SPECIAL NOTICE

Our email addresses are changing to reflect our move to an NGO. Our new email addresses are:

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Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we make this important move.

SVRI MEMBER REQUESTS

Survey: Safeguarding – Preventing and addressing harm in international development research. As you may be aware, earlier this year, UK Collaborative on Development Research commissioned an independent evidence review, which highlighted the nature of safeguarding issues in the context of international development research, and reviewed existing policies and practices. Drawn from this review, a draft set of principles and good practice guidance were developed.

As part of the next phase of this work, UKCDR is undertaking consultations with relevant stakeholders to finalise and validate these principles, and would really appreciate your input in this. The University of Liverpool, who are leading this next phase of work, have developed a survey in partnership with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to guide this next phase. Please find the survey here: https://www.ukcdr.org.uk/resource/survey-safeguarding-in-international-development-research.

Please share this survey within your networks, as UKCDR is extremely keen to receive feedback from a wide range of stakeholders who this guidance would be relevant to. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch at info@ukcdr.org.uk.

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.

2020: a critical year for women, gender equity, and health. The Lancet - Editorial; 395, 2020: The Beijing+25 anniversary creates an important window of opportunity for the gender equity community to capture the attention of key national and global decision makers. A UN Commission on the Status of Women review will take place in March; July will see the Generation Equality Forum in Mexico City; and a UN high-level meeting is planned for September. Sustainable development cannot occur without gender equity. It is time for this principle to be applied with commitment to specific health challenges. (Source: The Lancet).

Intimate partner violence and maternal mental health ten years after a first birth: an Australian prospective cohort study of first-time mothers. Brown S.J, Mensah F, Giallo R et al. Journal of Affective Disorders, 262: 247-257, 2020: In this study, the authors assess the relationship between intimate partner violence (IPV) and maternal mental health ten years after a first birth. (Source: ScienceDirect).

Supporting children and adolescents who have experienced sexual abuse to access services: community health workers’ experiences in Kenya. Gatuguta A, Colombini M, Seeley J, Soremekun S, Devries K. Child Abuse Negl; ePub, 2019: This study finds a significant gap in literature on service models for CHWs delivering CSA services. Data are lacking on what services CHWs can effectively offer, how they should be delivered and what factors may influence delivery, acceptance and uptake of services. (Source: SafetyLit).

'They put a few coins in your hand to drop a baby in you': a study of peacekeeper-fathered children in Haiti. Lee S, Bartels S. International Peacekeeping, online first, 2019: This study analyses 265 self-interpreted narratives from community members in Haiti about children fathered by UN personnel and born to local women or girls. (Source: Queen’s University).

'Even peacekeepers expect something in return': a qualitative analysis of sexual interactions between UN peacekeepers and female Haitians. Vahedi L, Bartels S.A, Lee S. Glob. Public Health; ePub, 2019: This study provides empirical evidence to support a nuanced understanding of sexual relationships between women/girls and peacekeepers. In addition to holding peacekeepers accountable, a harm-reduction approach that aims to raise awareness for peacekeeping codes of conduct and provide comprehensive reproductive and sexual education should be considered. (Source: Queen’s University).
Denial of safe abortion to survivors of rape in India. Bhate-Deosthali P, Rege S. Health Hum. Rights; 21(2): 189-198, 2019: This paper presents the experiences of 40 rape survivors, including two children, denied an abortion following rape. The cases were recorded by CEHAT (Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes) in the course of building capacities of public hospitals to respond to violence against women in Mumbai, India, since 2000. (Source: SafetyLit).


Health professionals’ perceptions of how gender sensitive care is enacted across acute psychiatric inpatient units for women who are survivors of sexual violence. O’Dwyer C, Tarzia L, Fernbacher S, Hegarty K. BMC Health Serv. Res; 19(1): e990, 2019: The aim of this study is to gain an in-depth understanding of healthcare professionals’ perceptions of how Gender Sensitive Care (GSC) is enacted across acute psychiatric inpatient units for women who are survivors of sexual violence. (Source: SafetyLit).


Special issue on public perceptions and responses to human trafficking. Anti-Trafficking Review, 13, 2019: This Special Issue reflects the growing unease and disagreements among anti-trafficking practitioners and scholars about the current state of public awareness and perceptions of human trafficking: how and by whom they are produced and manipulated and whether they lead, or can lead, to any meaningful anti-trafficking action. (Source: Anti-Trafficking Review).

BLOGS

Not falling for that! Resisting control disguised as love. Lisa Pontes and Laura Marjorie Miller. 2020: Abusive and controlling partners often use “loving” acts to manipulate their victims. When intimidation, isolation, and even physical violence do not longer seem to be working, the abuser pulls out the wedding albums or acts charming and contrite to win the abused partner back. One former abuser, for instance, described how he regularly sent flower arrangements to his girlfriend’s workplace so her co-workers would tell her how lucky she was to be with him. (Source: Psychology Today).

If France can prevent deadly intimate partner violence, surely the US can, too. Callin Crockett. 2019: Last week marked the culmination of this year’s 16 days of action against gender-based violence, and Human Rights Day. In every corner of the world, women and girls are killed by those closest to them, most often, at the hands of their intimate partners. On 25 November, the first day of the 16 days of action, the Macron government announced new, historic measures to curb the scourge of intimate partner homicides in France. (Source: University of Oxford).

Caring for the carers: support systems for GBV fieldworkers. Naomi Mwaara and Sarah Dicking. 2019: The importance of “self-care” has been recognised for many years in social work and women’s rights organisations in the Global North. It has also recently gained traction in feminist movements across the world. Despite this, the support needs of Southern gender-based violence (GBV) fieldworkers are widely disregarded in policy and practice, even as—mainly Northern—aid funding increases for GBV work worldwide. (Source: Prevention Collaborative).

ONLINE RESOURCES


Children’s experiences online: building global understanding and action. An independent study of the impacts of the Global Kids Online network. Morton S, Grant A, Cook A et al. Matter of Focus, 2019: The independent evaluation found that Global Kids Online research findings are regarded as the premier resource on children’s experiences online, both in partner countries and by international stakeholders and influencers. The research has been extensively influential in policy and practice in nine partner countries, to build global understanding and action, and to influence international debate and action. (Source: Global Kids Online).

Women’s protection and empowerment podcast. The Women’s Protection and Empowerment podcast is dedicated to creating space for women and girls in humanitarian settings. The podcasts showcase programming achievements, lessons learned, good practices, useful tools, and ultimately strive to foster the global movement. (Source: The Irish Global Health Network).

What’s the danger with misinterpreting GBV data? GBVIMS Podcast. 2020: Even with the best intentions, any data source is vulnerable to misinterpretation. Be it from statistical omission, lack of context or the absence of subject matter expertise, this can lead to misunderstanding the situation as well as misinformed decision making. In this episode, we talk with current and past members of the GBVIMS global team to uncover these opportunities for misinterpretation and ways to avoid it altogether. (Source: GBVIMS).

Breaking cycles of violence: gaps in prevention of and response to electoral-related sexual violence in Kenya. Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), and UN Women, 2019: This report identifies key gaps and concrete actions to address election-related sexual violence in Kenya in order to prevent similar violence from recurring during the 2022 elections. (Source: PHR).
Psychological First Aid: a guide for field workers. World Health Organization, 2011: This guide covers psychological first aid which involves humane, supportive and practical help to fellow human beings suffering serious crisis events. It is written for people in a position to help others who have experienced an extremely distressing event. It gives a framework for supporting people in ways that respect their dignity, culture and abilities. (Source: Child Protection Hub).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

**Funding opportunity**: Journey to scale: funding for scaling humanitarian innovation, Humanitarian Innovation Fund, ELRHA. Applications open: 13 January 2020.

**Call for applications**: CSW 64 travel grant applications, Global Fund for Women. Deadline: 14 February 2020.

**Call for papers**: Anti-Trafficking Review - 'Trafficking in Minors'. Deadline for submissions: 1 June 2020.


### EVENTS

- **Online course: resilience in children exposed to trauma, disaster and war: global perspectives**, 13 January 2020: This online course discusses how do children overcome hazardous experiences to succeed in life and what can be done to protect young people at risk from trauma, war, disasters, and other adversities. Learn about the importance of fostering resilience in children at risk. Participants are welcome to take the MOOC at no cost or to register for a Course Certificate ($49).

- **Webinar: Development and validation of a reproductive empowerment scale for use in sub-Saharan Africa**, 16 January 2020, 9am EST: Join this MEASURE Evaluation webinar to discuss the multi-step process of developing and validating a reproductive empowerment scale for use in sub-Saharan Africa.

- **Webinar: Ethical considerations for universities working with children challenging sexual violence against children**, 3 February 2020, 14:00 UK time: In this webinar, members of the network will share examples from their practice to explore how existing guidance, which is predominantly informed by Western-centric protocols, may need developing for participatory research embracing issues facing low and middle income countries. (Source: University of Bedfordshire).

- **Webinar: How would you build a new feminist fund?**, 11 - 13 February 2020: As part of its commitment to ensure feminist accountability, the Equality Fund is collaborating with AWID to undertake a series of consultations with feminists to generate inputs and recommendations to its current ‘Design and Build’ phase. The content of each webinar will be the same—simply register for whichever date and time is most convenient to you.

- **AIDS2020, San Francisco and Oakland, USA, 6 – 10 July 2020**: The International AIDS Conference is the premier global platform to advance the HIV response. Join scientists, policy makers, healthcare professionals, people living with HIV, funders, media and community. Scholarship applications close on 15 January. Register [online](#) before 15 January for early registration fees.

- **The why and how of elevating practitioner knowledge for violence prevention**: In this recent webinar, Wangeci Wachira-Moegi, Lyndsay McLean and Devin Faris tell us why it is important to value practitioner knowledge and the different ways in which the field of violence prevention can work to elevate it. Listen to the [webinar here](#).
NEWS

Fresh charges for Harvey Weinstein as trial begins in New York, Sydney Morning Herald, 7 January 2020.

Video games and online chats are 'hunting grounds' for sexual predators, New York Times, 1 January 2020.

Climate change and empowering women top aid agencies' 2020 to-do list, Reuters, 30 December 2019.


Deciding what to think of the first four years of SDG implementation, SDG Knowledge Hub, 12 December 2019.

IDS launches new programme to counter backlash against gender equality, IDS News, 11 December 2019.

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

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (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@svri.org

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