



## SVRI Update 30 April 2020

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Wanting to feel empowered today? Watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOPsxpMzYw4>

### COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Cinco estratégias que os governos estão utilizando para responder à violência contra mulheres e crianças durante a COVID-19. Alessandra Guedes, Amber Peterman, Dina Deligiorgis. 28 April 2020](#): This blog, in Spanish, explores five ways in which governments are responding to violence against women and children during COVID-19. [Source: UNICEF].

[Staff care and support during COVID-19 crisis. GBV AoR. 2020](#): This briefing note summarizes key considerations for staff working on gender based violence prevention, mitigation and response in relation to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. [Source: GBV CoP].

[Identifying and mitigating gender-based violence risks within the COVID-19 response. Global Protection Cluster: GBV Prevention and Response. IASC. 2020](#): This document presents an initial summary of potential gender based violence (GBV) risk mitigation actions, based on established good practice, that are starting points to address GBV risks in this unprecedented situation. [Source: GBV Guidelines].

[Sex work COVID-19: Guidelines for sex workers, clients, third parties, and allies. Butterfly Asian and Migrant Sex Workers Support Network and Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Action Project. 2020](#): This document follows a harm reduction approach, offering guidelines from various sources to help lower the risk of contact and transmission to those who must continue in-person sex working during the pandemic. Read the document in [Georgian](#). [Source: Women's Initiatives Supportive Group].

[COVID-19 contingency planning: Guidance for GBV coordination groups. GBV AoR Help Desk. 2020](#): Contingency planning is a tool to anticipate and solve problems that typically arise during humanitarian response. This tool offers a snapshot of a humanitarian partners' capacities and approaches to meet the immediate needs of affected communities during the early phases of an emergency. [Source: GBV Guidelines].

[Sexual and reproductive health \(SRH\): a key issue in the emergency response to the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak. Tang K, Gaoshan J, Ahonsi B. \*Reprod Health\*. 17\(1\), 59, 2020](#): This study emphasizes the urgent need for the scientific community to generate sound clinical, epidemiological, and psycho-social behavioural links between COVID-19 and sexual and reproductive health and rights outcomes. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Preventing violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic](#): Raising Voices has developed a series of practical Guidance Notes to support activist organizations in adapting and sustaining their violence against women (VAW) prevention activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *Raising Voices*].

[GBVIMS, gestion de cas et COVID-19: Adapter les systèmes de référencement](#): This episode, delivered in French, is part of a series of short videos and podcasts on the remote management of cases of gender-based violence in the context of COVID-19. The presenters explain why the referencing systems must be updated during the COVID-19 period; the key elements to take into account when assessing organizational capacity and context; and the development and dissemination of the referencing system. [Source: *Gender-Based Violence Information Management System*].

[The Brain architects podcast: COVID-19 special edition: Self-care isn't selfish](#): In this talk, Dr. Rahil Briggs, National Director of ZERO TO THREE's Healthy Steps program, discusses how paediatricians are serving their patients during the pandemic, including using telehealth; why caregiver health is child health; and what she hopes the healthcare system can learn as a result of the pandemic. [Source: *Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University*].

Read [SVRI statement on COVID-19](#)

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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[The implementation and effectiveness of the one stop centre model for intimate partner and sexual violence in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of barriers and enablers. Olson R.M, García-Moreno C, Colombini M. \*BMJ Glob Health\*. 5\(3\), e001883, 2020](#): Using a thematic synthesis approach, this systematic review aims to identify enablers and barriers to implementation of the one stop centre model and to achieving its intended results for women survivors of violence in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: *BMJ Journals*].

[Effectiveness of a multi-level intervention to reduce men's perpetration of intimate partner violence: a cluster randomised controlled trial. Christofides N.J, Hatcher A.M, Rebombo D, McBride R.S, Munshi S, Pino A, Abdelatif N, Peacock D, Levin J, Jewkes R.K. \*Trials\*. 21\(1\), 359, 2020](#): This cluster randomised controlled trial seeks to determine the effectiveness of the Sonke Community Health Action for Norms and Gender Equity (CHANGE) intervention to prevent use of sexual and/or physical violence against an

intimate partner and reduce the severity of perpetration by men aged 18–40 years living in a peri-urban South African settlement over 2 years of follow-up. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Syndemic psychosocial health conditions associated with recent client-perpetrated violence against female entertainment and sex workers in Cambodia.](#) Couture M.C, Evans J.L, Draughon Moret J, Stein E.S, Muth S, Phou M, Len A, Ngak S, Sophal C, Neak Y, Carrico A.W, Maher L, Page K. *Arch Sex Behav.* ePub, 2020: This study examines the effects of co-occurring psychosocial conditions on the risk of client-perpetrated physical and sexual violence against female entertainment and sex workers. [Source: *NBCI*].

[Risk Reduction through Family Therapy \(RRFT\): Protocol of a randomized controlled efficacy trial of an integrative treatment for co-occurring substance use problems and posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms in adolescents who have experienced interpersonal violence and other traumatic events.](#) Hahn A.M, Adams Z, Chapman J, McCart M, Sheidow A.J, de Arellano M.A, Danielson C.K. *Contemp Clin Trials.* 2020: This study evaluates the efficacy of Risk Reduction through Family Therapy, an integrative and exposure-based risk-reduction and treatment approach for adolescents who have experienced intimate partner violence and other traumatic events. [Source: *NBCI*].

[What can we learn from studying control arms of randomised VAW prevention intervention evaluations: reflections on expected measurement error, meaningful change and the utility of RCTs.](#) Jewkes R, Gibbs A, Chirwa E, Dunkle K. *Glob Health Action.* 13(1), 1748401, 2020: This study presents a secondary analysis of data from the control arms of evaluations of violence against women prevention programming to understand measurement variance over time, factors that may systematically impact this and make recommendations for stronger trial design and interpretation. [Source: *Taylor and Francis Online*].



## BLOGS

[Impact a-gender? Calling out the gendered nature of research impact and assessment.](#) Jennifer Chubb and Gemma Derrick. 29 April 2020: Drawing on evidence from qualitative datasets, comprising interviews with researchers and research impact evaluators, Jennifer Chubb and Gemma Derrick argue that the language of research impact and assessment is frequently structured along gender lines, and that this is both unhelpful to the generation and evaluation of research impact in and of itself, but also to the development of an inclusive, diverse and supportive research culture. [Source: *LSE*].

## PODCASTS

[How to provide psychological first aid in emergencies:](#) In this episode of the Women's Protection Empower Podcast, Sonia Rastogi and Jessica Izquierdo of the GBV Guidelines Implementation Support Team talk about psychological first aid, the need, the practice, related self-care practices, and where to learn more. [Source: *GBV Guidelines*].

[Sex work in humanitarian settings:](#) In humanitarian and low resource settings, women and girls can be forced into exploitative relationships, such as sex work. Listening to this podcast to learn more about the health and protection needs of women and girls engaged in sex work in humanitarian settings. [Source: *Women's Protection and Empowerment*].

## ONLINE RESOURCES

[Reporting on gender-based violence in humanitarian settings: A journalist's handbook. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.](#) UNFPA Arab States Regional Humanitarian Response Hub. 2020: This handbook offers a series of guides, tips and insights on the fundamentals of gender-based violence, its root causes, and the principles of ethically reporting on it. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Handbook: addressing violence and harassment against women in the world of work.](#) ILO. UN Women. 2019: This handbook articulates relevant international and regional frameworks, provides guidance on the role of state and non-state actors and social dialogue, and includes practical information on how to prevent and respond to violence and harassment in workplaces. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Where is the money? How the humanitarian system is failing in its commitments to end violence against women and girls.](#) International Rescue Committee. VOICE. 2019: This report estimates that less than \$2 in gender-based violence (GBV) services is allocated to each woman or girl at risk of GBV on average in crisis and conflict settings. The report lays out five key recommendations: tripling funding levels, expanding GBV specialists, promoting partnerships with local women-led civil society organizations, improving the reporting and tracking of investments, and increasing transparency around donor investments. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Advocacy interventions for women who experience intimate partner violence:](#) This resource uses advocacy interventions to empower women who have experienced intimate partner violence. [Source: *National Institute of Justice*].

[Webinar recording: Links between violence against women and girls \(VAWG\), our SRHR, including mental health, and HIV:](#) This webinar is about violence against women and mental health issues in relation to the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV. It discusses the importance of trauma-informed care and offers some suggestions about how to improve our communication and relationship skills. [Source: *Salamander Trust*].

The [WHAIVE podcast paper 1 and 2](#): The WHAIVE is a podcast series by and for women living with HIV around the world, talking about sexual and reproductive health and rights. Paper 1 focuses [on the challenging issue of funding for women's rights organisations](#), while paper 2 discusses [access to sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV services for women and girls living with HIV](#). [Source: *Salamander Trust*].

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Concept Notes:](#) Promoting women, girls and children rights in Tanzania in response to COVID19 Crisis. Deadline: 7 May 2020.

[Call for Proposals:](#) Support municipalities in analysing and adopting new models/schemes for socio-economic integration for gender based-violence against women survivors. Deadline: 7 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Moldova against all forms of discrimination. Deadline: 10 May 2020.

[Call for Submissions](#): AWID 'Feminist Realities' Digital magazine. Deadline: 15 May 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): Inter-Agency Community Outreach and Communications Fund on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Deadline: 15 May 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): UN Women – [VAW Data Arab States](#), and [VAW Data East and Southern Africa](#). Deadline: 20 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Tampon Tax Fund 2020-2021. Deadline: 31 May 2020.

[Call for submissions](#): COVID-19 and the increase of domestic violence against women. Deadline: 30 June 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Gender Equity Emergency Fund. Deadline: Ongoing.



## EVENTS

- [LINEA Webinar: Unite for a Better Life – Developing and testing an intervention to reduce intimate partner violence in a humanitarian context, 6 May 2020, 2pm London](#): In this LINEA webinar, Dr Vandana Sharma will present an overview of Unite for a Better Life, a gender-transformative intimate partner violence and HIV prevention programme, along with lessons from the adaptation of the programme for the Somali refugee context, and the associated pilot study. Register [online](#).
- [Online interactive training session: Complicated matters – The links between experiences of domestic and sexual violence, substance use and mental ill-health, 9 June 2020, 10am-1pm UK Time](#): Domestic and sexual violence, substance use and mental ill-health are three issues which often co-exist. And when they do, things can become complicated. This online training is designed to 'uncomplicate' matters by raising awareness about how the three issues intersect and offer effective ways to engage with individuals and families who are affected by these issues. Register [online](#).
- [Online interactive training session: Children under 10 years and domestic violence, 10 September 2020, 10am-1pm UK Time](#): This course will explore basic domestic violence theory and specifically how children under ten years old are affected. Focus will be given to behavioural, emotional and cognitive effects on children under ten years old, as well as the links between domestic violence and child abuse and the impact on parenting for both the abusive and the non-abusive parent. Register [online](#).



## VACANCIES

- [Consultant to Conduct a Synthesis Review/s of Practitioner-Based Evidence arising from Project Evaluations on the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls](#), UN Women, Remotely – Closing date: 1 May 2020.
- [Senior Programme Officer – Pacific Partnership to end Violence against Women and Girls Project](#), Pacific Community (SPC), Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 4 May 2020.
- [Research Interns/Volunteers](#), Make Every Woman Count, Remote – Closing date: 10 May 2020.
- [Development Associate](#), International Women's Health Coalition, New York, USA – Closing date: 13 May 2020.
- [COVID-19 Social Media Response Consultant](#), HIAS, USA – Closing date: 30 June 2020.
- [Technical Advisor, Gender and GBV, Africa and Eurasia](#), HIAS, Nairobi, Kenya – Closing date: 30 June 2020.
- [Senior Gender Specialist](#), Solidarity Center, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



## NEWS

[LGBT group claims Tunisia has become the first Arab state to recognise gay marriage despite homosexuality being illegal in the country](#), Daily Mail, 28 April 2020.

[Why reproductive rights must be a critical part of our arsenal to fight pandemics](#), IPS News, 27 April 2020.

[Ensuring Russia's sex workers' rights essential for wider gender equality](#), IPS News, 27 April 2020.

[COVID-19: Rights experts highlight LGBTI discrimination, antisemitism](#), UN News, 17 April 2020.

[As pandemic rages, women and girls face intensified risks](#), UNFPA, 19 March 2020.

Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes

[Sexual Violence Research Initiative \(SVRI\)](#)

The SVRI is the world's largest network on research on violence against women and violence against children, providing a space where global role players in the field connect with one another, share and promote their research, work to influence policies and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries. [SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024](#).

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