



SRIKANDI: PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH WITH WOMEN FROM INDONESIA TO INCREASE HIV TESTING

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CONTEXT & METHODS

- For women from **Southeast Asia** living with HIV in Australia, *almost two thirds (63%)* are diagnosed late
 - In WA, people born in **Indonesia** had the *highest number of notifications* among people born in SEA between 2011-2017
 - *Half of people* diagnosed were **heterosexual females**
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- **Participatory Action Research:** *“is **collective**, self reflective inquiry that researchers and participants undertake... directly linked to **action**... The process of PAR should be **empowering** and lead to people **having increased control over their lives**”* (Baum, MacDougall and Smith 2006)
- Six amazing and generous **community researchers** who direct the project and undertake data collection
 - Recruited in less than one month...
 - Over 10 hours of collective trainings (helped direct & chair these) + one on one
 - Designed, recruited for and conducted focus groups with Indonesian women (SEE OUR POSTER!)
 - Soon data analysis -> co-design workshops with other women -> pilot an intervention

Why be involved: “To help people understand the issue and address the problems by empowering them” - Sita

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

- Being able to receive immediate feedback from community researchers and participants and check assumptions
 - Support and enthusiasm from Indonesian women + sense of ownership
 - Being relevant + constantly needing to think about the resulting action/outcomes
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- Capturing research process + the business of PAR – lots of encounters to keep track of
 - Ensuring reflexivity, continuing to test assumptions
 - Maintaining confidentiality in a connected community (de-identified is not enough) – particularly when it comes to data analysis
 - Balancing timelines.... Research can sometimes take a while

CONCLUSIONS

- Next step – co-designing an intervention that is feasible in our timeframe and without a budget that is sustainable...

Terima kasih!

Not a project done in isolation

WA AIDS Council, Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia and Consumer and Community Health Network

People from Indonesia and people living with HIV who have shared recruitment material and supported the project

