QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I think that there is an epidemic of male entitlement towards female bodies. It’s a global epidemic, and it’s something we need to address.” – Chimamanda Adichie, Nigerian Writer and Feminist

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES


Gendered impacts of COVID-19 school closures: Insights from frontline organizations. Akmal M, Hares S, O’Donnell M. CGD Policy Paper 175. 2020: This brief highlights the short and long term gender-related concerns of those with firsthand knowledge of how the COVID19 pandemic is affecting the girls and boys they serve, and to help drive gender-transformative decision-making by policymakers and donors. [Source: WUNRN].

Advocacy brief: Gender and COVID19. WHO. 2020: Through this brief, WHO calls on its Member States and all global actors to guide investments in quality and gender-sensitive research on the adverse health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19. [Source: WUNRN].

Video and podcast series: GBV case management and COVID-19: This series provides ways in which gender based violence caseworkers and supervisors can adapt their service provision in the context of governmental policies imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as movement restrictions, confinement, lockdown or other containment strategies.

For more resources, 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.

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 Global Health. 5, e001883, 2020: Using a thematic synthesis approach, this systematic review aims to identify enablers and barriers to implementation of the OSC model and to achieving its intended results for women survivors of violence in low- and middle-income countries [Source: BMJ Journals].


Describing the “gray” area of consent: a comparison of sexual consent understanding across the adult lifespan. Graf A.S, Johnson V. J Sex Res. ePub, 2020: This study describes how sexual consent is conceptualized across the adult lifespan, drawing comparisons between young, middle-aged, and older adults. [Source: ScienceDirect].

Trauma-informed art and play therapy: Pilot study outcomes for children and mothers in domestic violence shelters in the United States and South Africa. Woollett N, Bandeira M, Hatcher A. Child Abuse Negl. 107, 104564, 2020: In this study, the authors used mixed methods to explore effects of a pilot intervention combining trauma focused cognitive behavior therapy (verbal therapy method) with art and play therapy (non-verbal therapy methods) in New York City and Johannesburg, to compare efficacy between high and low-middle income contexts. [Source: ScienceDirect].

How far do parenting programmes help change norms underpinning violence against adolescents? Evidence from low and middle-income countries. Marcus R, Rivett J, Krug K. Glob Public Health. 1-22, 2020: This study examines 17 initiatives that aimed to reduce neglect of, or physical, emotional or sexual violence against adolescents, or to reduce child marriage. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].


Mobile Link - a theory-based messaging intervention for improving sexual and reproductive health of female entertainment workers in Cambodia: Study protocol of a randomized controlled trial. Brody C, Tuot S, Chhoun P, Swendeman D, Kaplan K.C, Yi S. Trials. 19(1), 235, 2020: This article describes study design and implementation of a randomized controlled trial of a mobile health intervention (the Mobile Link) aiming to improve sexual and reproductive health and related outcomes among female entertainment workers in Cambodia. [Source: RHANA Center for Population Health Research].

REQUESTS

How are you adjusting your research in response to COVID? 197: The Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the Innovations for Poverty Action's Intimate Partner Violence Initiative would like to understand how knowledge collection practices have changed for gender based violence during the COVID pandemic. Complete the survey here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d4F4exppH0Cq2jYiWcni41pfnD7Gt31N3M4t-oez6nU/viewform?edit_requested=true

Survey on GBV Gap Analysis: Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) is working with the Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University to undertake a gap analysis of GBV programming in humanitarian settings. This project will update and build upon the work of the HIF's original gap analysis from 2015 and is seeking to document the full range of GBV programmes (including prevention, risk mitigation and response programming) or programs with a GBV component (e.g. livelihoods, cash transfer, health, shelter, food security, etc. programming that includes a GBV objective/component) currently being implemented in humanitarian settings. Complete the survey here.

BLOGS

Why can’t we all just get along? Barriers to collaboration and early thoughts on how to overcome them in public services. Clare FitzGerald Mehdi Shiva, 9 March 2020: The allure of collaboration is considered self-evident: by leveraging the synergies formed by working together, innovation is possible, new knowledge is built, and complex, intractable social and economic problems can be resolved collectively. Still, leaders across sectors struggle to embed collaborative working into and across their organisations meaningfully. In this blog, the authors articulate the nature of these barriers and suggest routes for overcoming them in the public service sector. [Source: LSE Blogs].

PODCASTS

Weapon of war: Gender-based violence around the world: In this conversation, Alyse Nelson, President and CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership and Jennifer Cooke, Director of CSIS’s Africa Program, talk about efforts globally to end gender-based violence as a weapon of war and how government and local communities can help. [Source: CSIS].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Webinar recording: Engaging the private sector to prevent and address violence against women: The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) and HERproject recently hosted a webinar to discuss working with the private sector on preventing and addressing violence against women. Our esteemed panellists shared practical guidance and best practice for working with the private sector. Panellists included: Angelica Pino and Elizabeth Dartnall, SVRI; Lauren Shields and Lucia Fores Guevara, BSR HERespect / HERproject; Shrutika Majumdar, UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women; Tolu Lawrence, Promundo; Tuliama Duma, The Children’s Place; Raania Rizvi, DFID.

UNHCR Gender Equality Toolkit, 2020: This toolkit provides practical guidance and user friendly tools, tips, information and resources to support the achievement of gender equality. [Source: WUNRN].

The domestic abuse report 2020: The hidden housing crisis. Women’s Aid, 2020: This report examines the housing experiences of survivors of domestic abuse using evidence from Women’s Aid Survivor Voice Survey 2019. It reveals that housing fears are a barrier for many women leaving, and that those who do leave face upheaval and disruption, for themselves and their children, as a result of challenges in finding suitable housing. [Source: Women’s Aid].

Evidence brief: Systematic review of social norms linked to the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents. Pichon M, Howard-Merrill I, Buller A.M. LHSTM, 2020: This brief presents key findings from a systematic review that summarises the existing evidence on harmful social norms linked to sexual exploitation of children and adolescents worldwide, and identifies gaps in the literature. [Source: LHSTM].

Gender-based violence and environment linkages: The violence of inequity. Camay LE, Sabater L, Owren C, Boyer A.E, Wen J. IUCN, 2020: This publication aims to raise awareness and engage actors working in environmental and sustainable development, gender equality, and gender based violence policymaking and programming spheres to inform rights-based, gender-responsive approaches to environmental policy, programmes and projects. [Source: WUNRN].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Proposals: UN Women – VAW Data Arab States, and VAW Data East and Southern Africa. Extended Deadline: 17 June 2020.

Call for Applications: Gender-Based Violence Prevention for Ecuador’s Education System. Deadline: 30 June 2020.


Call for Papers: Journal of the British Academy – Searching for the Everyday in African Childhoods. Deadline: 10 July 2020


Call for Applications: Cora Weiss Fellowship for Young Women Peacebuilders. Deadline: 15 July 2020.

Call for Applications: Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect. Deadline: 16 July 2020.


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**EVENTS**

- 10 days. 50 policy innovations and ideas in response to Coronavirus: Policies that once seemed unthinkable are being rapidly introduced around the world, as governments seek to respond to COVID-19 and adapt to the seismic changes in the way societies live, work, and travel. Sign up for this free online boot camp and discover new and interesting policy ideas in response to Coronavirus.

- The "What and How" of prevention of violence against women and girls. 17 June 2020, 9:00 ET. In this webinar, participants will learn more about the innovative Accompaniment Programme that supports organisations that are seeking to strengthen and expand their programming to prevent violence against women and children. Register online.

- Helping them stay sane: How to help someone victimized by coercive control. 18 June 2020, 15:00 – 16:00 SAST. Women enduring domestic abuse need support to regain their equilibrium. The right kinds of support help counteract the crazy-making effects of the abuse. This webinar focuses on WHAT TO DO if someone you know and care about — whether a friend, family member, or a professional client — is a victim of domestic abuse including coercive control. This webinar recognizes that people have differing access to resources and services around the globe. Register online.

- How to write an unforgettable article, op-ed or blog post. 1 July 2020, 4:00 – 4:30pm BST. More and more, people working in government are encouraged to shout about the work they’re doing by writing about it in articles, op-eds, and blog posts. This is undoubtedly a great way to get recognition from your peers and build a strong network, but putting pen to paper can be daunting. What tone should you use? How do you strike a balance between detail and clarity? And what’s the best way to grab your reader’s attention? This workshop will give you the tools and techniques you need to answer these questions with confidence. Register online.

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**VACANCIES**

- Programme Officer, APWLD Grounding the Global Programme (Re-advertised). Asia Pacific Forum on Women. Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand – Closing date: 12 June 2020.

- Communications Officer, Health Systems Trust, Durban, South Africa – Closing date: 12 June 2020.

- Senior Program Officer — Humanitarian Programs, Global Programs, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, USA or Flexible – Closing date: 15 June 2020.

- Sonke M&E, National Membership and Communications Officer, Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce, Cape Town, South Africa – 17 June 2020.

- SVRI Partnerships and Forums Officer, SVRI, South Africa – Closing date: 19 June 2020.

- Regional Director at Irides Institute East Africa. Irides Institute East Africa, Jinja, Uganda – Closing date: 19 June 2020.


- Social Media Marketing Intern, Batonga Foundation, Flexible – Closing date: 26 June 2020.

- Technical Advisor for Women's Protection and Empowerment, International Rescue Committee, USA – Closing date: 30 July 2020.

- Program Officer, Economic Justice, San Francisco or New York, USA, Global Fund for Women – Closing date: Open until filed.
NEWS

On the front lines of COVID-19, women’s organizations provide vital services as first responders as violence against women spikes, Un Women news, 27 May 2020.

Training bystanders to intervene will help to prevent domestic violence and abuse, study shows, Medical Xpress, 27 May 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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