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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We stand at a crossroads: We can allow the coronavirus crisis to reinforce the worst impacts of the digital gender divide; or we can use the crisis to accelerate change, expand horizons, and get millions of girls and women online.” – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of UN Women and Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen of Plan International

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS: DEVELOPMENT MARKETPLACE AWARD 2020

[SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Award Winners 2020](#): This year, the SVRI and World Bank Group have awarded funds to nine research institutions to design, implement, and capture results of new violence against women solutions around the globe. Congratulations and thank you to the [winners](#).

For more information about the SVRI Grant and the Development Marketplace Award, visit: <https://svri.org/what-we-do/research-support/svri-grant>

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Blog: Coping with the ‘Shadow Pandemic’ – Responding to violence against women during COVID-19. Ms Sangeeta Rege and Dr Surbhi Shrivastava on behalf of CEHAT - Dilaasa](#): The experience of Dilaasa centres, that have been providing psychosocial support to women survivors of violence for nearly 20 years, over the last few weeks is of considerable importance. Dilaasa’s development and execution of special guidelines for responding to violence against violence during COVID-19 merit a closer look as they attempt to make ‘staying at home’ safer for women.

[Blog: The invisible pandemic that’s been years in the making. Mayssam Zaaroura](#): This blog suggests that Canada and richer nations should look to countries in the Global South and provide support for women and girls wherever possible. This starts with providing core support to shelters and services urgently, so that they are able to continue, and even scale up, their work in the face of COVID-19. [Source: *Oxfam Canada*].

[Blog: 5 actions to help bring the most marginalized girls back to school after COVID-19. Robert Jenkins and Rebecca Winthrop](#): Without urgent action to remove barriers to girls’ education, this COVID19 crisis could become a children’s rights crisis by denying students their right to learn. This blog discusses five actions to help bring marginalized girls back to school after the crisis. [Source: *Brookings*].

[Gender equality during COVID-19: 5 ideas for action. Patty Alleman and Lauren Rumble](#): This blog shares five core actions for gender equality that UNICEF is calling for and practicing in the COVID-19 response. [Source: *UNICEF*]

[Vulnerability amplified: The Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on LGBTIQ people. OutRight Action International. 2020](#): This report highlights how the global COVID-19 pandemic and the public health measures being taken to curb transmission are affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer lives and movements in real time. [Source: *OutRight International*].

[Violence against women, children, and adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic: overview, contributing factors, and mitigating measures. Marques E.S, Moraes C.L, Hasselmann M.H, Deslandes S.F, Reichenheim M.E. Cad. Saude Publica. 36\(4\), e00074420, 2020](#): Using the ecological model, this study summarizes the main individual, relational, community, and social dimensions that act synergistically in the occurrence of violence, the health, economic, and social crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Intersectionality as a lens to the COVID-19 pandemic: implications for sexual and reproductive health in development and humanitarian contexts. Lokot M, Avakyan Y. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. ePub, 2020](#): When it comes to COVID-19, understanding the multiple dimensions of power, historical structural inequalities, and the role of the underlying social context and complexity of lived experiences are critical in informing policy and action, and equalising access to sexual and reproductive health. [Source: *LSHTM*].

[Challenges and burden of the Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) pandemic for child and adolescent mental health: a narrative review to highlight clinical and research needs in the acute phase and the long return to normality. Fegert J.M, Vitiello B, Plener P.L, Clemens V. Child Adolesc Psychiatry Ment Health. 14, 20, 2020](#): Covid19 has put a lot of pressure on children, adolescents and their families which could result in distress, mental health problems and violence. This paper evaluates the impact of COVID19 on the well being of children and adolescents. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Prioritizing vulnerable populations and women on the frontlines: COVID-19 in humanitarian contexts. Sharma V, Scott J, Kelly J, VanRooyen M.J. Version 2. Int J Equity Health. 19\(1\), 66, 2020](#): Ensuring gender equitable access to personal protective equipment and information is imperative, but additional measures must be put into place to ensure the protection of women on the frontlines while reducing COVID-19 deaths and adverse health effects among displaced populations. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[A double pandemic: domestic violence in the age of COVID-19. Caroline Bettinger-Lopez and Alexandra Bro](#): Governments worldwide have imposed lockdowns to contain the coronavirus, but those same restrictions have increased the risks associated with domestic violence, especially for women, children, and LGBTQ+ individuals. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

University of Miami School of Law].

[Multiple risks faced by adolescent girls in Kenya during the covid-19 pandemic. Michael Gaitho Mwangi](#): The weighty challenges on the health system by the COVID -19 pandemic pulls out health workers from the structural services towards adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) and have directed their efforts to prevention of COVID-19; while other low cadre providers are faced with the current changing economic realities thus inability to offer their efforts to support safe spaces for the AGYW. [Source: *LVCT Health*].

[Resources to help during COVID-19: Sexual and reproductive health and rights](#): This webpage offers resources on COVID-19 and its impact on sexual and reproductive health and rights. [Source: *Girls Not Brides*].

[COVID-19 and VAW / VAC: Our guide to key resources on this topic](#): This webpage contains resources recommended by the Prevention Collaborative to support the efforts to prevent violence against women and children during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *Prevention Collaborative*].

Visit [SVRI COVID-19 webpage](#)

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.

[Attitudes toward intimate partner violence against women in the European Union: A systematic review. Gracia E, Lila M, Santirso F.A. European Psychologist. 25, 104-121, 2020](#): This study provides a systematic review of quantitative studies addressing attitudes toward intimate partner violence against women conducted in the European Union. [Source: *University of Valencia*].

["I got courage from knowing that even a daughter-in-law can earn her living": Mixed methods evaluation of a family-centred intervention to prevent violence against women and girls in Nepal. Shai N, Pradhan G.D, Shrestha R, Adhikari A, Chirwa E, Kerr-Wilson A, Jewkes R. PLoS One. 15\(5\), e0232256, 2020](#): In this study, the authors developed, and pilot tested a family focused intervention Sammanit Jeevan "Living with Dignity" to reduce gender-based violence by husbands, change harmful social and gender norms and improve the economic conditions of women through young married women-led income generating activities. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[A study protocol to assess the feasibility of conducting an evaluation trial of the ADVANCE integrated intervention to address both substance use and intimate partner abuse perpetration to men in substance use treatment. Gilchrist G, Landau S, Radcliffe P, McMurrin M, Feder G, Easton C, Parrott S, Kirkpatrick S, Henderson J, Potts L, Stephens-Lewis D, Johnson A, Love B, Halliwell G, Dheensa S, Berbary C, Li J, Strang J, Gilchrist E. Pilot Feasibility Stud. 6, 62, 2020](#): This study assesses the feasibility of conducting an evaluation trial of a tailored integrated intervention to address substance use and intimate partner abuse perpetration to men in substance use treatment. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Strengthening health systems response to violence against women: protocol to test approaches to train health workers in India. Meyer S.R, Rege S, Avalaskar P, Deosthali P, García-Moreno C, Amin A. Pilot Feasibility Stud. 6, 63, 2020](#): This article describes the study protocol of a formative phase of research focusing on implementation of the WHO Guidelines, Clinical Handbook, and Manager's Manual to address violence against women, primarily through training of health care providers and managers, in three tertiary facilities in two districts in Maharashtra, India. [Source: *NCBI*].

[What puts individuals at risk for physical intimate partner violence perpetration? a meta-analysis examining risk markers for men and women. Spencer C.M, Stith S.M, Cafferky B. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2020](#): This meta-analysis synthesizes all available data examining risk markers for physical intimate partner violence perpetration among men and women between 1980 and 2018. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Sexual and reproductive health among adolescent girls and young women in Mombasa, Kenya. Wilson A, Musyoki H, Avery L, Cheuk E, Gichangi P, Bhattacharjee P, Musimbe J, Leung S, Blanchard J, Moses S, Mishra S, Becker M, on behalf of the Transitions Study Team. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. 28\(1\), 1749341, 2020](#): This secondary data analysis of a cross-sectional survey conducted in Mombasa, Kenya characterises sexual and reproductive health indicators among adolescent girls and young women engaged in casual and transactional sexual relationships as well as sex work. [Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*].

[Time's up: recognising sexual violence as a public policy issue: a qualitative content analysis of sexual violence cases and the media. Aroustamian C. Aggress. Violent Behav. 50, e101341, 2020](#): Using framing theory and research on sexual violence and the media, this study looks at media representations of three "high profile" sexual violence cases in two popular American newspapers. [Source: *Safetylit*].

["When my mother called me to say that the time of cutting had arrived, I just escaped to Belgium with my daughter": identifying turning points in the change of attitudes towards the practice of female genital mutilation among migrant women in Belgium. Agboli A.A, Richard F, Aujoulat I. BMC Womens Health. 20\(1\), 107, 2020](#): This study identifies and describes turning points that have been defined as significant and critical events in the lives of the women in Belgium, and that have engendered changes in their attitudes towards the practice of female genital mutilation. [Source: *BMC Women's Health*].

[Sexual and reproductive health of asylum seeking and refugee women in South Africa: understanding the determinants of vulnerability. Freedman J, Crankshaw T.L, Mutambara V.M. Sex Reprod Health Matters. 28\(1\), 1758440, 2020](#): In this article, the authors explore the structural determinants of vulnerability to poor sexual and reproductive health for women asylum seekers and refugees in South Africa, and focuses particularly on the political, legal and economic structures which makes them vulnerable. [Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*].

[Experiences of forced sterilisation and coercion to sterilise among women living with HIV \(WLHIV\) in Namibia: an analysis of the psychological and socio-cultural effects. Bakare K, Gentz S. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. 28\(1\), 1758439, 2020](#): This study explores an in-depth understanding of the psychological and socio-cultural effects of forced and coerced sterilisation in HIV positive women in Namibia, and determines the implications for intervention. [Source: *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*].

["Give me proof": a covert but coercive form of non-partner sexual violence contributing to teen pregnancy in Haiti and opportunities for biopsychosocial intervention. Rahill](#)

[G.J, Joshi M, Zlotnick C, Lamour S, Beech H, Sutton A, Burris C, Paul P. Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma. ePub, 2020](#): This study investigates unplanned teenage pregnancies in Haiti and its associated psychosocial challenges and desirable interventions. *[Source: University of South Florida]*.

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. The survey can be completed here <https://forms.gle/yqQ9LTRLDG1c5XRWA> by **May 31st, 2020**.

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BLOGS

[Women and girls at the centre: Integrating health and gender-based violence programs in Cox's Bazar](#). Shegufta Shefa Sikder: This blog highlights key lessons from a new case study on integrating sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services to holistically meet women and girls' needs. *[CARE International]*.

PODCASTS

[In practice: recognizing risks to children as victims of domestic homicide](#): In this podcast, the presenters discuss child homicide in the context of domestic violence. Among the topics they cover are the prevalence of child domestic homicide, the indicators of a high-level of risk to children and how these can be identified, and the implications for justice-system practitioners. *[Source: Center for Court Innovation]*.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[The Violence Prevention Forum](#): The Violence Prevention Forum was started in 2015 to share knowledge and experience about violence prevention, and to build strong relationships across sectors. By building on the body of evidence about how to prevent violence and its damaging impact, they are enabling the expansion of successful evidence-based programmes and interventions. *[Source: The Violence Prevention Forum]*.

[Spotlight on SDG 8: The impact of marriage and children on labour market participation](#). Azcona G, Bhatt A, Cole W, Gammarano R, Kapsos S. ILO and UN Women. 2020: This publication, drawing on a global dataset and new indicators developed by UN Women and the International Labour Organization, shows that women's employment is shaped by domestic and caregiving responsibilities in ways that men's is not. *[Source: UN Women]*.

[Female genital mutilation/cutting: call for a global response. End FGM and Equality Now. 2020](#): This report shines a spotlight on the presence of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in over 90 countries around the world. It is a clarion call from survivors of FGM/C across cultures, communities, and countries to governments, the international community, and donors to recognize FGM/C as a global issue, requiring urgent global attention. *[Source: Equality Now]*.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): UN Women – Promoting Productive Employment and Decent Work for Women in Egypt, Jordan and Palestine. Deadline 31 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): International Women's Forum's 2020-2021 Fellows Program. Deadline: 1 June 2020.

[Second Call for Proposals](#): Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund - Uganda. Deadline: 6 June 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): New Response Fund Invests in Women and Girls Impacted by COVID-19. Deadline: 12 June 2020.

[Call for Nominations](#): AWID Board of Directors Nominations. Deadline: 16 June 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): HIF Funding Committee. Deadline: 21 June 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Capacity Building for GBV Survivor Support Service Providers in Latin America and the Caribbean Department of State. Deadline: 14 July 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Cora Weiss Fellowship for Young Women Peacebuilders. Deadline: 15 July 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Rapid Response Funding – COVID and Women's Rights. Deadline: Ongoing.



EVENTS

- [Webinar: Preventing and responding to sexual harassment in the workplace: a discussion, 26 May 2020, 1pm-2pm AEST](#): This webinar will explore the gendered and intersectional nature of workplace harassment, and how policies can be developed to create safe and inclusive workplaces. Register [online](#).
- [Webinar: Stories of South African women during the time of COVID-19, 27 May 2020, 7pm SAST](#): During this free online session, participants will be invited to express moments of daily life that have challenged them deeply or uplifted their spirits. Silence Speaks facilitator Allison Myers will draw on her years of experience with trauma-informed methods to support women in telling everyday stories of these unprecedented times. Register [online](#).
- [Webinar: Feminist Movement Building: Rewriting the rules in the Arab Region and beyond, 28 May 2020, 12pm EST](#): This event will focus on the lived experiences of women activists who have been playing an active role in the fight for women's equality and inclusion in their respective regions. COFEM members and other activists will speak about their activism as well as discuss the key role that feminist movements are playing in achieving meaningful change in their communities, countries and beyond, and what we can do to support their efforts now. Register [online](#).
- [Ending violence against children roundtable series: Faith leaders and communities as first responders, 1 June 2020, 10-11am ET](#): Join JLI's Ending Violence Against Children Hub to discuss the role of religious leaders and faith communities as first responders to violence against children. [Register for the roundtable here](#).



VACANCIES

- [Communications Associate](#), UNFPA ESARO, Johannesburg, South Africa – Closing date: 22 May 2020.
- [Grants Writer \(2 days a week/part time\)](#), CREA, flexible – Closing date: 31 May 2020.
- [Senior Technical Advisor, HIV/AIDS and Health](#), Project Concern International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 31 May 2020.
- [Deputy Regional Director – Researcher](#), Amnesty International, Bangkok, Thailand – Closing date: 31 May 2020.
- [Acting Programme Officer for Women's Funds](#), Mama Cash Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands – Closing date: 7 June 2020.
- [Social Media Manager \(Voluntary\)](#), Women in International Affairs Network, Flexible – Closing date: 10 June 2020.
- [Senior Program Officer – Humanitarian Programs](#), Global Programs, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, USA or Flexible – Closing date: 15 June 2020.
- [Technical Advisor, Gender and GBV, Africa and Eurasia](#), HIAS, Nairobi, Kenya – 30 June 2020.
- [Technical Advisor for Women's Protection and Empowerment](#), International Rescue Committee, USA – Closing date: 30 July 2020.



NEWS

- [Despite the coronavirus, Mexican women are fighting femicide](#), Foreign Policy, 20 May 2020.
- [Coronavirus could put 4 million girls at risk of child marriage](#), World Economic Forum, 20 May 2020.
- [Huge FGM rise recorded in Somalia during coronavirus lockdown](#), The Guardian, 15 May 2020.
- [Women face dilemma in a war zone: Risk the blasts or sexual assault](#), The New York Times, 15 May 2020.
- [Sexual and gender-based violence during COVID-19: lessons from Ebola](#), The Conversation, 10 May 2020.
- [Ensuring Russia's sex workers' rights essential for wider gender equality](#), IPS News, 27 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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