QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Researching gender based violence can also empower the survivor/researcher and transform their status of victim through reclaiming their voice, enabling them to help others and in doing so regaining a sense of living and hope." Sahla Aroussi, Associate Professor, University of Leeds United Kingdom

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultancy Opportunity: Resource Mobilisation: The objective of the consultancy is to develop a resource mobilisation strategy and establish a clear overview of current and potential funding opportunities for the SVRI to increase the long-term sustainability of the organization. For more information and how to apply, download the Terms of Reference. Extended Deadline: 6 November 2020 (midnight South African time).

Call for Applications: JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub Leadership Council: The SVRI and JLI is seeking applications from suitable candidates to join the JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub Leadership Council. For more information and how to apply, download the Terms of Reference. Deadline: 11 November 2020.

Job Opportunity: Violence Against Children Research Assistant Position: The SVRI is seeking to appoint a Research Assistant to support a consultative strategic planning process around clarifying SVRI's role in advancing violence against children, and specifically childhood sexual abuse, work in line with our broader strategy pillars. For more information and how to apply, download the Terms of Reference. Deadline: 25 November 2020.

SVRI GRANT-MAKING RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

The SVRI Grant-making webpage shares research undertaken by our grantees in prevention and response to violence against women, violence against children and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries.

Recently added resources to follow:

Journal Articles:

Conference Proceedings:

Conference Presentations:
- Mannell, J. Gender based violence in the Amazon of Peru (GAP): preliminary findings. Violence against women and girls working group meeting. Gender and Development Network, 21 February 2019.

Manuals:

Posters:
COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

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


UN Women. (2020). National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security: Critical Tools in COVID-19 Responses in the Arab States Region: This analysis of the existing National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia and Yemen was undertaken to assess and demonstrate the direct relevance of the plans to each country’s COVID-19 response. Also available in Arabic. [Source: UN Women].

Wood, G., Majumdar, S. (2020). COVID-19 and the impact on civil society organizations working to end violence against women and girls: through the lens of CSOs funded by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women – six months after the global pandemic was declared. New York: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women: This report highlights the urgent need to resource support services for survivors of violence provided by CSOs and women’s rights organizations (WROs) that are on the frontline of community responses. Also available in French and Spanish. [Source: UN Women]. For more research findings by our grantees, 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.

Evans, D. P., Hall, C. D., DeSouza, N., Wilkins, J. D., Chiang, E. D., Vertamatti, M. A. F. (2020). “As mulheres têm mais medo da lei que dos agressores”: um estudo sobre a confiança pública na saúde e a resposta jurídica à violência contra mulheres em Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil. [“Women fear the law more than the perpetrators”: Trust in health and legal response to Violence Against Women in Brazil]. Cadernos de Saúde Pública: This qualitative study examines the perceptions of women’s experiences of violence, respectively as the relationship between violence and health. [Source: Emory University].


Hossain, M., Pearson, R., McAlpine, A., Bacchus, L., Muto, S. W., Muthuri, S. K., Spangaro, J., Kuper, H., Franchi, G., Pla Cordero, R., Cornish-Spencer, S., Hess, T., Bangha, M., and Izugbara, C. (2020). Disability, violence, and mental health among Somali refugee women in a humanitarian setting. Global Mental Health: This study sought to understand the relationship between disability, experiences of gender based violence (GBV), and mental health among refugee women and adolescent girls in a humanitarian context, using baseline data collected from a cohort study of refugee women accessing GBV services in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya. [Source: London School of Economics].

Howard-Merrill, W., Wamoyi, J., Nyato, D., Kyegombe, N., Heise, L., Buller, A. M. (2020). “I trap her with a CD, then tomorrow find her with a big old man who bought her a smart phone”. Constructions of masculinities and transactional sex: a qualitative study from North-Western Tanzania. Culture, Health & Sexuality: This paper explores the multiple ways in which men adhere to the gendered norms of economic provision and heightened sexuality and sexual prowess through participating in and/or challenging transactional sex relationships. [Source: LSHTM].

Mchome, Z., Mshana, G., Aloyce, D., Peter, E., Matilwa, D., Dwarampudi, A., Kapiga, S., Stöckl, H. (2020). “Don’t you think it is violence forcing me to have sex while not happy?” women’s conceptualization of enjoyable sex and sexual intimate partner violence in Mwanza, Tanzania. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health: This study explored the multiple ways in which women adhere to the gendered norms of economic provision and heightened sexuality and sexual prowess through participating in and/or challenging transactional sex relationships. [Source: LSHTM].

Stern, E., Heise, L., Cislaghi, B. Lessons learnt from engaging opinion leaders to address intimate partner violence in Rwanda. Development in Practice: This paper assesses the successes, challenges, and processes of change that Indashyikirwa – an intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention programme in Rwanda – encountered while engaging opinion leaders to combat IPV. [Source: What Works to Prevent VAWG Global Programme].

Willan, S., Gibbs, A., Shai, N., Ntini, N., Petersen, I., Jewkes, R. (2020). Did young women in South African informal settlements display increased agency after participating in the Stepping Stones and Creating Futures intervention? A qualitative evaluation. Social Science & Medicine: This paper investigates the impact of the Stepping Stones Creating Futures (SSCF) intervention on young women in informal settlements in eThekwini, South Africa. Specifically, whether following participation in the intervention the young women experienced a reduction in intimate partner violence, strengthened agency and shifted gender relations. [Source: What Works to Prevent VAWG Global Programme].

conjugal violence in Ethiopia. 

Backes, B. L., Fedina, L., Holmes, J. L. (2020). The criminal justice system response to intimate partner stalking: a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative research. J Fam. Violence. 35(7), 665-678; This study uses systematic review methods to assess the range of criminal justice responses to intimate partner stalking (IPS) victimization and the extent to which these responses are successful in promoting survivor safety, well-being, and justice. [Source: SafetyLit].

Akamkem, I. C., Okedex-Alex, I. N., Eze, I. I., Ezeanosike, O. B., Uneke, C. J. (2020). Why does uptake of family planning services remain sub-optimal among Nigerian women? A systematic review of challenges and implications for policy. Contracept Reprod Med. ePub; This is a systematically review studies on family planning services undertaken in Nigeria to help understand the challenges to uptake of the services and the policy implications. [Source: BioMed Central].


PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

- **Episode 127: Jess Hill with a domestic violence 101 primer and what to do about it**: This episode discusses a systems approach to confronting and preventing abuse, including examining proposals for criminal justice reform, such as women’s policing, the Highpoint Model, and a justice reinvestment model in Australia

- **End FGM Podcast**: This podcast features people working in individual and organizational capacities in Kenya and beyond. They share their experiences, successes, failures and lessons learnt in the Anti FGM Campaign.

WEBINAR / MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

- **3rd LINEA Meeting (2020)**: This resource page offers recordings and materials for the meeting titled ‘Preventing the Sexual Exploitation on Young People Using Social Norms: Consolidating Practice and Knowledge, Looking Towards the Future’.

- **IASC Disability Guidelines - Webinar Series for GBV COP**: This webinar series shares information about the IASC Disability Guidelines and its intersection with other priorities of the GBV AoR Community of Practice.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Mhalla, C., Ngebeh, J., De Vrieze, M., Drew, K., Pars, A., Undie, C. (2020). UNHCR and partner practices of community-based protection across sectors in the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region. UNHCR and Population Council**: This is a practical tool for stakeholders to enhance protection delivery; promote direct participation of Persons of Concern and host communities in decision-making; and document innovative practices in a manner which tangibly and meaningfully impacts the lives and diverse protection needs of refugees in the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region. [Source: Population Council].

- **Cody, C., Bovarnick, S. and Peace, D. (2020a) Research findings: Peer support initiatives for young people who have experienced sexual violence - the value: Briefing paper three. Luton: University of Bedfordshire**: This briefing paper explores the perspectives of those designing peer support initiatives together with those in peer supporter roles for young people affected by sexual violence. [Source: University of Bedfordshire].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


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


EVENTS

• Gender-Based Violence in the Time of COVID-19: Online Storytelling Workshop, 11 and 18 November 2020. In honour of the upcoming "16 Days of Activism" global campaign (November 25-December 10, 2020), StoryCenter’s Silence Speaks program is offering a safe, online space where women’s personal struggles and moments of courage can be shared, and virtual community can be cultivated. To join the workshop, register online.

• SEE Change Launch @ JHU - Self Empowerment and Equity for Change Initiative, 17 November 2020, 10:00am – 11:00am EST: Please register to attend the live virtual event to celebrate the launch of the new Self-Empowerment and Equity for Change (SEE Change) Initiative - A global initiative to foster personal agency and strengthen human capabilities to address health, economic and environmental challenges.

VACANCIES

• Consultancy: Documentation of lessons learnt from the implementation of the Whole of Syria Adolescent Girls Strategy. UNFPA Syria regional hub, Home-based – Closing date: 10 November. Applications should be emailed to mazahreh@unfpa.org.


• Disability Principal Researcher, Includevate, Flexible – Closing date: 31 December 2020.

NEWS


Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)

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