MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

"Over the past few weeks no fewer than 21 women and children have been murdered…Their killers thought they could silence them. But we will not forget them, and we will speak for them where they cannot. We will speak for Tshegofatso Pule, Naledi Phangindawo, Nompumelelo Tshaka, Nomfazi Gabada, Nwabisa Mgwanedla, Alitecia Kortjie and Lindelwa Peni, all young women who were killed by men. We will speak for the 89-year-old grandmother who was killed in an old age home in Queenstown, the 79-year-old grandmother who was killed in Brakpan and the elderly woman who was raped in Kwa-Swayimane in KwaZulu-Natal. We will speak for the innocent souls of Tshegofatso Pule’s unborn daughter who had already been given a name, six-year-old Raynecia Kotjie and the six-year-old child found dead in the veld in KwaZulu-Natal. They are not just statistics. They have names and they had families and friends." – Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa.

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COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

Blog: Trauma-informed phone interviews on sensitive topics: Learning from the COVID-19 lockdown in Uganda. An interview with Sylvia Namakula and Agnes Grace Nabachwa: Healing and Resilience after Trauma (HaRT) is dedicated to holistic healing among women and girls who have experienced human trafficking and gender based violence. Read the blog to learn more about the transition from in-person to phone-based interviews, and the lessons Sylvia and Agnes have learned along the way.

Twin public health emergencies: Covid-19 and domestic violence. Ghoshal R. Indian J Med Ethics. ePub, 2020: This article synthesises some of the existing reviews, articles and data, especially those published from the development and humanitarian sector, to study how gender is affected in multiple ways in the COVID situation. It focuses particularly on how the response to COVID has triggered higher rates of domestic violence across the globe, including India. [Source: IJME]

Coronavirus and interpersonal violence: A need for digital mental health resources. Carballa D, Rivera R.M. Psychol Trauma. ePub, 2020: Since the declaration of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, countries across the world have seen an increase in reports of interpersonal violence. During these trying times, digital mental health resources tailored to interpersonal violence are needed. [Source: NCBi].

When stay-at-home orders leave victims unsafe at home: Exploring the risk and consequences of intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Kaukinen C. American Journal of Criminal Justice. ePub, 2020: This review paper explores the potential short- and long-term implications of COVID-19 on the risk of intimate partner violence, highlighting some of the most recent preliminary data. [Source: Springer Link]


Remote data collection on violence against women during COVID-19: A conversation with experts on ethics, measurement & research priorities (Part 1). Amber Peterman, Amiya Bhatia and Alessandra Guedes: In this 2-part “Conversations with experts”, the authors unpack what COVID-19 means for data collection efforts. In this article, they focus on violence against women, and talked with 10 experts who together have led, designed and implemented dozens of data collection efforts. [Source: UNICEF].

Remote data collection on violence against children during COVID-19: A conversation with experts on research priorities, measurement and ethics (Part 2). Amiya Bhatia, Amber Peterman and Alessandra Guedes: In this second (of 2) “conversations with experts”, the authors unpack what COVID-19 means for data collection efforts on violence against children. In this think piece, experts reflect on which forms of violence against children data collection were possible during COVID-19, the limits and benefits of remote data collection with children and adults, and the priority research gaps. [Source: UNICEF].

Episode 1: Providing support to GBV survivors beyond hotlines and mobile phones in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: In this episode of the UNICEF GBVIE podcast series, Caroline Masboungi interviews Dorcas Erskine, Senior consultant with UNICEF GBVIE team. They talk about how the COVID-19 pandemic affects gender based violence response services and the capacity of women and girls to reach out for help. [Source: GBV CoP].

Episode 3: Using the power of finance as a tool to prevent and respond to GBV: In this episode, Catherine Poulton from UNICEF and Joy Anderson from Criterion Institute talk about how financial systems can help addressing gender based violence, looking more specifically at mitigating the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: GBV CoP].

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Health system decision-makers at the helm of implementation research: development of a framework to evaluate the processes and effectiveness of embedded approaches. Varulayay N.J., Langoi J.E., Tran N., Elias V., Beverly L. Health Res Policy Syst. 18(1) 64. 2020. This paper presents the development of a general framework for the evaluation of embedded implementation research approaches and provides detailed descriptions of its components with examples from previous Improving Program Implementation through Embedded Research (PIER) projects to illustrate key concepts and demonstrate their broader applicability. [Source: NCBi].

Effect of sexual violence on planned, mistimed and unwanted pregnancies among women of reproductive age in sub-Saharan Africa: A multi-country analysis of Demographic and Health Surveys. Ahinkorah B.O., Seidu A.A., Appiah F., Oduro J.K., Sambah F., Baatiema L., Budu E., Ameayew E.K. SSM Popul Health. 2020. Sexual violence plays a key role in women’s pregnancy intention. This study investigates the influence of sexual violence on planned, mistimed, and unwanted pregnancies in sub-Saharan Africa. [Source: Science Direct].


"Would you allow your wife to dress in a miniskirt to the party?": batterers do not activate default mode network during moral decisions about intimate partner violence. Martin-Morales A., Bueso-Izquierdo N., Hidalgo-Ruzzante N., Pérez-García M., Catena-Martínez A., Verdejo-Román J. J Interpers Violence. 2020. In this study, the authors report a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study, comparing moral decisions related to intimate partner violence and general violence in a sample of convicted Spanish men. [Source: Sage Journals].


Microfinance and violence prevention: A review of the evidence and adaptations for implementation in the U.S. Matjasko J.L., Schappell D’Inverno A., Marshall K.J., Kearns M.C. Preventive Medicine. 2020. This article reviews the evidence base for microfinance interventions on violence outcomes; outlines the potential of microfinance to prevent violence in the U.S.; and offers some possible adaptations in order to increase the likelihood that microfinance will prevent violence in the U.S. [Source: Science Direct].


BLOGS

You can publish open access, but ‘big’ journals still act as gatekeepers to discoverability and impact. Chris Carroll and Andy Tattersall: One of the proposed advantages of open access publication is that it increases the impact of academic research by making it more broadly and easily accessible. Reporting on a natural experiment on the citation impact of health research that is published in both open access and subscription journals, Chris Carroll and Andy Tattersall, suggests that subscription journals still play an important role in making research discoverable and useful and thus still have a role to play even in open publication strategies. [Source: LSE Blog].

PODCASTS

Is a feminist approach to monitoring, evaluation, and learning really possible? What we measure and the way we measure it has significant impacts on our programming. 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].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Adolescent girls in crisis: Experiences of risk and resilience across three humanitarian settings. Plan International. 2018: The Adolescent Girls in Crisis research is drawn directly from the voices and experiences of girls in three of the world’s most troubled and volatile locations: South Sudan, the Lake Chad Basin and the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh. The report presents findings and recommendations that will help to support girls facing the toughest, long-term crises, wherever they are. [Source: Plan International].

Video: How to be anti-racist in aid: The recent killing of George Floyd and subsequent #BlackLivesMatter protests in the US and globally have reinvigorated discussions about anti-Black racism in all parts of society. The global development and humanitarian aid sector has its own share of issues on racism that remains to be addressed. [Source: Medium].

Measuring violence against children: A methods menu: This document intends to provide guidance to national leaders and stakeholder looking to measure the prevalence of violence against children, including physical, sexual and emotional violence. The methods and strategies laid out in the document can yield critically valuable data on both the magnitude and characteristics of violence, and support with the identification of vulnerable groups. [Source: End Violence Against Children].
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


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


EVENTS

- **Webinar**: Scaling systems change webinar #2 – Norms that transforms, 22 June 2020, 5pm GMT: This is Tostan’s second interactive practitioner conversation on systems change. The webinar, with and for ecosystem weavers, will focus on norms that transform, from gender-based violence to gender equality. Register [online](#).

- **Empowered Aid**: Transforming gender and power dynamics in the delivery of humanitarian aid - phase 1 findings, 22 June 2020, 9am ET: This webinar will share Empowered Aid's Phase 1 findings and recommendations on reducing risks of sexual exploitation and abuse when accessing humanitarian aid in Lebanon and Uganda. Register [online](#).

- **Webinar**: In search of safety – LGBTQ refugee protection and HIAS, 24 June 2020, 4pm ET: In honor of LGBTQ Pride Month, please join HIAS to recognize the resilience and strength of LGBTQ refugees. All around the world, LGBTQ people face persecution, violence and harassment. With few protections at home, many flee to seek safety in other countries with no guarantee they will find it. Register [online](#).

- **Webinar**: Responding to sexual violence experienced among trans women of colour from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds in Australia, 24 June 2020, 1pm AEST: It is known that trans women experience higher rates of sexual violence than cisgender women, with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) trans women at highest risk. This webinar will explore the systemic barriers which prevent trans women of colour who are victims/survivors of sexual violence, from accessing support services and justice. Register [online](#).

- **The fabric of healing**: Psychological support for survivors of sexual violence in conflict-affected populations, 26 June 2020, 11am EST: Join the Common Threads Project as they will launching a 3D exhibition of story cloths from our field sites in Ecuador, Bosnia, DRC, and Nepal. The exhibit will amplify the voices of survivors and offer an opportunity for us to bear witness to their suffering, their courage, and highlight the need for us to respond. The launch event will feature speakers on sexual and gender based violence, a tour of the exhibit, and a roundtable discussion on human rights approaches for healing. Register [online](#).

VACANCIES

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


- **Gender and Inclusion Analysis Consultant**, IREX, Ethiopia – Closing date: 24 June 2020.


- **Grants and Project Management (GPM) team – Project Officer**, Tostan, Dakar, Senegal – Closing date: 30 June 2020.

- **Program Associate – Global Programs**, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, USA – Closing date: 30 June 2020.

- **Technical Advisor, Gender and GBV, Africa and Eurasia**, HIAS, Nairobi, Kenya – Closing date: 30 June 2020.

- **Grant and Procurement Officer**, ISS, Pretoria, South Africa – Closing date: 30 June 2020.

- **Director – Human and Social Development**, Pacific Community (SPC), Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 8 July 2020.

- **Deputy Country Director – Programs**, CARE, Kabul, Afghanistan – Closing date: 9 July 2020.

- **Associate Director, Women’s Economic Power**, Women for Women International, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East or Central Asia – Closing date: 31 July 2020.
Lives in the Balance: COVID-19 Summit for the Health and Well-being of Women, Children and Adolescents, 1-2 July 2020, 12-5pm GMT. Join PMNCH and CORE Group for this lively and unique summit, which will bring together stakeholders from around the world and across a wide spectrum of sectors to reflect, share and commit to action for the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents. Register online.

- Program Associate, Gender and Reproductive Equity Grantmaking, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS

- ‘Who will protect you from rape without police?’ Here’s my answer to that question, The Guardian, 17 June 2020.
- Coronavirus threatens Kenya goal to end female genital mutilation by 2022, Reuters Foundation, 9 June 2020.
- Migrant women exploited by those they trust, IPS News, 4 June 2020.
- 'Violent men are to blame, not the virus': Lockdown sees rise in women being killed, Huffington Post, 17 April 2020.

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