



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"COVID-19 could be the catalyst that fully reunifies the social and biological sides of medicine, bridging disciplines that have been separated for too long." Ed Yong, The Atlantic (via Nature Briefing).

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for feedback

[Learning together - A guide for feminist practice in violence against women and girls research collaborations](#): This Guide was developed by [Raising Voices](#) and [SVRI](#) to support activist and feminist civil society organizations in low and middle-income countries to navigate and build meaningful, long-lasting collaborations with researchers and funders to undertake VAWG research. Read the guide in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

We are keen to hear your feedback on the Guide and how you are using it (or might use it) in your work. Please complete this [short survey](#) (this will take you less than 5 minutes to complete). Thank you for participating!

JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub launch

The JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub was officially launched on 2 December 2020 with an online event, hosted by SVRI, and featuring contributions from Elizabeth Dartnall (Executive Director, SVRI), Kirsten Laursen Muth (CEO, JLI), Dr Elisabet Le Roux (Stellenbosch University) and Prabu Deepan (Tearfund). To watch the launch and access the materials, visit the launch page [here](#).

Opportunities

[Deadline extended: 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, see the [Terms of Reference](#). Deadline: 18 January 2021.

[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.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[Viero, A., Barbara, G., Montisci, M., Kustermann, K., Cattaneo, C. \(2021\). Violence against women in the Covid-19 pandemic: A review of the literature and a call for shared strategies to tackle health and social emergencies. Forensic Science International, 319: 110650](#): This article conducts a rapid critical review of the literature about the relationship between violence against women (VAW) and the current COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Campbell, A.M. \(2020\). An increasing risk of family violence during the Covid-19 pandemic: Strengthening community collaborations to save lives. Forensic Science International: Reports, 2: 100089](#): This article highlights the importance of improving collaborations between human welfare and animal welfare agencies, expanding community partnerships, and informing the public of the great importance of reporting any concerns of abuse at this time. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Barbara, G., Facchin, F., Micci, L., Rendiniello, M., Giulini, P., Cattaneo, C., Vercellini, P., Kustermann, A. \(2020\). COVID-19, lockdown, and intimate partner violence: Some data from an Italian service and suggestions for future approaches. Journal of Women's Health, 29:10, 1239-1242](#): In this opinion article, the authors discuss the hypothesis that such an increase may be related to the restrictive measures enacted to contain the pandemic, including women's forced cohabitation with the abusive partner, as well as the exacerbation of partners' pre-existing psychological disorders during the lockdown. [Source: LiebertPub].

[Cavalcante Fialho Barreto, T., Ferro de Mendonça Brêda, C., Ferreira Vieira, I.K., Cabral Machado, R.K., Rodrigues Leone, T., Mendes Costa Santos, S. \(2020\). O agravamento da violência contra a mulher durante a pandemia do COVID-19. Sempesq: Semana de Pesquisa de Unit. Alagoas: Semana de Pesquisa do Centro Universitário Tiradentes](#): Nesse cenário pandêmico, notou-se o crescimento dos casos de agressão à mulher, junto às ocorrências de feminicídio. O contexto atual demonstra a necessidade de políticas públicas, tanto para atuar na prevenção e enfrentamento, quanto para o atendimento, acolhimento e orientação às mulheres vítimas de violência, como preconiza a Lei Maria da Penha. [Source: Centro Universitário Tiradentes].

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.

[Bristol University. \(2020\). End violence against women collection](#): Bristol University has created a collection of articles highlighting some of the many aspects of violence against women, in the hope that increased understanding and awareness can help us tackle this issue. Read the collection for free until 31 December 2020. [Source: Journal of GBV, Policy Press].

[Potter, L. C., Morris, R., Hegarty, K., García-Moreno, C., Feder, G. \(2020\). Categories and health impacts of intimate partner violence in the World Health Organization multi-country study on women's health and domestic violence. International Journal of Epidemiology, dyaa220, advance online publication](#): This study explores the associations of different categories of IPV on women's mental and physical health. [Source: PubMed].

[Abrahams, N., Mhlongo, S., Chirwa, E., Lombard, C., Dunkle, K., Seedat, S., Kengne, A. P., Myers, B., Peer, N.,](#)

[García-Moreno, C. M., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). Rape survivors in South Africa: Analysis of the baseline socio-demographic and health characteristics of a rape cohort. *Global health action*, 13\(1\), 1834769](#): This article describes the socio-demographic and health profile of women recently exposed to rape and to compare them with a non-rape-exposed group. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Gilbert, L. K., Annor, F. B., Kress, H. \(2020\). Associations between endorsement of inequitable gender norms and intimate partner violence and sexual risk behaviors among youth in Nigeria: Violence Against Children Survey, 2014. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. ePub](#): This study assesses whether the endorsement of inequitable gender norms about intimate partner violence against women (IPVAW) and sexual behavior is associated with intimate partner violence (IPV) victimization, IPV perpetration, and sexual risk behavior. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Thananowan, N., Vongsirimas, N., Rachapromma, P. \(2020\). Intimate partner violence and factors associated with sexually transmitted infections among Thai women attending gynecology clinics. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 956462420966136, advance online publication](#): This research examines prevalence of IPV and identifies factors associated with STIs among Thai women. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Lippus, H., Laanpere, M., Part, K., Ringmets, I., Karro, H. \(2020\). What do we know about the impact of sexual violence on health and health behaviour of women in Estonia?. *BMC public health*, 20\(1\), 1897](#): This study examines the prevalence of sexual violence and associations between exposure to sexual violence and risky health and sexual behaviours among women in Estonia. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Gibbs, A., Dunkle, K., Ramsoomar, L., Willan, S., Jama Shai, N., Chatterji, S., Naved, R., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). New learnings on drivers of men's physical and/or sexual violence against their female partners, and women's experiences of this, and the implications for prevention interventions. *Global Health Action*, 13\(1\), 1739845](#): In this article, the authors recommend extensive in-depth qualitative research, and complex quantitative modeling studies. Understanding drivers and causal pathways better will enable the identification of points of entry for the development of more effective IPV prevention interventions. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Nikparvar, F., Spencer, C. M., Stith, S. M. \(2020\). Risk markers for women's physical intimate partner violence victimization in Iran: A meta-analysis. *Violence Against Women*, ePub](#): In this study, evidence from 14 studies examines 16 unique risk markers for intimate partner violence (IPV) victimization for Iranian women. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Henry, N., Flynn, A., Powell, A. \(2020\). Technology-facilitated domestic and sexual violence: A review. *Violence against women*, 26\(15-16\), 1828–1854](#): The article explores terminological and conceptual challenges and describes the empirical research literature in this field to date in relation to digital dating abuse, intimate partner cyberstalking, technology-facilitated sexual assault, image-based sexual abuse, and online sexual harassment. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Chilanga, E., Collin-Vezina, D., Khan, M.N., Riley, L. \(2020\). Prevalence and determinants of intimate partner violence against mothers of children under-five years in Central Malawi. *BMC Public Health* 20, 1848](#): This study examines the prevalence and the risk factors of IPV against mothers of children under-five years of age in rural Malawi. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Tanu Das, T., Basu Roy, T. \(2020\). More than individual factors; is there any contextual effect of unemployment, poverty and literacy on the domestic spousal violence against women? A multilevel analysis on Indian context. *SSM - Population Health*, 12, 100691](#): This article aims to explain the factors associated with spousal violence against women through a multilevel modeling framework. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Mobile applications addressing gender-based violence

UNICEF is partnering with Washington University to review the existing mobile applications that address gender-based violence in LMICs and emergencies. This project will explore the aims, designs, and outcomes of existing applications with the ultimate interest to identify opportunities for future programming and shared learning. Thus far, the team has identified 43 applications and would be grateful for your support to identify more! If you know of any relevant mobile applications that address gender based violence, please share the application name and relevant resources with Ilana Seff (ilana.j.seff@gmail.com) and Melissa Meinhart (melissa.m.meinhart@gmail.com). The team hopes that this will be the first step to establishing a collaborative space for innovators who are incorporating technology to address gender-based violence.

Survey - Seeking breakthroughs in social and behavior change at the intersection of FP and IPV

Between January and March 2020, [Breakthrough ACTION](#) will host a virtual expert consultation that will bring together technical experts in family planning (FP) and intimate partner violence (IPV) to identify and examine critical linkages between FP and IPV across the life course, consider how to leverage social and behavior change (SBC) approaches to strengthen IPV prevention and response, and explore opportunities for integrated FP/IPV programming. Breakthrough ACTION invites you to complete a brief questionnaire to help inform the development of this consultation. [Questionnaire - Expert Consultation: Seeking Breakthroughs in SBC at the Intersection of FP and IPV](#). Thank you for your time and inputs.

Survey - Ubuntu Symposium

If you have attended sessions at the Ubuntu Symposium, please take a moment to share your feedback on the Symposium so far, and share your ideas and thoughts to help shape the symposium in 2021. This short survey will take about 5-7 minutes to complete. Your inputs are extremely valuable in supporting the organizing team to make the symposium as useful and meaningful as possible for you, right through to the closing event in June 2021. Complete the survey [here](#).



BLOGS

[Benham, N. \(2020\). Violence against women deserves more than a 16 Day international campaign. Women Around the World: Every year, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign brings attention to the systemic violence experienced by women and girls all over the world - but these commitments must go beyond sixteen days of lip service. It is time for leaders to take concrete steps that fund and support women and girls, particularly those afflicted by conflict or crisis.](#)

[Gevers, A., Dartnall, E. \(2020\). What good does "16 Days" do?: Reflecting on the role of awareness raising and communication campaigns. SVRI Blog: This blog reflects on 16 Days and whether these events are helping make women and girls lived realities safer and better by ending violence. Blog available in \[French\]\(#\) and \[Spanish\]\(#\).](#)

[Nwamarah, U. \(2020\). How climate finance can address violence against women and girls. Commonwealth:](#) This blog is part of the Commonwealth's '16 Days of Actions' series, designed to showcase multi-disciplinary national solutions in addressing violence against women and girls. These proven solutions build on the collective experience of the 54 member countries – representing one-third of humanity – which can be replicated elsewhere to create a safer world for every woman and girl. [Source: PreventionWeb].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

[Conversations on gender, geography and violence against women in Mexico and Central America. Noria Mexico and Central America:](#) This podcast series is part of Noria's Mexico and Central America Program, and belongs to our "Violence Takes Place" project. It presents a set of conversations on gender, geography, and violence against women in rural Mexico and Central America.

[Brené with Emily and Amelia Nagoski on burnout and how to complete the stress cycle:](#) Burnout. We're all experiencing it and we're all desperate for a way through it. In this episode, Brené Brown talks to Drs. Emily and Amelia Nagoski about what causes burnout, what it does to our bodies, and how we can move through the emotional exhaustion.

[Can we trust the aid sector to keep people safe?](#) In this episode, speakers reflect on the challenges the aid sector has faced in keeping people safe and what it will take to make real improvements and restore trust. Nastasya Gecim talks to Hannah Clare, Head of PSEA & Safeguarding at Norwegian Refugee Council, and Dr. Faith Mwangi-Powell, the CEO of Girls Not Brides.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

[Addressing conflict-related sexual slavery through the Women, Peace, and Security](#)

[Agenda:](#) This research by the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders promotes synergies in the implementation of the WPS Agenda, international humanitarian and human rights laws, and policies to prevent and counter violent extremism to improve the prevention of, protection from, accountability mechanisms for, and relief and recovery for survivors of sexual slavery. Read the research [here](#).

[MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium sessions:](#) You can now watch the sessions on the MenEngage Youtube channel! Recent uploads include:

- [Men and masculinities \(Part 2\)](#)
- [Men and masculinities \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Intersectional feminist movement voices](#)

[Robust or risky recruitment:](#) Watch this webinar for a practical discussion on how organisations can strengthen their approach to recruitment as a preventative measure for safeguarding. [Click here to join the community discussion on this webinar.](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Feminist Realities Magazine, AWID:](#) This Magazine is an inspiring curated collection of powerful stories and images of transformation and resistance created by feminist activists, writers and artists from all over the world. Available in English, French, Spanish and Mandarin. [Source: AWID].

[UNFPA, UN Women, UNICEF. \(2020\). Kathmandu: UNICEF:](#) Guidelines on Responsible representation and

reporting of violence against women and violence against children. Summary guidance for media professionals. [Source: ReliefWeb].

[UN Women., World Health Organization., Social Development Direct. \(2020\). RESPECT Implementation package for preventing violence against women. UN Women, WHO and SDD](#): This package is aimed at helping policy makers and practitioners to design and implement evidence-based, ethical and effective national and sub-national, policies, programmes and interventions for preventing violence against women based on each of the seven strategies of RESPECT. [Source: WHO].

[UNFPA. \(2017\). Six golden principles for interviewing women who may have experienced violence - kNOwVAWdata. Bangkok: UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office](#): Drawing on years of international experience, UNFPA Asia-Pacific technical advisor on violence against women, Dr. Henriette Jansen, shares six golden principles for interviewing women who may have experienced violence. [Source: UNFPA].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Feminismo y ambiente: Un campo emergente en los estudios feministas de América Latina y el Caribe](#): El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO) y ONU Mujeres. Cierre de inscripción: 8 de febrero de 2021.

[Scholarship opportunity](#): MSc and PhD in the Population Studies group at LSHTM. Deadline: 11 January 2021.



EVENTS

- [World Economic Forum: The Davos Agenda, online, 25—29 January 2021](#): The Davos Agenda is a pioneering mobilization of global leaders to shape the principles, policies and partnerships needed in this challenging new context.



VACANCIES

- [Consultancy for donor scoping exercise to assess new types of partnerships and funding streams linked to Oxfam's CREATE ambition in Asia](#), Oxfam, Flexible location - Closing date: 27 December 2020.

- [Estudios sobre violencia por razones de género contra las Mujeres, modalidad virtual, abril de 2021 a marzo de 2022](#): La acreditación y certificación de la Especialización y del Curso Internacional será realizada por el Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales y por la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales.
- [Upcoming podcast: New ways of working in safeguarding post-DRC](#): In this next podcast, Safeguarding Matters talks to Nellie Peyton, one of the journalists who uncovered the abuse taking place in the DRC in September this year.
- [Postponement of the 14th AWID International Forum](#): The AWID board has taken the difficult decision to cancel the 14th AWID International Forum which had been scheduled to take place from September 20-23, 2021, in the City of Taipei.
- [Gender Justice Program Officer](#), Oxfam, Jerusalem / West Bank with travel to Gaza - Closing date: 2 January 2021.
- [Positions Available for WomenStrong Learning Lab Consultants](#), WomenStrong International, Flexible location - Closing date: 3 January 2021.
- [Manager, HIV Prevention Research and Development](#), International AIDS Society, Geneva, Switzerland - Closing date: 15 January 2021.
- [Professor in Demography](#), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK - Closing date: 1 March 2021.
- [Étudiant\(e\) au doctorat en sociologie](#), Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada.



NEWS

Awad, N. (2020, 17 December). [Sudanese women show that peace requires participation not just representation](#). *Open Democracy*.

Gupta, A.H. (2020, 15 December). [Is the legal system an effective solution to domestic violence?](#) *The New York Times*.

Olaoluwa, A. (2020, 1 December). [End Sars protests: The Nigerian women leading the fight for change](#). *BBC News*.

Dolker, T. (2020, 1 December). [The need to resource feminist movements has never been greater. Where's the money for feminist organizing?](#) *Ms Magazine*.

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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