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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2 Relationships Australia NSW

The unique difficulties faced by refugee women in disclosing domestic and family violence and refugee men's ability to address violence requires rethinking interventions for refugee communities.

Safety Without Borders

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Relationships Australia NSW will develop and pilot the *Safety Without Borders* project to address domestic and family violence in asylum seeker and refugee communities by providing targeted prevention strategies and early intervention pathways.

What is the project?

Over three years *Safety Without Borders* will create and implement a suite of culturally appropriate domestic and family violence prevention programs. These will be delivered in the Canterbury Bankstown, Fairfield Liverpool, Parramatta and Blacktown local government areas. These programs will address specific drivers and experiences of violence of the target communities and include:

- Men's Behaviour Change Program appropriate to cultural context
- Community information forums on domestic and family violence
- Early intervention referral protocols
- Men's programs such as fathering, leadership and playgroups
- Women's support programs
- Family program or specific activities for children and youth
- Follow up and after care support to consolidate change and strengthen relationships.

Safety Without Borders will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence in high risk communities across NSW.

Further information

For further information regarding *Safety Without Borders*, please contact Women NSW at DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0800.