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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“...To Covid-19 that stands in our way, I say Disappear from this earth, We shall fight, We shall fight this terrible monster, Now is the time for people all over the world to stand up, My deep gratitude goes to all those who are already fighting.” Yayoi Kusama, Japanese Artist

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COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Blog: Online safety in a changing world – COVID-19 and cyber violence. Lizle Loots, Elizabeth Dartnall and Jocelyn Kelly. 16 April 2020](#): With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing people to stay at home, many companies and organizations support an entirely remote workforce. In this blog, the authors explore the impact of working from home during these extraordinary times, and offers tips to make online events safer.

[COVID-19: Reducing the risk of infection might increase the risk of intimate partner violence. van Gelder N, Peterman A, Potts A, O'Donnell M, Thompson K, Shah N, Oertelt-Prigione S; Gender and COVID-19 working group. EClinicalMedicine. 100348, 2020](#): Quarantine, isolation and associated social, emotional and economic stressors increase the risk of intimate partner violence (IPV). Partner violence is a taboo topic, often considered a ‘private’ matter, with low political priority in many societies, even in times of relative stability. If we do not campaign aggressively to raise awareness and take swift action for IPV and other forms of interpersonal violence, detrimental effects on individuals, families and society will reverberate for decades. [Source: *The Lancet*].

[The pandemic paradox: the consequences of COVID-19 on domestic violence. Bradbury-Jones C, Isham L. J Clin Nurs. ePub, 2020](#): As the Corona virus continues to spread across the world, it brings with its multiple new stresses, including physical and psychological health risks, isolation and loneliness, the closure of many schools and businesses, economic vulnerability, job losses and increased risk of domestic violence. [Source: *NBCI*].

[COVID-19 and ending violence against women and girls. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. 2020](#): This brief highlight emerging evidence of the impact of the recent global pandemic of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls. It draws upon the knowledge and experience of a wide range of experts who support solutions to end violence against women and girls, attentive to the country context in which the crisis is occurring. [Source: *UN Women*].

[Preventing violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic. Raising Voices](#): Raising Voices has developed a series of practical Guidance Notes to support activist organizations in adapting and sustaining their violence against women (VAW) prevention activities. These are living documents which may be revised as the pandemic evolves, intended for use by organizations with existing expertise in preventing VAW. [Source: *Raising Voices*].

[Podcasts: COVID19 Series](#): GBVIMS has realised a series of podcasts where they talk about all things safe and ethical gender based violence data management. The topics include: [confidentiality and documentation](#); [safety planning with survivors over the phone](#); [taking a crisis call – what to say and how to say it](#); [pre-requisites to shift to remote case management over the phone](#); [updating referral pathways](#). [Source: *GBVIMS*].

[Video: ICRC's guidance document: COVID-19 – inclusive programming](#): This is an introductory video to the guidance document that focuses on the initial phases of response to COVID19, including contingency planning, adapting and possibly scaling back current activities, and strengthening and establishing new activities and partnerships to respond to the coronavirus in the humanitarian contexts. [Source: *GBV CoP*].

Read call for a feminist COVID-19 policy statement, available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). [Source: *Feminist Alliance for Rights*].

Read [SVRI statement on 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.

[Perpetration of intimate partner violence and mental health outcomes: sex- and gender-disaggregated associations among adolescents and young adults in Nigeria. Stark L, Seff I, Weber A.M, Cislighi B, Meinhart M, Bermudez L.G, Atuchukwu V, Onotu D, Darmstadt G.L. J. Glob. Health. 10\(1\), e010708, 2020](#): This study examines the association between intimate partner violence perpetration and mental health for male and female adolescents and young adults in Nigeria. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Social technology to prevent intimate partner violence: the VID@ Group in actions with men. Estrela F.M, Gomes N.P, Pereira Á, Paixão G.P.D.N, Silva A.F.D, Sousa A.R. Rev. Esc. Enferm. USP. 54, e03545, 2020](#): This study presents a dissemination of a social technology for men aimed at preventing relationship violence developed by the Violence, Health and Quality of Life study group. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Intimate partner violence and postpartum emotional distress among South African women: Moderating effects of resilience and vulnerability factors. McNaughton Reyes H.L,](#)

[Maman S, Groves A.K, Moodley D. Glob Public Health. 1-11, 2020](#): In this study, the authors identify factors that condition (i.e. buffer or exacerbate) the impact of exposure to intimate partner violence on postpartum emotional distress among South African women. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Married very young adolescent girls in Niger at greatest risk of lifetime male partner reproductive coercion and sexual violence. DeLong S.M, Brooks M.I, Aliou S, Lundgren R, Corneliess C, Johns N.E, Challa S, Carter N, Lauro G, Silverman J.G. PLoS One. 15\(4\), e0231392, 2020](#): In this exploratory study, the authors compare and contrast reproductive health, gender equity attitudes, and experiences of intimate partner violence among a representative sample of very young married adolescent girls (aged 13–14 years) with older married adolescent girls and young women aged 15–16 years and 17–19 years in the rural Dosso region of Niger. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Men Against Violence: engaging men and boys in prevention of family violence. Ringin L, Robinson M, Greville H, Papertalk L, Thompson S. Health Promot J Austr. ePub, 2020](#): The 'Men Against Violence' project targeted men and boys through local sporting clubs in the City of Greater Geraldton, in the Midwest region of Western Australia, through the use of face to face education, community radio and television interviews and other appropriate engagement strategies. This paper describes the project and its impact in preventing family violence. [Source: *NBCI*].

[Sexual partnership-level correlates of intimate partner violence among men who have sex with men and transgender women in Lima, Peru. Passaro R.C, Segura E.R, Gonzales-Saavedra W, Lake J.E, Perez-Brumer A, Shoptaw S, Dilley J, Cabello R, Clark J.L. Arch Sex Behav. ePub, 2020](#): This study analyses partnership-level correlates of intimate partner violence (IPV) among men who have sex with men and transgender women in order to improve understanding of factors associated with IPV and explore its role in sexually transmitted infection acquisition. [Source: *Springer Link*].

PUBLICATIONS BY SVRI AND PARTNERS

[Long-term change in the prevalence of intimate partner violence: a 20-year follow-up study in León, Nicaragua, 1995-2016. Ellsberg M, Ugarte W, Ovince J, Blackwell A, Quintanilla M. BMJ Global Health. 5, e002339, 2020](#): This study estimates the current prevalence and characteristics of physical, sexual and emotional violence by a current or former intimate partner in the municipality of León, Nicaragua, compares these with earlier estimates from 1995 to determine whether there have been changes in IPV prevalence over a 20-year period.

SVRI MEMBER'S REQUEST

[Bibliometric and Altmetric awareness and usage amongst Gender-Based Violence \(GBV\) researchers in South Africa](#): This questionnaire is to investigate, within the changing scholarly communication landscape, the level of awareness and the usage of bibliometrics and alternative metrics (altmetrics) among gender based violence researchers in South Africa. This online questionnaire is anonymous which is open to South African gender-based violence (GBV) researchers. Closing date: 30 April 2020

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BLOGS

[Mitigating violence against women and children in East Africa. Peter Memiah. 23 January 2020](#): This blog examines the associations between violence, child mortality, and protective factors. [Source: *BioMed Central*].

PODCASTS

[Sexual violence as a weapon of war in Syria](#): Whether used to instil fear, humiliate, or punish; destroy lives, families and communities; or enforce social order and power dynamics, rape and other forms of sexual violence have been widely documented in the Syrian conflict. In this podcast, leading experts and practitioners speak about the strategic use of sexual violence as a weapon of war in Syria. [Source: *Luminary Podcasts*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Webinar presentations: Advancing research on violence against women – partnering for impact and scale](#): The SVRI and World Bank Group with support from Wellspring Philanthropic Fund hosted a webinar showcasing innovative interventions being tested aimed at reducing violence against women and girls. See the webinar agenda and presentations [here](#).

[Updated COFEM feminist pocketbook social media toolkit](#): Through this toolkit, COFEM seeks to empower practitioners, researchers and activists to help their colleagues, organizations and other stakeholders improve advocacy, policy and programming efforts by promoting a common theoretical ground for shared understanding and action/ [Source: *COFEM*].

[Shelters for women survivors of violence: availability and accessibility in the Arab Region. United Nations Population Fund, Arab States Regional Office, ABAAD Resource Centre for Gender Equality and Women Against Violence Europe. 2019](#): This study examines the importance, as well as the availability and accessibility, of shelters for survivors of violence in the Arab region, providing a nuanced understanding of the relationship between overall national legal frameworks and the daily operation of shelters. [Source: *WUNRN*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Nominations](#): Nobel Women's Initiative – Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program. Deadline: 24 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): OJJDP FY 20 Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence. Deadline: 27 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): The Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship Award. Deadline: 30 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): The Feminist Criminology Graduate Research Scholarship. Deadline: 30 April 2020.

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

[Call for submissions](#): COVID-19 and the increase of domestic violence against women. Deadline: 30 June 2020.



EVENTS

- [Online course: protecting children in humanitarian settings](#): This course aims to help practitioners strengthen their approach to protecting and promoting the wellbeing of children in humanitarian settings using the latest evidence on childhood adversity and drawing on experiences from child protection practitioners.
- [How do we advance gender equality across global health? 20 April 2020, 1-2pm BST](#): As part of the #TheRightBalance campaign, Health Systems Global will be hosting a webinar to explore the power dynamics in global health, within global agencies, journals or local health departments that hold women and other groups back from reaching their full potential – and what can be done to address these? Register [online](#).
- [Strengthening the rights of the child in administrative and judicial procedures related to migration: implementing the council of Europe guidelines on child-friendly justice, 23 April 2020, 2pm CET](#): This webinar will be the opportunity to point out the shortcomings and gaps in the way administrative justice works towards migrant children and to advocate for the global adaptation of migration-related procedures taking into account the child-friendly justice principles provided in the Guidelines of the Council of Europe. Register [online](#).



VACANCIES

- [Consultant](#), Promundo-US, Flexible – Closing date: 20 April 2020.
- [Adolescent Development Officer \(for Moldovan nationals only\)](#), UNICEF, Moldova – Closing date: 24 April 2020.
- [International Human Rights Legal Research Consultant](#), The Center for Reproductive Rights, Flexible – Closing date: 24 April 2020.
- [Consultancy: Regional assessment on sexual and gender-based violence](#), Government of Switzerland, Ethiopia – Closing date: 26 April 2020.
- [Program Officer, Human Trafficking Prevention](#), Project Concern International, San Diego, CA, USA – Closing date: 1 May 2020.
- [Technical Advisor for Women's Protection and Empowerment](#), International Rescue Committee, New York, United States and London, United Kingdom – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Programme Coordinator](#), Terre des hommes Mission, Kosovo – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

[Colombia: Security Council hears of 'epidemic of violence' against civil society and ex-combatants](#), UN News, 14 April 2020.

[A gender-equal Ethiopian parliament can improve the lives of all women](#), IPS News, 10 April 2020.

[Gender and COVID-19: where can research help?](#) IPS News, 10 April 2020.

[Getting a rape kit is hard. the pandemic has only made it harder](#), Huffington Post, 10 April 2020.

[I am far more than 'just a nurse'](#), Stat News, 9 April 2020.

[What does resourcing for social movements look like when the entire ecosystem is under threat?](#) AWID 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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