**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“.....violence is not confined to the battlefield. For many women and girls this threat looms largest where they should be the safest. In their own homes. And so, I make a new appeal today for peace at home – and in homes – around the world” - António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

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**COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES**

**Interim key messages: flexible funding for humanitarian response and COVID-19 (developed by IASC Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing). IASC. 2020:** This document reflects collective messages to donors on how they can better support the pandemic response and ongoing humanitarian operations, especially in terms of flexible funding. [Source: IASC].

**Blog: Five ways governments are responding to violence against women and children during COVID-19. Alessandra Guedes, Amber Peterman, Dina Deligiorgis. 8 April 2020:** This blog explores five ways in which governments are responding to violence against women and children during COVID-19. [Source: UNICEF].

**COVID-19 blog series: Social Development Direct have launched this COVID-19 Blog series aiming to inspire and support the international community to identify, prioritise and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable individuals and nations as part of both the immediate humanitarian response and long-term recovery planning. [Source: Social Development Direct].**

**Tearfund Learn Covid-19 webpage:** Through this webpage of resources, Tearfund provides an overview of the role of faith communities in responding to global crises like Covid-19, providing evidence of their role in responding to similar epidemics and pandemics. [Source: Tearfund].

**Securing the safety and wellbeing of women frontline healthcare workers in the COVID-19 response. Yaker R. GBV AcR Helpdesk. 2020:** This report discusses risks for women frontline healthcare workers in the COVID-19 response and proposes actions for mitigating these risks. [Source: GBV CoP].

**Initial briefing on the COVID-19 pandemic and the duty to prevent violence against women and girls. End Violence Against Women Coalition. 2020:** This briefing outlines how the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to lead to increased levels of violence against women and girls in the UK, and what Government, business and members of the public should do to try and prevent this. [Source: EVAW Coalition].

**Care and connection in crisis: Feminist strategy to confront COVID-19. MADRE. 2020:** MADRE calls on all organizations to work to meet critical needs in communities and organize for practices and policies that put the health of people and planet over profit, steer us towards a just transition to sustainable economies, and embrace connection and cooperation as we protect each other and rebuild from disaster. [Source: WUNRN].

**Resource guide: Working within the confines of Covid-19. 2020:** This document offers a collection of key organisational resources, tools and ideas that have recently materialised in an effort to support not-for-profit organisations during these unprecedented times. [Source: Oak Foundation].

Read [SVRI statement on COVID-19](https://www.svri.org/resources/covid-19/)

Read [security and safety during online events](https://www.svri.org/resources/covid-19/)  

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.

**Displacement-related factors influencing marital practices and associated intimate partner violence risk among Somali refugees in Dolo Ado, Ethiopia: a qualitative study. Sharma V, Amobi A, Tewolde S, Deyessa N, Scott J. Conflict and Health. ePub, 2020:** This paper presents a secondary analysis of the data which aims to explore the influence of displacement on marital practices and associated intimate partner violence risk. [Source: Poverty Action Lab].

**Matching anonymous participants in longitudinal research on sensitive topics: challenges and recommendations. Palmer J.E, Winter S.C, McMahon S. Evaluation and Program Planning. ePub, 2020:** This study examines the final analytic sample of a longitudinal randomized control trial evaluation of a sexual violence prevention program at a university after facing challenges with the implementation of a self-generated identification code. [Source: Science Direct].

**Perpetration of intimate partner violence and mental health outcomes: sex- and gender-disaggregated associations among adolescents and young adults in Nigeria. Stark L, Seffl, Weber A.M, Ciaglihi B, Meinhardt M, Bermudez L.G, Atuchukwu V, Onotu D, Darmstadt G.L. J Glob Health. 10(1), 010708, 2020:** This paper presents data from the Violence Against Children Survey (VACS), examining the relationship between intimate partner violence perpetration and mental health outcomes among a nationally representative sample of male and female adolescents and young adults, ages 13-24 years, in Nigeria. [Source: NBCI].
Improved child marriage laws and its association with changing attitudes and experiences of intimate partner violence: a comparative multi-national study. Omidakhsh N, Heymann J. J Glob Health. 10(1): 010707, 2020: In this article, the authors examine whether changes in national child marriage laws can improve attitudes about domestic violence and reduce intimate partner violence at scale. [Source: Journal of Global Health].


From pain to power: an exploration of activism, the #MeToo movement, and healing from sexual assault trauma. Strauss Swanson C, Szymanski D M. J. Couns. Psychol. ePub, 2020: In this qualitative study, the authors explore the role that social activism and #MeToo and other large scale antiviolence activist movements may play in sexual assault survivors' healing process and how they navigate and make sense of their sexual assault experience. [Source: SafetyLit].

Intimate partner relationships and gender norms in Mali: the scope of cash transfers targeted to men to reduce intimate partner violence. Lees S, Kyegombe N, Diatta A, Zogrone A, Roy S, Hidrobo M. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2020: Mali has implemented the Files Sociaux (Jigisémèjiri) program that aims to reduce poverty through cash transfers to predominantly male heads of household with accompanying measures. This paper reports on a qualitative study of the effects of the program on intimate partner relationships. [Source: SAGE Publications].

How people with disabilities experience programs to prevent intimate partner violence across four countries. Stern E, van der Heijden J, Dunkle K. Evaluation and Program Planning Volume. ePub, 2020: This paper draws on data from a multi-country qualitative study conducted with women and men with disabilities in the context of IPV prevention programs in four LMICs (Ghana, Rwanda, Tajikistan and South Africa), all of which were evaluated as part of the What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls Global Programme. [Source: Science Direct].

The use of Bayesian networks for realist evaluation of complex interventions: evidence for prevention of human trafficking. Kiss L, Fotheringham D, Mak J, McAlpine A, Zimmerman C. Journal of Computational Social Science. ePub, 2020: Complex systems and realist evaluation offer promising approaches for evaluating social interventions. These approaches take into account the complex interplay among factors to produce outcomes, instead of attempting to isolate single causes of observed effects. This paper explores the use of Bayesian networks (BNs) in realist evaluation of interventions to prevent complex social problems for prevention of human trafficking. [Source: LSHTM].

BLOGS

Towards decolonising knowledge in the violence prevention field. Devin Faris and Prakashthi Jayasekara, 2020: For many decades, women's movements around the world have challenged knowledge hierarchies that have (re)produced ideas of gender, masculinity, security and bodily integrity rooted in Eurocentric, colonial and imperialist beliefs. These beliefs have long privileged coloniser over colonised, white over non-white, masculine over feminine, and have been used to justify oppression and violence. [Source: Prevention Collaborative].

PODCASTS

Tackling violence against women: In this podcast, Professor Sally Engle Merry talks about international efforts to measure violence against women, whether the Sustainable Development Goals are giving momentum to the issue or complicating it still further, and whether the #MeToo movement marks a turning point in tackling gender-based violence. [Source: Policy Forum].

Intercross the podcast: episode #95 the chronic fragility of Lake Chad: In this episode of Intercross the Podcast, we discuss Lake Chad. Situated in north-west Africa, what is known as the Lake Chad region – Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, Chad – has been ripped apart by conflict. Civilians are regular subject to direct and/or indiscriminate attacks, including bombings in populated areas, as well as sexual violence, forced recruitment, and abductions. [Source: Intercross].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Gender-based violence and poverty in Europe. EAPN Gender and Poverty WG - Briefing #2. Malgesini G, Sforza L C, Babović M, 2019: Gender-based violence is a silent disease. It affects women and girls of all ages but is particularly hard with those who live in poverty and face social vulnerability. In this report, the authors analyse the context, the typology and the features of this grave human rights violation, which has a big social and economic impact in Europe. [Source: WUNRN].

GREVIO's (Baseline) Evaluation Report on legislative and other measures giving effect to the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) Netherlands. GREVIO. 2020: The report highlights the long history in the Netherlands of addressing domestic violence and other forms of violence against women through policy and legislation, and with a strong focus on the gendered nature of domestic violence. [Source: WUNRN].

Beyond the crossing: Female genital mutilation across borders. Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda. United Nations Population Fund, 2019: This report describes the practice, as well as the socio factors and dynamics that contribute to female genital mutilation (FGM) across borders, and presents the legal and policy frameworks, as well as the positive trends in programming aimed at eliminating FGM. (Source: UNFPA).


Call for Applications: Countering Online Violence against Women Human Rights Defenders. Deadline: 30 April 2020


Call for Proposals: Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund – Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative 2020. Deadline: 1 June 2020.

Call for Applications: Journalism Relief Fund – International Women’s Media Foundation. Deadline: Ongoing.

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**EVENTS**

- **Save the date: Gender alert for the COVID-19 Outbreak webinar, 14 April 2020, 8-9:30am EST:** The IASC Gender Reference Group would like to invite you to participate in the upcoming webinar on the IASC endorsed “Gender Alert for the COVID-19 Outbreak.” This series of webinars will focus on key ways humanitarian actors can operationalize the Gender Alert to strengthen humanitarian interventions. For further details please contact: Toni Stewart toni.stewart@un.org

- **Webinar: Sexual citizens – sex, power, and assault on campus, 15 April 2020, 3-4pm EST:** This talk uncovers the social ecosystem that makes sexual assault so common, explaining how physical spaces, alcohol, peer groups, and cultural norms influence both sex and sexual assault. Register online.

- **COVID-19 Special – working remotely for public servants, 15 April 2020, 3-4pm BST:** You are invited to join this free online workshop from Apolitical and learn from experienced public servants how to stay productive and leverage the full potential of our team from wherever in the world we may be working. Register online.

- **COVID-19 Special: How to use evidence in policymaking, 20 April, 4-5pm BST:** In light of the recent COVID-19 health pandemic, the need to know what works and what does not when creating policy and making decisions has never been greater. In this workshop, you will learn practical ways to use evidence in the policymaking process to create evidence-based policies that can be delivered efficiently and with fidelity. Register online.

- **2020 National child abuse prevention month event, 21 April 2020, 10-11:30am ET:** The event will highlight the latest video in the Building Community, Building Hope film series: “Relationships Matters: Strengthening and Supporting Families.” The film focuses on how community-based organizations can create networks and provide multiple “front doors” through which families can enter to seek support and assistance without fear or stigma. Register online.

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**VACANCIES**

- **Project Associate - Feminist Content Writing and Network Building for Bot Populi,** IT for Change, Bengaluru, India – Closing date: 10 April 2020.

- **Sudan Programme Coordinator,** Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa, Khartoum, Sudan – Closing date: 15 April 2020.

- **Communications Intern,** ILGA World - The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, Flexible – Closing date: 19 April 2020.


- **Consultancy: Regional assessment on sexual and gender-based violence,** Govt. Switzerland – Closing date: 26 April 2020.

- **Senior Prevention Program Coordinator,** New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, New York, USA – Closing date: 30 April 2020.


- **Director, Human Trafficking Prevention,** Project Concern International, San Diego CA, USA – Closing date: 1 May 2020.

- **Senior Technical Advisor, Women’s Economic Empowerment,** Project Concern International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 1 May 2020.

- **Postdoctoral Researcher on Gender Based Violence,** Umeå University, Sweden – Closing date: Open until filled.

- **WPE Coordinator,** International Rescue Committee, Mexico – Closing date: Open until filled.
NEWS


In a Serbian town, survivors of domestic violence are sewing face masks for those in the front line of COVID-19 response. UN Women News, 6 April 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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