QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"While gaining an education helps women to find their voice, earning an income is what gives women the power to make their own choices". Karen Sherman

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date: SVRI Forum 2022

We are delighted to announce that the next SVRI Forum will take place in Mexico from 19 - 23 September 2022.

Join us to collectively comment and refine SVRI Forum 2022 themes. Eight themes have been developed drawing on previous SVRI Forum presentations, publications, discussions, and events. Help us rank the themes and identify new ones by completing a short survey in English and Spanish.

SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Through our SVRI Strategy Plan, the SVRI strives to build a field of researchers and stakeholders, working together, to develop better, cost-effective programmes and services to respond to survivors compassionately and effectively and to prevent and, ultimately, end violence against women and violence against children. We are pleased to announce that our SVRI Strategic Plan is now available in French and Spanish.

Opportunities

Violence against Children Researcher Consultancy: The SVRI is seeking the services of a qualified consultant to support a consultative strategic planning and conceptual thinking/design process around clarifying SVRI’s role in advancing violence against children, and specifically childhood sexual abuse. Download the Terms of Reference. Deadline: 26 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

This study explores changes in domestic violence before and during the pandemic at different time points, utilizing data from a large Illinois city before and during the height of key policy changes. [Source: Springer Link].

Abujilban, S., Mrayan, L., Hamaideh, S., Obeisat, S., Damra, J. (2021). Intimate partner violence against pregnant Jordanian women at the time of CoViD-19 pandemic's quarantine. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub: This study sought to find out whether there is any difference in the incidence of intimate partner violence (IPV) during and before the COVID-19 pandemic quarantine and whether any socio-demographical factors are related to the incidence of IPV against pregnant women during quarantine. [Source: SafetyLit].


Wood, L., Baumler, E., Schrag, R. V., Guillot-Wright, S., Hairston, D., Temple, J., Torres E. (2021). "Don't know where to go for help": safety and economic needs among violence survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic. J. Fam. Violence 2021. ePub: This study sought to gain a preliminary understanding of the health, safety, and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on people that are experiencing or have previously experienced violence, stalking, threats, and/or abuse. [Source: SafetyLit].

Rai, A., Perkins, N., Grossman, S. (2020). The impact of COVID-19 on family violence in immigrant communities in the United States. Greenwich Social Work Review, 2(1), 84-96: This commentary highlights the atypical challenges of immigrants in relation to the pandemic and how these challenges may impact the incidence of family violence. Through this study, the authors hope to encourage social work scholars, practitioners, and policy advocates to support and advocate for immigrants; especially, during the new normal under the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: Loyola University Chicago].

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.*


de Villiers, T., Duma, S., Abrahams, N. (2021). "As young men we have a role to play in preventing sexual violence": development and relevance of the men with conscience intervention to prevent sexual violence. PLoS One. 16(1), e0244550: This paper reflects on the adaptation of the One-Man Can intervention, used in community settings, to the Men with Conscience intervention adapted for use in university settings. The process of adapting the One Man Can into the Men with Conscience Intervention showed the huge need to address sexual violence within the university, with young men eager to learn and skill themselves to fill the huge gap and become active in the prevention of sexual violence. [Source: PLoS One].


Senn, C. Y., Hollander, J. A., Gidycz, C. A. (2018). Chapter 11 - What Works? Critical components of effective sexual violence interventions for women on college and university campuses. Sexual Assault Risk Reduction and Resistance. 245-289; This study provides comparative details of three programs for college-aged women students (i.e., not focused on delivery to any particular subgroup of these women) that have demonstrated some success in reducing sexual violence, assesses how their elements are related to relevant outcomes. [Source: Science Direct].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

I-SHARE (International Sexual Health And REproductive Health) Survey: This global survey aims to examine the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on sexual and reproductive health in diverse low-income, middle-income, and high-income countries. It explores how different isolation measures implemented by governments across the world—in response to the COVID-19 pandemic—have affected family structures, relationships, and access to sexual and reproductive health services. Topics the survey focuses on include contraceptive use, access to reproductive healthcare, sexual/gender-based violence, and sexually transmitted infection prevalence. Click here to complete your country specific survey.

Global survey to inform volume 2 of WHO Consolidated Guideline on self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR): 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 15-20 minutes global survey that will inform volume 2 of these guidelines. Complete the survey in English, French and Spanish. Contact Holly Donkers at SRHRselfsurvey2020@gmail.com if you have any questions.
BLOGS


Sherman, K. (2021, 12 January). Our Year to Roar. GWI Blog: This blog reflects on the effects of COVID19 on violence against women and girls, and highlights the top priorities for advancing the global women’s agenda. [Source: GWI].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

New Ways of Working Post-DRC: In September 2020, the New Humanitarian and the Thomson Reuters Foundation revealed that ‘More than 50 women accuse aid workers of sex abuse in Congo Ebola crisis.’ In this episode, Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi talks to Nellie Peyton, one of the journalist who uncovered the story, to understand what happened in the DRC and how. Ester Dross, an experienced safeguarding advisor, shares her views on what the sector can learn from this experience.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Education as a tool to tackle GBV: This webinar introduces the Voices against Violence curriculum and examples from different countries on how this curriculum has been implemented before and current the lockdown.

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”

ONLINE RESOURCES


Iwi, K., Eisenstadt, N. (2020). Good practice in addressing sexualised violence: Guidelines document. European Network: These good practice guidelines are relevant for approach and focus on providing directions and recommendations for high quality work that practitioners can adjust and apply to their programme’s specific situations in addressing sexual violence. [Source: WUNRN].

Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. (2020). Global Network of Women Peacebuilders: Through this research, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders hopes to inform and strengthen the global response to conflict-related sexual slavery and survivor-centered implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. [Source: GNWP].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Invitation for Proposals: UNFPA Nepal Country Office – GBV Baseline/Endline Studies and Operational

**Call for Proposals: Womanity Award 4 Launch: Focus on Prevention of Domestic Violence.** Deadline: 31 January 2021.

**Call for Nominations: Africa Evidence Leadership Award.** Deadline: 12 February 2021.

**Call for Applications: GWI – Building GBV Evidence Grant.** Deadline: 19 February 2021.

**Call for Applications: LSHTM – MSc Reproductive & Sexual Health Research.** Deadline: 27 June 2021.

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**EVENTS**

- **Building Connections: Supporting Community-Based Programs to Address Interpersonal Violence and Child Maltreatment Using Relational, Trauma-Informed Frameworks, 25 January 2021, 1pm-2:30pm EST:** The aim of Building Connections was to increase capacity of services providers in CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC community-based projects across Canada to identify and respond to interpersonal violence by enhancing trauma-informed and relational approaches. Participants will learn about significant research outcomes for community project staff, certified facilitators, and mothers related to implementation of the Connections group into community-based projects across Canada. Simultaneous interpretation in French will be available.

- **Together to #ENDviolence: Evidence and solutions to eliminate child sexual exploitation and abuse, 26 January 2021, 8am ET:** UNICEF, the UN Special

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**VACANCIES**


- **Associate Director, Gender Equality and Social Power,** Women for Women International, Flexible – Closing date: 30 January 2021.

- **Director of Safeguarding,** Oxfam, Not Specified – Closing date: 31 January 2021.

- **Deputy Country Director - Programmes,** Sustainable Development Goals Fund, Bangkok, Thailand – Closing date: 31 January 2021.

Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children and the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children cordially invite you to join a global discussion on ending child sexual abuse and exploitation.

- **Unite for a Better Life: Leveraging podcasts to prevent intimate partner violence, 28 January 2021, 9am ET**: In this webinar, Dr. Vandana Sharma and Machrine Birungi will highlight good practices and challenges from developing and testing the Unite for a Better Life (UBL) podcast series to prevent intimate partner violence (IPV) in a Somali refugee setting.


- **Senior Adviser: Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming**, Amnesty International, Flexible – Closing date: 15 February 2021.

- **Advocacy and Comms Specialist**, IAWG Newborn Initiative, IRC, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**


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**SVRI**

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