



SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE



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SVRI MEMBER'S REQUEST

[Call It What It Is - The Survey:](#)

Launched in December 2018, the [Call it what it is campaign](#) calls on the collective strength of civil society to give survivors of sexual violence in conflict a voice in shaping contemporary, victim-centric and contextually relevant guidance to international criminal law practitioners on what makes violence “sexual”. Over the course of 2019, Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice will develop with the help of its NGO [partners](#) a Civil Society Declaration hoping to expand the understanding of sexual violence around the world in a way that is inclusive, culturally-sensitive, responds to present-day realities, and is forward-thinking.

At this stage, 43 [consultations](#) with survivors in 14 countries were completed leading to some really fascinating insights into the issue of sexual violence in different contexts. Please fill out the [survey](#) (available in 13 languages) that aims to gather input from a broad range of stakeholders, including survivors, NGOs, and experts, on what makes violence sexual.

This survey will be closing on the 11th July 2019, 12pm in order to analyse the gathered results.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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[The little tissue that couldn't – dispelling myths about the Hymen's role in determining sexual history and assault. Mishori R, Ferdowsian H, Naimer K, Volpellier M, McHale T. Reproductive Health, ePub, 2019:](#) This article reviews published evidence to dispel commonly held myths about the hymen and its morphology, function, and use as evidence in cases of sexual violence. (Source: *Physicians for Human Rights*).

[Violence against older women: a protocol for a systematic review of qualitative literature. Meyer S.R, Lasater M.E, Garcia-Moreno C. BMJ Open. ePub, 2019:](#) The aim of the systematic review is to identify, evaluate and synthesise qualitative studies from all countries, exploring violence against women aged 50 and above, identifying types and patterns of violence, perpetrators of violence and impacts of violence on various health outcomes for older women. (Source: *BMJ Journals*).

[Cost and cost-effectiveness of a parenting programme to prevent violence against adolescents in South Africa. Redfern A, Cluver L.D, Casale M, Steinert J.I. BMJ Glob Health. ePub, 2019:](#) This paper presents the costs and cost-effectiveness of 'Parenting for Lifelong Health: Sinovuyo Teen', a non-commercialised parenting programme aimed at preventing violence against adolescents in low-income and middle-income countries. (Source: *BMJ Journals*).

[A study on capacity development in the “What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women” programme. Willan S, Kerr-Wilson A, Parke A, Gibbs A. Development in Practice. ePub, 2019:](#) This article recommends that effective capacity development requires: meaningful commitment; an organic process driven by the needs of the global South; recognising the importance of soft skills; acknowledging what is achievable within resource constraints; and a commitment to women’s rights and gender equality. (Source: *What Works Global Programme*).

["It's like standing on a beach, holding your children's hands, and having a tsunami just coming towards you": intimate partner violence and "expert" assessments in Australian family law. Rathus Z, Jeffries S, Menih H, Field R. Vict. Offender. 14\(4\), 408-440, 2019:](#) In this study, authors report findings from an Australian based qualitative study exploring the experiences of family report assessment practice from the perspective of victim mothers who have separated from men who perpetrate intimate partner violence. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[A scoping review of adult survivors' experiences of shame following sexual abuse in childhood. MacGinley M, Breckenridge J, Mowl J. Health Soc. Care Community. ePub, 2019:](#) This article provides a synthesis of findings indicating the adverse influence of childhood sexual abuse-related shame on adult survivors’ mental health, relationships, disclosure, self-concept and recovery. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Help-seeking by male victims of domestic violence and abuse \(DVA\): a systematic review and qualitative evidence synthesis. Huntley A.L, Potter L, Williamson E, Malpass A, Szilassy E, Feder G. BMJ Open. ePub, 2019:](#) This study explores the barriers to formal help-seeking and the experiences of all male victims of domestic violence and abuse with help-seeking services. (Source: *NCBI*).

[Sexual violence among adolescent girls and young women in Malawi: a cluster-randomized controlled implementation trial of empowerment self-defense training. Decker M.R, Wood S.N, Ndinda Esther, Yenokyan G, Sinclair J, Maksud N, Ross B, Omondi B, Ndirangu M. BMC Public Health. ePub, 2018:](#) This cluster-randomized controlled implementation trial examines empowerment self-defense for sexual assault risk reduction among school-age women in Malawi. (Source: *BioMed Central*).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Impact Evaluation of Women for Women International's Economic and Social Empowerment programme in Afghanistan: an evidence brief. Noble E, Corboz J, Gibbs A, Mann C, Mecagni A, Jewkes R. What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme. 2019:](#) This study seeks to evaluate the impact of Women for Women International's social and economic empowerment programme on married women's experiences of intimate partner violence and women's earnings and savings. (Source: *What Works Global Programme*).

[Social Norms Change at Scale: CUSP's Collective Insights. 2018:](#) This case study summarizes lessons for donors, implementers, and policymakers who would like to adapt and scale social norms programming in a way that maximizes impact and prioritizes safety for communities based on Coalition for Understanding Scale Up (CUSP)'s members' experiences. View an online presentation from the CUSP [here](#). (Source: *Raising Voices*).

[Ending Trafficking in India, One Story at a Time \(YouTube Videos\)](#): These videos were created in an intensive, five-day workshop that supported a group of courageous women impacted by human trafficking in sharing personal stories from their lives, and, with the help of mentors in performative and digital storytelling, transforming their experiences into art. *Please note some of the video content may not be appealing to sensitive viewers.* (Source: *Silence Speaks*).

BLOGS

[The human element – why randomised control trials need mixed methods approaches. Naila Kabeer](#): In this post, Naila Kabeer reflects on her recent research into randomised control trials utilised as part of a programme to alleviate poverty in West Bengal and highlights how, when Randomised Control Trials are used in isolation, they can produce results that fail to recognise and are skewed by human agency. (Source: *Impact of Social Sciences*).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): OHCHR LGBTI Fellowship. Deadline: 28 June 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): World Bank Group – Young Professionals Program. Deadline: 30 June 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Third Intercontinental Youth Forum of iDove – Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism. Deadline: 30 June 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Nuffic – Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Deadline: 11 July 2019.

[Fourth Call for Research](#): MRC – Improve Adolescent Health in Low and Middle Income Countries. Deadline: 16 July 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Women’s Global Development and Prosperity Initiative WomenConnect Challenge (Round Two). Deadline: 26 July 2019.

[Special Issue Call for Papers](#): Social and Gender Norms and Violence Against Children - Exploring Their Role and Strategies for Prevention. Deadline: 26 July 2019.

EVENTS

- [Webinar: Ready. Set. Go Stata, 19 June 2019, 9am CT](#): New to Stata? Ready to analyze your data but not sure where to start? Join this webinar to learn how to get data into Stata, to explore tools that are available for manipulating and cleaning data, and so much more. Register [online](#).
- [Webinar: New University Network - children challenging sexual violence, 22 July 2019, 12pm London Time](#): In this webinar, speakers will introduce a new University Network to promote university led activities to challenge sexual violence against children, including curriculum development, teaching and research activities. Join the webinar to find out more about the network, to hear from an initial scoping with academics and to be part of shaping activities of the future. To register, please email delphine.peace@beds.ac.uk to reserve a place and she will send you the necessary link.
- [Online course: integrated healthcare for children with developmental disabilities](#): This three-week course is designed to enhance your knowledge of children with developmental disabilities and help you to improve healthcare provision for a vulnerable group, by working in partnership with families and other essential services, such as education or social care providers. Register [online](#).

VACANCIES

- [Funding Support Officer](#), Against Violence & Abuse, London, UK – Closing date: 24 June 2019.
 - [Female Global Master Trainer](#), No Means No Worldwide, International roving position, first in Sub-Saharan Africa – Closing date: 30 June 2019.
 - [Senior Gender Officer](#), Girls Not Brides, London, UK – Closing date: 1 July 2019.
 - [Latin America Regional Program Director](#), Thousand Currents, Within Latin America region – Closing date: 3 July 2019.
 - [Communications Senior Associate or Officer](#), Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 5 July 2019.
 - [Qualitative Researcher](#), UNDP, Home based – Closing date: 17 June 2019.
 - [Male Global Master Trainer](#), No Means No Worldwide, International roving position, first in East Africa – Closing date: Open until filled.
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NEWS

[Botswana's High Court rejects laws criminalising homosexuality](#), Al Jazeera, 11 June 2019.

[On world day against child labour: put an end to child marriage](#), Women’s eNews, 11 June 2019.

[Growing number of garment factory workers in Bangladesh subjected to sexual harassment and violence, ActionAid UK finds](#), The Independent, 11 June 2019.

[Attitudes to gender and sexual diversity: changing global trends](#), The Conversation, 9 June 2019.

[How sexual abuse survivors are finding strength and dignity through fashion](#), CNN News, 7 June 2019.

[5 ways female genital mutilation undermines the health of women and girls](#), UNFPA News, 20 May 2019.

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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