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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“While we need robust data and large-scale evidence on VAWG, in a crisis situation the priority initially is to target resources to ensure that women survivors of violence have access to quality services and support.” – UN Women and WHO.

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COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Press release: Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project, CARE, and Entertainment Industry Foundation Launch ‘Together for Her’ Campaign to fight gender-based violence during COVID-19. 22 April 2020](#): Charlize Theron, her foundation, the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP), and their partners, CARE and the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) launched ‘Together for Her’ to deploy funds and support the global fight against gender-based violence during COVID-19. [Source: CARE].

[Blog: Carrying out qualitative research under lockdown – practical and ethical considerations. Adam Jowett. 20 April 2020](#): How can qualitative researchers collect data during social-distancing measures? Adam Jowett outlines several techniques researchers can use to collect data without face-to-face contact with participants. [Source: LSE].

[Blog: Integrating domestic violence prevention and mitigation into global COVID-19 preparedness and relief efforts. Nafisa Halim. 8 Apr 2020](#): In this blog Dr Nafisa Halim, discusses the recent increase in domestic violence in light of lockdowns and how prevention is key. [Source: BioMed Central].

[Podcast: COVID-19 Series – COVID-19, the GBVIMS, and Case Management Data Management and Storage. April 2020](#): This podcast episode kicks off a new series dedicated to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The GBVIMS technical team discusses how COVID-19-related restrictions and lockdowns impact the GBVIMS and case management data collection and storage. [Source: Gender Based Violence Information Management System Global Team].

[Violence against women and girls’ data collection during COVID-19. UN Women. World Health Organization. 2020](#): This brief summarizes principles and recommendations to those planning to embark on data collection on the impact of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls. [Source: UN Women].

[Not just hotlines and mobile phones: GBV Service provision during COVID-19. UNICEF. 2020](#): This note sets out a number of alternative entry points for providing survivors with non-phone, low/ no technology options to alert trustworthy stakeholders of their need for gender based violence services given the restrictions on movement as a result of COVID-19. [Source: GBV CoP].

[Guidelines for protecting the rights of women and girls during the COVID-19 pandemic. Women’s Link Worldwide, Amnesty, IPPF/WHR. 2020](#): This document can be used as a roadmap for national and local government authorities to better understand the human rights obligations they must fulfil as regards women and girls’ rights during the pandemic, in accordance with the different human rights treaties their countries have ratified. [Source: WUNRN].

[Family violence and COVID-19: Increased vulnerability and reduced options for support. Usher K, Bhullar N, Durkin J, Gyamfi N, Jackson D. Int J Ment Health Nurs. ePub, 2020](#): Due to the social isolation measures implemented across the globe to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, people living in volatile situations of family violence are restricted to their homes. This study explores family violence in the context of COVID19. [Source: Wiley Online Library].

[Behavioural communication strategies for global epidemics: an innovative model for public health education and humanitarian response. Dickey C, Holzman E, Bedford J, Manoncourt E, Shirky C, Petit V, Guirguis S, Bloch K, Obregon R. Health Promot Pract. ePub, 2020](#): In response to a number of growing global health challenges, New York University and UNICEF designed a Behavioural Communication Strategies for Global Epidemics course that brings together United Nations professionals, government staff, and MPH (Master of Public Health) students to design innovative social behaviour change communication (SBCC) strategies that address disease outbreaks and humanitarian challenges around the world. [Source: SAGE Journals].

[Keeping in contact with girls COVID-19 communication and safeguarding guidance. Cornish-Spencer D. Social Development Direct, on behalf of the Girls’ Education Challenge. 2020](#): This guidance provides practical mitigation strategies and explores the strengths and limitations of working in different ways to keep-in-contact with girls in a COVID-19 impacted context. [Source: Social Development Direct].

[Keeping in contact with girls COVID-19 Communication and Safeguarding Template Standard Operating Procedures. Cornish-Spencer D, Social Development Direct, on behalf of the Girls’ Education Challenge. 2020](#): This is a supplementary document to the [guidance note](#), and is a rapidly developed template for projects to think through the practicalities of keeping-in-contact with girls. [Source: Social Development Direct].

[UN Trust Fund’s stakeholder community exchange on COVID-19 impact violence against women ecosystem](#): This is a recording of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women meeting discussing the impact of COVID-19 on global systems to prevent and end violence against women and girls. [Source: UN Women].

[Feminist resources on the pandemic. Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy](#): The response to the current pandemic is in dire need of feminist perspectives. This webpage provides useful resource to stay informed and making sure that during this time, we both protect the most vulnerable and ensure that governments’ responses to this pandemic does not trigger a roll back on human rights. [Source: Feminist Alliance for Rights].

Read [Statement on Rights at the Intersection of Gender and Disability during COVID-19](#)

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.

[Psychosocial interventions for intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries: A meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. Turner D.T, Riedel E, Kobeissi L.H, Karyotaki E, Garcia-Moreno C, Say L, Cuijpers P. Journal of Global Health. ePub, 2020:](#) This study examines the efficacy of psychosocial interventions for intimate partner violence among women in low and middle-income countries. [Source: *Journal of Public Health*].

[A cross-national examination of school violence and nonattendance due to school violence in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and mainland China: a Rasch model approach. Chen J.K, Chen LM. J. School Violence. 19\(2\), 177-191, 2020:](#) This study examines the similarities and differences between three distinct Chinese societies (Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China) regarding the contribution of gender and grade level to school violence, the ranking orders of perpetration and victimization behaviour, and the correlates of school nonattendance due to violence. [Source: *Safeylit*].

[Experiences of violence among adolescent girls and young women in Nairobi's informal settlements prior to scale-up of the DREAMS Partnership: Prevalence, severity and predictors. Orindi B.O, Maina B.W, Muuo S.W, Birdthistle I, Carter D.J, Floyd S, Ziraba A. PLoS One. 15\(4\), e0231737, 2020:](#) This study estimates the prevalence, severity and identify predictors of violence among adolescent girls and young women in informal settlement areas of Nairobi, Kenya, selected for DREAMS (Determined Resilient Empowered AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe) investment. [Source: *NBCI*].

[Prevalence and determinants of gender-based violence among high school female students in Wolaita Sodo, Ethiopia: an institutionally based cross-sectional study. Tantu T, Wolka S, Gunta M, Teshome M, Mohammed H, Duko B. BMC Public Health. 20\(1\), 540, 2020:](#) This study assesses the prevalence and factors associated with gender-based violence among female high school students in Wolaita Sodo, Ethiopia. [Source: *NBCI*].

[Effectiveness of the Common Elements Treatment Approach \(CETA\) in reducing intimate partner violence and hazardous alcohol use in Zambia \(VATU\): A randomized controlled trial. Murray L.K, Kanel J.C, Glass N, van Wyk S.S, Melendez F, Paul R, Danielson C.K, Murray S.M, Mayeya J, Simenda F, Bolton P. PLoS Med. 17\(4\), e1003056, 2020:](#) In this study, the authors evaluate the effectiveness of an evidence-based, multi-problem, flexible, transdiagnostic intervention, the Common Elements Treatment Approach (CETA) in reducing women's experience of intimate partner violence, and their male partner's alcohol misuse among couples in urban Zambia. [Source: *PLoS ONE*].

[Why most published research findings are false. Ioannidis J.P.A. 2\(8\), e124, 2020:](#) Simulations show that for most study designs and settings, it is more likely for a research claim to be false than true. Moreover, for many current scientific fields, claimed research findings may often be simply accurate measures of the prevailing bias. In this article, the author discusses the implications of these problems for the conduct and interpretation of research. [Source: *PLoS Medicine*].

PUBLICATIONS BY SVRI AND PARTNERS

[Assessing the potential of comprehensive sexuality education for intimate partner violence prevention among adolescents in Mexico City. IPPF/WHR. 2020:](#) This brief assesses the mechanisms by which comprehensive sexual education programming can prevent intimate partner violence.

Read the Spanish version ([Evaluación del potencial de la educación integral de la sexualidad para la prevención de la violencia de pareja entre adolescentes en la ciudad de México](#))



BLOGS

["Inundated, overloaded and bombarded" – Seven insights for communicating research to busy policymakers. David Rose and Chris Tyler. 7 April 2020:](#) Drawing on the findings of a wide ranging study looking at the use of evidence by UK parliamentarians and their staff, Dr David Rose and Dr Chris Tyler provide seven insights for how academics can improve the chances of their evidence being used in the fast-paced, time-poor, information environment of the UK Parliament. [Source: *LSE*].

PODCASTS

[Five important podcasts about reproductive rights:](#) This webpage offers five podcasts discussing on abortion, reproductive rights and justice and legislation. [Source: *Women Help*].

[Engaging men and boys in the fight for gender equality:](#) In this podcast, Leka talks about engaging men and boys by targeting them when they're young and addressing gender-based violence and equality as part of vocational training. [Source: *CARE Action*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Researchers, Somali refugees create podcast addressing intimate partner violence. 2020:](#) Researchers from Harvard University schools and partners, including Addis Ababa University, Women and Health Alliance Ethiopia and Fondation Hironnelle, are turning to podcasts in humanitarian settings to help prevent and reduce intimate partner violence. [Source: *International Center for Journalists*].

[Supporting 'off-radar' children and young people at risk of violence and abuse in their household. Chevous J, Oram S, Perôt C. Survivors' Voices, UKRI Violence Abuse and Mental Health Network, McPin Foundation. 2020](#): This report documents the results of a survivor-led and rapid response survey targeted at people who had experience of being abused as children whilst unknown to safeguarding or support services, in order to capture the wisdom of lived experience regarding what practical actions may help reach this population. [Source: *Violence, Abuse and Mental Health Network*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Request for Expression of Interest and Quotation](#): Conducting desk research on women, peace and justice in the Great Lakes Region. Deadline: 4 May 2020.

[Call for proposals](#): Research grants on women, victimization, and COVID-19. Deadline: 11 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): United States Embassy in Tirana – Democracy Commission Small Grants. Deadline: 14 May 2020.

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

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

[Call for special issue papers](#): Intimate partner violence during national emergencies. Deadline: 15 August 2020.



EVENTS

- [LINEA Webinar: Unite for a Better Life: Developing and testing an intervention to reduce intimate partner violence in a humanitarian context, 6 May 2020, 2pm London](#): In this LINEA webinar, Dr Vandana Sharma will present an overview of Unite for a Better Life, a gender-transformative intimate partner violence and HIV prevention programme, along with lessons from the adaptation of the programme for the Somali refugee context, and the associated pilot study. Register [online](#).
- [Remote home visitation: Supporting clients experiencing intimate partner violence in the time of COVID-19, 8 May 2020, 11-12:30 pm Pacific](#): This webinar is dedicated to evolving promising practices for home visitors within a virtual space to help caregivers who may be experiencing coercion and abuse from their partner, and to help them and their children be safer. Register [online](#).
- [Virtual learning: Professional certificate in strategic gender and development planning, 15-19 June 2020](#): This course examines and analyses a broad range of issues, such as the relationship between gender and development, education and health. A strategic approach will be taken, which will enable participants to identify key stakeholders, barriers and planning techniques to address gender inequality in all aspects of governance, business and society. Through practical case studies and discussions with leading practitioners, delegates will develop comprehensive and clear plans to facilitate gender equity within their organisation.



VACANCIES

- [International Human Rights Legal Research Consultant](#), The Center for Reproductive Rights, Flexible – Closing date: 24 April 2020.
- [Senior Prevention Program Coordinator](#), New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, New York, USA – Closing date: 30 April 2020.
- [Staff and Self-Care Consultant](#), Norwegian Church Aid, Location not specified – Closing date: 3 May 2020.
- [Senior Programme Officer - Pacific Partnership to End Violence against Women and Girls Project](#), Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 4 May 2020.
- [Consultancy service for Prevention, Mitigation and Response to Child, Early and Forced Marriages](#), Norwegian Church Aid, Location not specified – Closing date: 10 May 2020.
- [Prevention and Mitigation of Human Trafficking Consultant](#), Norwegian Church Aid, Location not specified – Closing date: 10 May 2020.
- [Senior Technical Advisor, HIV/AIDS and Health](#), Project Concern International, Washington D.C, USA – Closing date: 31 May 2020.



NEWS

[Displaced and stateless women and girls face heightened risk of violence amid coronavirus pandemic](#), UN News, 20 April 2020.

[HeForShe launches #HeForSheAtHome campaign](#), UN Women News, 15 April 2020.

[Researchers, Somali refugees create podcast addressing intimate partner violence](#), International Center for Journalists, 14 April 2020.

[Polish Parliament must reject regressive proposals on sexual and reproductive rights](#), Center for Reproductive Rights News, 14 April 2020.

[L'estrès del confinament pot agreujar la violència masclista, segons una entitat d'atenció a dones maltractades](#), El Punt Avui, 12 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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