



**COACHING BOYS INTO MEN/PARIVARTAN AMONG TOP 100 PROPOSALS FOR
MACARTHUR \$100 MILLION GRANT**

*Futures Without Violence and International Center for Research on Women advance in
100&Change Competition and are featured in Bold Solutions Network*

San Francisco, California, February 19, 2020 — The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation today announced that Futures Without Violence (FUTURES), in partnership with The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), submitted one of the highest-scoring proposals, designated as the Top 100, in its *100&Change* competition for a single \$100 million grant to help solve one of the world's most critical social challenges.

The proposal, entitled, “Changing the Game for Girls” features Coaching Boys Into Men, a project of Futures Without Violence, and Parivartan, an adaptation of Coaching Boys Into Men in India, adapted by ICRW and FUTURES. Coaching Boys Into Men is the only evidence-based prevention program that trains and motivates secondary school coaches to teach their young male athletes to stop sexual violence and relationship abuse. This evidence-based, award winning model has been adapted in more than a dozen countries to date, reaching more than 200,000 young people worldwide and is proven to lower instances of sexual assault and relationship abuse among adolescents, by leveraging the powerful cultural influence of sports.

The Top 100 represent the highest ranked of competition submissions. The proposals were rigorously vetted, undergoing MacArthur's initial administrative review, a [Peer-to-Peer](#) review, an evaluation by an [external panel of judges](#), and a technical review by specialists whose expertise was matched to the project.

Each proposal was evaluated using [four criteria](#): impactful, evidence-based, feasible, and durable. MacArthur's Board of Directors will select up to 10 finalists from these high-scoring proposals this spring.

"We are honored that the MacArthur Foundation recognizes the profound effect that preventing sexual violence has to transform lives, by increasing the likelihood girls will stay in school, earn more later in life, and experience better health over their lifetimes," said Esta Soler, Founder and President of Futures Without Violence. "We are proud to partner with ICRW in bringing a bold and proven solution to this critical global challenge."

"MacArthur seeks to generate increased recognition, exposure, and support for the high-impact ideas designated as the Top 100," said Cecilia Conrad, CEO of Lever for Change and MacArthur Managing Director, *100&Change*. "Based on our experience in the first round of *100&Change*, we know the competition will produce multiple compelling and fundable ideas. We are committed to matching philanthropists with powerful solutions and problem solvers to accelerate social change."

Since the inaugural competition, other funders and philanthropists have committed an additional \$419 million to date to support bold solutions by *100&Change* applicants. Building on the success of *100&Change*, MacArthur created [Lever for Change](#) to unlock significant philanthropic capital by helping donors find and fund vetted, high-impact opportunities through the design and management of customized competitions. In addition to *100&Change*, Lever for Change is managing the Chicago Prize, the Economic Opportunity Challenge, and the Larsen Lam ICONIQ Impact Award.

Bold Solutions Network Launches

The [Bold Solutions Network](#) launched today, featuring the proposal by Futures Without Violence and ICRW as one of the Top 100 from *100&Change*. The searchable online collection of submissions contains a project overview, 90-second video, and two-page factsheet for each proposal. Visitors can sort by subject, location, Sustainable Development Goal, or beneficiary population to view proposals based on area of interest.

The Bold Solutions Network will showcase the highest-rated proposals that emerge from the competitions Lever for Change manages. Proposals in the Bold Solutions Network undergo extensive evaluation and due diligence to ensure each solution promises real and measurable progress to accelerate social change.

The Bold Solutions Network was designed to provide an innovative approach to identifying the most effective, enduring solutions aligned with donors' philanthropic goals and to help top applicants gain visibility and funding from a wide array of funders. Organizations that are part of the network will have continued access to a variety of technical support and learning opportunities focused on strengthening their proposals and increasing the impact of their work.

More About 100&Change

[100&Change](#) is a distinctive competition that is open to organizations and collaborations working in any field, anywhere in the world. Proposals must identify a problem and offer a solution that promises significant and durable change.

The second round of the competition had a [promising start](#): 3,690 competition registrants submitted 755 proposals. Of those, 475 passed an initial administrative review. *100&Change* was designed to be fair, open, and transparent. The [identity of the judges](#) and the [methodology](#) used to assess initial proposals are public. Applicants received comments and feedback from the peers, judges, and technical reviewers. Key issues in the competition are discussed in a [blog](#) on MacArthur's website.

In the [inaugural round of 100&Change](#), [Sesame Workshop](#) and [International Rescue Committee](#) were awarded \$100 million to educate young children displaced by conflict and persecution in the Syrian response region and to challenge the global system of humanitarian aid to focus more on building a foundation for future success for millions of young children.

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ABOUT FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Futures Without Violence is a national nonprofit health and social justice organization providing groundbreaking programs, policies, and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world, help individuals and communities heal, and prevent violence before it happens.

For more than 30 years, we have worked to transform social norms, training professionals such as health providers, judges, educators and coaches on improving responses to violence and abuse. We also work with advocates, policy makers, creative artists and others to build sustainable community leadership and educate people everywhere about respect and healthy relationships.

For more information, please visit <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

ABOUT COACHING BOYS INTO MEN

Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) is the only evidence-based curriculum program designed to train and motivate coaches to teach their young male athletes healthy relationship skills and that all violence against women and girls is wrong. The 15-minute lessons just once a week (aligned with the 12-week sports season) are easily integrated into the routine practice or game schedule. The program's training for coaches occurs before implementation and continues throughout the season to ensure messages are delivered consistently and effectively.

Learn more about CBIM, a Futures Without Violence program, at www.CoachesCorner.org

ABOUT ICRW

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is a global applied research institute with offices located in Washington, D.C.; New Delhi, India; Nairobi, Kenya; and Kampala, Uganda. Anchored in the principle of human dignity, ICRW advances gender equity, inclusion and shared prosperity. For over 40 years, ICRW has worked closely with non-profit, government and private sector partners to conduct research, develop and guide strategy and build capacity to promote policies, programs and practices rooted in research.

For well over a decade, ICRW has applied our research to school- and community-based programs that catalyze gender equity movements, change the dialogue on men and masculinities, confront online and offline gender-based violence and address systemic power dynamics. ICRW's partners range from community members and teachers to project implementers and policymakers. Our goal is to find evidence-based solutions to the greatest challenges that face us.

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