



SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE



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HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Today is [International Women's Day](#) (#IWD2018) and we recognise and acknowledge the collective effort of all of you who work tirelessly to prevent and respond to violence against women (VAW) and violence against children (VAC). This year's theme draws attention to the rights of rural and urban women and highlights the work of activists in transforming women's lives. Read our two featured blogs to learn more about how [SVRI WBG Development Marketplace Awards](#) grantees contribute to the prevention of VAW in rural contexts.

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SVRI MEMBER'S REQUEST

Consultancy Opportunities to Support to COFEM's May 2018 Strategy Planning Meeting: The Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM) is an advocacy collective of thought leaders, activists, practitioners and academics working globally to end violence against women and girls (VAWG). Formed in late 2016, COFEM seeks to create a feminist space for practitioners, academics and activists to critically engage with and collectively address challenges facing VAWG work. COFEM is working to clarify its vision and its activities for the next three years. As part of this process, COFEM is holding a three-day face-to-face strategy meeting for membership the week of May 21, 2018. COFEM is seeking proposals from consultants to support this process.

Deadline for applications is 11 March 2018. For full terms of reference or more information please email: cofem.hq@gmail.com

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[How do we reach the girls and women who are the hardest to reach? Inequitable opportunities in reproductive and maternal health care services in armed conflict and forced displacement settings in Colombia.](#) Rivillas C.J, Rodriguez R.D, Song G, Martel A. *PLoS ONE*. 13(1), e0188654, 2018: This paper assesses inequalities in access to reproductive and maternal health services among females affected by forced displacement and sexual and gender-based violence in conflict settings in Colombia. (Source: *University of Valle*).

[How gender norms are reinforced through violence against adolescent girls in two conflict affected populations.](#) Sommer M, Muñoz-Laboy M, Williams A, Mayevskaya Y, Falb K, Abdella G, Stark L. *Child Abuse Negl*. 79, 154-163, 2018: This study examines attitudes towards and social norms around responding to physical and sexual abuse of girls in conflict-affected populations. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Conditional cash transfers and the reduction in partner violence for young women: an investigation of causal pathways using evidence from a randomized experiment in South Africa \(HPTN 068\).](#) Kilburn K.N, Pettifor A, Edwards J.K, Selin A, Twine R, Macphail C, Wagner R, Hughes J.P, Wang J, Kahn K. J. *Int. AIDS Soc*. 21(Suppl 1), e25043, 2018: The purpose of this analysis is to understand the pathways through which conditional cash transfer affects intimate partner violence. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Evaluating the communities care program: best practice for rigorous research to evaluate gender based violence prevention and response programs in humanitarian settings.](#) N. Glass, N. Perrin, A. Clough, A. Desgroppes, F.N. Kaburu, J. Melton, A. Rink, S. Read-Hamilton and M. Marsh. *Conflict and Health*. 12(5), 1-

[10, 2018](#): This article highlights the use of best practices in gender based violence research to rigorously evaluate the Communities Care program in two diverse in humanitarian settings, Somalia and South Sudan. (Source: BMC).

[Social media use and cyberbullying perpetration: A longitudinal analysis. Barlett C.P, Gentile D.A, Chng G, Li D, Chamberlin K. Violence and Gender. ePub, 2018:](#) This study used a three-wave longitudinal study of over 3000 (at Wave 1) Singaporean youth to examine whether the relationship between Wave 1 social network use and Wave 3 cyberbullying perpetration was mediated by an increase in Wave 2 development of positive cyberbullying attitudes.

[Measuring violence to end violence: mainstreaming gender. Walby S, Towers J. Journal of Gender-Based Violence. 1\(1\), 11-31\(21\), 2017:](#) This article aims to mainstream gender into the measurement of violence, in order to assist the development of the theory of change needed to support actions to end violence. (Source: *Ingenta Connect*).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Deflection, denial and disbelief: Social and political discourses about child sexual abuse and their influence on institutional responses A rapid evidence assessment. Lovett J, Coy M, Kelly L. London Metropolitan University. 2018:](#) This report summarises the existing evidence base about social and political discourses concerning child sexual abuse in England and Wales and identifies ways in which those discourses may have influenced institutional responses to such abuse. (Source: *London Metropolitan University*).

[Violence against women and girls and resilience: Links, Impacts and perspectives for the Chadian context. Le Masson V, Benoudji C, Reyes S.S, Bernard G. 2018:](#) This report explores the links between gender-based violence, and the resilience shown by survivors, their households and the wider community. (Source: *Overseas Development Institute*).

[Counting on change: A guide to prevention monitoring. Our Watch. 2017:](#) This report identifies indicators of change for the drivers and reinforcing factors of violence against women. (Source: *Our Watch*).

[Social norms and girls' well-being: linking theory and practice. Vaitla B, Taylor A, Van Horn J, Cislighi B. Data2x. 2017:](#) This report synthesises the literature on social norms and their interactions with the lives of adolescent girls, and reviews ways to measure social norms. (Source: *Girls Not Brides*).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for papers Special Issue:](#) Responding to child and adolescent sexual abuse – Advances and gaps in clinical practice. Deadline: 15 March 2018.

[Call for papers:](#) Art and Violence Now. Deadline: 19 March 2018.

[\[Reminder\] Call for applications:](#) Internet for development grants for gender empowerment and innovation – ISIF Asia. Deadline: 30 April 2018.

[\[Reminder\] Call for papers:](#) Young killers, firearms and violence – Violence and Gender. Deadline: 15 May 2018.

EVENTS

- [Resilience, Self-Efficacy, and Peer Support: Canadian Webinar Series on Implementing the WHO Consolidated Guideline on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women Living with HIV, 9 March 2018:](#) This webinar will offer insight into the pathways towards and factors that contribute to resilience and self-efficacy among women living with HIV. Register [online](#).
- [CSW 62 side event: Shifting norms for gender justice – evidence on what works, 16 March 2018, New York, USA:](#) This event will bring together a diverse set of actors working on research projects to understand the latest evidence on harmful and discriminatory gender norms and highlight the work of NGOs and programmes working to change them.
- [Webinar: Toward gender equity – Supporting healthy masculinities for sexual and domestic violence prevention, 28 March 2018:](#) In this webinar, guests will share how they engage in authentic dialogues about gender equity, masculinities, and accountability as a way to support potential transformation of our cultural norms and prevent sexual and domestic violence.

NEWS

- ['You need to hear us': over 1,000 female aid workers urge reform in open letter,](#) The Guardian, 8 March 2018.
- [International Women's Day: Pride, Protests and Pressure,](#) The New York Times, 8 March 2018.
- [Child marriage numbers falling, says Unicef,](#) BBC News, 6 March 2018.

VACANCIES

- [Research Officer, Individual Deprivation Measure,](#) IWDA, Melbourne, Australia – Closing date: 13 March 2018.
- [Grant Writer,](#) The Association for Progressive Communications, Flexible – Closing date: 14 March 2018.
- [Communications Program Associate – Writer,](#) The Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, Flexible – Closing date: 14 March 2018.
- [RSRHR Fund Consultancy Opportunity - Regional baseline study on ASRHR,](#) Hivos Southern Africa, Southern Africa – Closing date: 16 March 2018.
- [Women's rights and corporate power reporting fellowship,](#) openDemocracy 50.50, Flexible – Closing date: 23 March 2018.
- [Researcher, Caribbean Program,](#) OutRight Action International, New York, USA – Closing date: 26 March 2018.
- [Executive Director,](#) ISDAO, West Africa – Closing date: 27 March 2018.
- [Senior Manager, Humanitarian Assistance,](#) CARE Canada, Ottawa, Canada – Closing date: 31 March 2018.
- [Media Fellows,](#) Columbia University's Center for the Study of Social Difference, New York, USA – Closing date: 1 May 2018.
- [Programs Coordinator,](#) The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, Remotely – Closing date: 1 May 2018.
- [Associate Editors,](#) BMC Public Health, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Global Press Officer,](#) The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center), New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

- [Senior Trainer](#), The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Berger Postdoctoral Fellow](#), University of Colorado Denver, Denver, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Executive Director](#), Men Stopping Violence, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle-income countries. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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