QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is much to learn from examining how co-production works in diverse settings, including low and middle income countries, where local ownership of solutions is vital. However, most research has so far been in highly developed settings, with less than 2% of co-production literature examining low and middle income countries.”

Read the full article

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

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

Bauer, A., Garman, E., McDaid, D., Avendano, M., Hessel, P., Dias, Y., Araya, R., Lund, C., Malvasi, P., Matijasevich, A., Park, A. L., Paula, C. S., Ziebold, C., Zimmerman, A., Evans, Lacko S. (2021). Integrating youth mental health into cash transfer programmes in response to the COVID-19 crisis in low-income and middle-income countries. Lancet Psychiatry 2021, ePub. Cash transfer programmes are currently being adapted or expanded in various low-income and middle-income countries to support individuals and families during the pandemic. In this study, the authors argue that the current crisis offers an opportunity for these programmes to focus on susceptible young people (aged 15-24 years), including those with mental health conditions. [Source: The Lancet].


Erskine, D. (Ind). Not just hotlines and mobile phones: GBV service provision during COVID-19. UNICEF: This brief shares ideas on how to reach those affected by gender based violence (GBV) who do not have easy access to phone-based support. It sets out alternative non-phone, low/no tech options and provides ideas for linking these “alert systems” with remote GBV support providers. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

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.

Lokot, M. (2021). Secrets, gender norms and honour: examining tensions in everyday secret-keeping and secret-breaking practices among Syrian refugees. Women’s Studies International Forum. 85, 102455: This article explores every day, gendered practices of secret-keeping and secret-breaking related to six key topics: future plans, marital conflicts, intimate partner violence, relationships with the opposite sex, financial challenges, and personal needs and problems. [Source: Science Direct].

Singh, N. S., Lokot, M., Undie, C., Onyango, M. A., Morgan, R., Harmer, A., Freedman, J., Neidari, S. (2021). Research in forced displacement: guidance for a feminist and decolonial approach. The Lancet. 397(10274), P560-562: This article provides key recommendations (panel) and a detailed checklist (appendix) for applying a feminist approach that takes into account ethical, gender, and decolonisation considerations when collecting data in forced displacement settings. [Source: Population Council].


MacCarthy, S., Mendoza-Grafa, A., Wagner, Z., Barreras, J. L., Kim, A., Giguere, R., Carballo-Dieguez, A., Linnemayr S. (2021). The acceptability and feasibility of a pilot study examining the impact of a mobile technology-based intervention informed by behavioral economics to improve HIV knowledge and testing frequency among Latinx sexual minority men and transgender women. BMC Public Health. 21(341). ePub: This study provides a theoretically-grounded examination of intervention acceptability and feasibility to inform future scale-up and lessons learned for other mHealth interventions focusing on sexual and gender minority populations such as Latinx sexual minority men and Latinx transgender women. [Source: NCBI].


Cannon, C., Buttell, F. (2020). Research-supported recommendations for treating LGBTQ perpetrators of IPV: implications for policy and practice. Partner Abuse. 11(4), 485-504: This study reviews the literature on batterer intervention programs and intimate partner violence in sex and gender minority relationships to better understand how to deliver research-supported treatment during disasters. [Source: SafetyNet].

Tenkorang, E. Y., Owusu, A. Y. (2018). A life course understanding of domestic and intimate partner violence in Ghana. 79, 384-394: This study examines whether women’s
childhood experiences of family violence were associated with their later victimization and/or their perpetration of intimate partner violence. It further explores the effect of the timing and continuity of family violence over the life course. [Source: NCB].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Call for Speakers: Prevention During COVID-19 Town Hall
The landscape of preventing sexual and intimate partner violence has changed drastically in the past year. As we approach the one-year mark of most stay-at-home orders to curb the spread of the coronavirus, PreventConnect wants to hear how sexual and intimate partner violence prevention looks differently to you now than it did a year ago. If you are interested in presenting on this Prevention Town Hall happening on March 18, 2021, please fill out this brief survey by Monday February 22, 2021.

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.

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 intimate partner violence, such as physical threats, sexual harassment, bullying, stalking, sex trolling and exploitation. This blog provides six ways technology can help end gender based violence. [Source: UNICEF East Asia & Pacific].

BLOGS

McKone Leonard, M. (2021, 17 February). Exposing the costs of uncounting, a review essay: What does it mean to be ‘uncounted’? It means that the uncounted – an event, an individual, a group – is invisible, absent from a world built on data. In this review essay, Mariel McKone Leonard examines two recent books, Invisible Women by Caroline Criado Perez and The Uncounted by Alex Cobham, that take up the task of documenting the true extent of uncounting and make a compelling moral argument for addressing the consequences of the data gap. [Source: LSE Blogs].

Binder, G., Poulton, C. (2021, 12 February). Six ways tech can help end gender-based violence. UNICEF East Asia & Pacific: While digital technology can bring huge advantages, there is no doubt it can also facilitate violence. Women and girls are more likely to be targets of online violence, such as physical threats, sexual harassment, bullying, stalking, sex trolling and exploitation. This blog provides six ways technology can help end gender based violence. [Source: UNICEF East Asia & Pacific].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

- Resource on the Go Podcast: Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are serious and widespread issues — but we can all work together to eliminate these issues and create a safer world. This podcast series shares insights on responding to and preventing sexual assault from experts who are doing this work every day.
- GBVIMS releases remote GBV Case Management in COVID-19 response: This podcast series is aimed at supporting GBV caseworkers and supervisors to adapt their service provision in the context of governmental policies imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as movement restrictions, confinement, lockdown or other containment strategies.

WEBINAR / MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

- Presentation skills workshop: Led by award-winning communications expert, Jenni Prisk, this event provides you with techniques and skills to present your key messages with clarity, impact and poise, and tips for online presentation, as well as strengthen your voice in professional settings.
- Youth Activist Space: Collective Power: Are you a youth activist who has had a powerful experience in your gender justice work? Do you have an artistic component to your advocacy such as slam poetry, song, story? What inspires you to work for gender equality? Watch the recording to learn more about others’ work on this.

Register now!
ONLINE RESOURCES

Increasing the impact of health research through co-production of knowledge. The BMJ: This BMJ collection provides an overview of the evolution, potential, influence, learning and challenges in co-producing evidence to inform decision making in health policy and practice, and points to the core principles which should underpin it. In this collection, the authors define research co-production as where researchers work in partnership with knowledge users (comprising patients and caregivers, the public, clinicians, policy-makers, health system leaders and others) to identify a problem and produce knowledge, sharing power and responsibility from the start to the end of the research. [Source: The BMJ].

Contreras-Urbina, M., Ovince, J., Bourassa, A., Rojas, E. (2021). Rethinking power program evaluation in Southeast Haiti: Baseline report of the impact evaluation of the combined methodologies of SASAI and Power to Girls. GWI: This report is the baseline results of the Rethinking Power program, an adaptation of the SASAI and PowertoGirls methodologies. The robust quantitative and qualitative data obtained through the baseline provide an in-depth diagnosis of the situation of different types of VAWG in Southeast Haiti. The report is available in English and French. [Source: GWI].

Murphy, M., Bourassa, A. (2021). Gap analysis of gender-based violence in humanitarian settings: A global consultation. Elrha. Global Women's Institute: This Gap Analysis seeks to update the outstanding and persistent gaps that continue to challenge the gender based violence sector. This report identifies both operational and systemic challenges faced by the sector, continually acknowledging the complexity and diversity of needs across the sector in order to achieve its intended positive outcomes for women and girls in humanitarian settings. [Source: GBV COP].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for Proposals: Closing the justice gap - A Legal Empowerment Research and Learning Agenda. Deadline: 22 March 2021.

EVENTS

- **GBV Prevention, 19 February 2021, 12:45-2pm SAST**: This webinar will explore the intersectionality between violence against women and violence against children. Partnerships for prevention will also provide an input on a flagship project regarding GBV prevention through collaboration with the religious sector. Please RSVP to lauren.october@uct.ac.za after which you will receive a MS Teams invitation to the webinar.

- **INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children training series. Safe environments, 19 February 2021, 15:30 – 17:00 Amsterdam**: This webinar, fourth in a series of eight webinars covering the INSPIRE strategies, will present the strategy “safe environments” in more depth and will include reflections on how they can be adapted for implementation in the time of COVID-19. Register online.

- **JII Congress of Science, Feminism and Masculinities (ICCFEM), 28-29 February 2021**: Un congreso dirigido a personas investigadoras de todas las disciplinas científicas que pretende contribuir en la investigación actual en todas las ciencias, para aportar evidencias que contribuyan a la investigación, al mismo tiempo que, al feminismo y masculinidades, y lograr así un mayor impacto social.

- **2021 U-M School of Nursing Global Summer Institute, "Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for All!", 11-13 May 2021**: This year’s summer institute will explore the intersection of research, practice and advocacy in sexual and reproductive health in local and global contexts. The cost is $25 for students and attendees from Low and Middle Income Countries and $50 for those from High Income Countries. Register online.

VACANCIES


- **Technical Specialist - VAWG Prevention (Re-advertisement)**, UN Women, Kabul, Afghanistan – Closing date: 6 March 2021.

- **Director of Strategic Operations and Organisational Effectiveness**, Just Associates (JASS), Ideally based in one of JASS’ regions (Mesoamerica, Southern Africa, or Southeast Asia) – Closing date: 8 March 2021.


- **Program Officer**, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Kigali, Rwanda or Omaha, NE, USA – Closing date: 31 March 2021.

- **Head of Impact**, Girl Effect, Nairobi, Kenya or Mumbai, India – Closing date: 1 April 2021.

- **Director of People Operations**, Integrate Health, Remote, US, Europe, or West Africa – Closing date: 30 April 2021.


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