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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Gender equity is not only a matter of justice and rights, it is crucial for producing the best research and providing the best care to patients. If the fields of science, medicine, and global health are to hope to work towards improving human lives, they must be representative of the societies they serve. The fight for gender equity is everyone’s responsibility, and this means that feminism, too, is for everybody—for men and women, researchers, clinicians, funders, institutional leaders, and, yes, even for medical journals” - The Lancet

THE SVRI RESEARCH GRANT



The SVRI is delighted to announce [The SVRI Research Grant](#) 2021 call for proposals. The grant is dedicated to funding innovative research that contributes to the prevention and response of violence against women (VAW), violence against children (VAC) and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries.

Grants range from \$40 000 to \$200 000 over a two-year period. Applications must be made via the [Proposal Central system](#) and can be submitted in English, French and Spanish. The RFP and Guideline documents are available in English, French and Spanish.

For more information, visit the grant webpage [here](#). Applications close **15th September 2020**.

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[From global coordination to local strategies: A practical approach to prevent, address, and document domestic violence under COVID-19 - Toolkit. MADRE, Media Matters for Women, MenEngage Alliance, Nobel Women’s Initiative, OutRight Action International, Women Enabled International, WILPF, 2020](#): This toolkit provides global strategies adaptable for local communities for effective grassroots responses, including social media content for violence prevention campaigns and tactics for addressing abuse in the current environment of physical distancing, isolation, shelter-at-home policies, and remote work of many organizations. Also available in [Arabic](#), [French](#), [Kurdish](#), [Spanish](#), and [Swahili](#). [Source: WUNRN].

[Interim guidance: Checklist to protect from sexual exploitation and abuse during COVID-19. Inter-Agency Standing Committee \(IASC\), 2020](#): This checklist sets out minimum actions on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) during the COVID-19 response. It is intended as a quick reference resource for humanitarian project managers to use in the field and in remote locations. [Source: RSH].

[Cash transfers and COVID-19 resource page](#): In many low and middle-income countries, the economic impact of COVID-19 may be devastating. Social protection, including cash transfers is being introduced or adapted to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and protect those most impacted by the virus. This webpage provides resources used by the Transfer Project staff during COVID-19. [Source: The Transfer Project].

[Gender-responsive social protection during COVID-19. Technical note. UNICEF, 2020](#): This technical note is intended to provide a simple checklist for policymakers, partners and UNICEF staff as they engage in the design and implementation of COVID-19 related social protection interventions. It builds on the SPIAC-B Joint Statement on the role of social protection in responding to the pandemic, particularly the need for urgent action to prioritise the most vulnerable. [Source: UNICEF].

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.

[Enhancing agency for health providers and pregnant women experiencing intimate partner violence in South Africa. Sprague C, Woollett N, Hatcher A. Global Public Health 15\(6\), 1-17, 2020](#): This paper utilises agency as a theoretical construct, applying qualitative methods to investigate health professionals’ experiences of a randomised controlled trial intervention to address IPV in pregnant women in five antenatal clinics in Johannesburg, South Africa from 2011-2016. [Source: PubMed].

[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 et al. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, ePub, 2020](#): This qualitative study seeks to explore 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: IRC].

[Special Issue: Justice and accountability for sexual violence in conflict: progress and challenges in national efforts to address impunity. Journal of International Criminal Justice,](#)

[18 \(2\): 213–218, 2020](#): This Special Issue is dedicated to the myriad victims of sexual violence in conflict and the bravery of those who come forward to participate in judicial proceedings often at great risk. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[The role of participation and community mobilisation in preventing violence against women and girls: a programme review and critique. Minckas N, Shannon G, Mannell J. Global Health Action, 13:1, ePub, 2020](#): Recently practitioners and researchers have taken an interest in community participation as a strategy for preventing VAWG. Despite the recent enthusiasm however, there has been little articulation of how participation in VAWG prevention programmes mobilises communities to challenge social norms and prevent VAWG. This article attempts to address this gap. [Source: *The Prevention Collaborative*].

[Sexual and reproductive health outcomes of violence against women and girls in lower-income countries: A review of reviews. Grose R.G, Chen J.S, Roof K.A, Rachel S, Yount K.M. The Journal of Sex Research, ePub, 2020](#): In this systematic review of reviews, the authors aim to synthesize research about the SRH outcomes of GBV for adolescent girls and young women in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). GBV exposures were child abuse, female genital mutilation/cutting, child marriage, intimate partner violence (IPV), and non-partner sexual violence. [Source: *The Prevention Collaborative*].

[A qualitative study of intimate partner violence among young gay and bisexual men. Stults C.B, Brandt S.A, Hale J.F, Rogers N, Kreienberg A.E, Griffin M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2020](#): The present qualitative study seeks to (a) explore dimensions of IPV victimization, perpetration, and bidirectional IPV among a sample of YGBM living in New York City and (b) explores the chronicity of IPV experiences among these YGBM. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Assessing college women's experiences of nonconsensual first-time intercourse. Marcantonio T.L, Willis M, Jozkowski K.N, Peterson Z.D, Humphreys T. Psychol. Violence, 10\(4\): 432-441, 2020](#): Experiencing nonconsensual first-time intercourse (FTI) may establish a problematic schema for future sexual experiences. Understanding the context of and reactions to nonconsensual FTI may provide information to guide prevention efforts as well as to help mitigate consequences following a nonconsensual FTI. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Associations of physical partner violence and sexual violence victimization on health risk behaviours and mental health among university students from 25 countries. Pengpid S, Peltzer K. BMC Public Health, 20\(1\): e937, 2020](#): This study aims to investigate the associations between physical partner violence victimization (IPV) and/or sexual violence victimization and various health risk behaviours and mental health in university students in 25 countries. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Disclosure, reporting and help seeking among child survivors of violence: a cross-country analysis. Pereira A, Peterman A, Neijhoft A.N, Buluma R, Daban R.A, Islam A, Kainja E.T.V, Kaloga I.F, Kheam T, Johnson A.K, Maternowska M.C, Potts A, Rottanak C, Samnang C, Shawa M, Yoshikawa M, Palermo T. BMC Public Health, 20\(1\): e1051, 2020](#): This study explores the rarely studied prevalence and dynamics around disclosure, reporting and help-seeking behaviours of children who ever experienced physical and/or sexual violence. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[From past to present: Children's exposure of intimate partner violence and subsequent experience of IPV in adulthood among women. Chernyak E, Ceresola R, Herrold M. J. Gender Based Viol, 4\(2\): 259-278, 2020](#): This research analyses the prevalence of physical intimate partner violence (IPV) in ten developing countries in four regions as identified by the Demographics and Health Survey (DHS): Sub-Saharan Africa with Mali and Nigeria; North Africa/West Asia with Egypt and Jordan; South and Southeast Asia with Cambodia, Pakistan and the Philippines; and Latin America and the Caribbean with Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Peru. [Source: *SafetyLit*].



BLOGS

[La Educación Integral en Sexualidad \(EIS\) como una herramienta transformadora de las normas de género. Susana Medina Salas, Mariana Cruz Murueta and Ivon Silva Márquez. 16 July 2020](#): La EIS es una estrategia potencialmente efectiva para ello, siempre y cuando sus alcances se promuevan desde un entorno de confianza y respeto entre jóvenes y facilitadores del curso, que permite compartir experiencias y opiniones sobre violencia, relaciones y género. [Read the Blog in English](#). [Source: *IPPF*].

[Harnessing feminist principles and approaches to improve mental health care for GBV survivors in humanitarian contexts. GBV AoR Helpdesk, 6 June 2020](#): While the humanitarian community has widely endorsed the importance of mental health and psychosocial support (MH PSS) programming in emergencies, there is limited guidance on specialized mental health interventions for the many women and girls who experience gender-based violence. [Source: *GBV AoR Helpdesk*].

PODCASTS

[Creating Virtual Safe Spaces for women and girls, UNICEF GBViE](#): In this 5th episode, Sunita Palekar Joergensen and Zaman Ali Hassan from UNICEF MENA and UNICEF Lebanon are presenting the Virtual Safe Spaces project that UNICEF has been leading on since couple of years. The Virtual Safe Space model is designed to facilitate access to information and services in a way that is safe, culturally appropriate and accessible to adolescent girls, particularly those who face higher levels of marginalization, such as girls with disabilities and married girls. This episode is part of the Innovation series of the podcast. [Source: *GBVCoP*].

[Understanding sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment and introducing the Hub, Safeguarding Matters](#): Why is sexual exploitation, abuse, and sexual harassment (SEAH) such a key issue in the aid sector, and what is being done to address it? Paul Nolan interviews Natalie Versteeg and Gwilym Jones from the Safeguarding Unit at the Department for International Development (DFID) to learn more about the importance of the Safeguarding Summit in 2018, why the Hub was established and what other safeguarding initiatives DFID is involved in. [Source: *RSH*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[GBV AoR Helpdesk](#): The GBV AoR Helpdesk is a unique research and technical advice service which aims to inspire and support a range of humanitarian actors to help prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV in emergencies. Managed by [Social Development Direct](#), the GBV AoR Helpdesk is staffed by a global roster of senior Gender and GBV Experts who are on standby to help guide frontline actors on GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response measures in line with international standards, guidelines and best practice.

The Helpdesk strives to ensure services are free, accessible to and utilised by a broad range of international and national humanitarian actors, including staff from UN agencies, INGOs, civil society organisations and women-led organisations and groups. If you want to find out more about the Helpdesk and how GBV AoR Helpdesk might be able to support you in your work, please email enquiries@GBViEHelpdesk.org.uk.

[Evaluation rapide sur le genre et les violences faites aux femmes et aux filles lors de l'épidémie d'Ebola à Beni en RDC. Tout repose sur ses épaules: Evaluation rapide sur le genre et les violences faites aux femmes et aux filles lors de l'épidémie d'Ebola à Beni en RDC. International Rescue Committee. 2019](#): En décembre 2018, l'International Rescue Committee (IRC) a mené une évaluation à Beni, en RDC, dans le but d'examiner les effets de l'épidémie de MVE sur les femmes et les filles, et en particulier déterminer l'impact potentiel de l'épidémie sur les expériences des femmes et des filles en matière de violence, ceci considérant le climat d'incertitude et d'insécurité qui régnait. Read the report in [English](#). [Source: RSH].

[Best practice in engaging survivors of sexual exploitation abuse and sexual harassment. Resource and Support Hub \(RSH\). 2020](#): This document provides a rapid review of the documentation of efforts to engage survivors of SEAH (and other types of violence, where relevant) in developing policy, as well as reviewing research conducted on survivors' needs and priorities. [Source: RSH].

[Women's imprisonment and domestic, family and sexual violence. ANROWS. 2020](#): This paper contextualises ANROWS's research on the close links between imprisonment and domestic and family violence (DFV) and sexual violence. [Source: ANROWS Notepad].

[Policy brief series, 2020](#): IPPF/WHR, together with the LSHTM and Mexfam, funded by the 2019 SVRI and World Bank Group Development Market Place Award, have collaborated to present a series of three policy briefs to outline emerging evidence on the potential of sexuality education as a prevention strategy for partner violence based on a study in Mexico City:

- [Policy Brief #1: Educación integral de la sexualidad como estrategia para prevenir la violencia en la pareja entre adolescentes](#). Read the brief in [English](#).
- [Policy Brief #2: Evaluación del potencial de la educación integral de la sexualidad para la prevención de la violencia de pareja entre adolescentes en la ciudad de México](#). Read the brief in [English](#).
- [Policy Brief #3: Ampliación de la educación sexual integral una estrategia a gran escala de prevención de la violencia en la pareja](#). Read the brief in [English](#).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for applications](#): Calling all African women change-makers! African Women's Development Fund – Main grant 2020. Deadline: 10 August 2020.

[Call for applications](#): Increasing the meaningful participation of people with disabilities and older people in humanitarian action – Elrha. Deadline: 7 August 2020.



EVENTS

- [The Digital Dialogue Series, 21 July 2020, 11:00 EST](#): This event celebrates the launch of a Special Issue of the Journal of International Criminal Justice on Progress and Challenges of National Efforts to Address Impunity for Sexual Violence, created in collaboration with the UN Team of Experts. Register [online](#).
- [Training Frontline Professionals to Engage Male Perpetrators, 22 July 2020, 17:00 CET](#): En este webinar, Heinrich Geldschläger, Conexus (España), dará una breve introducción sobre la importancia del trabajo con hombres agresores como parte de una respuesta coordinada contra la violencia de género y sobre la red WWP EN que promueve que este trabajo se desarrolle de manera segura y efectiva en Europa. Register [online](#).
- [Representation and Reality: GBV and Perpetrator Work in Colombia and Guatemala, 23 July 2020, 17:00 CET](#): In this webinar, Oscar Acevedo (Colombia) will share his experiences on how perpetrators in prisons in Colombia and Guatemala acknowledge their violent actions. The webinar will be held in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English. Register [online](#).
- [Collecting social data: adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic: Understanding and responding to ethical challenges, 28 July 2020, 10:00 SAST](#): This seminar series brings together social researchers from a range of disciplines to explore different approaches to collecting social data during the COVID pandemic. Access the join link [here](#).
- [Preventing IPV in rural Ethiopia: Developing, implementing and testing "Unite for a Better Life", 29 July 2020, 09:00 New York, 14:00 London, 16:00 Nairobi, 20:00 Bangkok](#): During this webinar, Dr Vandana Sharma and Samuel Gebretsadik highlight lessons and challenges of addressing social norms related to IPV through programming and research in a humanitarian context. Register [online](#).



VACANCIES

- [Programme Associate, Feminist Development Justice](#), Organization: Asia Pacific Forum on Women. Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand – Closing date: 19 July 2020.
- [Policy and Advocacy Officer](#), Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest – ISDAO, West Africa – Closing date: 23 July 2020.
- [Consultancy – Capacity Assessment and Training on Emergency Preparedness & Response](#), International Rescue Committee, Amman, Jordan – Closing date: 26 July 2020.
- [Deputy Regional Director Campaigns – Europe Regional Office](#), Amnesty International, London, UK – Closing date: 28 July 2020.
- [Midterm Review Consultant](#), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Flexible location - Closing date: 2 August 2020.
- [Senior Programme Officer - Gender Identity & Expression and Sex Characteristics Programme](#), ILGA World - The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, Geneva, Switzerland – Closing date: 11 August 2020.
- [Protection Gender and Inclusion Adviser \(COVID-19\)](#), British Red Cross, London, UK – Closing date: 20 August 2022.
- [Fundraising Volunteer](#), INSPIRIT® Creatives UG NGO, Europe – Closing date: 8 September 2020.
- [Gender Advisor - Volunteer in Peru](#), Cuso International, Lima, Peru – Closing date: 10 October 2020.
- [Director of Communications](#), MADRE, New York City, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Institutional Development Coordinator](#), Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir México/ Catholics for the Right to Decide Mexico (CDD Mexico), Mexico City, Mexico, Closing date: Open until filled.

- [Launch of the Individual Deprivation Measure - South Africa, 6 August 2020, 10:00 SAST](#): The IDM South Africa data provides comprehensive and up to date information about the multiple dimensions of poverty across South Africa (the data collection was completed in mid-2019). Register for the launch [online](#).
- [Abusing Power: Exploring root causes and issues for safeguarding - power, privilege, gender and intersectionality, 11 August 2020, 11:00](#) London: This webinar from the RSH explores how gender, intersectionality and power underpin the root causes of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment and safeguarding. Register [online](#).
- [Executive Director](#), Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights Ottawa, Canada – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Research Associate](#), Equity Forward, Remote, United States – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Program Officer, Economic Justice](#), Global Fund for Women, San Francisco or New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

[Joint statement by the Special Rapporteur and the EDVAW Platform of women’s rights mechanisms on Covid-19 and the increase in violence and discrimination against women](#), UN OHCHR, 14 July 2020

[“The Burning Bed” recalls the case that changed how law enforcement treats domestic violence](#), The New Yorker – Video Department, 9 July 2020.

[Fewer working hours, higher stress, drop in income: UN survey shows how Covid affected women](#), The Print, 6 July 2020.

[Women's voices must be heard in shaping their healthcare](#), Thompson Reuters Foundation, 30 June 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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