**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"As humanitarians who have struggled to get IPV the attention it deserves in crisis-affected settings, the preoccupation with data, and with what it does or does not say, is an all-too-familiar tactic to dismiss, deflect or silence women’s rights activists and others calling for funding and services to prevent and respond to violence against women in humanitarian contexts.” – COFEM Member

**COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES**

Kofman, Y. B., Garfin, D. R. (2020). Home is not always a haven: The domestic violence crisis amid the COVID-19 pandemic. *Psychol Trauma, 12*(5), 5199-5201: In this commentary, the authors discuss some of the unique challenges, dilemmas, and risks faced by the victims and survivors of domestic violence during the COVID19 pandemic. [Source: Stanford University].


For more resources, visit [SVRI COVID-19 webpage](https://svri.org/covid-19/)

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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Duvvury, N., Vara-Horna, A., Chadha, M. (2020). Development and validation of lost days of labor productivity scale to evaluate the business cost of intimate partner violence. *J Interpers Violence, ePub*: In this study, the authors develop and assess the measurement properties of lost days of labor productivity scale based on tardiness, absenteeism, and presenteeism which may be due to intimate partner violence. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Wong, J. W. H., Lo, V. V., Lee S. E., Raidoo, S. (2020). The ALOHA Study: Intimate Partner Violence in Hawai’i’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. *Hawaii / Health Soc Welf, 79*(6), 187-193: This study determines the prevalence of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Hawai’i’s LGBT community; and the prevalence of help-seeking behavior, associations between IPV and demographics, and associations between help-seeking behavior and demographics. [Source: Stanford University].


Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) child abuse screening tool - Child version in 9 Balkan countries. Child Abuse Negl., 108, 104636: Researchers are increasingly using self-report measures of physical, psychological, and sexual violence and neglect for population-based surveys. The current gold-standard measure, the 45-item ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tool has been used across the world. This study assesses its adequacy for measuring abuse across countries. [Source: Science Direct].

Plourde, K. F., Thomas, R. and Nanda, G. (2020). Boys mentoring, gender norms, and reproductive health-potential for transformation. J Adolesc Health, 51(5S-139X(20), 3032-6: This review aims to understand the potential impact of mentoring interventions for adolescent boys and young men on reproductive health knowledge and practices; social assets and soft skills; levels of gender-based and interpersonal violence; attitudes toward gender equality; and substance use and financial vulnerability. [Source: NCBI].

Autilio, M., Procentese, F., Carnevale, S., Arcidiacovo, C., Di Napoli, I. (2020). Combating intimate partner violence: Representations of social and healthcare personnel working with gender-based violence interventions. Int J Environ Res Public Health, 17(15), E5543: This study focuses on the institutional mandate and the interactions among gender violence related services within the framework of the Italian legislative and political system, as viewed from an ecological and constructivist approach to intimate partner violence. [Source: MDPi].


Lees, S., Marchant, M., Selestine, V., Mshana, G., Kapiga, S., Harvey, S. (2020). The transformative effects of a participatory social empowerment intervention in the MAISHA intimate partner violence trial in Tanzania. Cult Health Sex, 1-16: The MAISHA study, a randomised controlled trial of the impact of a gender training intervention on intimate partner violence for women in Tanzania, found that gender training, which seeks to develop political consciousness and transformation, can promote a sense of efficacy amongst participants who feel validated through the collective learning process. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

[Corrected link] SASAI Together Partnership Feasibility Check: Raising Voices launched SASAI Together, a revision of the SASA! Activist Kit for Preventing Violence against Women and HIV in February 2020. The reality of COVID-19 impacted our plans to begin technical assistance partnerships with organizations interested in using the approach. We are now assessing the feasibility of moving forward with SASAI Together partnerships during 2020 with a simple 10 minute survey. If your organization is considering using SASAI Together and interested in a technical assistance partnership with Raising Voices, please complete the survey by 14th August 2020. Please click here to learn more about the partnership. If you have questions, please contact learningcenter@raisingvoices.org.

BLOGS

Saint, M. (2020, 3 August). Dwindling protections for India’s sex workers. LSE: This blog calls for the Indian government to take immediate action by restoring the dignity of millions of Indian sex workers and prevent the abuse of children. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

Benner, J. (2018, 13 February). Resilience video podcast series. NSVRC: In this two-part video podcast series Casey Keene from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence talks about resilience in children after experiencing trauma. She explains that children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences can thrive. [Source: NSVRC].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Calderón-Mejia, V., Chaban, S., Ayachi, B., Salido, A., Forde, C., Chadh, M. (2020). Challenges for development in current conflict settings: The impact of conflict on child marriage and adolescent fertility. UN ESCWA: This report considers the growing adversities faced by women and girls in conflict-affected countries across the Arab region, noting that younger girls are increasingly disadvantaged due to exposure to violence in their communities and heightened perceptions of insecurity, including child marriage. Access the report in Arabic. [Source: EN ESCWA].

Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety. (2020). Violence against women and mental health (ARROWS Insights, 04/2020): This report provides a synthesis of evidence on violence against women and mental health, examining the way that mental health intersects with trauma, complex trauma, disability, coercive control, access to justice and parenting. [Source: ARROWS].

UNFPA. (2020). How changing social norms is crucial in achieving gender equality: This document presents the tested processes of social norms change and a programme design framework, as applied to programming to end female genital mutilation. [Source: UNFPA].

Duvvyty, N., Forde, C., Chadh, M. (2020). Estimating the cost of child marriage in the Arab Region: Background paper on the feasibility of undertaking a costing study. E/ESCWA/CL2.GPID/2020/TP.2 UN ESCWA: This report discusses: the importance of estimating the cost of child marriage, examines the feasibility of undertaking a costing study in the Arab region, and reviews the availability of data needed to implement such a task, as well as the appropriate framework to consider when approaching costing child marriage in the region. Access the report in Arabic. [Source: UN ESCWA].

UN ESCWA. (2018). The due diligence standard, violence against women and protection orders in the Arab Region. E/ESCWA/ECW/2018/BRIEF 2: This brief discusses the concept of protection orders within the framework of international law and a State’s due diligence obligation to prevent, protect against, prosecute, punish and provide reparations for acts of violence against women. Access the brief in Arabic. [Source: UN ESCWA].

UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP and UNODC. (2015). Essential services package for women and girls subject to violence: This package aims to provide greater access to a
coordinated set of essential and quality multi-sectoral services for all women and girls who have experienced gender based violence. [Source: UN Women].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


EVENTS

- Safety first: Collecting data and protecting people in a global pandemic, 12 August 2020, 9am ET: In this virtual panel, leaders in research, international development, and technology will discuss innovative approaches for safely collecting data and sustaining high-impact work. These approaches include safer methods of in-person data collection (e.g., remote training and device management), remote data collection methods (e.g., phone surveys, SMS, online surveys), and opportunities for collaboration and peer learning.

- Systematic Review Methods Webinar: Issue brief – A tool for enhancing research uptake and evidence-use in policy and practice, 18 August 2020, 5pm-6pm SAST: This webinar is aimed at sharing the complexities and nuances of engaging with decision-makers and focusing on using an issue brief as a tool for sharing research results and their implications for policy and practice change. Login details will be emailed to those who RSVP to cochranae@mpr.ac.za on Monday, 17 August 2020.

VACANCIES

- International Volunteers (Communications, Gender, Health/Nutrition, and Mental Health), Blink International, Flexible – Closing date: 9 August 2020.

- Project Lead, AIDS-Free World, Flexible – Closing date: 10 August 2020.

- Country Director - Democratic Republic of the Congo, CARE, Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of The Congo (DRC) or Gisenyi, Rwanda – Closing date: 13 August 2020.


- Institutional Development Coordinator, Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir México, Mexico City, Mexico – Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS


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