QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Funding scientific research is buying an insurance policy for a better future. The benefits are not always apparent, and sometimes become visible only over many years.” John P. Moore.

Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Event

SVRI Roundtable at Ubuntu Symposium: “By the way...Did you ask women? Ethical considerations when researching, implementing & funding programmes engaging men & boys to end VAWG. 12 January 2021, 8-10 am ET US: As the need to translate knowledge into action is more relevant than ever and more programmes across the world try to end violence against women and girls, a key question researchers, programmers and donors should be asking is: Did our programme and research funding make a difference? Did our funding and interventions ask women what has been the impact of programmes engaging men and boys? Furthermore, we need to ask: How much progress have we made to tip the balance of expertise in research and programming on VAWG, particularly in low- and middle-income countries? Join the conversation by registering for the MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium http://menengage.org/symposium. Once registered, you will find the link to this session and other symposium sessions in the event portal or in the weekly symposium email (you can unsubscribe any time).

Surveys

Global Shared Research Agenda for research on violence against women and girls (VAWG) priority setting surveys: To provide a basis for priority driven research on VAWG, the Sexual Violence Research Initiative 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 (LMICs). The Stewardship Group invites anyone working in the VAWG or related fields to contribute to this process by completing the surveys below:
Global Shared Research Agenda: Priority Setting Domain 1 & 2
Global Shared Research Agenda: Priority Setting Domain 3 & 4

For any questions, please contact elizabeth@svri.org.

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

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. 1–9: This study explores 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: NCBI].


Ince Yenilmez, M. The Covid-19 pandemic and the struggle to tackle gender-based violence. (2020). J. Adult Prot. 22(6), 391-399: The purpose of this study is to look at the policies for the protection of women during pandemics while taking gender and feminist interests into crucial consideration. [Source: Safetylit].


UNFPA. (2020). Technical brief: Equality for girls in crisis – Adapting child marriage and adolescent girls’ programming during COVID-19 Pandemic: This technical brief was developed to guide practitioners to adapt COVID-19 response interventions on child marriage and adolescent girls’ programming, focusing on areas such as marginalized girls, family and community environments, strengthening systems, addressing drivers of poverty, laws and policies, and data and evidence. [Source: Spotlight Initiative].

Yahaya, D. (2020). Another world is possible: A feminist monitoring and advocacy toolkit for our feminist future. Feminist Covid Response: This toolkit is the Feminist Covid Response collective’s effort to translate its Feminist Response to COVID-19 Principles into guidance and evidence-based recommendations for advocacy and policymaking, so that together, we can make our feminist future real. [Source: WUNRN].

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.


emerged as troubling or supporting the implementation process in an intervention to address domestic violence in primary health care settings in Palestinian territory. [Source: NCBI].

Joleby, M., Lunde, C., Landström, S., Jonsson, L. S. (2020). Front. Psychol. "All of me is completely different": experiences and consequences among victims of technology-assisted child sexual abuse. 11: e506218: This article provides a deeper understanding of the experiences of technology-assisted child sexual abuse and its potential consequences. [Source: Frontiers in Psychology].

Cardenas, I. (2020). Advancing intersectionality approaches in intimate partner violence research: a social justice approach. Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work, ePub: In this paper, the author reviews the available intimate partner violence (IPV) literature related to diverse groups and identifies research methods essential to advance IPV research that engages in intercategorical and intracategorical approaches to intersectionality. [Source: Rutgers University].


Thulin, E. J., Lustig, A., Perrotte, V., Lwabanya, M., Evans, T. (2020). Interpers. Violence. Male and female perceptions and experiences of sexual and gender-based violence in South Kivu, Eastern DRC. ePub: This article shares women’s and men’s experiences and perceptions of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in their communities, including reflecting on the factors that are causing SGBV and what interventions should be used to reduce SGBV in the context of one of the longest ongoing contemporary conflicts which have precipitated a sexual violence epidemic. [Source: SAGE Journals].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Survey - Seeking breakthroughs in social and behaviour change at the intersection of FP and IPV: Between February and March 2021, Breakthrough ACTION, led by the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, 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. Breakthrough ACTION invites you to complete a brief questionnaire to help inform the development of this consultation.

Thank you very much for your time and inputs.
BLOGS

Dartnall, E., Gevers, A. (2021). Lessons Learned – Pivoting to online learning in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. SVRI Blog: This blog shares lessons learned in pivoting from a face-to-face workshop to an online workshop.


PODCASTS

Is feminist leadership for you? This episode shares what feminist leadership is, how it can be implemented, and what it means for creating safe cultures and strengthening safeguarding.

Can we trust the aid sector to keep people safe? This episode is a reflection on challenges the aid sector has faced in keeping people safe and what it will take to make real improvements and restore trust.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Legal services and advocacy collaboration to support trafficked survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault during COVID-19. Peer exchange webinar: This peer exchange webinar highlights the ways in which advocacy and legal programs are shifting their in-person and virtual approaches to meet the legal needs of trafficking survivors and collaborative strategies to provide support.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Fields, A., Namy, S., Dartnall, E. (2020). Healing from sexual violence: Body-focused mental health approaches. Sexual Violence Research Initiative: Pretoria: This Knowledge Exchange seeks to expand our understanding of effective interventions for managing ongoing trauma resulting from child sexual abuse and sexual violence through the lifespan, highlighting innovative and increasingly evidence-based body-mind approaches that are showing great promise in the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other trauma induced symptoms, and exploring some basics about the neuro-biological underpinnings of body-focused interventions.

Gender and Health Hub Buzzboard for Gender and COVID-19 research agenda-setting: The Gender and Health Hub has launched an online discussion forum. Sign-up to participate in setting the research agenda for COVID19 and gender, across thematic areas addressing multiple topics. [Source: UNU-IIGH].

GBV AoR Helpdesk. (2020). Learning Brief: Increasing Attention to Young Girls in Gender-Based Violence Programming: This brief explores how gender-based violence (GBV) programs in emergency contexts can better address the GBV-related experiences, needs and risks facing girls aged 0-11 years. [Source: GBV CoF].

UNICEF. (2020). Technical note: Gender transformative approaches for the elimination of female genital mutilation: This technical note provides guidance on the adoption and integration of gender transformative
approaches to ending female genital mutilation and includes programme strategies, reference tools, resources, and case studies. [Source: UNICEF].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**


**Call for Applications**: UK MRC – Health systems research initiative call 8 – outline stage. Deadline: 19 January 2021.


**Call for Submissions**: NGO CSW65 Forum Young Feminist Awards! Deadline: 1 March 2021.


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**EVENTS**

- Researchers and Practitioners Dialogue: preventing gender-based violence, 21 January 2021, 9pm-11pm SAST: This session is designed for professionals engaged in efforts to break cycles of violence and prevent adolescent relationship abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. Register [online].

**VACANCIES**


- MEAL Officer (Re-advertised), Save the Children, Nigeria – Closing date: 13 January 2021.
7th International Conference on the Survivors of Rape, 9-10 June 2021, London, UK: The Havens Sexual Assault Referral Centre in London is pleased to announce the hosting of the seventh ICSoR conference in June 2021. The conference is open to professionals and survivors who work in the sexual violence and related fields, supporting individuals of all ages, genders and sexual orientations.

MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium: The symposium is a space for listening, critical reflection, and commitment to action across work to transform masculinities and engage men and boys for gender equality and social justice. For 2021 sessions, register online.

A virtual training on domestic violence in the midst of the pandemic, December 2020-June 2021: Join MADRE for a training on strategies to prevent, address, and document domestic violence in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The training – based on our toolkit – will highlight best practices from Global South organizations that safely and effectively adapted their work on domestic violence when faced with the global health crisis.


Administrative Assistant to the Resident Coordinator, UN, Panama – Closing date: 21 January 2021.

Programme Coordinator, INTERSOS, Yemen – Closing date: 21 January 2021.


Partnership MEAL Coordinator, Acción contra el Hambre, Syrian Arab Republic – Closing date: 31 January 2021.

EU Domestic Funding Manager, Save the Children, Brussels, Belgium – Closing date: 31 January 2021.


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.