QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Research can play an unorthodox yet critical role in reforming our approach to systemic violence: diffusing awareness of violence and the tools to address it through participants’ networks.”

Read the full article here.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

Singh, N.S., Lokot, M., Undie, C., Onyango, M.A., et al. (2021). Research in forced displacement: Guidance for a feminist and decolonial approach. The Lancet, 397(10274): 560 - 562: Applying feminist values to data collection during COVID-19 and beyond requires putting at the centre the knowledge of those from whom data are being collected. This paper provides key recommendations and a detailed checklist for applying a feminist approach that takes into account ethical, gender, and decolonisation considerations when collecting data in forced displacement settings. [Source: Population Council].


Di Franco, M., Martines, G.F., Carpinteri, G., Trovato, G., et. al. (2020). Domestic violence detection amid the COVID-19 pandemic: The value of the WHO questionnaire in Emergency Medicine. QJM: Monthly journal of the Association of Physicians, hcaa333. Advance online publication: This study ascertains the frequency of cases of domestic violence among the admissions to the Emergency Room of the University Hospital ‘Gaspare Rodolico – San Marco’ in Catania, Sicily (Italy) during a period of 5 months, including the complete COVID-19 ‘lockdown’ period. [Source: PubMed].


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.*

Stark, L., Robinson, M.V., Seff, I., Gillespie, A., et al. (2021). The effectiveness of Women and Girls Safe Spaces: A systematic review of evidence to address violence against women and girls in humanitarian contexts. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, online first*; In an attempt to prevent and respond to the occurrence of VAWG in humanitarian settings, Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) have been promoted as a promising intervention. This systematic review examines the current quantitative evidence available on the impact and effectiveness of WGSS programs. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Tarshis, S., Alaggia, R., & Logie, C. H. (2021). Intersectional and trauma-informed approaches to employment services: Insights from intimate partner violence (IPV) service providers. *Violence Against Women, online first*; This article presents qualitative findings from a constructivist grounded theory study that examines intimate partner violence and employment-seeking from the perspectives of 10 service providers. [Source: SafetyLit].

Glass, N.E., Clough, A., Messing, J.T., Bloom, T., et. al. (2021). Longitudinal impact of the myPlan App on health and safety among college women experiencing partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, online first*; This paper examines differences in change over time in health and safety outcomes among female college students randomized to myPlan, a tailored safety planning app, or usual web-based safety planning resources. [Source: SafetyLit].

Michau, L., & Namy, S. (2021). SASA! Together: An evolution of the SASA! approach to prevent violence against women. *Evaluation and Program Planning, 86*: 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—called SASA! Together—and linking these changes to Raising Voices’ program learning and broader advancements in the field. [Source: SafetyLit].

Naved, R.T., Al Mamun, M., Parvin, K., Willan, S., et. al. (2021). Learnings from the evaluation of HERrespect: A factory-based intervention to prevent intimate partner and workplace violence against female garment workers in Bangladesh. *Global Health Action, 14*:1; This article describes the challenges in program implementation and evaluation in the factories and the serious implications that arose for the study outcomes. [Source: icddr, b].

Yount, K.M., Cheong, Y.F., Khan, Z., Miedema, S.S., et. al. (2021). Women’s participation in microfinance: Effects on women’s agency, exposure to partner violence, and mental health. *Social Science & Medicine, 270*, 113686; This article assesses the effects of microfinance participation on novel measures of agency; intimate partner violence exposure; and depressive symptoms in 930 wives in Matlab, Bangladesh. [Source: icddr, b].

Yount, K. M., Cheong, Y. F., Miedema, S., & Naved, R. T. (2021). Development and validation of the Economic Coercion Scale 36 (ECS-36) in rural Bangladesh. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, online first*; This article describes a sequential, mixed-methods study that developed and validated a scale for economic coercion in married women in rural Bangladesh, where women’s expanding economic opportunities may elevate the risks of economic coercion and other intimate partner violence. [Source: icddr, b].

Belknap, J. (2010). Rape: Too hard to report and too easy to discredit victims. Violence Against Women, 16(12), 1335–1344: Comments on an article by David Lisak et al. (see record 2010-26125-002). David Lisak and his colleagues point out that confusion and panic over false rape charges have a contentious and long history. The tendency for antifeminists' focus on "false rape charges" is ironic given the reality that research consistently finds the vast majority of rapes are unreported to officials. [Source: University of Colorado-Boulder].

McDaniels-Wilson, C., & Belknap, J. (2008). The extensive sexual violation and sexual abuse histories of incarcerated women. Violence Against Women, 14(10), 1090–1127: This study uses the Sexual Abuse Checklist (designed by the first author) and a modified version of the Sexual Experiences Survey (SES) to obtain a detailed account of 391 incarcerated women’s self-reported sexual violation and abuse histories. [Source: University of Colorado-Boulder].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

UNDP Public Consultation: Ensuring integration of women and LGBTI people’s needs in health and climate change action

UNDP is mapping opportunities to facilitate greater engagement and integration of the needs of women and LGBTI people in the Asia Pacific in ways that contribute to people-focused, gender-transformative, rights-based, and equity-oriented approaches to health in the face of challenges posed by climate change, pandemics and other shocks.

You are invited to a public consultation on what priority actions should be, where the gaps are in knowledge and capacity, and what support is needed to break the siloes to ensure everyone benefits equally from health policies and programmes. Click here to join the consultation from 22 February to 19 March. For any questions, please contact Katri Kivioja (katri.kivioja@undp.org).

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.

BLOGS

Chadwick, R. (2021, 24 February). Reflecting on discomfort in research. LSE Impact Blog: Feelings of discomfort can arise in research, especially research that works across differences in social power and status. In this post Rachelle Chadwick discusses the role of discomfort in research methods and how recognising and ‘staying with’ discomfort can positively shape qualitative research methods. [Source: LSE].
PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Life Solved Podcast – Voices against violence with Professor Tamsin Bradley: In this episode, Professor Tamsin Bradley explains how innovative research into violence against women is informing international development organisations on how to respond to crises.

Policy Implications Podcast - The silenced women: Can public stimulate reporting of violence against women? In this episode of the Policy Implications Podcast together with dr Abhilasha Sahay from the World Bank Group we discuss whether increased awareness of violence against women can increase the reporting of these crimes.

The Feminist City - Shifting away from criminal approaches and carcerality for gender justice: In this episode, Sneha Visakha is in conversation with Alok Prasanna Kumar about why tackling violence against women must shift away from criminal approaches to bringing about structural changes towards correcting gendered power imbalance in society.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Understanding the dynamics and tactics of intimate partner violence through the lens of Indigenous survivors: This webinar by the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center aims to bring light to the experiences of survivors and clarify the priorities and role of advocates from an Indigenous, grassroots standpoint. Highlighted in this webinar is the importance of traditional, cultural practices in strengthening and building our capacity to provide effective, respectful advocacy with our relatives surviving IPV and other forms of domestic violence.

Preventing and combating violence against women in sport: The panelists in this PACE webinar examine the extent of the phenomenon of violence against women in sport, the underlying causes that allow such violence to occur and the “code of silence” around its denunciation. Recommendations and good practices in force in different European countries are placed forward. (Content warning: this webinar includes a testimony of sexual abuse).

ONLINE RESOURCES

Contreras-Urbina, M., Ovince, J., Bourassa, A., & Rojas, E. (2021). Rethinking Power Program Evaluation in Southeast Haiti, Washington D.C.: Global Women's Institute: This report is the baseline results of the Rethinking Power program, an adaptation of the SASA! 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. Read the report in French. [Source: GWI].

Children's Advocacy Center Model: This program is a multidisciplinary, victim-focused approach designed to improve forensic interviewing and the continuity of care for youth who are victims of sexual abuse and assault. The program is rated Effective. The program showed a statistically significant increase in the receipt of physical health examinations and counseling referrals for treatment group youth, compared with youth in the community comparison group. [Sources: National Institute of Justice].
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

**Call for proposals**: Womanity Foundation, Womanity Award. Application deadline extended until 14 March 2021.

**Call for proposals**: The Human Trafficking Research Initiative Competitive Fund. Applications close: 21 March 2021.

**Call for proposals**: Tech Coalition Safe Online Research Fund. Applications close: 11 April 2021.

**Call for proposals**: Health Systems Research Initiative (HSRI) Foundation Grant. Applications close: 26 May 2021.

EVENTS

- **INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children training series**: Parent and caregiver support, 2 March 2021, 14:30 - 16:00 p.m. Amsterdam: This webinar will present the strategy "parent and caregiver support" in more depth and will include reflections on how they can be adapted for implementation in the time of COVID-19. Register online.

- **UNICEF 5 part webinar series - Violence against Children and COVID-19**:
  - Webinar 1: Using social media data for assessing children's

VACANCIES

- **Communications Officer - Humanitarian and Conflict**, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK - Closing date: 28 February 2021.


- **Senior Programme Manager - Equity and Social Policy**, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK - Closing date: 2 March 2021.
exposure to violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2 March 2021, 8 – 9 a.m. EST.

- Webinar 2: Violence against children during COVID-19 Assessing and understanding change in use of helplines, 9 March 2021, 8 – 9 a.m. EST.

- Webinar 3: Research on violence against children during the COVID-19 pandemic: Guidance to inform ethical data collection and evidence generation, 16 March 2021, 8 – 9 a.m. EST.

- Webinar 4: Modelling the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on violent discipline against children, 23 March 2021, 8 – 9 a.m. EST.

- Webinar 5: Violence against children in the time of COVID-19: What we have learned, what remains unknown and the opportunities that lie ahead, 30 March 2021, 8 – 9 a.m. EST.

- Digitalisation and Violence Against Women and Girls, 8 March 2021, 9:00 AM EST / 15:00 PM CET. This International Women’s Day, experts from all over the world will discuss the paradoxes of online violence and digital inclusion. Join SITE4Society at the United Nations University - MERIT and Friend in Need India Trust. Register here. If you are researching or working on the topic

- Senior Programme Manager – Politics and Governance, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK - Closing date: 2 March 2021.

- Project Manager – Sponsorship Phase in Programme, Plan International, Kurigram under Rangpur Divisional Office, Bangladesh - Closing date: 6 March 2021.

- Head of ALNAP Communications, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK - Closing date: 7 March 2021.


- Local researcher: LISUNGi Safety Nets System Project, World Bank Group, Congo-Brazzaville - Closing date: Open until filled.

- Strategic Information Manager, FHI360, Pretoria, South Africa - Closing date: Open until filled.
of digital inclusion and/or online violence, we want to hear from you - please feel free to connect here.

• Technology and Data Senior Strategist, Frida, The Young Feminist Fund, Virtual - Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS

TRT World. (2021, 25 February). 'We, As Ourselves' initiative to focus on Black sexual violence survivors. TRT World.


UN Women. (2021, 24 February). 'Our voices are being heard': Indigenous women in Mexico break down language barriers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in their communities. UN Women News.

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.