QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We need 365 days (or 366 days every leap year) of committed action to end violence and build societies across the globe that are safe, equitable, and inclusive for women, girls, and all vulnerable groups to thrive" ~ Anik Gevers and Elizabeth Dartnall.

Read the blog in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

#16Days of Activism Campaign

This year during the 16 Days of Activism, we profiled the important work that our grantees and partners are doing in prevention and response to violence against women and violence against children. Read more about their work on our [blog page](#).

Opportunities

**Closing today! 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.

**Survey: Global Shared Research Agenda on Violence against Women and Girls**

The SVRI and [The Equality Institute](#) (with support from Wellspring Philanthropic Fund) are facilitating the development of a [global shared research agenda for research on violence against women and girls](#) in low- and middle-income countries.

This is being done through a priority setting exercise that will identify where major gaps lie and what major questions need to be addressed in the next 5-7 years for the field to make progress towards eliminating VAWG. We request your participation in this important, collaborative process by scoring research questions in the following domains:

- Domain 1 and domain 2
- Domain 3 and domain 4

Read the Global Shared Research Agenda on VAWG brief [here](#) and our most recent blog post [here](#).
COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

Peterman, A., O'Donnell, M. (2020). COVID-19 and violence against women and children: A third research round up for the 16 Days of Activism. Center for Global Development, CGD Notes: As COVID-specific evidence on violence dynamics emerged, the authors began to synthesize this evidence base through periodic research round ups and an open access evidence tracker of global studies. This is the third research round up. [Source: CGDev].

Raising Voices. (2020). Community mobilization activities for VAW prevention during COVID-19, Kampala: Raising Voices: As activist organizations around the world adapt to the new realities of preventing VAW during COVID-19, Raising Voices developed a series of activities to support safe and relevant community engagement. Any organization can use, translate, adapt and integrate these materials into their ongoing prevention programming. [Source: Raising Voices].

Raising Voices. (2020). Infographic on activist organizations preventing VAW during COVID-19, Kampala: Raising Voices: Activist organizations are leading the way in adapting to COVID-related realities. Raising Voices designed this infographic based on survey responses from 111 activist organizations across the Global South to illustrate how they are speaking out, stepping up, keeping in real, and calling for action to prevent violence against women during this time. [Source: Raising Voices].


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.

Thulin, E. J., Heinze, J. E., Kernsmith, P., Smith-Darden, J., Fleming, P. J. (2020). Adolescent risk of dating violence and electronic dating abuse: A latent class analysis. Journal of Youth and Adolescence, ePub: The findings from this study show overlap between dating violence domains and imply that domains of electronic dating violence are important to consider in conjunction with physical, sexual and verbal domains, to address teen dating violence. [Source: University of Michigan].

Taha, P.H., Slewa-Younan, S. (2020). Measures of depression, generalized anxiety, and posttraumatic stress disorders amongst Yazidi female survivors of ISIS slavery and violence. Int J Ment Health Syst 14, 80: This study sought to examine and compare levels of general psychological distress, depression, generalized anxiety, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and self-reported suicidal thoughts and behaviors amongst Yazidi women held in captivity compared with those without such experiences. [Source: PubMed].


Broseguini, G. B., & Iglesias, A. (2020). An integrative review of care networks for adolescents who have experienced sexual violence / Revisión integrativa sobre redes de cuidados aos adolescentes em situação de violência sexual. Ciencia & saúde coletiva, 25(12), 4991–5002, English & Portuguese: This study identifies and analyzes national literature on care networks for adolescents who have experience sexual violence. The findings show that literature focusing specifically on care networks for adolescents who have experienced sexual violence is scarce. [Source: PubMed].


Forsdike, K., Donaldson, A., Seal, E. (2020). Responding to violence against women in sport: Challenges facing sport organizations in Victoria, Australia. Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 1–16, advance online publication: Key initiatives can be developed to support sport organizations to respond to violence against women in sport, but they will need assistance to prioritize initiatives addressing the most important challenges given a perceived lack of capacity to do so. [Source: PubMed].

SVRI Members Requests

Using Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) to prevent, and respond to SGBV against women and children in lower- and middle-income countries.

Health Enabled is leading a landscape review and Evidence and Gaps Map (EGM) to identify, assess and describe available evidence (and gaps in evidence) of the use of ICT to prevent, and respond to, SGBV in lower- and middle-income countries. The EGM has been accepted for publication by the Campbell Collaboration (affiliated with the Cochrane Collaboration). The EGM will feed into SVRI’s and the Equality Institute’s initiative to identify a Global Shared Research Agenda around VAWG. The research team has initiated the traditional systematic review search using academic databases, but is also reaching out directly to practitioners, academics, organizations for:

1) examples of ICT interventions for SGBV (project descriptions, grey literature); and
2) published or unpublished studies examining the use of ICT for SGBV against women and children.

If you have examples of interventions, grey literature, unpublished, or published studies, that you believe should be considered as part of our research, please send to the Health.Enabled research team: William Philbrick at wcphilbrick@gmail.com.

Self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights survey

The WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research is expanding the evidence-base of the global guidelines on self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

We invite you to participate in a 10-15 min global survey that will inform volume 2 of these guidelines. Access the survey here. Contact Holly Donkers at SRHRselfsurvey2020@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please share the survey widely!
BLOGS

Gevers, A., Dartnall, E. (2020). What good does “16 Days” do?: Reflecting on the role of awareness raising and communication campaigns. SVRI 16 Days Blog Series: As the 16 Days campaign draws to a close, the SVRI reflects on the costs and benefits of 16 Days activities and whether resources for these activities would be better and more ethically spent on evidence-based strategies that will actually reduce and ultimately eliminate VAWG across the globe. Read the reflections here. Blog available in French and Spanish.

Torosyan, S. (2020). Safe YOU App: Armenian women use technology to tackle gender-based violence innovation. SVRI 16 Days Blog Series: The Safe YOU Mobile app allows users to seek help in emergency situations by sending free alert messages with the user’s geolocation to previously chosen personal contacts, women support nongovernmental organizations, state authorities, or the police. Learn more about this project here. Blog available in French and Spanish.

Reddy, B., Kondepudy, B. (2020). Has the alcohol prohibition in Bihar, India resulted in less violence against women? SVRI 16 Days Blog Series: This project explores the impact of the alcohol prohibition policy and its impact on levels of IPV, household income, and well-being in Bihar. Blog available in French and Spanish.

Kim, E., Karioris, F.G. (2020). Examining structural impacts on bride-kidnapping. SVRI 16 Days Blog Series: While the literature on bride-kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan addresses the role of sexual violence and the forms of misogyny and sexism, too often scholarship does not situate this sexual violence in amidst the broader context of economic, ecological, and social structures. Learn more about how AUCA and the University of Pittsburgh look at the ways that men are part of and utilize the practice of bride-kidnapping here. Blog available in French and Spanish.


PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

OECD Podcast - The intricacies of violence against women – Sylvia Walby OBE: According to the WHO, 1 in 3 women around the world have experienced physical or sexual violence or both at least once in their life. And 38% of women who are murdered are murdered by their male intimate partners. How does austerity affect domestic violence? And the rise or fall in the numbers of women in powerful positions? Professor Sylvia Walby OBE is the director of the Violence and Society Centre at the University of London, and a UNESCO Chair in Gender Research.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Creating equitable and decolonizing South-North partnerships. International Women’s Development Agency: This webinar launched new research by ‘Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki “Creating Equitable South-North Partnerships: Nurturing the Va and Voyaging the Audacious Ocean together”. Download and read the research here. [Source: IWDA].

Prevención primaria de violencia basada en género (VBG) y transformación de estereotipos. Banco Mundial LAC: La pandemia COVID-19 ha instesificado la violencia contra las mujeres y niñas. Este evento es un espacio de
Talking Research Podcast: Dr Rachel Simon-Kumar - Why ethnic minorities under-report sexual violence: In this conversation, Rachel shared her research on under-reporting in ethnic minorities in New Zealand, the factors behind it, how this can be remedied, and more. [Source: Talking Research Podcast].

discusión sobre cómo hacer trabajo de prevención primaria y transformación de estereotipos y normas de género a distancia y en épocas de COVID. [Source: Banco Mundial LAC].

ONLINE RESOURCES

DREAMS Partnership - Girls Who Dream: In Kenya, DREAMS has not only empowered adolescent girls and young women but also profoundly impacted their families and communities. Explore their stories by clicking through the photos on the webpage. [Source: Together for Girls].


Women’s Philanthropy Institute, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. (2020). The Women & Girls Index 2020: Measuring giving to women’s and girls’ causes. Indianapolis: WPI: The Women & Girls Index (WGI) is the only comprehensive index that measures charitable giving to women’s and girls’ causes. The 2020 report offers the first longitudinal look at how philanthropic support for women’s and girls’ organizations has changed in recent years. [Source: WPI].


GBV AoR Helpdesk: The Helpdesk is a unique research and technical advice service which aims to inspire and support a range of humanitarian actors to help prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) in emergencies. Managed by Social Development Direct, the GBV AoR Helpdesk is staffed by a global roster of senior Gender and GBV Experts who are on standby to help guide frontline actors on GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response measures in line with international standards, guidelines and best practice. For more about the helpdesk and to enquire about support in your work email enquiries@GBVIEHelpdesk.org.uk. See the promotional video here.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for expressions of interest: Expanding Evidence on Replicable Recovery and Reunification Interventions for Families (R3). The purpose of this Call for Expressions of Interest is to identify child welfare or related agencies that may be interested in partnering with the R3 project, a federal effort to replicate and evaluate interventions that use recovery coaches for families involved in the child welfare system due to parental SUD. R3 identified three interventions as potential candidates for replication and evaluation: Family Recovery and Reunification Program, the Parent Mentor Program, and Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams. For more information about the candidate interventions and this opportunity, please contact R3Families@abtassoc.com. Closing date: 22 January 2021.
EVENTS

• **Webinar: Together to #ENDViolence Solutions Summit launch event, 15 December 2020, 8am EST:** Please register for this high-level event to launch Together to #ENDviolence – a global campaign and Solutions Summit Series to inspire the end violence community and catalyse the political and financial commitments needed to end violence against children at home, at school, online and within communities.

• **Webinar: Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI) Data launch event, 16 December 2020, 9am Ireland:** RCNI Rape Crisis Statistics 2019 presents data given to RCNI by survivors and collated across a sample of seven Rape Crisis Centres, illuminating what survivors of sexual violence told the centres and asked of them in 2019.

• **Online course: Confronting gender based violence. Global lessons for healthcare workers. Coursera:** This course introduces participants from the healthcare sector to GBV, including global epidemiology of GBV; health outcomes; seminal research; and clinical best practices for GBV prevention, support, and management. Enroll for free [here](#).

VACANCIES

• **Human Rights Research and Gender Analysis Training Consultant**, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Flexible location - Closing date: 13 December 2020.

• **Trust Fund Coordinator (EVAW)**, UN Women, Kabul, Afghanistan - Closing date: 23 December 2020.


• **Protection Specialist (HQ)**, Humanity and Inclusion, Lyon, France or Brussels, Belgium - Deadline: 25 December 2020.

• **Evaluators - Evaluation of VOICE Programme in Kenya**, Integrity Action, Flexible - Closing date: 10 January 2021.

• **Global Health Fundraising & Grant Writing - East & Southern Africa**, Global Health Corps, Multiple locations - Closing date: 13 January 2021.

NEWS

UNAMA. (2020, 7 December). Improved Afghan law still fails victims of sex crimes and violence against women, UN report finds. UN News.


Bautista, N.M. (2020, 27 November). Mexico's gender violence crisis is far from over & women are demanding action. Refinery29.


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.

Email svri@svri.org by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update