

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“One thing has certainly changed: in a number of sectors the periphery (the South) is no longer exporting raw, untreated data because the preliminary process of transformation is increasingly taking place there. In some cases, all the necessary processing can even be done on the spot in well-equipped laboratories and research institutes. Nevertheless, in our countries, scientific activity remains basically extraverted, alienated, dependent on an international division of labor that tends to make scientific invention a monopoly of the North, while confining Southern countries to the importing and application of these inventions.”

Hountondji, P. (1990). Scientific Dependence in Africa Today. *Research in African Literatures*, 21(3), 5-15. Retrieved October 22, 2020, from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3819631>

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

See below COVID-19 and GBV-related resources that caught our attention this week

[Pereda, N., Díaz-Faes, D.A. \(2020\). Family violence against children in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic: A review of current perspectives and risk factors. *Child Adolesc Psychiatry Ment Health*. 14\(40\):](#) This study describes risk factors for family violence against children and youth related to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: NCBI].

[Ryan, C., Sabourin, H., Ali, A. \(2020\). Applying an Indigenous and gender-based lens to the exploration of public health and human rights implications of COVID-19 in Canadian correctional facilities. *Can J Public Health*. ePub:](#) This commentary explores the public health and human rights implications of COVID-19 in prisons while calling particular attention to the unique needs and circumstances of incarcerated indigenous women based on international best practice-based guidance to preventive and responsive measures to COVID-19. [Source: Springer Link].

[Tener, D., Marmor, A., Katz, C., Newman, A., Silovsky, J., Shields, J., Tylor, E. \(2020\). How does COVID-19 impact intrafamilial child sexual abuse? Comparison analysis of reports by practitioners in Israel and the US. *Child Abuse Negl*. 104779:](#) This study examines how COVID-19 has impacted the dynamics and interventions with families in the context of intrafamilial child sexual abuse, from the experiences and perceptions of practitioners in the United States and Israel. [Source: Science Direct].

[Sediri, S., Zgueb, Y., Ouanes, S., Ouali, U., Bourgou, S., Jomli, R., Nacef, F. \(2020\). Women’s mental health: acute impact of COVID-19 pandemic on domestic violence. *Arch Womens Ment Health*. ePub:](#) This study assesses the effect of the COVID-19-related lockdown on Tunisian women’s mental health and gender-based violence. [Source: NCBI].

[Landis, D., Kalyanpur, A., Shapiro, R., Renault, L., Brown, T., Wegs, C. \(2020\). Girl-Driven Change: Addressing the needs of adolescent girls during COVID-19 and beyond. *CARE USA*:](#) This report draws upon available country data from CARE’s work as well as external sources in order to highlight the initial impact of the pandemic on the health, well-being and safety of adolescent girls as well as their access to, and involvement in, essential services. [Source: CARE USA].

[Marshall, M. \(2020\). Domestic abuse and COVID-19: How churches can respond. *Anglican Alliance*:](#) COVID-19 has had, and is having, a significant impact on communities around the world. As a result, governments are putting different measures in place to control the outbreak. This report explores the faith response to domestic violence during these uncertain times [Source: JLIFLC].

[Salamander Trust, ITPC, Making Waves. \(2020\). Our Voices: Impact of COVID-19 on women’s and girls’ sexual and reproductive health and rights in Eastern and Southern Africa:](#) This report is a summary of the main findings of a collaborative piece of research that ITPC, Salamander Trust and Making Waves have been conducting with colleagues across East and Southern Africa regarding the challenges faced by women and girls living with HIV in relation to COVID-19, their huge responses and what donors and governments can do to support them. [Source: Salamander Trust].

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.

[Wu, Y., Chen, J., Fang, H., Wan, Y. \(2020\). Intimate partner violence: A bibliometric review of literature. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 17\(15\), 5607:](#) This study demonstrates the research focuses and hotspots of intimate partner violence (IPV) research, which enable readers to understand the trajectories, key elements on the theoretical and practical contributions, and the future challenges of IPV. [Source: NCBI].

[Bhattacharjee, P., Ma, H., Musyoki, H., Cheuk, E., Isac, S., Njiraini, M., Gichangi, P., Mishra, S., Becker, M., Pickles, M. \(2020\). Prevalence and patterns of gender-based violence across adolescent girls and young women in Mombasa, Kenya. *BMC Womens Health*. ePub:](#) This paper highlights a high vulnerability to violence early on in life among adolescent girls and young women in Kenya which needs to be addressed urgently through high quality programmes and policies. [Source: NCBI].

[Santirso, F. A., Gilchrist, G., Lila, M., Gracia, E. \(2020\). Motivational strategies in interventions for intimate partner violence offenders: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. *Interv. Psicosoc.* 29\(3\), 175-190](#): This review evaluated the effectiveness of interventions for intimate partner violence (IPV) offenders that includes motivational strategies to reduce physical and psychological IPV, treatment dropout, official recidivism to IPV offending, and to increase intervention attendance dose. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Hameed, S., Maddams, A., Lowe, H., Davies, L., Khosla, R., Shakespeare, T. \(2020\). From words to actions: systematic review of interventions to promote sexual and reproductive health of persons with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries. *BMJ Glob Health.* 5\(10\): e002903](#): This systematic review highlights stark gaps in evidence about interventions to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights for persons with disabilities. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Gamarel, K. E., Sevelius, J. M., Neilands, T. B., Kaplan, R. L., Johnson, M. O., Nemoto, T., Darbes, L. A., Operario, D. \(2020\). Couples-based approach to HIV prevention for transgender women and their partners: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial testing the efficacy of the 'It Takes Two' intervention. *BMJ Open.* 2020; 10\(10\): e038723](#): This study examines intervention effects on Composite Risk for HIV at quarterly time points over a year comparing 100 couples of trans women and their primary partners randomised to the It Takes Two intervention versus HIV prevention information only (50 couples per group). [Source: *BMJ Journals*].

MEMBERS' REQUEST

[Call for input](#): The Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM), in collaboration with the SVRI is producing a report on gaps, challenges, and good practice in feminist research in humanitarian and development settings. We are seeking input from feminist researchers living and working in humanitarian and development contexts on their experiences of conducting and disseminating feminist research. If you identify as a feminist researcher from and working in Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern Asia, and MENA, we would love to hear from you! Share your experiences with us by completing [this survey](#) on or before 28 October 2020.



BLOGS

[Kihara-Hunt, A. \(2020, 9 September\). Myths about legal obstacles to pursuing individual criminal accountability for sexual exploitation and abuse. *LSE Blogs*](#): Serious sexual crimes are committed in Peace Operations. Virtually all States recognise these as crimes, yet there have been a very limited number of prosecutions. The blog discusses legal obstacles often invoked in the cases and argues that these are in-fact myths and that if truly willing, there can be individual criminal accountability for the sexual exploitation and abuse committed by peace keeping personnel. [Source: *LSE Blogs*]

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

- [Canary: The Washington Post Investigates](#): This seven-part investigative series follows the Alabama woman's decision to come forward with a claim of sexual assault against a high-ranking figure in the D.C. criminal justice system, and the spiraling effects of that choice.
- [#UnblindingResearch Session Three: Good Clinical Practice and Ethics](#): This session from NUH DREEM covers research ethics, what they are and why they are so important.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

- [What can we learn from EAW/G evaluations](#): This webinar shares new evaluation learning, as well as the diversity of content and practice-based knowledge from the civil society organizations funded by the UN Trust Fund. Read the [full report](#).
- [Advocacy and girl-led campaigning](#): This webinar offers an opportunity to learn more about how Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world are speaking out and leading advocacy campaigns.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[UNICEF-IRC. \(2020\). Interventions for reducing violence against children: An evidence and gap map in low- and middle-income countries](#): This evidence and gap map (EGM) provides an overview of the evidence available and identifies gaps in the evidence base on interventions to reduce violence against children in LMICs. Complementing the EGM are an [overarching report](#), a [brief summarizing the EGM, podcast](#), and seven policy briefs on each of [INSPIRE's pillars](#): implementation and enforcement of laws; norms and values; safe environments; parent and caregiver support; income and economic strengthening; response and support services; and education and life skills. [Source: *UNICEF-IRC*].

[UN Women. \(2020\). RESPECT Women: Preventing violence against women – Implementation package](#): This implementation package aims to support national- and sub-national-level policy and programming to prevent violence against women and girls. It distils programming knowledge and guidance based on existing global evidence, expert recommendations, and practitioner consensus. [Source: *UN Women*].

[Nevatia, T., Lehrer, R., Namubiru, J. \(2020\). Becoming One in Western Uganda. *The Prevention Collaborative*](#): Becoming One aspires to improve the quality of relationships to make them more equitable and reduce violence. In addition to building on trusted structures, the programme includes biblical principles and verses, and targets biblical justifications frequently offered to legitimise male dominance and violence against women. [Source: *Prevention Collaborative*].

[Spotlight Initiative. \(2020\). Universal rights, global action: 2019-2020 Impact Report. *Spotlight Initiative*](#): This report highlights the ways the Spotlight Initiative country and regional programmes have meaningfully reached women and girls, including those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. [Source: *Spotlight Initiative*].

[World Health Organization. \(2020\). Strengthening the health system response to violence against women in Uganda: lessons learned from adapting and implementing WHO guidelines and tools. Geneva: WHO](#): This document shares Uganda's progress in addressing violence against women has had both - challenges and important lessons learned.

These can be useful learnings for neighbouring and other countries who wish to strengthen a public health and a health systems response to violence against women. [Source: WHO].

[The Evaluation Fund. \(2019\). Reducing violence against children in low-income settings through economic strengthening and caregiver support. The Evaluation Fund](#): This brief highlight key learnings from a successful intervention to reduce violence against children in Burkina Faso. [Source: *The Evaluation Fund*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Proposals](#): Human Rights Commission of Pakistan – A. Rehman Research Grant. Deadline: 30 October 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): ISDAO Grants – Strengthening West African for Gender and Sexual Rights. Deadline: 13 November 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): The Solidarity Fund – Community-Based Organisations – Gender-based Violence Response II. Deadline: 18 November 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Innovations for Poverty Action – Competitive Fund for Peace and Recovery. Deadline: 20 November 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Bureau of INL: Response to Gender Violence for Shelters – Costa Rica. Deadline: 8 December 2020.



EVENTS

- [Preventing violence against women and girls in Nicaragua: Lessons Learnt from 30 years of Research and Activism, 28 October 2020, 11am ET](#): Join this webinar presentation and discussion of the results from the study Candies In Hell +20, and lessons learnt from 30 years of research and activism to end violence against women, including reflections from the women's movement. English and Spanish translation will be provided. Register [online](#).
- [Registration SIAP Webinar: "Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective", 29 October 2020, 4pm-5:30pm Seoul/Tokyo Time](#): This webinar will highlight data issues related to gender-based violence and violence against women (VAW). Presentations will focus on (the topic for UNODC in Vienna), challenges of VAW data collection in the context of COVID-19, including the need for capacity building and a general overview of the relevant gender-based challenges, with reference to the Asia and Pacific region. Register [online](#).
- [Online Info Sessions: DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarships, Various Dates, 1pm-2pm SAST](#): The DAAD awards Master and PhD scholarships in development-related and SDG-oriented fields in Sub-Saharan Africa to Sub-Saharan African citizens! Join the series of online info sessions and learn more about funding opportunities for your postgrad studies in Sub-Saharan Africa! Register [online](#).
- [Violence Against Women and Girls Research Network Webinar Series, Various dates, 10:30am](#): The Violence Against Women and Girls Research Network [VAWGRN] invites you to attend our November 2020 Webinar Series. Each webinar is designed to offer high-quality evidence on sexual and domestic violence in a short space of time, bringing together a panel of academic researchers and frontline practitioners to present new research findings, methodologies, discuss current challenges and identify best practice.



VACANCIES

- [Manager – Programmes](#), Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 28 October 2020.
 - [Executive Director](#), Medica Afghanistan Women's Support Organization, Afghanistan (Kabul and provinces) – Closing date: 31 October 2020.
 - [Country Director](#), Yei, South Sudan, Women for Women International – Closing date: 1 November 2020.
 - [Global Operations Consultant](#), Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage, Flexible – Closing date: 5 November 2020.
 - [Education Thematic Head](#), Save The Children South Africa, Not Specified – Closing date: 6 November 2020.
 - [Development Director](#), Pro Mujer, New York, United States – Closing date: 8 November 2020.
 - [Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning \(MEAL\) Coordinator](#), No Means No Worldwide, Africa or North America – Closing date: 10 November 2020. Applications should be email to careers@nwnw.org
 - [Safeguarding Senior Technical Expert \(fixed term\)](#), Social Development Direct, Central London, with possible international travel – Closing date: 13 November 2020.
 - [Consultant, Gender and Inclusion Advisor](#), Global Plastic Action Partnership, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.
 - [Program Associate](#), Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Philadelphia, PA, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
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NEWS

- Krook, M. L. (2020, 21 October). [How sexist abuse of women in Congress amounts to political violence – and undermines American democracy](#). *The Conversation*.
- Vagianos, A. (2020, 15 October). [The next chapter for 'Me Too' is here. Tarana Burke says 'we all can play a part'](#). *Huffington Post*.
- Batha, E. (2020, 25 September). ['Groundbreaking' Lesotho study reveals high cost of domestic violence](#). *Thomson Reuters News*.
- Okiror, S. (2020, 17 September). [UN staff in Uganda accused of sexual abuse and exploitation](#). *The New Humanitarian*.

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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