QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Rather than expecting one project to fit the bill of a “perfect” co-production project, resources should be put into fostering a series of meaningful interactions with key partners from high income countries as well as LMICs, within and beyond academia. This would nurture co-production efforts in the spirit of equitable partnerships.”

Read the full article

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Webinar invitation

Healing from sexual violence: Innovative approaches for positive mental health, 28 April 2021, 4pm-5:15pm SAST: In this webinar, we will unpack the SVRI’s most recent knowledge exchange. Building on this framework, panellists will share practice-based learning (including strengths and challenges) from programming with survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian contexts, anti-trafficking shelters and more. Register online.

Research priorities for the intersections between violence against children and violence against women

The SVRI, UNICEF Innocenti, and the Special Programme on Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) hosted by WHO are joining efforts to develop global research priorities on the intersections between VAW and VAC. This research agenda will contribute to building knowledge in a more systematic way, ensure that research efforts make the best use of limited resources, and serve to monitor progress over time. A consultative, inclusive process among VAW and VAC stakeholders will identify areas where research can enhance coordination, alignment and consistency to address the intersections in innovative and effective ways.

If you would like to join the Global Stakeholders, please sign up and we will include you in the database. All are welcome.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

Rohwerder, B., Thompson, S., Shaw, J., Wickenden, M., Kayastha, S., Sigdel, A., Akter, F., Bosri, R. (2021). ‘Because of COVID, everything is a mess’ How have people with disabilities experienced the pandemic in Nepal and Bangladesh? Institute of Development Studies: This paper sought to understand how people with disabilities who are often excluded from research have experienced the evolving COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh and Nepal. [Source: SSDirect].

Porter, C., Favara, M., Sánchez, A., Scott, D. (2021). The impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on physical domestic violence: Evidence from a list randomization experiment. SSM - Population Health. 14, 100792: This study quantifies the increase in physical domestic violence (family or intimate partner violence) experienced by young people aged 18–26 during the 2020 COVID-19 lockdowns in Peru. [Source: Science Direct].

Bingöl, U., Yenİmez, M. N. C. E. (2020). Fighting with the gender-based violence amid the pandemic. Int. J. Contemp. Econ. Admin. Sci. 10(2), 335-344: This paper aims to explore a vast range of literature concerning historical pandemics to observe methodologies for combating those pandemics while uncovering patterns of impacts created by the pandemics, especially in increasing diverse violent incidents. [Source: Safetylit].

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.


Bovarnick, S., Cody, C. (2021). Putting risk into perspective: Lessons for children and youth services from a participatory advocacy project with survivors of sexual violence in Albania, Moldova and Serbia. Children and Youth Services Review. 126, 106003: While engaging survivors of sexual violence in participatory advocacy may not be new to adult services, it is less common among children and youth services that commonly prioritise “protection” over “participation”. This paper draws on monitoring and evaluation data collected from a youth advocacy project with fifteen survivors of sexual violence in Albania, Moldova and Serbia. [Source: Science Direct].

Beran, D., Pesantes, M. A., Berghusen, M. C., Hennig, B. J., Jacobi, J., Lazo-Porras, M., Llanque, A., Placella, E., Robledo-Abad, C., Bayona, M. T., Miranda, J. J. Rethinking research processes to strengthen co-production in low and middle income countries. 372, m4785: In this article, the authors argue that co-production needs to become an integral part of the training and funding of researchers to ensure research meets everyone’s needs. [Source: BMJ].

Douedari, Y., Alhaffar, M., Duclos, D., Al-Twaish, M., Jabbour, S., Howard, N. (2021). 'We need someone to deliver our voices': reflections from conducting remote qualitative research in Syria. Confl Health. ePub: Drawing on several years’ experience of remotely conducting qualitative research in Syria, this paper discusses the challenges and approaches to conducting more inclusive, participatory, and meaningful research from a distance. [Source: NCBI].

Lépine, A., Treibich, C., D’Exelle, B. (2020). Nothing but the truth: Consistency and efficiency of the list experiment method for the measurement of sensitive health behaviours. *Social Science & Medicine*. 266, 113326: In this study, the authors tested the consistency and efficiency of the list experiment method and applied their analysis to the measurement of unprotected sex among a highly stigmatized group, female sex workers in Senegal, and to the measurement of intimate partner violence among married or cohabiting women in rural Burkina Faso. [Source: *Science Direct*].


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**BLOGS**

Gest, J. (2021, 22 April). Why don’t you publish your research here? *LSE Blog*. Justin Gest author of *Mass Appeal: Communicating Policy Ideas in Multiple Media* asks why not publish your research outside of academic outlets? And, suggests academic institutions need to engage more creatively with an increasingly diverse range of multimedia, if they are to create the change their research promises. [Source: *LSE*].

**PODCASTS**

*What we’re listening to*

The Brain Architects Podcast: COVID-19 Special Edition: Domestic Violence and Shelter-In-Place: discusses important, practical steps those at home can take to keep themselves and their children safe, as well as strategies others can use if they think someone they know may be experiencing domestic violence.

**WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS**

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Women’s economic empowerment and intimate partner violence: Untangling the intersections: During this webinar, Lori Heise shares evidence on the relationship between women’s economic empowerment and intimate partner violence, describes promising programmes and offers insights for implementation.

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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

Girl Effect and Women Deliver. (2021). Going online for sexual and reproductive health: Meaningfully engaging adolescent girls and young women for smarter digital interventions: This report explores the barriers and opportunities of digital technology in improving adolescent girls’ and young women’s access to sexual and reproductive health and rights information. [Source: *Women Deliver*].
Schulte, M. (2021). Select gender-based violence literature reviews: Corporal punishment in schools in low-income countries: An evidence review. USAID: This review provides insights and recommendations for future research and program evaluation concerning prevention of emotional, physical and sexual violence against children in schools, and the ways in which school-related violence is gendered in processes and outcomes. [Source: USAID].

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University (2021). Three principles to improve outcomes for children and families, 2021 update: This report proposes three basic principles that are grounded in science and can help guide policymakers and program developers. It calls out more explicitly the growing body of evidence of a link between disparities in health and education outcomes and the ways in which public structures, systems, and services deny opportunity to people of color. [Source: Center on the Developing Child].

Bartosiak, D., Cockram, C., Heale, L. (2021). Community-based safeguarding visual toolkit. Habitat for Humanity International, Oxfam International, Wateraid, Translators Without Borders, Interaction: This toolkit is adaptable and designed to assist humanitarian and development agencies to communicate key safeguarding messages derived from the Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse to the communities in which they and their partners work, helping to break down barriers of language, literacy, and accessibility. The toolkit aims to support communities in preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment by promoting a “speak up” culture. [Source: Safeguarding Resource & Support Hub].

Equality Now and Dignity Alliance International. (2021). Sexual violence in South Asia: Legal and other barriers to justice for survivors: This report calls on the governments of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka to take urgent action to address sexual violence and improve access to justice for survivors. [Source: Equality Now].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for Proposals:** The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Cabo Verde. Deadline: 29 April 2021.

**Call for Proposal:** Strengthening capacities of shelters to support women survivors of violence to address and protect legal property ownership and inheritance rights which were undermined due to traditional patriarchal values. Deadline: 29 April 2021.

**Call for Applications:** Commissioner’s Community Conversation Grants. Deadline: 30 April 2021.

**Call for Inputs:** Report on femicide – Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. Deadline: 30 April 2021.

**Call for Papers:** Contemporary Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality in International Law: A Critical Seminar. Deadline: 30 April 2021.
• **Launch Party: COFEM Feminist Leadership Learning Brief, 29 April 2021, 10am ET:** Join COFEM for a discussion on practicing feminist leadership: How is it affirming, and how is it challenging? What can we learn from one another? Register [online](#).

• **Setting research and innovation priorities: how can we ensure meaningful participation of people affected by crises?, 29 April and 9 May 2021, 1pm-2pm BST:** As part of this year’s Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week, Elrha is hosting an online panel discussion exploring the challenges associated with ensuring meaningful participation of people affected by crises when setting research and innovation priorities. Register [online](#).

• **Virtual dialogue series: Healing in solidarity training of trainers workshop to strengthen self and collective care of African LBTIQ movement building and social justice work, 5-28 May 2021:** This workshop intervention responds to an attempt to untangle the ‘stuckness’ movements face from time to time in centering radical care and building resilience. To this end, the Feminist Republik Platform, in collaboration with the African Ecofeminist Collective, invites

• **Project Manager - Pedestrian Safety, ChildSafe, South Africa – Closing date: 26 April 2021.**

• **Data Support Officer, PACT, South Africa – Closing date: 28 April 2021.**

• **Project Officer (Humanitarian Hub), International Organization for Migration, Malakal, South Sudan – Closing date: 29 Apr 2021.**

• **Investigator – Employee Relations, CARE USA, Flexible – Closing date: 30 April 2021.**

• **Program Manager II, Catholic Relief Services, Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza – Closing date: 30 April 2021.**

• **Programme Coordinator (Maternity cover), Remote, RedR UK – Closing date: 30 April 2021.**

• **GBV (FGM/C) Coordinator- Somali Nationals Only, European Committee for Agricultural Training, Garowe, Somalia – Closing date: 2 May 2021.**

• **Individual Local Consultant for Final Evaluation of Women Empowerment Programme in Pakistan, International**
you to explore the possibilities of a transitional African feminist politics of radical healing, justice, and solidarity. Apply here to attend the workshop on or before 25 April 2021.

- **Contextual communications for safeguarding, 11 May, 3pm GMT+1**: This webinar will address the complexities involved in communicating sensitive issues such as safeguarding and SEAH. We will explore how visual communication about safeguarding can be used in different cultural contexts and discuss translation. Register online.

- **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. Apply online.

- **Online course: Introduction to safeguarding in the international aid sector**: This course will help those working in NGOs and development and humanitarian agencies to better understand the causes of harm, abuse, and exploitation. Join the course here.

- **Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Islamabad, Pakistan – Closing date: 2 May 2021.**


- **Violence against Children Prevention Director**, Raising Voices, Kampala, Uganda – Closing date: 10 May 2021.

- **Executive Director**, Raising Voices, Kampala, Uganda – Closing date: 10 May 2021.

- **Fundraiser**, Give a Child a Family, South Africa – Closing date: 15 May 2021.

NEWS


Worthington, E. (2021, 18 April). How a panicked phone call to the ABC newsroom led to a Four Corners investigation and the dismantling of an alleged sex slave cult. ABC News.


IPS. (2021, 8 April). Cost of being ‘honour bearers’ sexual violence during communal riots in India. IPS 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.