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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” – Lao-Tzu

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Blog: Considerations for doing intimate partner violence research in the time of coronavirus. Elizabeth Dartnall and Ellen Bates-Jefferys. 7 May 2020](#): This blog provides information on how to shift from planned in-person intimate partner violence focused surveys to remote data collection methods during the COVID19 pandemic.

[Messages of solidarity and support during COVID-19](#): SVRI Forum 2019 bursary winners have come together to show solidarity and support to global GBV COVID19 efforts by sharing messages of hope, inspiration, and gratitude. See the messages here: [Video message one](#) and [Video message two](#).

[COVID19 and child, early and forced marriage: An agenda for action. Girls Not Brides. 2020](#): This brief provides insights, recommendations and resources for responding to the needs of adolescent girls, including those at risk of child marriage, during and after the crisis. [Source: WUNRN].

[A violência contra mulheres, crianças e adolescentes em tempos de pandemia pela COVID-19: panorama, motivações e formas de enfrentamento. Marques E.S, Moraes C.L, Hasselmann M.H, Deslandes S.F, Reichenheim M.E. Cad Saude Publica. 36\(4\), e00074420, 2020](#): This article provides greater visibility to the COVID19 disease, and provides government strategies with a set of interventions aimed at controlling and reducing harm from the pandemic. [Source: Sceilo].

[COVID-19 and ending violence against women and girls. UN Women. 2020](#): This brief offers recommendations to be considered by all sectors of society, from governments to international organizations and to civil society organizations in order to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, at the onset, during, and after the public health crisis with examples of actions already taken. [Source: WUNRN].

[COVID-19 and essential services provision for survivors of violence against women and girls. UN Women. 2020](#): This brief explores the implications for the provision of essential services for women and girls who have experienced violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: UN Women].

[COVID-19 threatens women’s and girls’ well-being and requires men and boys to come on board. Sonke Gender Justice](#): To win against the Coronavirus and to make lockdown periods safe and enjoyable, there needs to be empathy, co-operation and peaceful relations in households – and men and boys can contribute to this. Sonke Gender Justice networks share how men and boys can help make the international effort to curb the spread of Covid-19 a reality. [Source: Sonke Gender Justice].

[COVID-19 Response Network: A slack workspace for public servants](#): This network provides a means of continued exchange for those working in government who want more information on the pandemic and to share resources. Join [here](#). [Source: Apolitical].

[UN Women: COVID-19 Gender Update](#): UN Women has dedicated focus pages with the latest updates on COVID-19 and gender equality, visit: [Global](#) | [Africa](#) | [Americas and the Caribbean](#) | [Arab States](#) | [Asia & the Pacific](#) | [Europe and Central Asia](#). [Source: UN Women].

[Online and ICT-facilitated violence against women and girls during COVID-19. UN Women. 2020](#): This brief highlight emerging trends and impacts of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls facilitated by information and communications technology. [Source: WUNRN].

[COVID-19 and violence against women: What the health sector/system can do. WHO HRP. 2020](#): This document provides some key information about what the health sector and individuals can do to prevent and address violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the document in: [العربية](#) | [中文](#) | [Français](#) | [Español](#) | [Português](#) | [Русский](#). [Source: WHO].

[Keeping Children Safe During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#): This backgrounder shares important considerations and strategies for keeping children who may be at an increased risk of experiencing abuse or maltreatment safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: Learning Network].

[Blog: Why gender-sensitive social protection is critical to the COVID-19 response in low- and middle-income countries. Melissa Hidrobo, Neha Kumar, Tia Palermo, Amber Peterman and Shalini Roy. 28 April 2020](#): This blog provides specific advice and propose actions to minimize harm during the crisis response period—and to ensure that longer-term gains in gender equity and empowerment can be maintained and built-upon post-crisis. [Source: WUNRN].

[Violence against women during COVID-19. Q&A. World Health Organization](#): This webpage offers a set of questions and answers regarding violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: WHO].

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

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.

[The prevalence, patterning and associations with depressive symptoms and self-rated health of emotional and economic intimate partner violence: a three-country population based study.](#) Gibbs A, Dunkle K, Jewkes R. *J Glob Health.* 10(1), 010415, 2020: Emotional intimate partner violence (IPV) and economic IPV are more, or as, common as physical IPV and sexual IPV in three countries in Asia-Pacific. The current set of emotional and economic items captures a range of unique instances of IPV and that forms of emotional and economic IPV are patterned across different contexts. In addition, the use of a simple binary coding of these scales provides a robust way of providing a measure of health impact. [Source: SAMRC].

[Systematic review of social norms, attitudes, and factual beliefs linked to the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.](#) Buller A.M, Pichon M, McAlpine A, Cislaghi B, Heise L, Meiksin R. *Child Abuse & Neglect.* 104, 104471, 2020: This systematic review aims to summarize what associated norms, attitudes and factual beliefs have been identified by the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents literature worldwide. [Source: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine].

[Psychosocial interventions for intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries: A meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials.](#) Turner D.T, Riedel E, Kobeissi L.H, Karyotaki E, Garcia-Moreno C, Say L, Cuijpers P. *J Glob Health.* 10(1), 010409, 2020: Intimate partner violence (IPV) is prevalent worldwide and presents pernicious consequences for women in developing countries or humanitarian settings. This study examines the efficacy of psychosocial interventions for IPV among women in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: Journal of Global Health].

[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.* ePub, 2020: This paper describes the rationale and methods for a recently completed NIDA-funded Stage II randomized controlled trial to rigorously evaluate the efficacy of risk reduction through family therapy, an integrative and exposure-based treatment approach for adolescents who had experienced intimate partner violence and other traumatic events, in comparison to treatment as usual. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Prevalence, knowledge, attitude and practices of female genital mutilation and cutting \(FGM/C\) among United Arab Emirates population - Al Awar S, Al-Jefout M, Osman N, Balayah Z, Al Kindi N, Ucenic T.](#) *BMC Womens Health.* 20(1), e79, 2020: This study explores the prevalence of female genital mutilation and cutting in United Arab Emirates. The lack of clear legislation to criminalize this practice is a problem to be addressed. In this context, national-level educational and legal strategies should be a priority. [Source: BMC Women's Health].

[Improving estimation of the association between alcohol use and intimate partner violence in low-income and middle-income countries.](#) Greene M.C, Heise L, Musci R.J, Wirtz A.L, Johnson R, Leoutsakos J.M, Wainberg M.L, Tol W.A. *Inj Prev.* pii: injuryprev-2019-043433, 2020: This study aims to estimate and explore sources of heterogeneity in the association between alcohol use and intimate partner violence in 28 low-income and middle-income countries. [Source: BMJ Journals].

[Experiences and perpetration of recent intimate partner violence among women and men living in an informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya: a secondary data analysis.](#) Ringwald B, Kababu M, Ochieng C.B, Taegtmeier M, Zulaika G, Phillips-Howard P.A, Digolo L. *J Interpers Violence.* 886260520916268, 2020: This study reports prevalence of past-year intimate partner violence (IPV) experience and perpetration among women and men living in an informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya, and factors associated with IPV. [Source: SAGE Journals].

MEMBER'S REQUEST

[Bibliometric and Altmetric awareness and usage amongst Gender-Based Violence \(GBV\) researchers in South Africa:](#) This questionnaire is to investigate, within the changing scholarly communication landscape, the level of awareness and the usage of bibliometrics and alternative metrics (altmetrics) among GBV researchers in South Africa. This online questionnaire is anonymous which is open to South African gender-based violence (GBV) researchers.

Complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/yqQ9LTRLDG1c5XRWA>. The deadline has been extended to **May 31st 2020**. As no names are required, your identity will remain anonymous. If you agree to participate, please read and confirm your participation by ticking the consent box on the survey.

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BLOGS

[Twelve top tips for writing an academic book blurb.](#) Dr. Helen Kara. 21 April 2020: One key part of the process of writing and publishing an academic book is the blurb – the text on the back of a book's cover that tells you what the book is about. While this may seem difficult to craft, in this blog, Dr Helen Kara shares twelve top tips for writing an irresistible blurb. [Source: LSE Blog].

PODCASTS

[Is a feminist approach to monitoring, evaluation and learning really possible:](#) In this episode, Kelsey Simmons and Michelle Wong, both M&E specialists at International Rescue Committee, walk us through the meaning of a feminist approach to monitoring, evaluation and learning. They discuss how does that work practically in humanitarian settings and through the project cycle. [Source: Women's Protection and Empowerment].

[Know more podcast: Children, domestic abuse and mental health:](#) In this episode, Natasha Benjamin, founder and CEO of Free Your Mind, talks about the hidden impact of domestic abuse on children, and all things mental health and self-care. [Source: UK Says No More].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Confronting sexual harassment. Dobbin F, Kalev A. Harvard Business Review: May-June 2020 Issue](#): In 1977 Catharine MacKinnon argued that workplace harassment constitutes sex discrimination. In 1991 Anita Hill's testimony before congress rocketed the issue into public awareness. But the problem is still with us, as the #MeToo movement has made clear. This resource offers ways to combat sexual harassment. [Source: *Harvard Business Review*].

[Guidance note: harnessing technology to prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence in emergencies. GBV AoR](#): This paper focusses on the issue of technology in gender based violence (GBV) prevention, mitigation and response in emergencies and aims to improve knowledge and understanding of good practices and lessons learned in harnessing technology to improve efforts to address GBV in humanitarian action. [Source: *GBV CoP*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[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.

[Request for Proposals 2020-06](#): Evaluation of the Work of the Joint UN Programme on AIDS on Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls. Deadline: 28 May 2020.

[Request for Proposals 2020-06](#): Evaluation on Joint Programme Response (Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls). Deadline: 28 May 2020.

[Urgent Call for Submissions](#): The Lives of Girls and Young Women in the Time of Covid-19. Deadline: 30 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Mini Grants Contest for Feminist Youth Organizations and Initiatives to Develop Feminist Movement in Ukraine. Deadline: 31 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): UN Peacebuilding Fund's Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative 2020. Deadline: 1 June 2020.

[Call for Submissions](#): COVID-19 and the increase of Domestic Violence Against Women. Deadline: 30 June 2020.

[Call for Papers](#): Exposure to Violence in Early Childhood. Deadline: 15 October 2020.

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



EVENTS

- [Online course: The science of well-being](#): In this course, you will engage in a series of challenges designed to increase your own happiness and build more productive habits. As preparation for these tasks, Professor Laurie Santos reveals misconceptions about happiness, annoying features of the mind that lead us to think the way we do, and the research that can help us change. You will ultimately be prepared to successfully incorporate a specific wellness activity into your life.
- [Virtual learning: Professional certificate in strategic gender and development planning, 15-19 June 2020](#): This course examines and analyses a broad range of issues, such as the relationship between gender and development, education and health. A strategic approach will be taken, which will enable participants to identify key stakeholders, barriers and planning techniques to address gender inequality in all aspects of governance, business and society.



VACANCIES

- [Consultant: Gender and Gender Based Violence](#), Project Concern International, Flexible – Closing date: 11 May 2020.
- [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, Home-based – Closing date: 18 May 2020.
- [Policy and Advocacy Manager – Violence Against Women and Girls](#), Womankind Worldwide, Flexible – Closing date: 25 May 2020.
- [VPRU Information Management and Technology Officer](#), International Rescue Committee, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Program Associate, Gender and Reproductive Equity Grantmaking](#), Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

[Has it become too dangerous to measure violence against women?](#) Devex, 6 May 2020.

[From where I stand: “Stay home and stay safe—but what if home is where she feels unsafe?”](#) UN Women, 30 April 2020.

[‘Another pandemic’: In Latin America, domestic abuse rises amid lockdown](#), The New York Times, 27 April 2020.

[Afghanistan: Women with disabilities face systemic abuse](#), Human Rights Watch, 27 April 2020.

[Domestic violence is the ‘other’ pandemic we must fight](#), Al Jazeera, 25 April 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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