



SVRI Update



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Doing feminist research is putting women and girls at the center and dismantling the multiple forms of violence that impact their lives; this is an act of political defiance, because like them and local activists and organizations, researchers face the fury of authoritarian and anti-gender movements.” – Susana Medina Salas

[Read the full blog](#)

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[Perkins, N. H., Rai, A., Grossman, S. F. \(2021\). Physical and emotional sibling violence in the time of COVID -19. J Fam Violence. 1–8](#): This article examines the potential for family stress to place siblings at risk for engaging in physical and emotional sibling violence and how this is exacerbated in the time of COVID-19. [Source: NCB].

[Cannon, C. E. C., Ferreira, R., Buttell, F., First, J. \(2021\). COVID-19, intimate partner violence, and communication ecologies. Am Behav Sci. 0002764221992826](#): In this study, the authors highlight key predictors of stress related to intimate partner violence (IPV) during COVID-19 and explore the importance of communicating these risk factors to increase protective responses for individuals experiencing IPV. [Source: NCB].

[Muldoon, K. A., Denize, K. M., Talarico, R., Fell, D. B., Sobiesiak, A., Heimerl, M., Sampsel, K. \(2021\). COVID-19 pandemic and violence: rising risks and decreasing urgent care-seeking for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors. BMC Med. 19\(20\)](#): This study examines the changes in emergency department admissions for sexual assault and domestic violence since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared.

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.

[Michau, L., Namy, S. \(2021\). SASA! Together: An evolution of the SASA! approach to prevent violence against women. Evaluation and Program Planning. 101918](#): This article aims to contribute to the knowledge base around what works to prevent intimate partner violence by describing the core enhancements in the revised version of *SASA! Together*—and linking these changes to Raising Voices’ program learning and broader advancements in the field of violence against women. [Source: Science Direct].

[Ranganathan, M., Stern, E., Knight, L., Muvhango, L., Molebatsi, M., Polzer-Ngwato, T., Lees, S., Stöckl, H. \(2021\). Women's economic status, male authority patterns and intimate partner violence: a qualitative study in rural North West Province, South Africa. *Cult. Health Sex. ePub*: Findings from this study reveal the benefits of women's empowerment from microfinance loans and gender-training and the complexities surrounding the intersection with male authority patterns. \[Source: *Taylor and Francis Online*\].](#)

[Goessmann, K., Ibrahim, H., Saupe, L. B., Neuner, F. \(2021\). Toward a contextually valid assessment of partner violence: development and psychosociometric evaluation of the Gendered Violence in Partnerships Scale \(GVPS\). *Front. Psychol.* 2020. 11, e607671: This study introduces the Gendered Violence in Partnerships Scale \(GVPS\), a new event checklist to assess experiences of intimate partner violence against women that was developed among women from displaced communities in northern Iraq. \[Source: *Frontiers in Psychology*\].](#)

[Parekh, A., Tagat, A., Kapoor, H., Nadkarni, A. \(2021\). The effects of husbands' alcohol consumption and women's empowerment on intimate partner violence in India - *J. Interpers. Violence. ePub*: This study sought to understand how husbands' alcohol consumption shapes the relationship between women's empowerment and violence among Indian couples. \[Source: *SafetyLit*\].](#)

[Youngson, N., Saxton, M., Jaffe, P. G., Chiodo, D., Dawson, M., Straatman, A. \(2021\). Challenges in risk assessment with rural domestic violence victims: Implications for practice. *J Fam Violence.* 1–14: This study examines the perspectives of service providers in the violence against women sector regarding risk factors and challenges in assessing risk for women experiencing domestic violence in rural locations. \[Source: *NCBI*\].](#)

[Maguele, M. S., Tlou, B., Taylor, M., Khuzwayo, N. \(2020\). Risk factors associated with high prevalence of intimate partner violence amongst school-going young women \(aged 15–24 years\) in Maputo, Mozambique. *PLoS One.* 15\(12\), e0243304: This study sought to determine the prevalence and the factors associated with intimate partner violence in young women \(aged 15–24 years\) attending secondary schools in Maputo, Mozambique. \[Source: *PLoS One*\].](#)

[Yount, K. M., Minh, T. H., Trang, Q. T., Cheong, Y. F., Bergenfeld, I., Sales, J. M. \(2020\). Preventing sexual violence in college men: a randomized-controlled trial of GlobalConsent. *BMC Public Health.* 20\(1331\). 1-19: RealConsent is a six-session, web-based educational entertainment program designed to prevent sexual violence perpetration and to enhance prosocial bystander behavior in young men. This paper describes a study protocol to adapt RealConsent for use in Vietnam and to test the impact of the adapted program—GlobalConsent—on cognitive/attitudinal/affective mediators, and in turn, on sexual violence perpetration and prosocial bystander behavior. \[Source: *Emory University*\].](#)

[Lewis, P., Bergenfeld, I., Trang, Q. T., Minh, T. H., Sales, J. M., Yount, K. M. \(2020\). Gender norms and sexual consent in dating relationships: a qualitative study of university students in Vietnam. *Culture, Health & Sexuality. ePub*: This analysis explores how university students in Vietnam perceive prevailing gender norms, and how these norms influence men's understanding of sexual consent in dating relationships. \[Source: *Taylor and Francis Online*\].](#)

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Call for materials: Tracking Funding for Research on Violence against Women (VAW) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)

The SVRI is working on a study to track funding for research on violence against women (VAW) in and low and middle income countries (LMICs). As part of this process, we are looking for studies that will help map funding for research on VAW. We would greatly appreciate links to related studies, which can be emailed to Joy Watson at watsonjoyann@gmail.com.

Call for information and materials: Adaptation of Intimate Partner Violence prevention programs

As the evidence base on effective intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention programming continues to grow, there is a need for guidance and tools to adapt IPV interventions to other contexts. Researchers at Harvard University, together with members of the Unite for a Better Life program team and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) are launching a new project to document learning and best practices around the adaptation of IPV interventions for different contexts including adaptation for different cultural

groups, adaptation from non-humanitarian to humanitarian settings, and adaptation to digital modalities. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to share information, research and / or experiences on adaptations of evidence-based initiatives to prevent IPV (on your own work or on other work that you are aware of that would be relevant). Kindly send relevant materials or documents to the email address listed below. We will respect the confidentiality and privacy of unpublished data and reports. *Please feel free to share this call for information with your network. For more information please contact: Dr. Vandana Sharma at vsharma@hsph.harvard.edu.* The deadline for information is 26 February 2021.

GBV Risk Mitigation and Covid-19 Survey: If you are working in the humanitarian sector please consider completing the Gender-Based Violence Risk Mitigation and COVID-19 Survey. Complete the survey in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Swahili](#), [Amharic](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, you can contact the Principal Investigator at BIDMC [Dr. Jennifer Scott at jscott3@bidmc.harvard.edu or +1 617-667-4165]. If you would like to talk to someone not involved in the study, you can contact the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Human Subjects Protection Office at +1 (617) 975-8500.

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.



BLOGS

[Pino, A., Dartnall, E., Sulaiman, Z., Medina, S., Hanöz-Penney, S., Lysén, A. \(2021\). By the way...Did you ask women? Ethical considerations for engaging men and boys to end violence against women and violence against girls. SVRI Blog:](#) This blog shares details of roundtable hosted by the SVRI at the [MenEngage Alliance \(MEA\) Ubuntu Symposium](#) in collaboration with [AÇEV](#), [COFEM](#), [IPPFWHR](#), and [SIDA](#). The roundtable discussed ethical considerations when researching, implementing, and funding programmes that engage men and boys in ending violence against women and violence against girls.

[Horbach, S. \(2021\). How the pandemic changed editorial peer review – and why we should wonder whether that's desirable. LSE Blogs:](#) Since its onset, COVID-19 has significantly accelerated and expanded scientific publishing. Drawing on research into open peer review in medical journals, Serge P.J.M. Horbach discusses what impact COVID-19 has had on the practice of peer review and what shifting assessment thresholds for academic research on COVID-19 might suggest about the future of peer review itself. [Source: [LSE Blogs](#)].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

[Public health, family violence, and COVID-19:](#) This episode discusses whether Australia's coronavirus prevention measures are fit for purpose and look at the challenges facing victims of family violence who are stuck at home due to the pandemic.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

[Crossing the social barrier: Participatory theatre as means to overcome gender based violence:](#) Questioning patriarchal gender relations and changing the social meaning of domestic violence to reduce its incidence: evidence from a cultural intervention in India, and its potential scale up. What works, where and for whom? Find

[Women on the frontlines: Ireland and Africa's first female heads of state on empathetic leadership, feminism and global development](#):

In this episode, The Elders' Mary Robinson and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf explore the power of feminist leadership and discuss the challenges women face in the fight to create a more equitable and just world.

out by watching [this](#) webinar recording.

[Women's economic empowerment and intimate partner violence: Untangling the intersections](#): In this webinar, Lori Heise shares evidence on the relationship between women's economic empowerment and intimate partner violence, and describes promising programmes and offers insights for implementation.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Abdelshahid, A., Smith, K., Habane, K. \(2021\). 'Do No Harm': Lived experiences and impacts of FGM safeguarding policies and procedures. Bristol study. FORWARD UK](#): This study examines the lived experiences of the new female genital mutilation (FGM) safeguarding policies in the UK, integrating perspectives from both African diaspora communities and professionals tasked with carrying out FGM safeguarding duties. [Source: WUNRM].

[Erikson, A., Kelly, F., Khan, S., Usman, S. \(2020\). The Warwick principles: Best practices for engaging men and boys in preventing violence against women and girls in the Pacific. Navigating the Pacific region towards respectful and equal societies. The Regional Pacific Women's Network Against Violence Against Women and UN Women](#): This report presents a set of principles and best practices for engaging men and boys in preventing violence against women and girls, that ensure accountability to Pacific women and girls. [Source: Men Engage Connect].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Nominations](#): Establishment of Civil Society Regional Reference Group. Extended Deadline: 18 February 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): Building GBV Evidence in Refugee and Humanitarian Settings Grant. Deadline: 19 February 2021.

[Call for Proposals](#): Womanity Award 4 Launch: Focus on Prevention of Domestic Violence. Extended Deadline: 28 February 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV). Deadline: 17 March 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): LSHTM – MSc Reproductive & Sexual Health Research. Deadline: 27 June 2021.



EVENTS



VACANCIES

- [Pandemic Burnout: Healthcare Workers and Beyond, 12 February 2021, 1pm ET](#): In this webinar, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) will discuss the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and solutions to expanding and encouraging access to mental health care. Register [online](#).
- [Innovations in strengthening health systems preparedness to address violence against women, 18 February 2021, 11:30-13:00 GMT](#): Bringing in voices from researchers, providers and activists, the webinar presents findings, challenges and lessons learned from efforts to implement innovative systems responses to strengthen health providers' capacities and service preparedness to address violence against women and the power relations involved. Join [here](#).
- [Adapting sexual violence prevention curriculum during COVID-19, 23 February 2021, 2pm EST](#): Join the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and PreventConnect on this web conference with program developers from Bringing in the Bystander/Know Your Power, and Expect Respect as they discuss the how and the why of their program adaptations during COVID-19. Guests will also discuss supplemental activities for sustaining prevention during the pandemic, as well as the crucial need to continue to prioritize prevention in times of crisis. Register [online](#).
- [Virtual coffee: Beyond awareness raising to prevent violence against](#)
- [Communications Programme Officer](#), Musawah Global Vision Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia or Remotely (Flexible) – Closing date: 14 February 2021.
- [Senior Adviser: Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming](#), Amnesty International, Flexible – Closing date: 15 February 2021.
- [Short Term Research Consultancy – Zero Violence](#), ActionAid UK, Not specified – Closing date: 18 February 2021.
- [WEI Temporary Consultant](#), Women Enabled International, Home-based - Closing date: 21 February 2021.
- Research Consultant for leading the Research(Assessment), Intervention Adaptation and M&E System for the SEED project (Supporting Girls' Education through Gender Norms Transformation in South Sudan), Tearfund, South Sudan – Closing date: 22 February 2021. For application details and questions, email Uwezo Lele B. at uwezo.lele@tearfund.org
- [Development Finance Manager \(Global Location Options\)](#), Access Now, Global Location Options – Closing date: 28 February 2021
- [Technical Director, Gender and GBV](#), HIAS, Remote – Closing date: 1 March 2021.
- [Communications Associate](#), XOESE, the Francophone Women's Fund, Lomé, Togo or home-based – Closing date: 3

[women and girls, 24 February 2021.](#)

8am ET: In this Prevention Collaborative virtual coffee, we will share experiences of different types of awareness raising approaches, and reflect on what awareness raising can achieve, and the limitations of this approach. We hope this discussion can be fruitful for informing decision-making around implementing awareness raising approaches, and to identify best practices for more effective awareness raising efforts. Register [online](#).

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- [Senior Communications Lead](#), The Prevention Collaborative, Not Specified – Closing date: 19 March 2021.
- [EMAP PLUS Specialist](#), International Rescue Committee, Global – Closing date: 31 March 2021.
- [RightsCon Communications Manager](#), Access Now, Global Location Options – Closing date: 3 May 2021.
- [Primary Violence Prevention Advisor – Parental Leave Cover](#), International Rescue Committee, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

Ampim, G. A. (2021, 8 February). [Young fathers in Ghana are expanding the meaning of manhood](#). *The Conversation*.

United Nations. (2021, 5 February). [Helping survivors of violence seek justice through forensic science in the West Bank](#). *IPS News*.

Van Amburg, J. (2021, 4 February). [Why the compounding traumas of the pandemic year may spark another wave of the #MeToo movement](#). *Well and Good*.

UN Women. (2021, 4 February). [Ending FGM is essential to give girls control over their own lives](#). *UN Women News*.

Associated Press. (2021, 1 February). [Pope denounces violence against women, demands protection](#). *The Washington Post*.

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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