JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Fighting violence against women: laws, norms and challenges ahead. Htn M, Jensenius F.R, Daedalus. 149, 144-159, 2020: In this article, the authors take stock of legislative developments related to violence against women around the world, with a focus on the variation in approaches toward intimate partner violence and sexual harassment. (Source: MIT Press Journals).


Non-consensual porn as a form of intimate partner violence: using the power and control wheel to understand non-consensual porn perpetration in intimate relationships. Eaton A.A, Noori S, Bonomi A, Stephens D.P, Gillum T.L. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2020: This article examines the extent to which non-consensual porn (NCP) in intimate partner relationships was perpetrated using tactics from the Power and Control Wheel through a summative content analysis of U.S. news stories on NCP from 2012 to 2017. (Source: NBCI).


Expert perspectives on intimate partner violence power and control in paediatric healthcare settings. Ragavan M.I, Query L.A, Bair-Merritt M, Dowd D, Miller E, Randall K.A. pii: 51876-2859/20200078-4. 2020: This qualitative study examines paediatric intimate partner violence (IPV) experts’ perspectives about controlling behaviours used in paediatric healthcare settings. IPV experts described how abusive partners may attempt to control or discredit IPV survivors in these settings, negatively influencing children’s healthcare access and quality. (Source: NCBI).


Public narrative on “instant justice”: A slippery slope. Bandewar S.V.S. Indian Journal of Medical Ethics. ePub, 2020: The brutal gang rape and murder of a young veterinarian (now known as the ‘Disha’ case) on Nov 27, 2019 in Hyderabad, was followed by the encounter deaths of the four suspects at the hands of the Hyderabad police, on Dec 6, 2019. The rape-murder, the police killings, and the public jubilation after the killings are all not only extremely disturbing, but very intriguing. (Source: IJME).

BLOGS

Comprehensive Sexuality Education to prevent intimate partner violence among adolescents and youth. Mariana Cruz Manueta, Iyon Silva Márquez, Génesis Luisi. 30 January, 2020: In this blog, the authors discuss Comprehensive Sexuality Education activities that were delivered by Mexfam aiming to provide adolescents and youth with the opportunity to share their stories, deconstruct myths, and learn to identify and prevent different forms of violence.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Cyberbullying Prevention and Intervention Programs: This practice comprises of intervention and prevention programs that are designed to reduce or prevent negative online behaviors among school-aged children ages 9 to 19. Programs include individual-level, multi-level systemic, and universal or whole-school approaches. (Source: National Institute of Justice).

“If we don’t get services, we will die”: Tanzania’s anti-LGBT crackdown and the right to health. Human Rights Watch. 2020: In this report, Human Rights Watch calls on Tanzania’s Health Ministry to immediately reverse its rights-negating health policies, including the ban on distribution of lubricant and the prohibition on HIV and public health outreach and operation of drop-in centers by community-based organizations serving LGBT people and key populations. (Source: Human Rights Watch).

Getting to equal: men, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Greene M.E, Berger B.O, Hakobyan L, Stiefvater E, Levtoy R.G. Promundo-US. 2019: Discussing men’s bodies, relationships, reproduction, and lives, this report reveals that reimagining men’s important roles in sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) could contribute to the broader achievement of SRHR and other related health and development outcomes for individuals of all gender identities. (Source: Promundo - US).

The Sauti/VOICE program brief series. 2019: VOICE—Violence Prevention and Response Through Information, Communication, and Evidence — is a project that involves an exclusive focus by the Africa Regional SGBV Network on refugee operations under the Africa Bureau from 2018 to 2020. Selected sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) response models developed and tested previously under the Africa Regional SGBV Network are being adapted for implementation in selected refugee settings in the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region in collaboration with the Africa Bureau. Read the project briefs — Brief 1, Brief 2, Brief 3, Brief 4, and Brief 5. (Source: Africa Regional SGBV Network).

Meeting report of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region’s Regional Training Facility: working with the police sector to meet the needs of sexual violence survivors in the Great Lakes Region. Byamukama N, Undie C, Asiimwe S, Odwe G, Chekwa N, Birungi H, Mbito M. ICGLR-RTF and Population Council. 2019: In response to the encouraging evaluation findings and regional recommendations for police emergency contraception provision, and prompted by the need to work more effectively with the police sector to respond to the needs of sexual violence survivors in the region, in April 2019 ICGLR-RTF and Population Council convened a meeting in Kigali, Uganda. The report provides a summary of the meeting presentations and regional resolutions. (Source: Africa Regional SGBV Network).

Child sexual exploitation: why theory matters. Pearce J. Policy Press. 2019: To date, many child sexual exploitation-related services have been developed in reaction to high profile cases rather than being designed more strategically. This much-needed book breaks new ground by considering how psychosocial, feminist and gender-environmental theories, amongst others, can improve practice understanding and interventions. (Source: Policy Press).

Women’s and girls’ safe spaces: a toolkit for advancing women’s and girls’ empowerment in humanitarian settings. IRC, IMC. 2019: This toolkit offers field staff 38 tools and 9 databases with step-by-step instructions and guidance on how to apply feminist principles, approaches and strategies in practice, within an accountable, women and girl-led process. (Source: GBV CoP).

Gender and transitional justice: a training module series. Muddell K, Hawkins S. International Center for Transitional Justice. 2018: This curriculum is intended to broaden the knowledge of civil society groups and other practitioners about how to incorporate a gender-sensitive approach into the design and implementation of transitional justice programs. (Source: WJURN).
• Violence against women and girls is preventable, but what will it take? 3 March 2020, London, UK: Join the What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women Global Programme team for this high-level event to mark International Women’s Day and celebrate the end of DFID’s groundbreaking What Works to Prevent Violence Global Programme. Live stream: https://www.whatworkson.violenceagainstwomen.org/liveStream from 10:15am (UK).

• Building Feminist Evidence on GBV in Development and Humanitarian Settings, 9 March 2020, New York, USA: In this open dialogue, presenters will discuss what feminist research looks like in developing and humanitarian settings, how it’s done, and some of the challenges researchers face in conducting and disseminating their findings. In particular, they’ll explore the importance and value of fostering North-South and South-South research collaborations to more effectively drive resources and support to the Global South, particularly low and middle income countries. Register online.

• A Shared Global Agenda to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls, 10 March 2020, New York, USA: This event offers an opportunity for experts to update the status of violence against women and girls and the evidence-based policies which can prevent it, including the first introduction of worldwide mapping of violence prevention efforts and progress toward UN Sustainable Development Goal 5.2. Register online.

• Feminist Movement Building: Rewriting the Rules in the Arab Region and Beyond, 18 March 2020, New York, USA: The session will focus on the lived experiences of women activists who have been playing an active role in the fight for women’s equality and inclusion in their respective regions. COFEM members and other activists will speak about their activism and how it affects their work, as well as present learning about the key role that feminist movements are playing in achieving meaningful change in their communities, countries and beyond, and some of the challenges researchers face in conducting and disseminating their findings. In particular, they’ll explore the importance and value of fostering North-South and South-South research collaborations to more effectively drive resources and support to the Global South, particularly low and middle income countries. Register online.

• SEX AND POWER: Pushing ourselves to do what it takes to end child marriage and advance girls’ rights (an SBCC Summit side event), Marrakech, Morocco, 29 March 2020: This event offers an opportunity for learning and cross-sharing on child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) evidence and promising tools and approaches to sustainably combat the root causes of CEFM. Register online.

NEWS


Harvey Weinstein verdict is #MeToo milestone but changes little for world’s sexual assault survivors, Huffington Post, 24 February 2020.

Social norms stop Ethiopian girls from making safe choices about pregnancy, The Conversation, 24 February 2020.

Say IDONT: Top 7 things you didn’t know about child marriage, UNFPA News, 1 February 2020.


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