



SVRI Update: 26 March 2020

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

While recognizing that COVID-19 has placed an immense burden on health systems including frontline health workers, there are things that can help mitigate the impacts of violence on women and children during this pandemic - WHO

For more information read [COVID-19 and violence against women brief](#)

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[COVID-19: What implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights globally? Hussein J. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. ePub, 2020](#): Dealing with COVID-19 is likely to create imbalances in health care provision, disruption of routine essential services and to require redeployment of scarce health personnel across health services. This article discusses the implications of COVID-19 for sexual and reproductive health rights globally. [Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*].

[Interim guidance: scaling-up covid-19 outbreak readiness and response operations in humanitarian situations including camps and camp-like settings. Version 1.1. IFRC, IOM, UNHCR, WHO. 2020](#): This interim guidance addresses specific needs and considerations required in humanitarian situations, including camps and camp-like settings and the surrounding host communities, in scaling-up readiness and response operations for the COVID-19 outbreak through effective multi-sectoral partnership. [Source: *IBP Global*].

[COVID-19: A gender lens – protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights and promoting gender equality. UNFPA. 2020](#): Disease outbreaks affect women and men differently, and pandemics make existing inequalities for women and girls and discrimination of other marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities and those in extreme poverty, worse. This brief discusses these issues and others as we consider Covid-19 and gender. [Source: *IBP Global*].

[COVID-19 and violence against women: What the health sector/system can do. WHO HRP. 2020](#): This brief offer information on what the health system needs to consider in response to violence against women during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Source: *WHO HRP*].

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) and sexual and reproductive health. WHO](#): This webpage provides resources on caring for pregnant women with COVID-19 as well as information on caring for infants and mothers with COVID-19, intrapartum care and breastfeeding. [Source: *IBP Global*].

[Webinar recording: Impacts of COVID-19 on Women and Girls. GBV AoR](#): This webinar shares insights and thoughts on the impacts of COVID-19 on women and girls. [Source: *GBV CoP*].

[GBV and COVID-19 publications](#): This webpage provides publications that offers practical support to gender based violence (GBV) practitioners to adapt GBV case management service delivery models quickly and ethically during the current COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *GBV AOR*].

[Blog: How will COVID-19 affect women and girls in low- and middle-income countries? David Evans](#): Policymakers should be thinking—and worried—about how COVID-19 is expected to disproportionately affect women and girls. Gender inequality can come into even starker focus in the context of health emergencies. With COVID-19 continuing to spread, what do we see so far—and what can we expect in the future—in terms of the impacts on women and girls? David Evans explores these issues.

Read [SVRI Statement on COVID-19](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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[New learnings on drivers of men’s physical and/or sexual violence against their female partners, and women’s experiences of this, and the implications for prevention interventions. Gibbs A, Dunkle K, Ramsoomar L, Willan S, Jama Shai N, Chatterji S, Naved R, Jewkes R. Glob Health Action. ePub, 2020](#): In this paper, the authors provide an overview of the recent evidence around the drivers of violence against women, focusing predominantly on men’s perpetration of physical and/or sexual violence against intimate female partners, and women’s vulnerability to this violence. [Source: *NBCI*].

[The impacts of combined social and economic empowerment training on intimate partner violence, depression, gender norms and livelihoods among women: an individually randomised controlled trial and qualitative study in Afghanistan. Gibbs A, Corboz J, Chirwa E, Mann C, Karim F, Shafiq M, Mecagni A, Maxwell-Jones C, Noble E, Jewkes R. BMJ Glob Health. ePub, 2020](#): This study assesses whether the Women for Women International economic and social empowerment programme could reduce women’s experiences of intimate partner violence and depression in Afghanistan. [Source: *BMJ Journals*].

[Violence victimization and negative health correlates of youth in post-earthquake Haiti: Findings from the cross-sectional Violence against Children Survey. Lai B.S, Osborne M, De Veause-Brown N, Swedo E, Self-Brown S, Massetti G.M. Journal of Affective Disorders. ePub, 2020](#): This study examines the prevalence of and relationships between violence victimization and negative health correlates of Haitian youth exposed to the 2010 earthquake. [Source: *Science Direct*].

[“I never told anyone until the #MeToo movement”: What can we learn from sexual abuse and sexual assault disclosures made through social media? Alaggia R, Wang S. Child](#)

[Abuse Negl. ePub, 2020](#): This study analyses social media as a platform for disclosing the highly stigmatized problem of sexual abuse/assault to build knowledge about online disclosures. [Source: NBCI].

[Drought and intimate partner violence towards women in 19 countries in sub-Saharan Africa during 2011-2018: A population-based study. Epstein A, Bendavid E, Nash D, Charlebois E.D, Weiser S.D. PloS Med. ePub, 2020](#): In this study, authors use nationally representative, cross-sectional survey data from 19 countries in sub-Saharan Africa from the period 2011–2018 to investigate the relationships between drought and emotional, physical, and sexual violence among partnered women. [Source: NBCI].

[Parenting interventions to prevent violence against children in low- and middle-income countries in East and Southeast Asia: a systematic review and multi-level meta-analysis. McCoy A, Melendez-Torres GJ, Gardner F. Child Abuse Negl. ePub, 2020](#): The results of this study suggest that parenting interventions can reduce rates of particular forms of violence against children, as well as promote positive parent-child interactions. [Source: Safetylit].



BLOGS

[Advancing gender equality at every level: here's how you can help. Equality Institute](#): Gender equality requires every person, every community and every society to do their part. We can only create change when we are in this together, acting on every level – from the individual level to interpersonal, community and societal levels. Read the blog to learn more on how you can help advance gender equality.

PODCASTS

[Gender-based violence is solvable](#): Ahmed Ali Akbar talks with Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy about using film to tackle violence against women in Pakistan.

[The push to end violence against women in the Asia Pacific](#): Public health researchers, Dr Henriette Jansen and Dr Kristin Diemer, join host Ali Moore to discuss the quest to understand the dimensions of violence against women, and programs aimed at bringing about lasting change. A podcast from Asia Institute of the University of Melbourne.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[A rigorous global evidence review of interventions to prevent violence against women and girls. Kerr-Wilson A, Gibbs A, McAslan Fraser E, Ramsoomar L, Parke A, Khuwaja H.M.A, Jewkes R. What Works to Prevent Violence Among Women and Girls Global Programme. 2020](#): This rigorous, in-depth review of the state of the field presents what is now known five years on after the UKAID-funded, What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (What Works) programme, a six year investment, in advancing our understanding of What Works within the context of the wider evidence base. Read the [executive summary](#). [Source: *What Works Global Programme*].

[Continuities of gendered violence in conflict making political economy visible: Insights by young feminist from the global South. Collet A, Gwala D, Farwenee H.S, Al-Ajarma K, Gunasekara V. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era. 2020](#): Through case studies of countries and areas both in conflict and post-conflict in Mozambique, Palestine, South Africa, and Liberia, DAWN offers fresh perspectives on how violence against women is deeply embedded in local political economies of war, conflict, and transition. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Time for action: The way to a binding international treaty on violence against women. Global Rights for Women. 2020](#): This report advocates for an inclusive process for the drafting of an international treaty, centered on the lived experiences of victims and /survivors of violence against women around the world. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Listen to global experts at the culmination of UKAID's ground-breaking What Works to Prevent VAWG](#): This is a recording of global experts at a high level event celebrating the end of UKAID's DFID's ground-breaking What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme. [Source: *What Works Global Programme*].

[Gender-based violence due diligence tool. Pacific RISE](#): This tool enables investors to determine how their existing due diligence process can be used to determine a potential investment's exposure to the political, regulatory, operational, and reputational risks of gender-based violence. This tool is one component of a broader global effort to ensure the right to live free of violence. [Source: *Pacific RISE*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Proposals](#): UN Women – Empowering Women and Girls who have Experienced Discrimination or Violence in Kosovo. Deadline: 28 March 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Response Grant Competition for Women's / Feminist Organizations of Ukraine. Deadline: 29 March 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Nordic Gender Equality Fund 2020. Deadline: 31 March 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Co-Impact – Round Three Grant. Deadline: 30 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Countering Online Violence against Women Human Rights Defenders. Deadline: 30 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response. Deadline: 4 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): 2020 APEC Healthy Women Prize. Deadline: 11 May 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): UN Women – VAW Data Arab States. Deadline: 20 May 2020.

[Call for proposals](#): UN Women – VAW Data East and Southern Africa. Deadline: 20 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education. Deadline: 26 May 2020.

[Call for Papers](#): sexual and reproductive health and rights in the era of Covid-19. Deadline: Not specified.



EVENTS

- [Webinar: COVID-19: what implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights globally? 27 March 2020, 3pm in Vienna](#): The coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) affects aspects of our lives, all over the world, in many ways. As the coming weeks and months unfold, we will begin to understand better the impacts and effective responses to the outbreak. In this webinar, presenters will discuss the implications of the current COVID-19 pandemic on sexual and reproductive health and rights globally. Register [online](#).
- [Webinar: Advancing research on violence against women: Partnering for impact and scale, 31 March 2020, 3:30pm-5pm SAST](#): How do we tackle violence against women and girls? What services and programmes do we prioritise? What can we deliver both cost effectively and at scale through government platforms, infrastructural development programmes, civil society? In this webinar, the SVRI, the World Bank Group and Wellspring Philanthropic Fund along with grant partners will transfer complex research questions into learning for a broad group of professionals and showcase innovative research through presentations and use of multi-media. Presenters will showcase innovative interventions being tested aimed at reducing violence against women and girls. Join [online](#).
- [Tweetathon to spotlight feminist economic realities, 31 March 2020 to 2 April 2020](#): Join AWID's Tweetathon to learn and get inspired as they share examples of feminist economic realities that shine a spotlight on feminist agendas of economic justice, rooted in common visions. Tweet with @AWID using the hashtags #FeministEconomies & #FeministRealities.



VACANCIES

- [Membership Manager](#), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva, Switzerland – Closing date: 2 April 2020.
- [Project Associate - Feminist Content Writing and Network Building for Bot Populi](#), IT for Change, Bengaluru, India – Closing date: 10 April 2020.
- [Senior Associate for Evidence and Learning](#), The Prevention Collaborative, Baltimore/Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 24 April 2020.
- [Senior Associate for Capacity Strengthening](#), The Prevention Collaborative, Flexible – Closing date: 27 April 2020.
- [Grants Management Financial Analyst](#), Women for Women International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 30 April 2020.
- [Gender-Responsive Budgeting Consultant](#), Amman, Jordan office of the International Research and Exchanges Board, Amman, Jordan – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Manager – Programs and Innovation \(Sexuality and Disability Program\)](#), CREA, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Girls Rights Coordinator](#), VIVA, MADRE, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

[Where can domestic violence victims turn during Covid-19?](#) The New York Times, 23 March 2020.

[Sexual-assault investigations may be delayed as Coronavirus disrupts colleges](#), The Chronicles of Higher Education, 23 March 2020.

[COVID-19: What does this mean for gender?](#) Gender Champions News, 23 March 2020.

[COVID-19: Women front and centre](#), UN Women News, 20 March 2020:

[Isolation of families for coronavirus raises concerns about domestic violence](#), ABC News, 20 March 2020.

[Gender "could be coronavirus key"](#), IPS News, 17 March 2020.

[Current laws cannot protect Zimbabwe's women from sex trafficking](#), IPS News, 10 March 2020.

Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes

[Sexual Violence Research Initiative \(SVRI\)](#)

The SVRI is the world's largest network on research on violence against women and violence against children, providing a space where global role players in the field connect with one another, share and promote their research, work to influence policies and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries. [SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024](#).

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