



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In science it's not the research that counts, but how it helps the people."  
Abhijit Naskar, [Good Scientist: When Science and Service Combine](#)

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## SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

### #16Days of Activism Campaign

The 25 November 2020 to 10 December 2020 marks 16 Days of activism against violence. This year, we will profile the important work that our grantees and partners are doing in prevention and response to violence against women and violence against children through short [blogs](#) that will be shared on our social media platforms and via the SVRI Update.

### New Publication

[Gevers, A., Dartnall, E., Pino, A. \(2020\). SVRI Knowledge Exchange: Lessons learned: Pivoting to online learning in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pretoria: Sexual Violence Research Initiative:](#) Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, the SVRI had to pivot to an online capacity strengthening workshop for the 2020 grantees. This knowledge exchange shares the lessons learnt during this process of adaptation.

### Opportunities

[Call for Applications: JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub Leadership Council:](#) The Hub 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](#). Extended deadline: 9 December 2020.

[Call for Applications: Guidelines - Ethical Funding for Research on VAW and VAC Consultancy:](#) The SVRI is seeking the services of a qualified consultant to support a consultative process and develop guidance on ethical funding for research on violence against women and violence against children in low and middle income countries. For more information and how to apply, [download the Terms of Reference](#). Deadline: 10 December 2020.

[Call for SVRI Forum 2022 Events Organiser:](#) The SVRI is looking for an events organiser to manage the organisation of the SVRI Forum 2022 as well as our annual Leadership Council meeting which will take place immediately after the conference. [Download the Terms of Reference](#). Deadline: 1 February 2021.

### Events

[Applying feminist principles to GBV data collection: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic, 7 December 2020, 9:00 EST:](#) The Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM) in collaboration with the SVRI, is hosting a roundtable discussion with feminist researchers intentionally set during 16 Days of Activism. The

discussion will focus on the experiences of adhering to feminist principles while conducting research during COVID-19 lockdowns and lessons for a post-COVID world. Register [online](#).

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## COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[Gamarel, K. E., Jadwin-Cakmak, L., King, W. M., Lacombe-Duncan, A., Trammell, R., Reyes, L. A., Burks, C., Rivera, B., Arnold, E., Harper, G. W. \(2020\). Stigma experienced by transgender women of color in their dating and romantic relationships: Implications for gender-based violence prevention Programs. \*Journal of Interpersonal Violence\*, advance online publication](#): In the current climate of COVID-19, which is exacerbating risks of gender-based violence, there is an urgent need to understand and address the nuanced manifestations of stigma in relationships and their consequences on the lives of transgender women of color. [Source: PubMed].

[Lundin, R., Armocida, B., Sdao, P., Pisanu, S., Mariani, I., Veltri, A., Lazzarini, M. \(2020\). Gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic response in Italy. \*Journal of Global Health\*, 10\(2\), 020359](#): This article reports data from the Italian National Women's Network Against Violence, D.i.Re. The network collects data annually from anti-violence centers which fulfill the Istanbul Convention minimum criteria for specialized service providers. [Source: PubMed].

[Evans, D.P. \(2020\). COVID-19 and violence: A research call to action. \*BMC Women's Health\*, 20\(1\), 249](#): The call to action for the research community is clear. We must systematically measure the effects of COVID-19 and movement-related restrictions on violence. As always when researching violence, serious consideration must be given to ethics and safety. Violence researchers must mobilize to investigate the impacts of COVID-19 on violence and human health. [Source: PubMed].

[Sánchez, O. R., Vale, D. B., Rodrigues, L., & Surita, F. G. \(2020\). Violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic: An integrative review. \*International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics: The official organ of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics\*, 151\(2\), 180–187](#): This paper analyses the existing scientific literature on strategies and recommendations to respond to VAW during the implementation of social distancing measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: PubMed].

For more resources, visit [SVRI COVID-19 webpage](#)

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## 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.**

[Borumandnia, N., Khadembashi, N., Tabatabaei, M., Alavi Majd, H. \(2020\). The prevalence rate of sexual violence worldwide: A trend analysis. \*BMC Public Health\*, 20, 1835](#): The purpose of this study was to showcase the image of Sexual Violence (SV) temporal trends through exploring differences in its prevalence rates during 1990–2017 across 195 countries and territories. [Source: PubMed].

[Tun, T., Ostergren, P.O. \(2020\). Spousal violence against women and its association with sociodemographic factors and husbands' controlling behaviour: The findings of Myanmar Demographic and Health Survey \(2015-2016\). \*Global Health Action\*, 13\(1\), 1844975](#): This study examined the prevalence of different types of spousal violence among women in Myanmar and their association with sociodemographic factors and

husbands' controlling behaviour. [Source: PubMed].

[Minckas, N., Shannon, G., Mannell, J. \(2020\). The role of participation and community mobilisation in preventing violence against women and girls: A programme review and critique. \*Global Health Action\*, 13\(1\), 1775061](#): This article sought to answer two research questions: (1) How does participation theoretically mobilise communities to prevent VAWG, and (2) how do nominally *participatory* programmes make use of these theoretical concepts in their (explicit or implicit) theories of change? [Source: PubMed].

[Rahill, G.J., Joshi, M., Zlotnick, C., Lamour, S., Beech, H., Sutton, A., Burris, C., Paul, P. \(2020\). "Give me Proof": A covert but coercive form of non-partner sexual violence contributing to teen pregnancy in Haiti and opportunities for biopsychosocial intervention. \*Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma\*, 29:7, 835-855](#): As part of a funded Round 20 Grand Challenges Exploration project (Healthy Minds for Adolescent Mothers), this study investigated unplanned teen pregnancies in Haiti's Cité Soleil shantytown, teens' biopsychosocial challenges, and desirable interventions. [Source: University of South Florida].

[Rahill, G.J., Joshi, M., Galea, J., Ollis, J. \(2020\). Experiences of sexual and gender minorities in an urban enclave of Haiti: Despised, beaten, stoned, stabbed, shot and raped. \*Culture, Health & Sexuality\*, 22:6, 690-704](#): This study conducted focus groups with individuals in Haiti's Cité Soleil slum whose assigned gender at birth matched neither their gender identity nor contextual heteronormative constructions of gender roles, i.e. transwomen and transmen. The Yogyakarta Principles provided the study framework. [Source: University of South Florida].

[Gibbs, A., Abdelatif, N., Washington, L., Chirwa, E., Willan, S., Shai, N., Sikweyiya, Y., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). Differential impact on men in an IPV prevention intervention: A post hoc analysis using latent class analysis of the Stepping Stones and Creating Futures intervention in South Africa. \*Social Science & Medicine\*, 113538](#): This study undertook a post-hoc analysis of men involved in the successful Stepping Stones and Creating Futures cluster randomized control trial in Durban, South Africa, to assess: i) whether there were different groups of men, ii) the factors associated with group allocation, and iii) whether the intervention had a differential impact on these groups in terms of violence perpetration. [Source: South African Medical Research Council].

[Lee, J., Oh, M. \(2020\). Combat workplace sexual harassment by third parties? Reframing institutional measures and cultural transformation in South Korea. \*Violence Against Women\*, ePub](#): This study investigated the risk factors for workplace sexual harassment in South Korea using cross-sectional data of the 2014 and 2017 Korean Working Conditions Survey (KWCS). [Source: PubMed].

[Jewkes, R., Gibbs, A., Chirwa, E., Dunkle, K. \(2020\). What can we learn from studying control arms of randomised VAW prevention intervention evaluations: Reflections on expected measurement error, meaningful change and the utility of RCTs. \*Global Health Action\*, 13\(1\), 1748401](#): This article presents a secondary analysis of data from the control arms of evaluations of VAW prevention programming to understand measurement variance over time, factors that may systematically impact this and make recommendations for stronger trial design and interpretation. [Source: PubMed].

[Adams, B.J., Turner, B., Wang, X., Marro, R., Miller, E., Phillips, G., Coulter, R.W.S. \(2020\). Associations between LGBTQ-affirming school climate and intimate partner violence victimization among adolescents. \*Prev. Sci\*, ePub](#): This study investigated whether reports of physical and sexual IPV were less frequent in school jurisdictions with more affirming climates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students; and whether these associations varied for sexual orientation subgroups. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rahill, G.J., Joshi, M., Shadowens, W. \(2018\). Best intentions are not best practices: Lessons learned while conducting health research with trauma-impacted female victims of nonpartner sexual violence in Haiti. \*Journal of Black Psychology\*, 44\(7\), 595-625](#): Using the social dominance and social justice theories as a framework, this paper discusses challenges encountered and biases discovered while conducting research

aimed at finding ways to mitigate biological risks and psychological trauma among female victims of nonpartner sexual violence in Haiti. [Source: *University of South Florida*].



## BLOGS

[Undie, C., Haberland, N., Mathur, S., Vieitez, I., Pulerwitz, J. \(2020\). Data collection and COVID-19: What's gender got to do with it? Gender and COVID-19: COVID-19 unearths several important gender dimensions and implications before, during, and after data collection which the authors at Population Council explore in this blog. \[Source: Population Council\].](#)

[Arango, D.J., Dartnall, E., Pino, A. \(2020\). Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Innovations to Address Gender-Based Violence. SVRI 16 Days blog series: During this year's 16 Days, we highlight how various GBV interventions have adapted their practices in the face of COVID-19. Read the blog in \[Spanish\]\(#\) and \[French\]\(#\).](#)

[Johnson, K., Green, L., Kidenda, S. \(2020\). Human rights group highlights novel research methods that avoid retraumatizing survivors. SVRI 16 Days blog series: Researchers often grapple with a major challenge when researching sexual violence or evaluating programs focused on sexual violence—how to collect information without retraumatizing survivors. Read the blog in \[French\]\(#\) and \[Spanish\]\(#\).](#)

[Brody, C., Yi, S. \(2020\). Someone to listen to: A hotline for female entertainment workers in Cambodia. SVRI 16 Days blog series: In this 16 Days blog, we hear about KHANA, a national public health organisation in Cambodia and their work conducting a series of in-depth interviews and focus group discussions to better understand the concerns of female entertainment workers and how they might benefit from a hotline. Read the blog in \[Spanish\]\(#\) and \[French\]\(#\).](#)

[Šaćiri, B. \(2020\). A social and educational imperative: How can we prevent sexual violence and support victims at universities in Serbia? SVRI 16 Days blog series: This innovative project will go a long way towards improving the capacity of Serbian universities to effectively respond to sexual violence, and support victims. Effective victim identification, care and support programs can help reduce levels of violence and prevent secondary victimization. Read the blog in \[Spanish\]\(#\) and \[French\]\(#\).](#)

## PODCASTS

### **What we're listening to**

[Les 16 normes minimales pour la programmation d'actions de lutte contre la VGB: Rencontrez Fabiola Wizeye Ngeruka](#) Coordonnatrice du sous-

## WEBINAR RECORDINGS

### **Your chance to catch up anytime!**

[Introducing the Inter-Agency Minimum Standards for GBV Programming:](#)To support actors and agencies implementing GBV-specialized

cluster VGB de l'UNFPA à Bamako et la voix du podcast sur les Normes minimales pour la programmation d'actions de lutte contre la VGB dans les situations d'urgence #16Days #GBViEMS #EndGBV suivez. [Source: GBVCoP].

[UNICEF GBViE podcast episode 17: The Interagency Minimum Standards for GBViE programming: Why do they matter?](#) For the 16 days of activism against GBV, UNICEF and the GBV AoR are campaigning for the Interagency Minimum Standards for GBViE programming. In this episode, Inbal Sansani, Emily Krasnor and Catherine Poulton discuss the Minimum standards, how to define quality and what role do the standards play in GBV programming, amongst other insights and tips on how to implement the standards. [Source: GBVCoP].

programming in emergencies, the Minimum Standards were developed to establish a common understanding of what constitutes minimum GBV prevention and response programming in emergencies. Presentations in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

[Ubuntu Symposium](#): Did you miss the Opening Day of the Ubuntu Symposium? The recordings of the key opening sessions are available to watch now: [Welcome](#) and [Opening Plenary](#) For more videos of sessions, keep an eye on the [event app](#).

[Unite for a Better Life: Adapting an IPV prevention intervention for a humanitarian context](#): In this webinar, Dr. Vandana Sharma and Samuel Tewolde Gebretsadik present the process of adapting the Unite for a Better Life (UBL) programme to a humanitarian context and Somali culture.

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

[UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office., UNFPA Asia and Pacific Regional Office., UN Women Asia and Pacific Regional Office. \(2020\). Ending violence against women and children in Papua New Guinea: Opportunities and challenges for collaborative and integrative approaches. Bangkok:](#)

[UNICEF](#). Violence against children and violence against women affect the lives and welfare of millions of people around the world. Women and children in Papua New Guinea suffer high levels of violence. The multiple negative sequelae of this violence can be long-lasting throughout the lifespan and across generations as well as impacting on individuals, relationships, communities, and broader society. [Source: UNICEF].

[JLI Webpage: How can partnerships with faith actors bridge gaps between global policies and grassroots practice?](#) Faith actors can serve as important partners to global and governmental initiatives to end violence against children. Faith-based organizations can have greater social capital than governments and NGOs, and are able to reach and influence the public more regularly and consistently. This page aims to provide examples and resources that speak to the importance and benefits of partnering with faith actors for the shared task of ending violence against children. [Source: JLI].

[Project website: Comprehensive sexuality education for partner violence prevention: a school-based evaluation in Mexico City](#). This co-produced evaluation in Mexico City was carried out by LSHTM, [Mexfam](#), and [IPPF/WHR](#). The study explored how Mexfam's gender-transformative sexuality education programme contributed to more equitable and less violent relationships for young people. [Source: LSHTM].

[Staszewska, K., Miller, K., Lever, E. \(2020\). Moving more money to the drivers of change - How bilateral and multilateral funders can resource feminist movements](#). AWID and Mama Cash with support from the Count Me In! Consortium: The practical nature of this report aims to inspire and support action and change, with a focus on bilateral and multilateral development agencies. [Source: AWID].

[Equality Fund., Canadian Women's Foundation., Community Foundations of Canada. \(2020\). Principles for feminist funding. Ottawa: Equality Fund](#). This document sets out common principles for a feminist

approach to funding. It was created in partnership with the Canadian Women's Foundation, Community Foundations of Canada, and the Equality Fund (formerly The MATCH International Women's Fund). This evergreen document outlines our early thinking around how we will strive to live out our values. [Source: *Equality Fund*].

[Ethical Research Involving Children \(ERIC\)](#). ERIC is an ongoing collaborative partnership between the [Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University](#), Australia, and [UNICEF's Office of Research, Innocenti](#). ERIC aims to assist researchers and the research community to understand, plan, and conduct ethical research involving children and young people in any geographical, social, cultural, or methodological context. [Source: *UNICEF Innocenti*].

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for proposals](#): Digital Innovations for Human Rights. Deadline: 15 December 2020.

[Call for proposals](#): South-Eastern Europe 2021, medica mondiale - In Action for Women. Deadline: 6 January 2021.

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### EVENTS

- [Webinar: Double discrimination and twin pandemics: Women and girls with disabilities addressing gender-based violence during COVID-19, 4 December 2020](#): Building on advancement of the CRPD at national levels and involvement in national SDG processes, panelists will talk about how they have used partnerships and innovations to identify and address violence. Register [online](#).
- [Webinar: Prevención primaria de Violencia Basada en Género y transformación de estereotipos y](#)



### VACANCIES

- [Consultancy – SGBV Programme Advisor](#). IPPF, ideally based in Cameroon, Chad, Mali or Sudan - Closing date: 9 December 2020.
- [Program Officer \(Data Scientist\)](#). USAID, USA - Closing date: 15 December 2020.
- [Social Policy Specialist - Temporary Appointment 364 day, P3](#). UNICEF, Italy - Closing date: 17 December 2020.
- [Project Director, Health Systems Strengthening Accelerator](#). Results for

[normas de género a distancia y en épocas de COVID \(Spanish only\), 7 December 2020](#): La pandemia COVID-19 ha intensificado la violencia contra las mujeres y niñas. Este evento es un espacio de discusión sobre cómo hacer trabajo de prevención primaria y transformación de estereotipos y normas de género a distancia y en épocas de COVID. Webex: [Aqui](#).

- [Child-centred indicators for violence prevention report launch, 10 December 2020](#): Please join the Young and Resilient Research Centre at Western Sydney University, the City of Valenzuela (Philippines), the Child Protection Network (Philippines) and the End Violence Lab and Partnership to launch this report. Register [online](#).
- [Launch of the Save the Children report for the study conducted on Positive Deviants for Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\), 10 December 2020](#): You are cordially invited to the launch of the Positive Deviants for FGM in selected districts of Sierra Leone. The launch will take place in MS Teams. RSVP [here](#).

Development, USA - Closing date: 25 December 2020.

- [Disability Principal Researcher](#). Includovate, Flexible - Closing date: 31 December 2020.
- [Development Outreach and Communication Specialist](#). USAID, Ghana - Closing date: 1 January 2021.
- [Country Director - Iraq and Syria response](#). People In Need, Syrian Arab Republic or Iraq - Closing date: 2 January 2021.
- [Project Head - The Information Program](#). Open Society Foundations, USA or UK - Closing date: 2 January 2021.
- [National Director](#). World Vision Viet Nam, Viet Nam - Closing date: 3 January 2021.
- [Consultant firme pour conduire l'étude de faisabilité pour l'extension des Centre d'Excellence Fondation Panzi \(hopital de Panzi\) a Bukavu et Heal Africa a Goma](#). Fonds Social de la RDC.



## NEWS

Georgieva, K., Kaag, S. (2020, 27 November). [Keeping the global focus on low-income countries](#). *Daily Maverick*.

Smith, J. (2020, 27 November). [Tributes to Diego Maradona show how easily violence against women is ignored](#). *The Guardian*.

Moderan, O. (2020, 25 November). [Time to tackle violence against women in Mali](#). *ISS Today*.

Lever, E., Staszewska, K. (2020, 21 November) [Why do feminists continue to receive just 1% of all gender equality funding?](#). *Alliance Magazine*.

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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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