Gender and Health Knowledge Program
Adding value through inclusion of sex and gender

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What I will be talking about

- The basics: ZonMw at a glance

- Gender and Health Knowledge Program
  - Our strategy for adding value in the field of sex and gender
Mission ZonMw

ZonMw (The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development) funds health research in the Netherlands and promotes the actual use of the knowledge this research produces.
Commissioning

- **Min. Health**: 70%
- **Min. Science**: 25%
- **NWO**: 25%
- **Third**: 5%
- **ZonMw**
Gender and Health Knowledge Program

- Priority/theme driven
- Commissioned by Ministry of Health
  - € 12M
  - 4 years
  - Started in July 2016
Aims of the program

Minimise the knowledge gap regarding differences between women and men in health and health care to advance quality care for all

Catalyst for inclusion of sex/gender dimension in all health and health care research in The Netherlands
INTEGRATION
Transforming the health research ecosystem
Integration: measure and monitor

- Integration in all aspects of research programming

- Working with Strategy Department on organisation-wide integration

3.1 Scientific program
For all sections below, where relevant and possible, discriminate between men and women and include sex- and gender aspects; tools to integrate sex and gender can be found here)

6. Diversity
Legend: Y (Yes), N (No)

6.1 Gender
All research proposals must carefully consider differences between men and women (gender). (See chapter 2 and 3 of the proposal) Also, when appropriate, other diversity aspects (age, ethnicity) have to be described.

Are differences between men and women taken into account? If not, is this justified?
Integration: building capacity among researchers and colleagues

Veelgestelde vragen

Geef me jouw mening over het project.

Probleemstelling

Kan ik beter in de loop van een video met andere mensen voor het aanpakken van de vraag in mijn omgeving?

Inbreng van andere

Is het mogelijk voor anderen en de samenwerking in de projectgroep?

Knooppunt en verspreiding

Kun je bereikbaar worden bij het verspreiden van het project naar de omgeving?

Projectgroep

Kun je beter in de loop van het project opnieuw sommige thema's en strategieën?

Kun je beter in de loop van het project nieuwe en actuele thema's en strategieën?

Feestelijke gebeurtenis.

Kun je beter in de loop van het project opnieuw sommige thema's en strategieën?

Interne

Kun je beter in de loop van het project opnieuw sommige thema's en strategieën?

Perceel

Kun je beter in de loop van het project opnieuw sommige thema's en strategieën?

Branen en hulpmiddelen

Kun je beter in de loop van het project opnieuw sommige thema's en strategieën?
INNOVATION

Promoting and facilitating new discoveries
Innovation

6 open funding opportunities on:

- Development of new knowledge
- Collation and dissemination of existing knowledge
- Implementation of knowledge into practice, education and medical guidelines

Across 12 themes, in collaboration with other funding programs
High demand for a specific funding program on sex and gender

- Clear demand in research field
- Strong competition on research, less on implementation
- [www.zonmw.nl/podcast](http://www.zonmw.nl/podcast)
IMPACT
Transforming health outcomes and creating awareness
Impact

- Stimulating implementation
  - Practice
  - Education
  - Medical guidelines
- Adequate knowledge translation
- Facilitating awareness and action among stakeholders
Collaboration, collaboration, collaboration

- Funding programs
- Women’s and patient networks
- Scientific societies
- Other relevant stakeholders
Take home messages

– Having a specific funding program dedicated to sex, gender and health accelerates progress

– Create conditions necessary to transform processes of funding and doing research

– Joining forces is key in creating more impact

– Despite progress, continued efforts are needed
THANK YOU!