QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Ensuring sufficient financing and skilled human resources for research capacity building continues to be a challenge in LMICs faced with chronic resource constraints in health service delivery. Advocacy for core funding to co-production approaches is critical for challenging this status quo in many LMICs and for showing the value of research co-production, which includes the development of innovative solutions to complex health challenges and the achievement of health improvement goals."

Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

Healing from sexual violence: Innovative approaches for positive mental health, 28 April 2021, 16:00-17:15 SAST: In this webinar, we will unpack the SVRI’s most recent knowledge exchange: Healing from Sexual Violence: Body-focused mental health approaches. Building on this framework, panelists will share practice-based learning (including strengths and challenges) from programming with survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian contexts, anti-trafficking shelters and work with survivors of child sexual abuse. Register online.

Opportunities

Call for Applications: Research Priority Setting in Latin America and the Caribbean: The SVRI plans to work with regional partners in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to develop a set of regional priorities for research on violence against women. The process will be informed by findings of the global research agenda-setting process alongside a review of literature on regional research gaps in LAC. The SVRI is looking for a consultant/consulting firm to undertake this project. Download the terms of reference in English and Spanish. Closing date: 8 April 2021.

Call for a Communications Specialist: Global Shared Research Agenda: The SVRI is seeking support from a communications specialist/agency to assist us in developing a communications campaign to share both how the agenda has been developed and the priorities identified by the field. Download the Terms of Reference. Closing date: 20 April 2021.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

Pontalti, K., Williams, T. P. (2021). Child Protection Learning Brief #3: Battling the perfect storm – Adapting programmes to end child marriage to COVID-19 and beyond. UNICEF: This learning brief synthesizes evidence on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting child marriage risk factors and how UNICEF, within the Global Programme, is pivoting to identify and respond to risk factors and adapt programming to COVID-19 limitations. [Source: UNICEF].
COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker: The COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker monitors responses taken by governments worldwide to tackle the pandemic, and highlights those that have integrated a gender lens. It captures two types of government responses: women's participation in COVID-19 task forces and national policy measures taken by governments. It analyses which of the policy measures address women's economic and social security, including unpaid care work, the labour market and violence against women. The Tracker can provide guidance for policymakers and evidence for advocates to ensure a gender-sensitive COVID-19 policy response. Check out the tracker for country by country findings. More information can also be found in the updated global factsheet and the specific data brief on COVID-19 taskforces [Source: UN Women].

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.

Postmus, J.L., Nikolova, K., Lin, H., Johnson, L. (2021). Women’s economic abuse experiences: Results from the UN Multi-Country Study on Men and Violence in Asia and the Pacific. 1–28, ePub: This study examines the relationship between economic abuse and food insecurity for women in Asia and the Pacific through the lens of family stress theory and gender role theory. [Source: University of Maryland School of Social Work].


Dawson, A., Ekeroma, A., Wilson, D., Noovao-Hill, A., Panisi, L., Takala, B., Black, K., Bateson, D. (2021). How do Pacific Island countries add up on contraception, abortion and reproductive coercion? Guidance from the Guttmacher report on investing in sexual and reproductive health. Reprod Health. 18(68), ePub: In this study, the authors provide a collation of information across multiple datasets to provide an up-to-date snapshot of sexual and reproductive health and rights in Pacific Island countries. [Source: NCBI].
BLOGS

Kara, H. (2021, 29 March). A simple guide to ethical co-authorship. LSE Blog: Historically the single authored paper has been a mainstay of social scientific and humanistic research writing. However, co-authorship is now for many social science disciplines the default mode of academic authorship. Reflecting on this, Helen Kara, provides some key insights and advice for authors looking to co-write and co-publish in an ethical way. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Jesus as a victim of sexual abuse: David Tombs tells Rosie how engaging with Liberation Theology and the experience of tortured people in Central America led him to consider the evidence that Jesus was a victim of sexual abuse. Watch the event recording.

Sexual violence in conflict zones: In this episode, Dr Melanie O’Brien, Senior Lecturer at the University of Western Australia and an award winning teacher of International Humanitarian Law and Legal Research shares her research on examining the connection between human rights and the genocide process; and sexual and gender-based crimes and against women in conflict zones.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Group of friends for the elimination of violence against women and girls - CSW65 side event: This event provided an opportunity to take stock of ongoing efforts to integrate the prevention and redress of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in COVID-19 responses at the national and local level, and highlight areas to further enhance cooperation and build partnerships to eliminate VAWG.

Applying a rights-based approach to child and adolescent survivors with disabilities: The session unpacks: attitudes/beliefs in relation to child and adolescent survivors with disabilities; the rights-based model for disabilities; risks faced by child and adolescent survivors with disabilities using an intersectional lens; and barriers that child and adolescent survivors with disabilities may face when accessing services.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Feather, J., Martin, J., Neville, S. (2021). Global evidence review of sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment in the aid sector. RSH: This report examines evidence related to scale and prevalence of sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH) in the aid sector, factors which increase risk, and evidence of effective approaches that organisations have implemented to prevent and respond to SEAH in the aid sector. [Source: Social Development Direct].

GBV AoR Helpdesk. (2021). Learning brief: Climate change and gender based violence – What are the links. GBV AoR Helpdesk: This paper explores the extent to which gender based violence (GBV) risks are exacerbated by climate hazards, whether global commitments to address climate integrate GBV considerations, and how the humanitarian system can better respond to the needs of women and girls impacted by climate change. [Source: Social Development Direct].

Reaves, J. R., Tombs, D., Figueroa, R. (eds.). (2021). When Did We See You Naked?: Jesus as a victim of sexual abuse. London: SCM Press: Was the stripping and exposure of Jesus a form of sexual abuse? If so, why does such a reading of Jesus’ suffering matter? The combined impact of the #MeToo movement and a further wave of global revelations on church sexual abuse have given renewed significance to
recent work naming Jesus as a victim of sexual abuse. This book presents the arguments for reading Christ as an abuse victim, as well as exploring how the position might be critiqued, and what implications and applications it might offer to the Church. [Source: University of Otago].

UN Women. (2021). COVID-19 and women’s rights organizations: Bridging response gaps and demanding a more just future (Policy Brief No. 20). UN Women: This brief provides evidence of the different ways in which women’s rights organizations have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the predicament that many of them face of increased relevance and demand at the same time as civic closure, restrictive work conditions and diminishing funding. [Source: Relief Web].

Women’s Refugee Commission. (2021). Addressing sexual violence against men, boys, and LGBTIQ+ persons in humanitarian settings: A field-friendly guidance note by sector. WRC: This guidance note outlines key actions and considerations for service provision per sector to support frontline workers to better address sexual violence against men, boys, and LGBTIQ+ persons. [Source: GBV CoP].

Alzérreca, A., Ariza, M. H., Bertolini, C., Vega, M. C., Flisi, I., Palacios, C., Santoyo, M., Vidal, C. (2021). Guidelines for the provision of remote psychosocial support services for GBV survivors. UNFPA: Delivery of specialized, remote gender-based violence services are fairly new, and there is a gap in standardized guidelines for service providers. In line with the UN Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, these guidelines aim to guide the provision of remote, high quality and survivor-centered services in Latin America and the Caribbean, which can be adapted for other regions. [Source: Spotlight Initiative].

RESPECT Women: Preventing violence against women – Implementation package: This is a suite of practical resources and tools to support the implementation of the 2019 RESPECT Women: Prevention Violence against Women Framework. The implementation package builds on a vast evidence base of what policies and programmes work in preventing violence against women and girls—including entry points identified in the 2015 Framework to underpin action to prevention violence against women—so we can scale up prevention work in the years ahead. [Source: UN Women].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Expression of Interest: Women’s Funds to Sub-grant Funds to Local and Grassroots Women’s Organizations Working on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls – Spotlight Initiative Secretariat. Deadline: Ongoing.

• **Combating violence against women through state institutions: Emerging evidence and implications for practice, 2 April 2021, 9:30am -10:45am EDT:** During this webinar, panelists will share evidence from two GCCI-funded randomized evaluations funded in India that measure the effectiveness of different approaches taken by the police to tackle the issue of violence against women. They will also discuss the implications of this new research for evidence-informed decision-making in India and other contexts. A short audience Q&A session will follow the panel discussion.

• **Youth advocacy dialogue on sexual and reproductive health and rights, 8 April 2021, 10am – 1pm SAST:** This dialogue will engage adolescents, young people, and organizations working on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) on the age of consent, comprehensive sexuality education, and the meaningful engagement of young people on issues related to SRHR. Register [online](#).

• **Consultant to Conduct a Baseline Study for Generation G Programme, Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa – Closing date: 7 April 2021.**

• **Consultoría Local: Elaboración Metodológica de Programa de parentalidad, servicio de apoyo psicoemocional y gestión de casos, a través de plataformas online, UNICEF, Cuba – Closing date: 8 April 2021.**

• **Communications Consultant for Our Voices III, University of Bedfordshire (IC), UK – Closing date: 9 April 2021.**

• **Gender Coordinator, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission, Ukraine – Closing date: 19 April 2021.**

• **Partnership Equality Review Consultant, International Rescue Committee, Global Remote – Closing date: 30 April 2021.**
NEWS


The Economist. (2021, 13 March). Nicaragua shows how poor countries can reduce domestic violence. The Economist.

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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