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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Understanding the scope of systemic inequality in science will enable genuine and sustainable efforts to make scientific institutions fair for all." – Esther Odekunle. Antibody engineer

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COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

New Podcast: Alright, Now What? Canadian Women’s Foundation: In this podcast series, experts talk about the pandemic’s impact on women and girls, and which structures are failing women during this emergency. [Source: Canadian Women’s Foundation].


Aoun, R. (2020). COVID-19 impact on female migrant domestic workers in the Middle East. GBV AoR Helpdesk: This report details the impact of COVID-19 on female migrant domestic workers in the Middle East, paying particular attention to their vulnerability to gender based violence and the challenges they face in accessing services. [Source: Social Development Direct].

Robinette, K. (2020). The importance of donor support for gender-based violence programming in emergencies, even in the absence of prevalence data. GBV AoR Helpdesk: This brief note explores which data sources donors and gender based violence practitioners can rely on to inform decision-making on gender based violence in emergencies programming. [Source: Social Development Direct].

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.


Chatterji, S., Heise, L., Gibbs, A., Dunkle, K. (2020). Exploring differential impacts of interventions to reduce and prevent intimate partner violence (IPV) on sub-groups of women and men: A case study using impact evaluations from Rwanda and South Africa. *SSM Popul Health.* 11:100635: Understanding whether interventions are more or less effective for different subgroups of individuals, however, can yield important insights for programming. In this study, the authors conducted subgroup analyses to assess whether treatment effects vary by baseline reporting of intimate partner violence experience among women or perpetration among men. [Source: NCBI].

Rahman, L., Du Mont, J., O’Campo, P., Einstein, G. (2020). Intersectional community correlates of married women’s experiences of male intimate partner physical violence in Bangladesh: A cross-sectional, multilevel data analysis. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health,* 74, 182-189: This study examines the association between Bangladeshi women’s community-level intersectional locations and married women’s experiences of male intimate partner physical violence. [Source: Source: Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres].

Leight, J., Deyessa, N., Verani, F., Tewolde, S., Sharma, V. (2020). An intimate partner violence prevention intervention for men, women, and couples in Ethiopia: Additional findings on substance use and depressive symptoms from a cluster-randomized controlled trial. *PLoS Med.* 17(8): e1003131: This study assesses engagement in the Unite for a Better Life intervention and examines the relationship between random assignment to the intervention and men’s past-year substance use and women’s reported depressive symptoms as measured at the individual level. [Source: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health].
Rahman, L., Du Mont, J., O’Campo, P., Einstein, G. (2020). Currently married women’s present experiences of male intimate partner physical violence in Bangladesh: An intercategorical intersectional approach. *Global Public Health, 15*(1), 121-136: This study examines Bangladeshi married women’s present male intimate partner physical violence experiences in the past 12 months with respect to their individual-level, dual intersectional locations in combinations of their age, education, individual income, and poverty. [Source: Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres].

Groves, A. K., McNaughton Reyes, L., Gebrekristos, L. T., Moodley, D., Maman, S. (2020). Examining why age-disparate relationships influence unsafe sex postpartum among South African women: relationship control and physical partner violence as explanatory mechanisms. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence. ePUB*: This study sought to test whether being in an age-disparate relationship predicts postpartum unsafe sex and to explore relationship control and intimate partner violence as explanatory mechanisms. [Source: Drexel University].

Abavi, R., Branston, A., Mason, R., Du Mont, J. (2020). An exploration of sexual assault survivors’ online discourse on help-seeking. *Violence and Victims, 35*(1), 126-140: This study explores the barriers to accessing and benefitting from services for sexual assault, as disclosed in narrative posts on social media, using qualitative methodology. [Source: Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres].

**BLOGS**

Dickins, S., Mwaura N. (2020, 17 August). We built the first Kenyan app for tracking gender violence: here’s what we learnt: In this blog, the authors share their experience and insight on the first Kenyan-built and Kenyan-used mobile app for survivors and witnesses of gender-based violence in and around public transport.

Fontes, L. A. (2020, 17 August). Nine ways to prepare to testify in court: Although you may feel concerned or even terrified about testifying against the person who abused you, there are good reasons to work through your fear and do it anyway. This blog shares nine ways to prepare yourself to testify in court.

Fontes, L. A. (2020, 17 August). Taking the stand in domestic violence: tips for testifying: Although you may feel scared or even panicked about testifying, speaking your truth in court can be empowering. Survivors testify against the person who abused them in all kind of situations.

**PODCASTS**

*The AmplifyChange podcast*: The AmplifyChange Podcast is a source of knowledge and information for sexual and reproductive health and rights activists.

Season 1 – Episode 52: Fighting gender-based violence and challenging gender norms in Mozambique: In this conversation, Estrela Alcalde with Pathfinder International Mozambique talks about the ways gender norms impact access to sexual and reproductive health care, and vice versa.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

Research ethics and safety: This webpage offers resources for researchers; research ethics committees or ethical review boards; advocacy groups; community ombudsmen; community structures and all people involved in violence against women and VAW and VAC research either as data collectors, translators and transcribers, interpreters, data entry staff and others.

Webinar resources: Partnering with men and boys to end harmful practices – Female genital mutilation and child marriage: This webinar recording offers presentations and discussions on implementing gender-transformative approaches through partnering with men and boys to end harmful practices. [Source: Men Engage].

Webinar recording: Safety first – Collecting data and protecting people in a global pandemic: This is a conversation with global leaders in research, international development, and technology on innovative approaches for safely collecting data and sustaining high-impact work, in response to challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: SurveyCTO].

Webinar recording: Abusing Power: Exploring root causes and issues for safeguarding – power, privilege, gender and intersectionality: This webinar explored how power and privilege, gender and intersectionality underpin the root causes of sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment and safeguarding. [Source: The Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub team].

Ward, J. (2020). Ethics in researching gender-based violence in humanitarian settings: Reflections from the field. *GBV AoR Helpdesk*: This learning brief seeks to capture reflections from the field and summarize some of the common challenges related to researching gender based violence in humanitarian settings, particularly in terms of core ethical issues. [Source: Social Development Direct].

Monitoreo de femicidios en Venezuela: del 01 de enero 2020 al 13 de abril 2020. *CEPAZ*: En Venezuela nos encontramos en un contexto de violencia generalizada, enmarcada en una emergencia humanitaria compleja, la cual ha demostrado tener un impacto desproporcionado y diferenciado sobre la vida de las mujeres, en un contexto donde el Estado venezolano ha optado por ignorar sus obligaciones en materia de derechos humanos. [Source: WUNRN].

Contreras-Uribina, M., Heilman, B., Von Ao, A. K., Hill, A., Puerto Gómez, M., Zelaya, J., Arango, D. J. (2016). Community-based approaches to intimate partner violence: a review of evidence and essential steps to adaptation (English). *World Bank Group*: This review focuses specifically on Intimate partner violence (IPV) against women, as opposed to Violence against women and girls (VAWG) more broadly. Partner violence is the most prevalent form of violence against women globally: a woman is at the greatest risk for suffering violence in her own home by someone she knows. [Source: World Bank Group].
**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Request for Applications:** SAMRC Clinician Researcher Programme – PhD Scholarships for Clinician-Scientists. Deadline: 31 August 2020.


**Call for Applications:** Ireland Fellows Programme – Africa. Deadline: 13 September 2020.

**Call for Proposals:** The SVRI Research Grant 2021 – Knowledge for Action to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children. Deadline: 15 September 2020.

**Call for Papers:** Researching Intimate Partner Violence: Gender, Intersectionality And Policymaking. Deadline: 30 September 2020.

**Call for Papers:** Violence and Gender – Exposure to Violence in Early Childhood. Deadline: 15 October 2020.

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**EVENTS**

- **World Humanitarian Day: Centering the experiences of women in the humanitarian sector**, 26 August 2020, 10am ET: VOICE is hosting a panel just after World Humanitarian Day to discuss women’s experience in the world of humanitarian aid; calling attention to the neo-colonial ways in which aid is delivered—making it racist, distinctly non-feminist, and anti-women. This conversation will center around how we envision a new world with a feminist approach to delivering humanitarian aid, and women-centered aid worker safety and security.

- **Primer in Systematic Review Online Short Course**, 1 September – 17 November: The primer in systematic review course is interactive, fun and informative. Whether you are a clinician, policy maker or researcher, if you want to know more about finding, appraising, and using the best available evidence then this course is for you. Upon successful completion of the course and assessment, participants receive a certificate of competence from Stellenbosch University. For application details, contact Liesel Esterhuizen (lesterhuizen@sun.ac.za).

- **What survivors have to say about reintegration from child sexual abuse and exploitation**, 17 September 2020, 12:30 pm UK time: Family for Every Child initiated RISE Learning Network is organizing an online event to disseminate the findings of the survivor led research on reintegration from child sexual abuse and exploitation carried out in Nepal, Uganda and Madagascar. Speakers from Kumudini, SathSath, UYDEL and ECPAT Madagascar will present their respective research findings. While Helen Veitch, the Learning Project Advisor for this research project will present the participatory research design and learnings. Register [online](https://www.familyforeverychild.org/resources/what-survivors-have-to-say-about-reintegration-from-child-sexual-abuse-and-exploitation/).

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**VACANCIES**


- **Project Officer**, Save The Children, Gauteng or Limpopo, South Africa – Closing date: 28 August 2020.

- **Consultancy to produce a literature review and set of user friendly resources exploring “Ethical Considerations for Applying Behavioural Insights Approaches involving Children and Adolescents.”**, UNICEF, Italy – Closing date: 4 September 2020.

- **Consultancy to Produce Guidance on the Ethical Implications of Predictive Analytics for Children**, UNICEF, Italy – Closing date: 9 September 2020.

- **Operations and resilience advisor**, CARE USA, Kabul, Afghanistan – Closing date: 13 September 2020.


- **Senior Program Officer — Humanitarian Programs, Global Programs**, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, United States or Flexible – Closing date: 28 September 2020.


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**NEWS**


Scullion, R. (2020, 18 August). [Sudan may have banned FGM, but the harsh practice continues](https://www.ipsnews.net/2020/08/sudan-may-have-banned-fgm-but-the-harsh-practice-continues/). IPS News.


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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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