**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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**Sexual health of adolescent girls and young women in Central Uganda: exploring perceived coercive aspects of transactional sex.** Kyegombe N, Meiksin R, Wamoyi J, Heise L, Stoebenau K, Buller A.M. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. 28(1), 1-14, 2020: Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Uganda are at risk of early sexual debut, unwanted pregnancy, violence, and disproportionally high HIV infection rates, driven in part by transactional sex. This paper examines the extent to which AGYW's participation in transactional sex is perceived to be coerced. (Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*).

**Couples’ economic equilibrium, gender norms and intimate partner violence in Kirumba, Tanzania.** Manji K, Heise L, Cislaghi B. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2020: This study examines the link between the loss of men’s status as breadwinners and their use of intimate partner violence in Kirumba (Mwanza city, Tanzania), mediated by the entry of women into the cash work force. (Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*).


**Factors associated with violence against women in a representative sample of the Lebanese population: results of a cross-sectional study.** Rahme C, Haddad C, Akel M, Khoury C, Obeid H, Obeid S, Hallit S. Arch Womens Ment Health. ePub, 2020: This study evaluates the prevalence of violence against women (VAW) and assesses the associated factors with VAW among a representative sample of the Lebanese population. (Source: *Springer Link*).


**Patterns of healthcare services utilization associated with intimate partner violence (IPV): Effects of IPV screening and receiving information on support services in a cohort of perinatal women.** Daoud N, Krau L, Sergenken R, Batat N, Shoham-Vardi I, Davidovitch N, Cohen A. PLoS One. ePub, 2020: This study examines patterns of medical health care services’ utilization among women experiencing and not experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV), and further explores the effects of IPV screening and receiving information on these patterns. (Source: *PloS One*).

**Comparative effectiveness of an economic empowerment program on adolescent economic assets, education and health in a humanitarian setting.** Glass N, Remy M.M, Mayo-Wilson L.J, Kohli A, Sommer M, Turner R, Perrin N. BMC Public Health. ePub, 2020: This study examines the relative effectiveness of an integrated parent (Pigs for Peace, PFP) and young adolescent (Rabbits for Resilience, RFR) animal microfinance/asset transfer program (RFR + PFP) on adolescent outcomes of asset building, school attendance, mental health, experienced stigma, and food security compared to RFR only and PFP only over 24 months. (Source: *BMC Public Health*).

**BLOGS**

Co-producing knowledge with social movements, a critical perspective. Diana Mitlin, Jhono Bennett, Philipp Horn, Sophie King, Jack Makau and George Masimba Nyamia. 4 February 2020: For academic researchers working with social movements and activist groups can present unique challenges. Finding ways to work effectively together, whilst acknowledging differences in power and objectives, is often problematic. Drawing on perspectives from different social movements and academia, the authors of this blog present insights from the Slum/Shack Dwellers International movement on how academics can successfully co-produce useful knowledge for social movements. (Source: *LSE*).

Breaking down publication to share the full story of your research. Madison Cristal. 13 January 2020: Are traditional research articles still meeting researchers’ communication needs? Over the past decade, Open Science and the rise in digital publications together have facilitated a more agile ecosystem of research-sharing. For researchers, that means: faster pathways to sharing their discoveries; greater transparency of assessment which helps increase reliability and public trust; and more opportunities for collaborations that accelerate advancements in the field. Read more... (Source: *PLOS Blogs*).

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

GREVIO’s (Baseline) Evaluation Report on legislative and other measures giving effect to the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) Netherlands. GREVIO. 2020: The report highlights the long history in the Netherlands of addressing domestic violence and other forms of violence against women through policy and legislation, and with a strong focus on the gendered nature of domestic violence.
Gender-based violence in Syria: Rapid needs assessment, ABAAD, Norwegian Church Aid, 2019: This study was conducted with the aim of understanding the reality on the ground with respect to gender-based violence perpetrated against women and girls. (Source: WUNRN).


CARE’s Tipping Point Initiative: Phase 2 Implementation manuals for core participants and inter-group dialogues: The goal of the Phase 2 curriculum is to promote multiple participant groups’ critical reflection and dialogue on inequitable gender norms that limit girls’ opportunities and aspirations, facilitating individual, relational, and community-level social norms change to support girls’ empowerment and combat child, early and forced marriage. Find all manuals available here and the full Phase 2 Program Summary here for an explanation of all components. (Source: CARE USA).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


**Call for Proposals**: She’s the First – Dream Gap Grant


**Call for Proposals**: European Commission – Preventing and Combating all Forms of Violence Against Children, Young People and Women. Deadline: 1 April 2020.

EVENTS

- **Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Intervention Webinar, 10 February 2020, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST**: February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Approximately 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend. The ultimate goal is to stop dating violence before it starts. Strategies that promote healthy relationships are vital. This webinar is specifically geared towards parents and adults who work with youth to recognize, prevent, and intervene if teen dating violence occurs in their school, youth group or organization. Register online.

- **Trauma and Violence Intervention Research: Promoting safety and well-being across the lifespan, 9-11 June 2020, Canada**: This conference will feature innovative trauma and violence-informed health promotion and intervention research supporting people with lived experiences of intimate partner violence and/or child maltreatment.

- **AIDS2020, San Francisco and Oakland, USA, 6 – 10 July 2020**: The International AIDS Conference is the premier global platform to advance the HIV response. The conference brings together scientists, policy makers, healthcare professionals, people living with HIV, funders, media and community to share thoughts, interventions and research.

VACANCIES


- **Monitoring Officer**, OSCE, Ukraine – Closing date: 20 February 2020.

- **MEL CoP Administrative Support (Consultant)**, Prospera - International Network of Women’s Funds, Flexible – Closing date: 20 February 2020.


- **Manager – Programs and Innovation (Sexuality and Disability Program)**, CREA, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.
Female genital mutilation costs $1.4 billion annually: UN health agency, UN News, 5 February 2020.

Sexual harassment: Ecuador president says women tend to accuse ugly people, The Guardian. 3 February 2020.

How to target resources in efforts to end female genital mutilation, The Conversation, 30 January 2020.

Following the news can be triggering for sexual assault survivors. Here’s how to manage it, The Washington Post, 21 January 2020.

In the elusive grip of an abusive partner: a migrant’s story, IPS News, 14 January 2020.

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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