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SVRI FORUM 2019: TIME IS NOW



The SVRI Forum 2019 was a great success! A big thanks to conference sponsors, partners, chairs, presenters and delegates for being an integral part of SVRI Forum 2019.

More than 770 of us, from all corners of the world, came to Cape Town to share ideas, innovations, and research on ending violence against women and violence against children.

It was a week of inspiration that has left us feeling re-energized and more focused to #EndViolence because #TimeIsNow

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SVRI Forum 2021 - Save the date: Mark your calendars - SVRI Forum 2021 will be held from 20-25 September 2021. Location to be confirmed early in 2019!

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.

[RCT evaluation of Skhokho: A holistic school intervention to prevent gender-based violence among South African Grade 8s. Jewkes R, Gevers A, Chirwa E, Mahlangu P, Shamu S, Shai N, Lombard C. PLoS One. ePub, 2019:](#) In this article, authors evaluate the effectiveness of the Skhokho interventions (enhanced teaching materials and a parenting programme) in reducing dating and sexual violence. (Source: SAMRC).

[You have to be twice as good and work twice as hard: a mixed-methods study of perceptions of sexual harassment, assault and women's leadership among female faculty at a research university in the USA. Evans D.P, Sales J.M, Krause K.H, del Rio C. Global Health, Epidemiology and Genomics. 4, e6, 1–8, 2019:](#) This study examines the perceptions of institutional policies and practices for the prevention of and response to gender inequities as experienced by female faculty working in the health sciences at a US research university. (Source: Emory University).

[Interventions to reduce gender-based violence among young people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in low- and middle- income countries. Meinck F, Pantelic M, Spreckelsen T.F, Orza L, Little M.T, Nittas V, Picker V, Bustamam A.A, Romero R.H, Mella E.P.D, Stöckl H. AIDS. ePub, 2019:](#) This study explores the effectiveness of gender-based violence interventions on young people living with or affected by HIV in low- and middle-income countries. (Source: NCBJ).

[Prevalence of intimate partner violence against women in the Arab world: a systematic review. Elghossain T, Bott S, Akik C, Obermeyer C.M. BMC Int Health Hum Rights. ePub, 2019:](#) This review summarizes what is known about the prevalence of physical, sexual and emotional/psychological intimate partner violence against women in the 22 countries of the Arab League, including geographic coverage, quality and comparability of the evidence. (Source: BioMed Central).

[Violence against children in Latin America and the Caribbean: What do available data reveal about prevalence and perpetrators? Devries K, Merrill KG, Knight L, Bott S, Guedes A, Butron-Riveros B, Hege C, Petzold M, Peterman A, Cappa C, Maxwell L, Williams A, Kishor S, Abrahams N. Rev. Panam. Salud Publica. 43, e66, 2019:](#) This study describes the prevalence of recent physical, sexual, and emotional violence against children 0 - 19 years of age in Latin America and the Caribbean by age, sex, and perpetrator. (Source: SafetyLit).

[Depressive symptoms among women in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: associations with intimate partner violence, food insecurity, and perceived needs. Falb K.L, Blackwell A, Stennes J, Hussein M, Annan J. Glob Ment Health \(Camb\). ePub, 2019:](#) This study examines depressive symptomatology amongst married women in Raqqa Governorate, Syria and its associations with IPV and metrics related to daily stressors, such as food insecurity and perceived household needs. (Source: Cambridge Core).

[Predicting disengagement from judicial proceedings by female victims of intimate partner violence in Spain: A systematic replication with prospective data.](#) García-Jiménez M, Cala-Carrillo M.J, Trigo M.E. *Violence Against Women*. ePub, 2019: This article examines which variables predict disengagement from legal proceedings by victims of intimate partner violence in the first steps of the Spanish judicial process. (Source: NCBI).

[Preparing medical students to recognize and respond to gender based violence in Nigeria.](#) Fawole O.I, van Wyk J.M, Balogun B.O, Akinsola O.J, Adejimi A. *Afr Health Sci*. 19(1), 1486-1498, 2019: This study identifies factors which impact on students' attainment of the knowledge and perceived ability to manage the impact of gender based violence on the health of victims. (Source: NCBI).

[Leaving A Mark, an animal-assisted intervention programme for children who have been exposed to gender-based violence: a pilot study.](#) Muela A, Azpiroz J, Calzada N, Soroa G, Aritzeta A. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 16(21). pii: E4084, 2019: In this article, authors discuss an animal-assisted intervention programme, *Leaving A Mark*, for children who have been exposed to gender-based violence, and examine its effect on their associated clinical symptoms. (Source: NCBI).

[Longitudinal inconsistency in responses to survey items that ask women about intimate partner violence.](#) Loxton D, Powers J, Townsend N, Harris M.L, Forder P. *BMC Med Res Methodol*. ePub, 2019: This study examines the consistency of self-reported intimate partner violence in a longitudinal cohort survey setting. (Source: NCBI).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Evidence brief: cash transfers and intimate partner violence.](#) *The Prevention Collaborative*. 2019: This review of quantitative and qualitative studies in low- and middle-income countries found that cash transfers to poor households reduce intimate partner violence. (Source: *The Prevention Collaborative*).

[Civil Society Declaration on Sexual Violence.](#) *Women's Initiatives for Gender*. 2019 (French): This declaration explores the nature and definition of sexual violence in a survivor-centered, inclusive, modern, innovative and contextual way. It offers real examples based on the experience of survivors and the expertise of actors engaged in the prosecution and documentation of sexual violence. (Source: *Women's Initiative for Gender*).

[Faith and freedom: The role of local faith actors in anti-modern slavery and human trafficking – A scoping study.](#) Frame J, Tuckey M, White L, Tomalin E. *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*. 2019: This scoping study explores the programmes and initiatives of local faith actors (which can include formal and informal religious leaders, worship communities, faith networks, and local and national faith-based organisations) in their response to modern slavery and human trafficking in the Global South. (Source: *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*).

[JLI Ending Violence Against Children Scoping Study.](#) *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*. 2019: This study provides a better understanding of the role of religion and faith actors in protecting children against violence. (Source: *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Participation:](#) Faith Inclusion in SGBV Responses Survey. Deadline: 10 November 2019.

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

[Call for Papers:](#) Universal health coverage – sexual and reproductive rights in focus. Deadline: 31 December 2019.

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



EVENTS



VACANCIES

- [Free Online Micro-Course: Preventing Sexual Violence against Children:](#) Ahead of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Apolitical has produced a micro-course, *How to Prevent Sexual Violence against Children – 7 Days of Ideas*. It provides a practical introduction to innovative approaches and strategies working to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation in all its forms. Course topics include parenting programs, child-friendly spaces, programs assisting child refugees and tools which leverage new technologies, like Project Arachnid. By registering for the course, you'll receive bite-sized articles and activities which each take 10 minutes or less over a period of 7 days.
- [Webinar: Learning from the Our Voices Too Youth Advocacy Project – Working together with young people with lived experience in sexual violence advocacy activities, 18 November 2019, 12pm \(UK time\):](#) In this
- [Senior Social Development Specialist – Gender-Based Violence](#), World Bank Group, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 1 November 2019.
- [Consultancy: Somos Paz strategy – Girls, Boys and Adolescents Protected Against Recruitment and Participants in the Process of Co-existence and Local Reconciliation, in the Department of Chocó](#), UNICEF, Colombia – Closing date: 3 November 2019.
- [International Consultants \(x2\): The S Charge of Victim Hearing Training, Investigation Techniques for Sexual Violence Related to Conflict](#), UNDP, Central African Republic- Closing date: 5 November 2019.
- [Short-term Consultancy for a Stakeholder Analysis in Liberia, Sierra Leone, And Côte D'ivoire](#), medica mondiale, Flexible – Closing date: 6 November

webinar Dr Silvie Bovarnick and Claire Cody will provide an overview of Our Voices Too Youth Advocacy Project and share some learning that is emerging from the data. To join the webinar on Monday the 18th November at 12pm (UK time), and get access to the Zoom link, please contact claire.cody@beds.ac.uk

2019.

- [Advocacy Consultant](#), COFEM, Flexible – Closing date: 10 November 2019.
- [Digital and Brand Management Intern](#), Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 15 November 2019.
- [Senior Education Specialist/Coordinator\(Gender at the Centre Initiative Technical Team\)](#), UNESCO, Dakar, Senegal – Closing date: 30 November 2019.
- [GEH Project Manager](#), Center on Gender Equity and Health, USA – Closing date: Open Until filled.



NEWS

[Police accused of misusing "exceptional clearance" to close rape cases](#), CBS News, 24 October 2019.

[More women in Latin America are working, but gender gap persists, new UN figures show](#), UN News, 28 October 2019.

[Laws against child sexual abuse exist in Kenya. But there are gaps](#), The Conversation, 23 October 2019.

[‘The formula of violence is the same everywhere’: Brazilian women face sexual harassment and physical attacks on farms](#), The Independent, 20 October 2019.

[Evidence-informed policy: how to bridge the academic-policy maker divide](#), Apolitical, 12 November 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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