QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Capacity strengthening for the co-production of health research can enable bottom-up and contextually appropriate policy and programme design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, as well as strengthen local ownership and research uptake."

Read the full article

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultancy opportunity: Communications Specialist

The SVRI is currently hosting several projects which involve running consultative processes and engagement with a diverse network of stakeholders globally and especially in low- and middle-income countries.

These include:

- Developing guidance on ethical funding for research on violence against women and violence against children in low- and middle-income countries.
- Strengthening SVRI contributions towards ending VAC and CSA and advancing their work in these areas in line with their broader strategy pillars, namely building evidence, strengthening capacity, promoting partnerships and influencing change.

We are seeking support from an experienced communications person to work closely with the abovementioned project teams and to assist us in developing a communications strategy that helps us to reach out and engage stakeholders, share information, ensure participation, and disseminate our findings as widely as possible. Closing date: 14th May. View the Terms of Reference here.

SVRI Forum 2022 - Feedback on survey questions

The SVRI recently asked its members to rank the SVRI Forum 2022 themes, to highlight key areas we might not have adequately addressed, and to suggest ways to keep the Forum a key event on their calendars. We have had an overwhelming response! Thank you to all who participated. The feedback brief is now available in English and Spanish.

Upcoming webinar

“Research and Pilot on Ntombi Vimbela: A promising sexual for female tertiary students on South African Campuses”, 19 May 2021, 10am SAST: In this webinar, findings from formative research,
intervention development and pilot of Ntombi Vimbela! on South African Campuses will be disseminated. 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](https://www svri.org/intersections/). 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](https://www svri.org/sign-up) and we will include you in the database. All are welcome.

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**COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES**

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

Lokot, M., Bhatia, A., Heidari, S., et al. (2021). The pitfalls of modelling the effects of COVID-19 on gender-based violence: lessons learnt and ways forward. BMJ Global Health 2021;6:e005739: In this paper, the authors discuss the rationale for using modelling to make projections about GBV, and use the projections released by UNFPA to draw attention to the assumptions and biases underlying model-based projections. [Source: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](https://www lshtm.ac.uk).  


For more resources, visit [SVRI COVID-19 webpage](https://www svri.org/covid-19).

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**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.**


Damanpak-Rizi, M., Farnam, F., & Khodakhah, P. (2021). Effect of cognitive-behavioral therapy on domestic violence and its consequences in transgender youth: A randomized clinical trial, parallel group study. BMC Psychiatry 21, 210: Very few if any interventions have been designed to reduce family violence against transgender youths. This study is a randomised controlled trial conducted on
50 transgender youths with selected inclusion criteria in Iran. It will evaluate the effect of cognitive-behavioral therapy on violent behaviors towards transgender people. [Source: SafetyLit].


Jeong, J., Bhatia, A., Skeen, S., Adhia, A. (2021). From fathers to peers: Association between paternal violence victimization and peer violence perpetration among youth in Malawi, Nigeria, and Zambia, Social Science & Medicine, 278:113943: In this study, the authors specifically investigate the role of fathers and whether paternal violence victimisation is associated with peer violence perpetration, above and beyond maternal violence victimisation. [Source: SafetyLit].


MEMBER’S REQUEST

Request for participation

The Women’s Refugee Commission in partnership with Kings College London are conducting a Delphi study on the knowledge gaps in and priorities for research related to child marriage in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) / Arab States (AS) region. We eagerly welcome responses from as many regional and national experts in child marriage as possible by May 11th. Complete the first-round questionnaire here.
Jochim, J., Rumble, L., & Blight, S. (2021, 5 May). How a focus on parenting can reduce violence both for children and women. UNICEF Connect: Violence in the home can leave long-lasting scars. Parenting programmes have enormous potential to prevent violence within families and tackle harmful gender norms. Increasing the number of families benefitting from these programmes requires resources. [Source: UNICEF].

Podcasts

*What we're listening to*

'Stick to the science': When science gets political: In this three-part podcast series, *Nature* explores the history, philosophy and reality of science's complicated relationship with politics. [Source: Nature].

Emerging ideas and connections for child sexual abuse prevention: In this podcast, PreventConnect staff share recent developments in child sexual abuse prevention and their ideas and hopes for the future of child sexual abuse prevention. In part one of this podcast, PreventConnect staff discusses existing resources for preventing child sexual abuse.

Webinar/meeting recordings

*Your chance to catch up anytime!*

Evaluation in the violence against women sector, ANROWS, 3 May 2021: In this webinar, the expert panel draw on examples of evaluations they have implemented and share strategies and tips for workers in the violence against women sector.

Combating violence against women through state institutions, J-Pal, 9 April 2021: With the rate of domestic violence increasing in light of Covid-19, what is the role of state institutions, including the police, in preventing and responding to violence against women? This second webinar in the GCCI series discussed randomized evaluations funded by GCCI that address this question and its implications.

Online resources

Taylor, J., & Shrive, J. (2021). 'I thought it was just a part of life': Understanding the scale of violence committed against women in the UK since birth. UK: VictimFocus: Over 22,000 UK women told VictimFocus about their experiences of violence and abuse. This dataset is the largest and most comprehensive record of violence committed against women and girls in the UK. [Source: VictimFocus].

GBV AoR self-care series: This collection contains 8 self-care videos created by the GBV AoR. [Source: GBV CoP].

Research opportunities & grants
Call for proposals: IFPRI accepting expressions of interest to advance evidence linking cash transfers and intimate partner violence (IPV) in LMIC. Deadline: 9 July 2021.

Call for applications: Short-term conference and travel grants for students, early-career academics, and researchers based in Armenia. Deadline: Rolling basis until 31 December 2021.

EVENTS

- **Donor mapping for GBV initiatives: The methodology used in the DRC and how they leveraged the results, 11 May 2021, 2pm Amsterdam**: In this webinar, the GBV Sub-cluster Coordinator in the DRC will present results of a recent "mapping" of donor funding for GBV activities.

- **Contextual communications for safeguarding, 11 May 2021, 3pm GMT +1**: During this webinar, panelists will discuss safeguarding translation and visual communications on safeguarding.

- **Virtual celebration of the heroes of health and human rights, 16 May 2021, 6pm GMT**: Join Physicians for Human Rights to celebrate health professionals, scientists, and human

VACANCIES

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

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

- **Operations Consultant for Engagements with Large Institutions**, Raising Voices, Kampala, Uganda - Closing date: 10 May 2021.


rights advocates tirelessly working for
the health, safety, and rights of others
during the pandemic.

- **Prevención de la violencia sexual
durante COVID-19 en las comunidades Latinx, 19 de mayo 2021, 2pm EST:** Esta conferencia web se ofrecerá en Español con interpretación en vivo en Inglés.

- **CVIP Brown Bag Featuring Dr. Amber Peterman, 20 May 2021, 2pm CT:** This presentation will include results from a recent mixed-method evaluation of the Government of Ghana’s LEAP 1000 cash transfer programme.

- **Re-advertisement: Regional Roving Protection Advisor (MENA), Oxfam, Based in Mena Region - Closing date:** 16 May 2021.

- **Operations Director, Save the Children, Amman, Jordan - Closing date:** 20 May 2021.

- **GOC Project Coordinator, at the Forefront (atF), Remote - Closing date:** 30 May 2021.

- **Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Capacity Builder, Frontline Defenders, Based in MENA region - Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

**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.

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