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## SVRI FORUM 2019 UPDATES

### Registration

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## 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.*

[How to conduct good quality research on violence against children with disabilities: key ethical, measurement, and research principles.](#) Kyegombe K, Banks L.M, Kelly S, Kuper H, Devries K.M. *BMC Public Health*. ePub, 2019: This paper provides guidance on how to conduct good quality, ethical, and inclusive research on violence against children with disabilities, particularly in low-income settings. (Source: *BMC Public Health*).

[Interventions addressing men, masculinities and gender equality in sexual and reproductive health and rights: an evidence and gap map and systematic review of reviews.](#) Ruane-McAteer E, Amin A, Hanratty J, Lynn F, Corbijn van Willenswaard K, Reid E, Khosla R, Lohan M. *BMJ Glob Health*. ePub, 2019: In this article, authors provide an interactive evidence and gap map of the total review evidence on interventions engaging men/boys across the full range of WHO sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) outcomes and report a systematic review of the quantity, quality and effect of gender-transformative interventions with men/boys to improve SRHR for all. (Source: *NCBI*).

[Unintended consequences of mHealth interactive voice messages promoting contraceptive use after menstrual regulation in Bangladesh: intimate partner violence results from a randomized controlled trial.](#) Reiss K, Andersen K, Pearson E, Biswas K, Taleb F, Ngo T.D, Hossain A, Barnard S, Smith C, Carpenter J, Menzel J, Footman K, Keenan K, Douthwaite M, Reena Y, Mahmood HR, Tabbassum T, Colombini M, Bacchus L, Church K. *Glob Health Sci Pract*. 7(3), 386-403, 2019: This study evaluates the effect of automated interactive voice messages promoting contraceptive use with a focus on long-acting reversible contraceptives among women in Bangladesh who had undergone menstrual regulation, a procedure to "regulate the menstrual cycle when menstruation is absent for a short duration". (Source: *GHSP Journal*).

[When political solutions for acute conflict in Yemen seem distant, demand for reproductive health services is immediate: a programme model for resilient family planning and post abortion care services.](#) Morris C.N, Lopes K, Gallagher M.C, Ashraf S, Ibrahim S. *Sex. Reprod. Health Matters*. ePub, 2019: This study contributes to data-driven research on demand for family planning and post-abortion care services in Yemen and other emergency contexts. (Source: *Safetylit*).

["It shakes you for the rest of your life": low-income fathers' understanding of domestic violence and its impact on children.](#) Thomas K.A, Mederos F, Rodriguez G. *Psychol. Violence*. 9(5), 564-573, 2019: Responsible fatherhood groups (RFGs) are evidence-informed interventions that educate and support low-income fathers on domestic violence. This study explores the RFGs participants' understanding of domestic violence and its impact on the children exposed to it. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Comparing mental health disorders among sex trafficked children and three groups of youth at high-risk for trafficking: A dual retrospective cohort and scoping review.](#) Palines P.A, Rabbitt A.L, Pan A.Y, Nugent M.L, Ehrman W.G. *Child Abuse Negl*. ePub, 2019: This study examines the prevalence of mental health diagnoses among a sample of youth identified as being sex trafficked, and to discuss these rates in relation to other high-risk groups reported in the literature. (Source: *NCBI*).

[Does country-level gender equality explain individual risk of intimate partner violence against women? A multilevel analysis of individual heterogeneity and discriminatory accuracy \(MAIHDA\) in the European Union.](#) Ivert A.K, Gracia E, Lila M, Wemrell M, Merlo J. *Eur J Public Health*. pii: ckz162, 2019: In this study, authors apply 'multilevel analysis of individual heterogeneity and discriminatory accuracy' (MAIHDA) to quantify the extent to which the country of residence determines individual risk of intimate partner violence (IPV); and investigate the association between country-level gender equality and individual experience of IPV, and to which extent this association explains the observed between-country differences. (Source: *NCBI*).

[Regulating bodies: the moral panic of child sexuality in the digital era\\*](#). Witting S.K. *Critical Quarterly for Legislation and Law*. ePub, 2019: This article argues that the criminalisation of children for consensual sexual exploration in the online space is counterproductive to the child protection objective. Instead, countries should take a rights-based approach to consensual 'sexting' between minors, and balance autonomy and child protection concerns through an exclusion of consensual 'sexting' between minors from the scope of 'child pornography' provisions. (Source: *Leiden University*).

[Effects of an empowerment program for survivors of sexual violence on attitudes and beliefs: evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo](#). Quattrochi J, Biaba R, Nordås R, Østby G, Alldén S, Cikara A, Namegabe E, Amisi C. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. ePub, 2019: In this study, authors investigate an intensive, six-month residential empowerment program ("City of Joy") for sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) survivors in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, where more than one in five women have experienced SGBV. (Source: *GBV AOR CoP*).

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## BLOGS

[Trauma research: survivor and trauma counselling experiences in Uganda](#). Helen Liebling: Previous research found high levels of trauma-related difficulties amongst the conflict-affected population in Northern Uganda. There is international evidence that psychological therapy can reduce depression, one of the effects of traumatic experiences, but there is very limited literature regarding the experiences of trauma counselling in Sub-Saharan Africa. Read [more](#). (Source: *Coventry University*).

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

[What works to prevent violence against women and girls in conflict and humanitarian crisis: Synthesis Brief](#). What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme, International Rescue Committee and The Global Women's Institute. 2019: This new brief synthesises the key results of What Works studies as well as other findings from contemporaneous research efforts published since 2015. It aims to provide an up-to-date resource for practitioners, policymakers and researchers on the state of evidence on violence against women and girls (VAWG) in conflict and humanitarian settings and makes recommendations for VAWG policy, programming, and future research priorities. (Source: *The Global Women's Institute*).

[Engaging with state armed forces to prevent sexual violence: a toolkit for ICRC Staff on how to engage state armed forces in dialogue on preventing sexual violence in armed conflict](#). ICRC, Norwegian Red Cross. 2019: This toolkit is designed to be a practical and innovative resource for staff, with suggestions on how to engage in dialogue on sexual violence with State armed forces without coming across as accusatory. (Source: *Relief Web*).

[Preventing adverse childhood experiences \(ACEs\): leveraging the best available evidence](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2019: This technical package provides information for sexual and intimate partner violence prevention practitioners to strengthen their connections with adverse childhood experience prevention, build partnerships, and have a broad impact across types of violence across the lifespan. (Source: *Prevent Connect*).

[Minimum standards for prevention and response to gender-based violence in emergencies](#). UNFPA, 2015: This document provides clarity on what constitutes effective and appropriate gender based violence prevention and response in emergencies by offering concrete actions that can be applied across various emergency contexts. (Source: *UNFPA*).

[Guidance Note 2: A practical guide on community programming on violence against women and girls](#). DFID: This guidance provides an overview of innovative approaches at the community level to address violence against women and girls. (Source: *Womankind*).

[Civil society declaration on sexual violence Women's Initiative for Gender Justice](#): this document seeks to enhance the understanding of what constitutes an act of sexual violence from the perspective of survivors of sexual violence. (Source: *Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice*).

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Proposals](#): Government of Canada – Health and Rights for Women, Adolescent girls and Children. Deadline: 10 October 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Amplify Change Strengthening grant. Deadline: 11 October 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Government of the Slovak Republic – Promoting Equality Between Women and Men a Work Life Balance. Deadline: 15 October 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Mali – Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Deadline: 21 October 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Health and Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Burundi. Deadline: 31 October 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in Medical and Health Sciences. Deadline: 1 December 2019.

[Call for Participation](#): Global Call for Evidence on Children's Institutions and Human Trafficking Survey. Deadline: Not Specified.

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## EVENTS

- [Free Online Micro-Course: Ending Violence in Schools 101](#): In partnership with GPEVAC, Apolitical has produced Ending Violence in Schools 101, a micro-course providing a practical introduction to innovative strategies working to keep children safe in and around schools. Course topics include sexual violence, cyberbullying and aggression, corporal punishment, reporting, mindfulness and the use of data for safer schools, among others. Register [online](#).

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## VACANCIES

- [International Consultant - Inter-agency GBV Case Management Focal Point](#), UNICEF, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh – Closing date: 8 October 2019.
- [Developing Legal Instructive Guidelines on Responsive Prosecution to VAW Cases](#), UN Women, Home based Ramallah, with travel to other locations in the West Bank, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES – Closing date: 9 October 2019.

- [Online Course: Introduction to Coaching and Mentoring](#): Created specifically for those working in the humanitarian sector, this course will help to build, and strengthen, your coaching and mentoring skills. The Introduction to Coaching and Mentoring course is also available in [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#) and in [English \(contextualised for the Middle East and North Africa region\)](#).
- [High-level Conference on ICPD25, 12 November 2019, Nairobi, Kenya](#): This year marks the 25th anniversary of the ground breaking International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), which took place in Cairo in 1994. This high-level conference will be jointly convened by Government of the Republic of Kenya and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). What Works researchers have submitted a concept note jointly with the World Health Organisation (WHO), SVRI and CSOs for a thematic session at the conference in Nairobi.
- [International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa \(ICASA\), 2-7 December 2019, Kigali, Rwanda](#): The ICASA Conference is the biggest AIDS conference in Africa, with over 10,000 delegates expected. This year's conference theme is "Aids Free Africa - innovation, community, and political leadership".
- [Central Asia FPAR Coordinator](#), Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand – Closing date: 15 October 2019.
- [Programme Specialist, Ending Violence against Women \(Spotlight Initiative\)](#), UN Women, Dili, Timor Leste – Closing date: 16 October 2019.
- [Integrated Protection Coordinator](#), International Rescue Committee, Tripoli, Libya – Closing date: 18 October 2019.
- [Provision of Consultancy Services for an Evaluation of Ipas's Programs to Improve Reproductive Health and Rights](#), Ipas, Flexible – Closing date: 25 October 2019.
- [Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning \(MEL\) Officer – Girls First Fund](#), Geneva Global, Greater Philadelphia Area - Paoli, PA, USA – Closing date: 31 October 2019.
- [Consultant: Media and Communication to Advance Sex Workers' Rights](#), The Count Me In! (CMI!) Consortium, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.

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## NEWS

[Melinda Gates: here's why I'm committing \\$1 billion to promote gender equality](#), Time, 2 October 2019.

[Visiting South Africa a 'really powerful' experience for Meghan, Duchess of Sussex](#), CNN, 1 October 2019.

[Anti-rape devices may have their uses, but they don't address the ultimate problem](#), The Conversation, 29 September 2019.

[How brain handles trauma could explain a lot about sexual abuse survivors' testimony](#), News Week, 5 July 2019.

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### 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](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

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