DATA (Collecting information)



"Data is the information collected during research. It might be in numbers or measurements, known as quantitative data, or in words from experiences and stories, known as qualitative data."

~ SAWCAN Research and Data Coordinator

1,2,3 These resources are useful to help you understand data.



Eyre & Far West Coast health information? (Regional population health data)

The five SAWCAN services currently collect health and well-being information individually. While this has been helpful in reporting against government KPIs and individual projects, there is currently no streamlined pathway where this data can be accessed on a regional level to ensure that we create more fairness and that programs and funds are distributed to areas where our communities are most disadvantaged.

What are the benefits to our communities?

- 1. A greater understanding of the health and well-being of our communities
- 2. Helping Mob speak up early using our local knowledge.

Aboriginal control in collecting information? (Indigenous data sovereignty)

Indigenous Data Sovereignty is the rights⁴ of Aboriginal people, communities and ACCHOs to govern the collection of data. Ownership of data can be expressed through the creation, collection, access, analysis, interpretation, management, dissemination and reuse of Indigenous Data.

Aboriginal ownership of their culture and knowledge

(Indigenous cultural and intellectual property rights)

Indigenous cultural and intellectual property rights are not well reflected in Australian copyright law⁶. That's why we create Service Level Agreements (SLA) with our Research Partners to ensure research is done in our way of knowing, being and doing. Please refer to our website for more information.

For more information OR to our website







¹LOWITJA Institute 2021, RESEARCH PATHWAYS: INFORMATION SHEET SERIES, Indigenous Data Governance and Sovereignty

²LOWITJA Institute 2021, RESEARCH PATHWAYS: INFORMATION SHEET SERIES, Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property

³What are ICIP Protocols? | Law Way – YouTube

⁴ Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Tuesday, 2 July 2019, National Indigenous Research Conference, Associate Prof Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews Prof Maggie Walter Dr Vanessa Lee Prof Tahu Kukutai Dr Ray Lovett, Delivering Indigenous Data Sovereignty

⁵ Maiam nayri Wingara 2018, Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Key principles, Maiam nayri Wingara Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Sovereignty Collective.

⁶ Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) 2020, A Guide to applying The AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research, AIATSIS, Canberra