



SVRI Update 4 June 2020

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

The SVRI is delighted to announce the appointment of Angelica Pino in the position of Grants Manager and Capacity Strengthening Specialist from 1st June 2020.



Angelica is a feminist lawyer with extensive experience in the gender equality and gender-based violence field in Chile and in Africa. In her home country, she worked as a lawyer in women's rights NGOs providing counselling and legal advice to women survivors of gender-based violence, as well as conducting training and research on women and the law. Angelica moved to South Africa in 1994, where she has worked in several women's rights organisations and initiatives managing programmes on gender-based violence and on gender equality at national and regional levels, including the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and Sonke Gender Justice. She holds an LLB from the University of Chile and an LLM from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Angelica believes that violence against women cuts across class, cultures and continents. Through the SVRI and partners, she hopes to contribute to gender justice by facilitating the access to resources and building the capacity of gender-based violence researchers from the Global South, as well as promoting networking among researchers and activists.

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[The effects of COVID-19 on the health and socio-economic security of sex workers in Nairobi, Kenya: Emerging intersections with HIV. Kimani J, Adhiambo J, Kasiba R, Mwangi P, Were V, Mathenge J, Macharia P, Cholette F, Moore S, Shaw S, Becker M, Musyoki H, Bhattacharjee P, Moses S, Fowke KR, McKinnon LR, Lorway R. *Glob Public Health*. 1-10, 2020](#): This commentary captures the challenges in Kenya posed by daily curfews and lost economic income, coupled with further changes to sex work that increase potential exposure to infections, stigmatisation, violence, and various health concerns. [Source: NCB].

[COVID-19 and intimate partner violence: A call to action. Zero O, Geary M. *Rhode Island Medical Journal* \(2013\). 103\(5\), 57-59, 2020](#): This article aims to describe the current state of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Rhode Island as well as best practices for

IPV screening and intervention using telehealth during the COVID19 pandemic. [Source: NCBJ].

[Home is not always a haven: The domestic violence crisis amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Kofman Y.B, Garfin D.R. Psychol Trauma. ePub, 2020](#): In this commentary, the authors delineate some of the recent events leading up to the reported spike in domestic violence (DV); review literature on previously documented disaster-related DV surges; and discuss some of the unique challenges, dilemmas, and risks victims and survivors face during this pandemic. [Source: NCBJ].

[Safety and services for survivors of intimate partner violence: A researcher-practitioner dialogue on the impact of COVID-19. Bagwell-Gray M.E, Bartholmey E. Psychol Trauma. ePub, 2020](#): This commentary offers a dialogue between a researcher and practitioner on the potential benefits of collaborative research to benefit survivors of intimate partner violence, a population exposed to high levels of violence and trauma. [Source: APA PsychNet].

[Domestic violence amid COVID-19. Anurudran A, Yared L, Comrie C, Harrison K, Burke T. Int J Gynaecol Obstet. ePub, 2020](#): This manuscript highlights the risk that shelter-in-place instructions during COVID-19 places on victims of domestic violence and serves as a call-to-action to address this crisis. [Source: Wiley Online Library].

[Men and COVID-19: Adding a gender lens. Betron M, Gottert A, Pulerwitz J, Shattuck D, Stevanovic-Fenn N. Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice. ePub, 2020](#): In this commentary, the authors point out the important gender determinants to both men's and women's vulnerabilities to COVID-19, and call on the global health community to unpack and address these early in the COVID-19 pandemic response. [Source: WUNRN].

[COVID-19 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 during and after the crisis, including those at risk of early marriage, married girls, and those in informal unions. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

[UN/DESA Policy Brief #69: Leaving no one behind: the COVID-19 crisis through the disability and gender lens. 2020](#): This brief highlights the impact of COVID19 on women and girls with disabilities and provides policy guidance for governments and other stakeholders to adopt inclusive and accessible measures to not only mitigate the adverse impacts of the crisis but build resilient societies. [Source: WUNRN].

[Blog: Gender-based violence during lockdown – looking for answers. Chandre Gould. 12 May 2020](#): The COVID-19 crisis and social distancing measures have caused deep concerns about their impact on women in abusive relationships. Numerous articles in the South African media have pointed to the increased risk women in these relationships face under lockdown conditions. The fear is that they are trapped inside with their abusers, unable to leave, escape or reach out for help. [Source: Safer Spaces].

[Blog: How can researchers support Parliament in its scrutiny of the Government's decisions and actions around the COVID-19 outbreak? Sarah Foxen, Naomi Saint and Laura Webb. 6 May 2020](#): The COVID-19 pandemic and the conditions of uncertainty that surround it have led to an unprecedented demand for knowledge from Parliament and policymakers. In this post, Parliament's Knowledge Exchange team (Sarah Foxen, Naomi Saint and Laura Webb) outline how researchers can engage and contribute to Parliament's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its wider impacts. [Source: LSE Blogs].

[Stand with adolescent girls and young women during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic: Joint statement and recommendations. The Child, Early & Forced Marriage & Unions and Sexuality Working Group, and Partners. 2020](#): This statement calls on funders of all types and sizes—foundations, governments and others—to stand with adolescent girls and young women during and after this global pandemic. This means taking a human rights-based, gender-responsive approach during the crisis, and funding and supporting gender-transformative approaches over the long term. This is the only way to effectively tackle the root causes of the inequalities adolescent girls and young women face everywhere. [Source: IWHC].

[Video: The effects of COVID-19 on gender-based violence \(GBV\)](#): This video provides information on the link between COVID-19 and gender based violence and the important role governments, civil society, media, private sector companies and development partners can play to address GBV. [Source: Safer Spaces].

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.

[Developing an inclusive conceptual model for preventing violence in the home in humanitarian settings: Qualitative findings from Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Congo.](#) Falb K, Asghar K, Pardo N.M, De Dieu Hategekimana J, Kakay H, Roth D, O'Connor M. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. ePub, 2020: This study explores the shared risk factors and social norms that may underpin the co-occurrence of intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and violence against other marginalized household members in the home. [Source: *International Rescue Committee*].

[Engaging men to transform inequitable gender attitudes and prevent intimate partner violence: a cluster randomised controlled trial in North and South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.](#) Vaillant J, Koussoubé E, Roth D, Pierotti R, Hossain M, Falb K.L. *BMJ Global Health*. 5, e002223, 2020: This study evaluates the impact of Engaging Men through Accountable Practice (EMAP), a 16-week men-only discussion group intervention aiming to prevent IPV and transform attitudes and behaviours around gender and power in the couple. [Source: *International Rescue Committee*].

[Adapting the myPlan safety app to respond to intimate partner violence for women in low and middle income country settings: app tailoring and randomized controlled trial protocol.](#) Decker M.R, Wood S.N, Kennedy S.R, Hameeduddin Z, Tallam C, Akumu I, Wanjiru I, Asira B, Omondi B, Case J, Clough A, Otieno R, Mwitii M, Perrin N, Glass N. *BMC Public Health*. 20(1), 808, 2020: This paper describes the contextual considerations necessary to ensure transferability of the myPlan app to intimate partner violence survivors in urban informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya, while maintaining consistency with intervention components found effective in other settings. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Adolescence, pregnancy and domestic violence: social conditions and life projects.](#) Miura P.O, Tardivo L.S.P.C, Barrientos D.M.S, Egrý E.Y, Macedo C.M. *Rev Bras Enferm*. 73 Suppl 1, e20190111, 2020: This study analyzes the social conditions and life projects of non-pregnant adolescents, pregnant adolescents and pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence. [Source: *NCBI*].

{Article in Portuguese} [Violence against children and adolescents in Manaus, Amazonas State, Brazil: a descriptive study of cases and evaluation of notification sheet completeness, 2009-2016.](#) Oliveira N.F, Moraes C.L, Junger W.L, Reichenheim M.E. *Epidemiol Serv Saude*. 29(1), e2018438, 2020: This study describes cases of violence against children and adolescents and completeness of notification forms registered on the Notifiable Health Conditions Information System (Sinan), Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, 2009-2016. [Source: *Scielo*].

[Problem solving therapy \(PST\) tailored for intimate partner violence \(IPV\) versus standard PST and enhanced usual care for pregnant women experiencing IPV in rural Ethiopia: protocol for a randomised controlled feasibility trial.](#) Keynejad R.C, Bitew T, Sorsdahl K, Myers B, Honikman S, Medhin G, Deyessa N, Sevdalis N, Tol W.A, Howard L, Hanlon C. *Trials*. 21(1), 454, 2020: This randomised controlled feasibility trial compares brief problem solving therapy (PST) specifically adapted for pregnant women experiencing IPV (PST-IPV) with standard PST and enhanced usual care to determine the feasibility of a future fully powered randomised controlled trial. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Zimbabwean stakeholders' perspectives on causes of and solutions to gender-based violence in their community: Findings from a focus group.](#) Waterman E.A, Edwards K.M, Makoni E.I, Siller L, Murphy S.B, Wagman J.A. *Violence Against Women*. ePub, 2020: This study seeks to learn about stakeholders' perceptions of gender based violence (GBV) causes and their ideas for GBV prevention, and to gauge potential community reactions to GBV prevention. [Source: *SAGE Journals*].

[Development and validation of the LoVI: The Laws on Violence against women and girls Index.](#) Yount K.M, Lewis P.C, Clark C.J, Heise L, Naved R.T, Maxwell L. *BMC Int Health Hum Rights.* 20(1), 13, 2020: This study presents the development and validation of Laws on Violence against Women and Girls Index (LoVI) to measure global progress to develop comprehensive national legislation against child marriage, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and marital rape. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

REQUESTS

[Survey: Adjusting to COVID19](#): Many of us are changing our activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the Innovations for Poverty Action's Intimate Partner Violence Initiative created [this short survey](#) to understand how we as a community are adjusting our knowledge collection practices for gender-based violence. It also asks about challenges you are facing during this adjustment period, so we can develop resources to help. Please share the link widely with your networks. Thank you!



BLOGS

[For science communication to be effective it should be evidence based.](#) Eric Jensen and Alexander Gerber. 27 May 2020: Effective communication of science to stakeholders across society is a more pressing issue than it has perhaps ever been. Highlighting ways in which science communication as an area of research and practice has struggled to function as an integrated discipline, Eric Jensen and Alexander Gerber argue that for science communication to continue to develop and deliver impact it has to become more evidence based. [Source: *LSE Blog*].

PODCASTS

[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: *IRC*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Research on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence including in situations of social disadvantage in the Russian Federation: Based on analysis of the Russian framework and compilation of good practices.](#) Duban E. [Co-operation on the implementation of the Russian Federation National Action Strategy for Women \(2017–2022\).](#) Council of Europe. 2020: This study measures current efforts to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence in the Russian Federation against international standards and good practices. The report is also available in [Russian](#). [Source: *WUNRN*].

[The Individual Deprivation Measure South Africa Country Study.](#) Suich H, Pham T, Hunt J, Yap M, Hasan M, Bessell S. 2020: This report provides the initial analysis of the main national-level sample and the purposive sample of people with disabilities. It also provides the results for both samples disaggregated by gender, age, rural/urban locality and disability status. [Source: *Individual Deprivation Measure*].

[Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub](#): On this global Hub website, organisations across the aid sector will find a range of relevant resources that they can use to strengthen safeguarding policies and enable them to better prevent and respond to sexual exploitation, abuse, and sexual harassment. [Source: *Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub*].

[Bystander education programs for sexual assault prevention on high school and college campuses](#): This practice comprises

programs designed to decrease the prevalence of sexual assault among adolescents and college students by educating would-be bystanders (i.e., witnesses) about sexual assault, and promoting prosocial attitudes and the willingness to intervene in risky situations. [Source: *Crime Solutions*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Research Proposals](#): Addressing COVID-19 in Low- and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) – Supported by NIHR and UKRI. Various Deadlines.

[Call for Applications](#): HER Voice Fund Ambassador. Deadline: 8 June 2020.

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

[Call for Chapters](#): Research Methods in Times of Crisis – Policy Press. Deadline: Not specified.

[Call for Chapters](#): Research Methods in Times of Crisis – Policy Press. Deadline: 15 June 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): COVID-19 Young Leaders Fund. Deadline: Ongoing.



EVENTS

- [Webinar Invitation: Engaging the private sector to prevent and address violence against women, Wednesday, 10 June 2020, 14h00 – 15h00 SAST](#): Join the [Sexual Violence Research Initiative](#) (SVRI) and [HERproject](#) to discuss working with the private sector on preventing and addressing violence against women. Our esteemed panellists will share practical guidance and best practice for working with the private sector. **Panellists include:** Angelica Pino and Elizabeth Dartnall, SVRI; Lauren Shields and Lucia Flores Guevara, BSR HERrespect / HERproject; Shruti Majumdar, UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women; Tolu Lawrence, Promundo; Thulani Duma, The Children’s Place; Raania Rizvi, DFID. RSVP [here](#).
- [Business and human rights workshop, 12 June 2020, 9am-12pm](#): This three-part Training Workshop provides



VACANCIES

- [Deputy Country Director - Program Support – Bangladesh](#), CARE, Dhaka, Bangladesh – Closing date: 5 June 2020.
- [Gender and Social Inclusion Adviser \(Fisheries\)](#), The Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 7 June 2020.
- [Program Officer](#), XOESE, The Francophone Women’s Fund, Le Fonds pour les Femmes Francophones, Lomé (Togo) or home based – Closing date: 7 June 2020.
- [Individual Giving Manager – Maternity Cover](#), Womankind Worldwide, London, UK – Closing date: 9 June 2020.

participants with the tools to evaluate how corporations impact human rights and how they manage those impacts. Through group exercises and debate, workshop participants will gain insight into what human rights challenges look like to a business manager, and the risk management competencies they need to address those challenges.

- [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. Register [online](#).
 - [YTH Live 2020, 3-5 August 2020](#): The conference will showcase the brightest minds and cutting-edge research in topics ranging from sexual and reproductive health to mental health, digital rights, and climate change. Whether you are an Executive Director, developer, IT professional, or even a high school student, YTH Live can help you learn about the latest trends in health, innovation, and technology. Late-breaker call for abstracts closes on 5 June 2020.
 - [2020 IGWG Plenary: The Gendered Impact of COVID-19 on Caregivers and Community Health Care Workers, 19 August 2020, 8:30-10:30am EST](#): Participants of this session will learn about the gendered impact of COVID-19 on caregivers and health care workers; discuss new interventions, research, and tools for advancing gender equality in global health and other sectors; and connect with colleagues in the global gender community.
 - [Postdoctoral Fellow](#), United Nations University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Closing date: 9 June 2020.
 - [Programme Officer, APWLD Grounding the Global Programme](#), Asia Pacific Forum on Women. Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand – Closing date: 12 June 2020.
 - [Research Fellow – P3](#), United Nations University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Closing date: 12 June 2020.
 - [Project Officer – NO-A](#), United Nations University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Closing date: 12 June 2020.
 - [Consultancy: Costing The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence and the Resources Required to Address it – A Multi-Country Research Study in Fiji, Solomon Islands and The Republic of the Marshall Islands](#), UN Women, Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 14 June 2020.
 - [Gender Equality Advisor](#), Save The Children, Toronto, Canada – Closing date: 14 June 2020.
 - [Deputy Director](#), Prospera INWF, Flexible – Closing date 15 June 2020.
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NEWS

[In nod to #MeToo, China codifies sexual harassment by law](#), New York Post, 2 June 2020.

[Reproductive rights of women and girls under lockdown](#), IPS News, 28 May 2020.

[Women are often an after-thought in a humanitarian crisis](#), IPS News, 26 May 2020.

[We need a feminist response to this pandemic](#), Devex, 11 May 2020.

[Why do so few rapes result in a conviction?](#) Al Jazeera, 7 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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