

Multicultural Centre for Women's Health

Advancing the Evidence: Migrant Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference

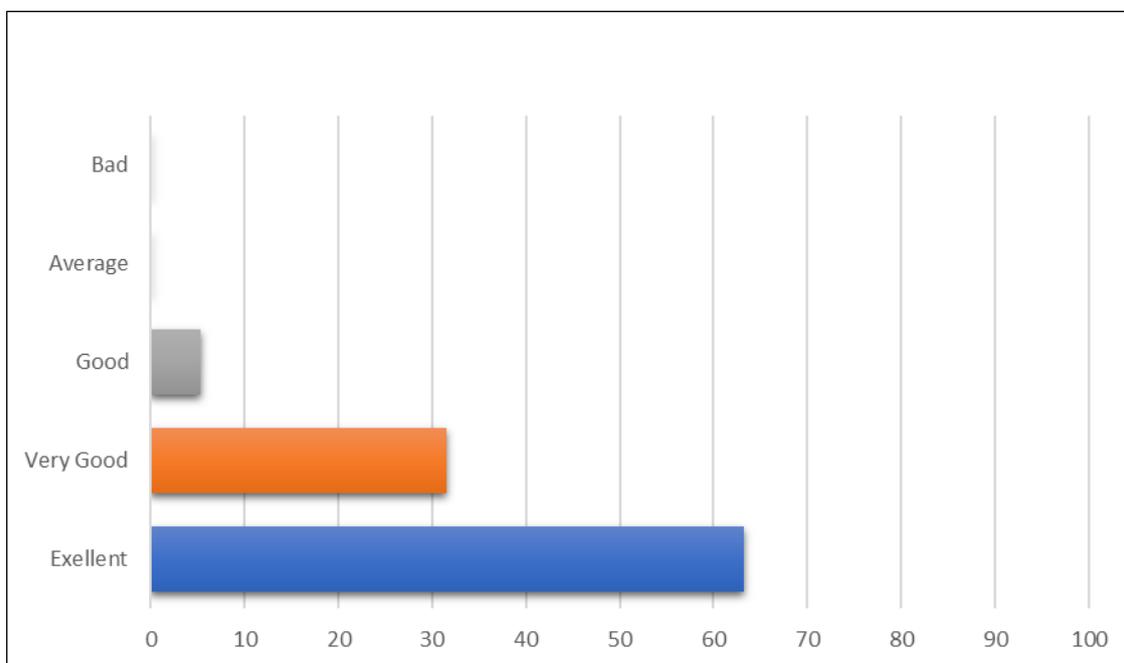


Multicultural Centre for Women's Health is a national organisation run by immigrant and refugee women and dedicated to immigrant and refugee women's health.

Evaluation survey summary

A total of 40 conference participants responded to the conference evaluation survey, providing feedback on the conference and suggestions for the future. Participants' responses are summarised below.

Question 1) How would you rate the conference?

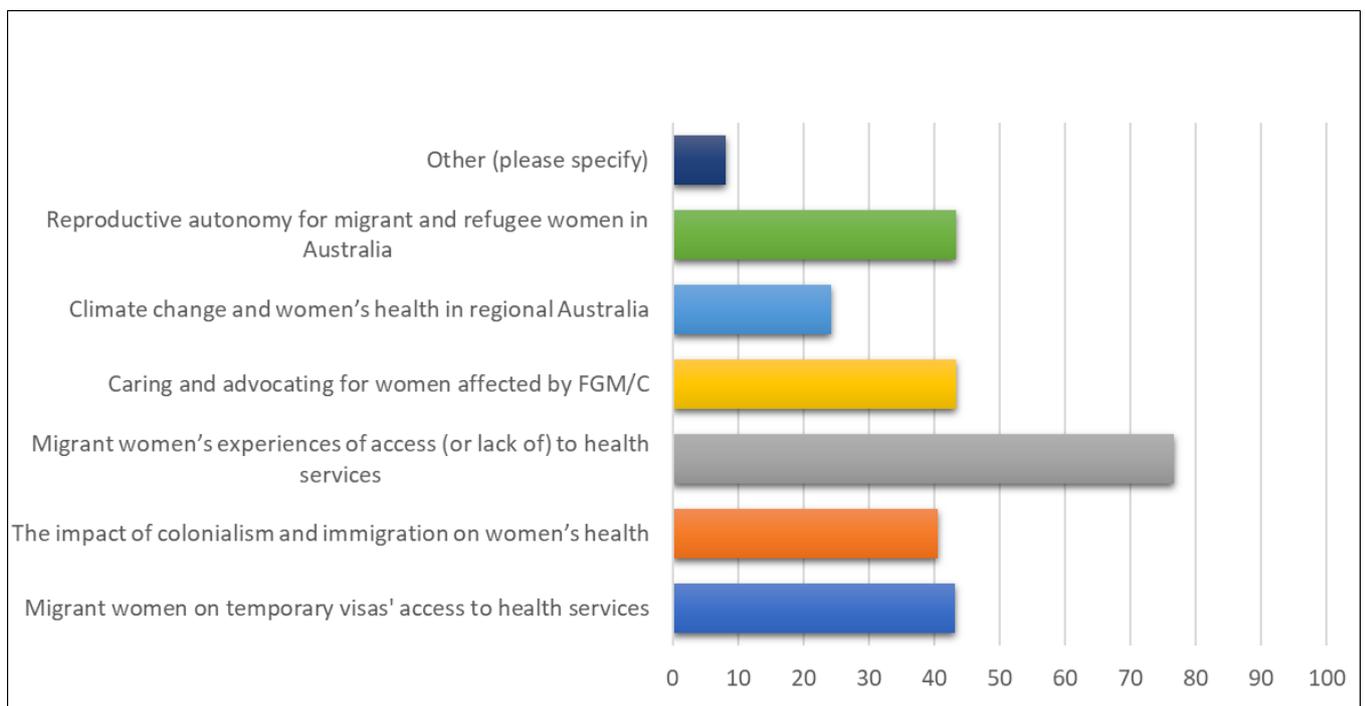


38 conference participants responded to question one and their answers are shown in the above table, in percentage.

Question 2) Please give reasons for your answer to question 1?

- Extremely well put-together, thoughtful and thought provoking. I've never been to a conference like this before. Can really see that it is migrant and refugee women doing the work for us!! The dancing was a great touch.
- It was great to be part of a conference organised by and for refugee & migrant women. The standard of work across the board was very high.
- It was a very inclusive, powerful and important conference with information about all aspects of healthcare regarding multicultural patients.
- Loved the conference but felt at times that things were rushed - especially the sessions with the presentations. Would have liked some more time to discuss some of the issues that came up.
- Interesting speakers & topics + lots of take home messages and new models of care for consideration.
- Lack of public policy representation was not very encouraging because it was yet another sign that the cohort under discussion is not important.
- Well organised, excellent presentations, good time management allowing time for questions as well as time to network with colleagues.

Questions 3) Which conference sessions provided information of most value to your work?



37 conference participants responded to question three, their preferences are shown as a percentage in the above table.

Question 4) If MCWH could take up one key issue to advocate on nationally over the next year, what should it be?

- Migrant women not being able to access free SRH services within 12 months of coming to Australia. Outrageous.
- Barriers for women on temporary visas and those on international student visas.
- Advocating for women accessing health care and ensuring that it is appropriate care e.g interpreter usage
- Improvement of women's health outcomes through better health and employment #30
- Access for all women (not dependent on Medicare/visas/etc) to reproductive health care including birth options.
- The Royal Commission on abuse of PLWD is raising some heartbreaking testimony, as you would know, so this would be a timely issue for advocacy.
- The impact of migration on mental health and long-term outcomes for settlers in Australia.
- Culturally appropriate SRH care training for medical staff.
- Crisis Care for vulnerable women experiencing violence or oppression.

Question 5) Any final comments?

- This was a fantastic conference, with brilliant dialogue and topics to engage in for us as participants.
- Thanks so much for providing a spotlight into the specific SRH needs for Migrant & Refugee women. My heart felt very heavy throughout the sessions considering the inequities, when often I feel like we can't get mainstream public health access right :- (To balance out this heavy feeling - I'm wondering if it would be possible to further show case the positive examples, or suggest ideas we can all take away to feel like we can do something to support.
- All was excellent.
- Thank you for the invitation to attend. I would like to see more people from local, state and Commonwealth government to attend at least a specific session of concern in order to inform and educate members of society who work outside the women's sector.
- Congrats and thank you for an excellent conference - I hope this is an annual event.
- Thank you to the organising committee for putting together such a powerful line up of discussants and sessions. It was great to hear powerful young voices. It was truly advancing the evidence!
- Loved the conference - great topics and presentations, great networking opportunities, wonderful keynote speakers and really good coffee, food and venue in general. Thanks to everyone involved!
- Please do this every year!!!