QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Including the views of feminist researchers from low and middle income countries in research and agenda setting is good practice and makes for better science. Let's continue working together in providing a platform for passionate experts from the Global South to drive the agenda." Elizabeth Dartnall, SVRI Executive Director.

Learn more about the SVRI Forum.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultancy: Research Uptake Institutional Approach and Online Course Curriculum Development: The SVRI, with support from Sida and an anonymous donor, plans to deliver an open, publicly available online course on research uptake. The SVRI is looking for a consultant to assist in the development of our institutional approach to research uptake and the development of an online course. Download the Terms of Reference. Extended closing date: 26 March 2021.

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.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

VOICE. (2021). We must do better. A feminist assessment of the humanitarian aid system’s support of women- and girl-led organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. VOICE: This report represents the first attempt at a global feminist assessment of the experiences of women and girls—and the organizations they lead—during the COVID-19 pandemic. It looks at the lives of women and girls holistically to see how the pandemic has impacted their organizations and communities and how humanitarian responders engage with them, if at all. [Source: VOICE].


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.


Zietz, S., Kajula, L., Martin, S., Moracco, B., Shanahan, M., & Maman, S. J. (2021). "Mtoto wa nyoka ni nyoka," the child of a snake is a snake: a narrative analysis of adverse childhood experiences and perpetration of interpersonal violence among men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Journal of Interpers. Violence. ePub: This study qualitatively examines factors that may facilitate or impede the use of violence among those who have been exposed to adversity early in life. [Source SafetyLit].


Helpingstine, C.E., Stephens, D.P., Kenny, M.C., Eaton, A.A. (2021). Adolescent girls with a history of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE): Perceptions and characteristics of social networks. Child Abuse Negl. 115: e105015: Previous research has demonstrated that social support systems such as family, peers, or social services can play a role in adolescent girls’ involvement in commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). This study identifies the social networks used by eight racial/ethnic minority adolescent girls who have experienced CSE. [Source SafetyLit].

Wood, E. A., Wilson, K. E., Jacobs, K. D. (2021). Exploring the differences between men's and women's perceptions of gender-based violence in rural Tajikistan: a qualitative study. BMC Womens Health. 21(1), e91: This study aims to investigate the differences in perceptions of violence as it relates to empowerment among men and women in rural Tajikistan. [Source: BioMed Central].

Ariana Markowitz (2021) The better to break and bleed with: Research, violence, and trauma. Geopolitics. 26(1), 94-117: This article is part of the small but growing methodology literature on emotion and trauma in social science research, particularly in relation to studying violence. The author argues that on top of shame around mental health in general and a reluctance to turn our gaze toward ourselves amidst the distress and suffering of our research participants, the weight of positivism in academia, even on those researchers who rebuke the paradigm, silences our ability to engage with what we see, hear, do, and feel as we gather information. [Source: UCL].

BLOGS

Heeckt, C., Martinez, A. (2021, 8 March). How Mexican cities could meet women's transport needs. LSE Blog: The majority of women in Mexican cities depend on public transport to get to their jobs. Yet sprawling urban development and a lack of safe, well-connected transport infrastructure means they are denied mobility and the opportunities that come with it. Catarina Heeckt (LSE) and Anamaría Martínez (WRI Cities) say the government must look at transport through a gender lens as Mexico emerges from the pandemic. [Source: LSE].

Murphy, M. (2021, 8 March). Choosing to Challenge: Gender bias and inequality in humanitarian aid systems. Global Women's Institute Blog:
This blog shares findings of the report titled *Gap Analysis of Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Settings: A Global Consultation* - highlighting that many of the challenges affecting the delivery of effective gender-based violence (GBV) programming are systematic in nature, and reflects the wider de-prioritization of GBV programming within humanitarian action. [Source: GWI].

Guedes, A., Nesbitt-Ahmed, Z., Camilletti, E. (2021, 5 March). Researchers reflect on what inspired them to work on gender. UNICEF: In commemoration of the International Women’s Day 2021, the authors share what inspired them to work on gender issues. [Source: UNICEF].

### PODCASTS

**What we’re listening to**

**The Justice Gap: The decriminalisation of rape, 12 March 2021**: The dwindling number of prosecutions of rape has led Human rights lawyer Harriet Wistrich to believe we have ‘virtually decriminalised’. Earlier in the year the legal charity that she founded, the Centre for Women’s Justice, brought a challenge in the courts against the Crown Prosecution Service’s rape charge policy on behalf of the End Violence Against Women Coalition. In this episode, the campaigning feminist lawyer tells Calum McCrae why our justice system fails rape survivors.

**She Thrives - A safety in the workplace podcast: Violence against women in professional workspaces (A banker’s story), 9 March 2021**: Nicolette Naylor (International Program Director - Gender, Racial and Ethnic Justice, Ford Foundation) and Uche Ofodile (CEO, MTN Benin) discuss a banker’s experience with violence in the workspace. More episodes from She Thrives available [here](#).

**Intersectionality Matters with Kimberlé Crenshaw: And still we fight, 31 January 2021**: In this post-inauguration roundtable, Kimberlé and her guests grapple with the events of the past month, and contemplate the crossroads that the country now finds itself in. As we prepare for four years of Democratic leadership, how must we organize ourselves in order to fight for a more just future, rather than merely a return to the past? And what becomes possible when we embrace a political agenda that centers intersectionality as a means for achieving that future?

### WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

**Your chance to catch up anytime!**

**WUNRN Webinar on violence against women, 3 March 2021**: This webinar highlights the increase in violence against women & girls online & cyberbullying, building on the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and WUNRN EU advocacy.

**Sharing experiences in responsible safeguarding, Safeguarding Resource & Support Hub, 24 February 2021**: Two different organisations, Mott MacDonald and Justice Studio (members of the SLN) presented their experience of implementing safeguarding, particularly around the key priorities for the SLN, namely Leadership; Survivor Support; Diversity and Inclusion; Improving Safeguarding Capacity; and Reporting Mechanisms. The discussion during the Q&A sessions has particularly emphasized the need for survivor support and continuous efforts to be consistent and persistent in promoting safeguarding in every area of the sector’s involvement. The webinar was primarily designed for the Private Sector but it did provide insights for both non-governmental- and Private Sector organisations.

**Health system responses: Violence against women and mental health, ANROWS, 8 January 2021**: This webinar explored how mental health services can enhance responses to domestic and family violence through a collaborative approach, and how policy can address the intersection of violence against women and mental health.

### ONLINE RESOURCES
Zubaan, IDRC. (N.D). Thinking about feminist research ethics: Discussion briefs for researchers on Zubaan/IDRC’s sexual violence and impunity project. New Delhi: Zubaan: Realities on the ground are extremely complex and political compulsions, ethnic divides, social and economic vulnerabilities bring to bear further complexities. This set of ethical guidelines was developed by the Zubaan/IDRC project in consultation with researchers and experts from all South Asian countries. [Source: IDRC].

Majlis Project, IDRC. (N.D). Researching sexual violence: Ethical concerns. Mumbai City: Majlis: This document provides ethical guidance for the Majlis Project/IDRC which aimed to develop policy protocols for each of their institutional stakeholders responding sexual abuse, and to provide socio-legal support to survivors. [Source: IDRC].

Practising Ethics: This website offers a series of guidelines and insights into how to negotiate the difficult ‘ethical moments’ that different built environment research practices, methods and contexts pose. [Source: UCL].

ECSA: Eradicating Child Sexual Abuse Project provided by Lucy Faithfull Foundation: This website is a free international prevention toolkit for practitioners and policy makers committed to tackling child sexual abuse. It can be used by a nation, area or region to develop a considered, credible and culturally-appropriate strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse. [Source: ECSA: Eradicating Child Sexual Abuse Project].

XY Online: Engaging men in violence prevention: Key resources: Men and boys have a vital role to play in preventing and reducing men's violence against women and girls. Engaging men is now firmly on the violence prevention agenda. XY Online collection includes great introductions to the notions that men have a role to play in preventing and reducing violence against women, that this violence is a 'men's issue', and that violence prevention efforts should include engaging men. [Source: Men Engage Connect].

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for Papers:** Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters - Self-care interventions. Deadline: 31 March 2021.

**Call for Applications:** COVID-19 Solidarity Response for Tanzanian Womn. Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from women's rights groups, collectives, cooperatives, organisations and movements working in Tanzania.

**Call for Applications:** Feminist Response and Recovery from Impacts of COVID-19. Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Call for Proposals:** Centering Disability Justice for African Womn in a Global Pandemic. Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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**EVENTS**

**VACANCIES**
Preventing family violence with gender-transformative parenting programmes, 24 March 2021, 09:00 AM EST: In this webinar, speakers highlight key findings and recommendations from parenting programmes that apply a gender-transformative approach to address IPV and VAC together and reflect on how this evidence has been used to strengthen interventions. Register online.

CSW65 virtual side events: CSW events on ending violence against women have been highlighted below. The full schedule of side events can be accessed here. A number of faith related CSW side events will also be hosted. These events are listed here.

- **Friday 19th March:**
  - The importance of ensuring migrant women's effective participation and decision-making in public life in countries of destination, and the elimination of sexual and gender-based violence against them, 09:00 AM EST.
  - Reclaiming gender justice: Countering national, regional and global backlashes, 09:00 AM EST.
  - Child, early and forced marriage – preventing forced marriages and empowering girls in an international


- **Programme Management Officer**: Advancing Women's Engagement: Strengthening Opportunities to Mobilise for Equality (AWESOME), Womankind Worldwide, UK – Closing date: 22 March 2021.

- **Communications Associate**, XOES, the Francophone Women's Fund, Lomé, Togo or home-based – Closing date: 25 March 2021.


- **Senior Learning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer**, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Johannesburg, South Africa – Closing date: 23 March 2021.


- **Gender And Social Inclusion Director**, Mercy Corps, Nigeria - Closing date: 25 March 2021.

- **Policy and Advocacy Manager on Women's Participation and Leadership**, Womankind Worldwide, UK – Closing date: 29 March 2021.
Monday 22nd March:
- Enhancing police and justice responses to GBV against women: New tools and emerging challenges in times of the pandemic, 10:00 AM EST.
- Women in crisis settings – transforming gaps into synergies. Towards more gender equal, inclusive and sustainable local solutions, 10:00 AM EST.

Tuesday 23rd March:
- Faith forward - Women brokering peace in conflict and crisis, 07:30 AM EST.
- Del no es no, al sí es sí: normas y políticas públicas para la erradicación de las violencias sexuales contra las mujeres, 10:00 AM EST.

Wednesday 24th March:
- Essential Services Provision during the COVID-19 Pandemic: What Works – Tools and Approaches, 09:00 AM EST.
- Community-based Approaches to Addressing Violence
Against Women at a Time of Heightened Risk | Enfoques Comunitarios para Abordar la Violencia Contra las Mujeres en un Momento de Mayor Riesgo, 10:00 AM EST.

▪ "We have your back" - Breaking the cycle from online harassment to threats to violence against women and girl leaders, 10:30 AM EST. Also available in French.

○ Thursday 25th March:

▪ Working together to end violence against women in the Arab States Region, 08:00 AM EST.

▪ Examining the implementation and efficacy of national strategies to combat violence and ensure the advancement of women, 08:30 AM EST.

▪ Violencia contra las mujeres en política: experiencias nacionales de América Latina hacia su erradicación, 15:00 PM EST.

▪ Head of Grants Management, Foundation for a Just Society, New York, USA – Closing date: 10 April 2021.

▪ Expert on Security for Women’s Rights Organisation in the MENA Region, medica mondiale e.V., Dohuk, Iraq – Closing date: 11 April 2021.

▪ Feminist Learning and Evaluation Manager, Women’s Funds Collaborative, Remote – Closing date: 16 April 2021.

▪ Program Manager, Women’s Funds Collaborative, Remote – Closing date: 16 April 2021.

▪ Associate Humanitarian Affairs Officer, NOB, OCHA, Bangkok, Thailand - Closing date: 16 April 2021.

▪ Humanitarian Aid Program Facilitators, CTG Global, Nigeria - Closing date: 18 April 2021.

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

▪ Roster of Individual Contractors/Consultants in the READ (Research on Education and Development) Unit, Office of Research - Innocenti, Florence, Italy – Closing date: 15 December 2021.

▪ Online short course: Researching Gender-Based Violence: Methods and
Meaning 17-28 May 2021: This course aims to strengthen participants’ knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women. Register [online].

**NEWS**


UN. (2021, 16 March). [Women must be ‘front and centre’ of pandemic recovery, UN chief says]. *UN News.*


Topping, A. (2021, 10 March). [Almost all young women in the UK have been sexually harassed, survey finds]. *The Guardian.*


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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