

In the last 12 months, what barriers to undertaking evaluation have you experienced? (Response options: often, sometimes, seldom, never, not applicable to my role)

- Lack of time as other responsibilities take priority
- Difficulties in engaging target population (community of interest) in evaluation
- Lack of funding allocated in budgets to evaluate programs
- Lack of evaluation knowledge and skills
- Lack of confidence in undertaking evaluation
- Feel it is not important
- Low internal support from management/colleagues
- Limited or no training opportunities to improve evaluation knowledge and skills
- Limited or no external resources e.g. online tools, software, access to research publications
- Lack of access to external expertise (universities, research institutions, other agencies)

If you have experienced other barriers to undertaking evaluation not listed above please list them here.

Are you involved in making decisions in relation to programs or policies?

- Yes, policies
- Yes, programs
- Yes, both policies and programs
- No, neither policies or programs

Thinking about your work in the last 12 months, what barriers have you experienced when accessing research evidence? (Response options: often, sometimes, seldom, never, not applicable to my role)

- Lack of time to identify relevant research
- Lack of current and/or relevant research
- Lack of knowledge and skills on how to locate and interpret research
- Low internal support from management/colleagues
- Limited or no training opportunities to improve research skills
- Limited or no access to research publication databases
- Lack of access to external expertise (universities, research institutions, other agencies)

If you have experienced other barriers to accessing research evidence please list them here:

Please review the SiREN resources, groups and services in the table. For each one, select the answer that is most relevant to you or leave blank if not applicable.

(Response options: aware of, Used or participated in at least once in the last 12 months Likely to use or participate in at least once in the next 12 months)

- SHBBV Partnership Guide
- SHBBV Program Planning Toolkit
- SHBBV Ethics Approval Guide
- HIV and Mobility in Australia: A Road Map for Action
- Survey design
- Research project collaboration
- Student placements

- Project planning support
- Research and evaluation support
- Assistance with grant proposals
- Assistance with conference posters, abstracts or manuscripts
- Training workshops
- SiREN Symposium

To what extent have the SiREN services or resources you used (in the previous question) influenced your work?

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- Very little
- Not at all

Could you please explain why the SiREN services or resources you used did or did not influence your work?

What factors have influenced your decision not to access SiREN services? You can choose more than one answer.

- I'm not really sure what I can ask SiREN for help with
- My question is not really research or evaluation related
- We have research and evaluation expertise in-house
- I feel SiREN has limited capacity to assist me
- Depends on the time I have available
- I'm not sure if there would be a cost
- I have already accessed SiREN's services and I don't know if I could do so again
- Other (please specify) _____
- None, I contact SiREN when I need to