QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Prevention is the best and only cure” to stem the multiple, devastating and enduring consequences faced by survivors of sexual violence in conflict...”

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

New article
Sikweyiya, Y., Mahlangu, P., Dartnall, E., Suich, H. (2021). Examining the risks of engaging in population-based surveys on violence: follow-up study of the individual deprivation measure in South Africa. Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics. ePub: Relatively little is known about the emotional and other risks for respondents, of engaging in research on violence (especially violence against women), in particular where the same questions are asked for both men and women in the same household. Thus, a follow-up study was undertaken in South Africa, the aims of which were to identify any unintended consequences of asking about these experiences of violence and lack of control over personal decision making, and to safeguard future respondents by identifying and understanding any negative consequences.

Webinar recording
Healing from sexual violence: Innovative approaches for positive mental health: In this webinar, hosted on 28th April 2021, we unpacked SVRI’s most recent knowledge exchange. Panellists shared practice-based learning (including strengths and challenges) from programming with survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian contexts, anti-trafficking shelters and work around collective healing. Access the webinar recording and materials here.

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


Yenilmez, M. N. C. E., Çelik, O. B. (2020). Int. J. Contemp. Econ. Admin. Sci. ePub: This study explores a wide range of literature about pandemics that have happened in the past and previous public health emergencies and crisis, to enable it to ascertain patterns by which pandemics can further heighten the different kinds of violence against women. [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.


Peterman, A., Valli, E., Palermo, T., on behalf of the LEAP 1000 Evaluation Team. (2021). Government anti-poverty programming and intimate partner violence in Ghana. Economic Development and Cultural Change. ePub: In this study, the authors examine whether a government cash transfer program, paired with a health insurance premium waiver and targeted to pregnant women and mothers of young children in Ghana, reduced intimate partner violence. [Source: The University of Chicago].


Magombo, P. W., Ntenda, P. A. M., Nkoka, O. (2021). Association between intimate partner violence and the use of maternal health care services among married Malawian women. BMC Womens Health, 21(173): This cross-sectional study assesses the association between intimate partner violence and the use of maternal and child health care services among Malawian women who were married/in a union at the survey time. [Source: NCBI].

Ummak, E., Toplu-Demirtaş, E., Jessen, R. S. (2021). Untangling the relationship between internalized heterosexism and psychological intimate partner violence perpetration: a comparative study of lesbians and bisexual women in Turkey and Denmark. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub: This study presents an investigation of the prevalence of sexual orientation and country (Denmark and Turkey) differences in perpetrating psychological intimate partner violence (IPV) and the moderating roles of sexual orientation and country on the association between internalized heterosexism and psychological IPV perpetration. [Source: Safetylit].


**MEMBER’S REQUEST**

**Request for participation**

Mariam Abood, a Master student at the University of York, is conducting a questionnaire on the experiences and effects of gender-based violence, particularly concerning sexual violence. Through a questionnaire, Mariam seeks to understand opinions and views of women from the MENA region on what they regard feminism as. Complete the questionnaire [here](#).

**BLOGS**

Montana, J., Wilsdon, J. (2021, 21 April). Analysts, Advocates and Applicators – Understanding and engaging with different actors in the evidence for policy movement. LSE Blog: Superficially connecting evidence to policy might seem like a singular process that brings together different actors towards a common end. However, drawing on a qualitative study of professionals in the evidence – policy field, Jasper Montana and James Wilsdon present a new taxonomy for understanding the different groups working at this intersection and advise how researchers might engage with them effectively at different stages of their research. [Source: LSE].

**PODCASTS**

**WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS**
What we’re listening to

How to be accountable to women and girls while addressing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Podcast Episode 19): The podcast hosts a discussion of two of UNICEF’s experts on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and gender based violence (GBV), Lorenza Trulli and Sunita Palekar Joergensen tell more about how to promote a survivor-centred approach in SEA and GBV service provision. The discussion addresses recent SEA incidents in the aid sector.

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Preventing violence against women: Dispatches from the frontiers of research and practice: In this webinar recording, Lori Heise, Professor of Gender, Violence and Health at JHSPH, gives an account of her career and the emergence of violence against women on the global health agenda. “In trying to create social change, it’s important that we don’t forget our history because it so often gets lost or even rewritten,” says Heise.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Feather, J., Martin, R., Neville, S. (2021). Global evidence review of sexual exploitation and 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: Safeguarding Support Hub].

Bhate-Deosthali, P., Rege, S., Arora, S., Avalaskar, P., Chavan, R., Bavadekar, A. (2018). Surviving sexual violence: Impact on survivors and families. Mumbai, India, CEHAT: This research captures the journey of rape survivors from the time they reported the incident to their access for justice, and the impact of rape on survivors and their families. [Source: CEHAT].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for Proposals: Accepting expressions of interest to advance evidence linking cash transfers and intimate partner violence (IPV) in LMIC. Deadline: 9 July 2021.

• **Connecting gender equality and biodiversity – for sustainable societies, 4 May 2021, 9:00–10:45 CEST**: As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and as we anticipate the adoption of a new Global Biodiversity Framework, the webinar will gather development actors from global to local level to share and learn about the emerging evidence and how we can achieve better results by promoting both gender equality and biodiversity together. Register online.

• **Understanding femicide from the perspectives of perpetrators, 11 May 2021, 12pm CST**: Most research on intimate femicide, the intentional killing of a woman or girl by a past or current intimate partner, has justifiably focused on victims. Yet, intimate femicide perpetrators are rarely studied despite their important role as drivers of violence. The webinar will present the results of two interrelated studies that focused on femicide perpetrators in Argentina. Register online.

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

• **RightsCon Communications Manager, Access Now, Global Location Options – Closing date: 3 May 2021.**

• **Research Consultant, Online and ICT Facilitated Violence Against Women, UN Women, Cairo, Egypt – Closing date: 5 May 2021.**

• **Consultant to Conduct a Mapping on Laws and Services Related to Online and ICT Facilitated Violence Against Women, UN Women, Cairo, Egypt – Closing date: 5 May 2021.**

• **National Consultant to Conduct a Study to Fill Common Data Gaps on the Intersectional Nature of Inequalities (Intersectionality) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Central Asia, Spotlight Initiative, Home-based – Closing date: 6 May 2021.**

• **Consultancy: Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies, WHO, Cox Bazar,**
• **Training orthodox seminary students and clergy to respond to domestic violence: Current approaches and lessons from around the world, 13 May 2021, 1:30pm UK time:** In this webinar we will be joined by specialists working in seminary education and clergy training to explore to what extent and how Orthodox Christian seminaries prepare theology students and future clergy to teach about marriage and against domestic violence in an effort to identify good practices, gaps and opportunities for the future. Register online.

• **Global progress towards non-violent childhoods: putting prohibition of corporal punishment of children into practice, 4 June 2021, 8:00am New York:** This high-level conference makes the case for accelerating progress towards universal prohibition and elimination of corporal punishment – as a human rights obligation and a moral imperative, but also as an effective and essential foundation for ending all violence against children. Register online.

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**NEWS**


United Nations. (2021, 22 April). *'Careers have no gender', connect girls to tech, for a brighter future UN urges*. *UN 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.

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