QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Being an SVRI recipient has been a fantastic opportunity. It helped me complete a very important and rigorous component of the study. The funding, network and support the SVRI has provided has been very important to my career growth as an early researcher and key to feeling like a part of the GBV research community” – Grantee from Rwanda.

Learn more about the SVRI Research Grant.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funding Opportunity

The SVRI Research Grant 2022: Knowledge for Action to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children: We are delighted to announce that the SVRI Research Grant 2022 is now open. The grant is dedicated to funding innovative research that contributes to the prevention and response of violence against women, violence against children, and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries. All grant related documents can be downloaded here. Closing date for applications: 2 August 2021.

Events

How can religious literacy and freedom of religion or belief literacy inform partnerships, especially for promoting gender equality, 27 May 2021, 9:00am ET / 3:00pm SAST: This webinar a part of a series of webinars co-hosted by OHCHR, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, and the JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub using the peer-to-peer learning methodology of the #Faith4Rights Toolkit. Register here.

A researchers and practitioners dialogue – Do programmes engaging men to end violence against women, 27 May 2021, 3:00pm-5:00pm CAT: In the era of negating the need for research and evidence-based decision making, dialogue between researchers and practitioners in the field of gender equality is needed more than ever if we are to make inroads in prevention programmes aimed at ending violence against women. In this roundtable we will discuss the findings and lessons for the field of the four Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the World Bank Group grantees who have conducted research on the topic in low- and middle-income countries: Peru, DRC, Uganda, and Kenya. Register here.

Faith in GBV response: Exploring relationships and implications for humanitarian practice, 3 June 2021, 11:00am London / 12:00pm SAST: This webinar hosted by the GBV AoR Community of Practice with JLI/SVRI Faith & GBV Hub, the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) at University of
Birmingham and EQUISTY Gender Lab will provide a platform for learning exchange and examine the involvement of faith concerns in GBV service provision and make suggestions for how the humanitarian sector might respond. Register here.

Research Support

Help us track funding for VAW research in LMICs: The SVRI is conducting a study to track funding for research on violence against women (VAW) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We invite all donors, grant recipients and other role players involved in research on VAW to complete a survey to help us track VAW research funding flows (estimated time 10 mins). There are two surveys: 1) Grant recipients doing / supporting research on VAW in LMICs, and 2) Grant-makers / donors funding research on VAW in LMICs. All surveys are available in English, Spanish and French.

- For Grant Recipients (researchers, practitioners, activists and other key role players undertaking research on VAW) please complete the survey here in either English, Spanish and French.
- For Grant-makers and Funders the link to your survey is here in English, Spanish and French.

You are welcome to complete both surveys. Thank you for your help with this critical study that will help support advocacy efforts for more and better research funding to the field. For further information please contact Joy Watson: watsonjoyann@gmail.com.

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. 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. Please sign up for the Global Stakeholders list and we will include you in the database.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


Cappa, C., Jijon, I., (2021). COVID-19 and violence against children: a review of early studies. Child Abuse Negl. ePub: This article reviews the literature that has been produced on children's exposure to violence during the pandemic to understand emerging patterns and critically appraise methodologies to help inform the design of future studies. [Source: Safetylit].

United Nations Children's Fund. (2021). COVID-19: A threat to progress against child marriage. UNICEF: This report warns that school closures, economic stress, service disruptions, pregnancy, and parental deaths due to the pandemic are putting the most vulnerable girls at increased risk of child
marriage. [Source: UNICEF].

For more resources, visit SVRI COVID-19 webpage.

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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.*

Ranganathan, M., Heise, L., Peterman, A., Roy, S., Hidrobo, M. (2021). *Cross-disciplinary intersections between public health and economics in intimate partner violence research*. SSM - Population Health. 14, 100822: Research on intimate partner violence (IPV) has progressed in the last decade in the fields of public health and economics, with under-explored potential for cross-fertilisation. This study examines the theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches that the public health and economics disciplines use to conceptualise and study IPV, and offer a perspective on their relative advantages. [Source: LSHTM].

Ibala, R. M., Seff, I., Stark, L. (2021). *Attitudinal acceptance of intimate partner violence and mental health outcomes for female survivors in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 18(10), 5099: This multi-country study examines the relationship between attitudinal acceptance and adverse mental health outcomes in adolescent girls aged 13 to 24 exposed to intimate partner violence in sub-Saharan Africa. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Barada, R., Potts, A., Bourassa, A., Contreras-Urbina, M., Nasr, K. (2021). “I go up to the edge of the valley, and i talk to God”: Using mixed methods to understand the relationship between gender-based violence and mental health among Lebanese and Syrian refugee women engaged in psychosocial programming. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 18(9), 4500: This mixed-methods study by a Lebanese service provider, in partnership with an international research institute, seeks to better understand how experiences of gender-based violence and mental health intersect in the lives of Syrian and Lebanese women, and how to better meet their needs. [Source: GBV CoP].

Vyas, S., Meinhart, M., Troy, K., Brumbaum, H., Poulton, C., Stark, L. (2021). *The economic cost of violence against women and girls in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review of the evidence*: This is a systematic review of evidence on the estimated direct and indirect costs of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The authors present cost estimates, summarize the methodological approaches utilized, and identify the challenges in estimating the economic costs. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Teixeira de Souza, M. H., Miskolci, R., Claudio Signorelli M., de Figueiredo Balieiro, F., Gomes Pereira, P. P. (2021). *Postmortem violence against transvestites in Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil*. Cadernos de Saúde Pública. 37(5), e00141320: This article seeks to describe and analyse the violence experienced by transvestites in their trajectories (which often culminated in their homicides), focusing on the violence that continues even after death. [Source: Federal University of Parana].

Lokot, M., Sulaiman, M., Bhatia, A., Horanieh, N., Cislaghi, B. (2021). *Conceptualizing “agency” within child marriage: implications for research and practice*. Child Abuse Negl. 117, 105086: This discussion paper aims to interrogate dominant conceptualizations of child agency through an exploration of child agency narratives on child marriage. The authors suggest that adopting a broader definition of children’s agency in research and implementation enables a more nuanced, complex understanding of the drivers of child marriage and the interventions required to address this practice. [Source:
Kays Ebrahim, B., Fouche, A., Walker-Williams, H. (2021). Losses associated with childhood sexual abuse in women survivors: a scoping review. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub: This article reports the findings of a scoping review designed to identify research exploring the losses associated with childhood sexual abuse in women survivors. [Source: Safetylit].

Thurston, A. M., Stöckl, H., Ranganathan, M. (2021). Natural hazards, disasters and violence against women and girls: a global mixed-methods systematic review. BMJ Glob. Health. 6(4), e2020-004377: This is the first known global systematic review examining the associations between disasters caused by natural hazards and violence against women and girls. [Source: BMJ Global Health].


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**MEMBER’S REQUEST**

¡Ayúdenos a planear las charlas! Help us plan our charlas!

Estimada Red:

Espero que este mensaje le encuentre bien.

Durante los dos meses pasados hemos empezado con nuestra serie de charlas; una oportunidad para presentar y compartir nuestros diversos trabajos. Desde nuestro comité de organización, queremos extender una invitación a una reunión abierta para participar en planear las próximas charlas para los meses que vienen. Esta reunión será una oportunidad para compartir sus ideas y surgencias para continuar de fortalecer la red.

La reunión será: Lunes 31 de mayo a las 11:00 (CST/CDMX), 12:00 (EST), 13:00 (Argentina) por Zoom.

Si le interesa participar o conoce a otra gente que le interesa, favor de mandar un correo a Claire (clairetsb@gmail.com) para la invitación de Zoom.

Dear Network:

I hope this message finds you all well.

Over the past two months we have begun our monthly charlas series; an opportunity to present and share our diverse work. On behalf of our organizing committee, we would like to extend an invitation to an open meeting to participate in the planning of the charlas for the coming months. This meeting will be an opportunity to share your ideas and suggestion and to help us continue to growth and strengthen the network.

The meeting will take place on Monday May 31 at 11:00 (CST/CDMX), 12:00 (EST), 13:00 Argentina on Zoom.
If you are interested in participating or know others who may be interested, please send an email to Claire (clairetsb@gmail.com) for the Zoom invitation.

**BLOGS**

Aronson Fontes, L. (2021). Tips to prepare for virtual court. Domestic Shelters: Just the idea of going to court scares a lot of survivors. Some people may feel relieved to learn that they may be able to attend a proceeding or even testify through an application on their computer or smart phone, from home. Others may feel more nervous with a virtual proceeding. Preparation helps.

**PODCASTS**

What we're listening to

“The Do One Better!” podcast: in this episode, Executive Director and CEO of Together for Girls, Daniela Ligiero, talks about their work in tackling violence against children and their invaluable, national Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys

**WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS**

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Research: Let's make it safe! This webinar has offered participants the opportunity to consider what needs to be in place to make research, and programme monitoring and evaluation safe for both research participants and researchers. It explores the specific needs when the subject of the research is particularly sensitive, in the case of researching Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH).

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

Documentary series: See what you made me do: This is a 3-part documentary series that explores one of the most complex and urgent issues of our time - domestic abuse. Presented by investigative journalist Jess Hill, this series examines the fine lines between love, abuse and power. [Source: SBS].

The Bukavu expo: The Bukavu Series online exhibition explores the power dynamics between researchers from the Global North and the Global South. The Series is a visual extension of the Silent Voices Blog: Bukavu Series, which discusses how knowledge is produced across academia and the ethical issues that arise from conducting research in conflict sites. [Source: Bukavu Series].

Iyer, N., Chair, C., Achieng, G. (2021). Afrofeminist data futures. Pollicy: This research seeks to better understand how feminist movements in sub-Saharan Africa can be empowered through the production, sharing and use of gender data, and how this knowledge can be translated into actionable recommendations for private technology companies in terms of how they share non-commercial datasets. The report is available in English, French and Portuguese. [Source: Pollicy].
Women's Refugee Commission. (2021). Understanding past experiences to strengthen feminist responses to crises and forced displacement. WRC: The aim of the research was to understand experiences of response to crises and forced displacement and, in doing so, gather insights into what the essential components of a feminist response could be. [Source: WUNRN].

Ramos Padilla, M. A., Palomino Ramirez, N. (2019). Detrás de la máscara. Varones y violencia sexual en la vida cotidiana. Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia: Detrás de la máscara: Varones y violencia sexual en la vida cotidiana presenta los resultados de un estudio cualitativo con varones en tres ciudades del Perú. Se aproxima, desde la perspectiva de los propios varones, a los mecanismos que los impulsan a someter a las mujeres mediante la violencia sexual. Devela situaciones de violación sexual hacia sus parejas y otras formas de violencia sexual que los varones no reconocen como tales y que constituyen prácticas cotidianas bastante generalizadas tanto en el espacio doméstico como en espacios públicos. [Referencia: Research Gate].


RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Applications: Dominican Republic – Youth Empowerment Virtual Exchange Program. Deadline: 4 June 2021.


Call for Applications: GenderPro Capacity Building Programme. Deadline: 30 July 2021.
● **Spring Dialogues: IGWG Members Lead the Conversation!**, 26 May 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST/12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. GMT: During this event, IGWG global gender community will exchange ideas, experiences, and lessons learned across different contexts on common challenges and approaches in advancing gender equality in health programming. Register [online].

● **A results-based framework to measure the prevention of GBV outcomes (GBV PEF) in conflict situations**, 27 May 2021, 2pm-3:30pm London Time: Join the launch of the newly developed GBV Prevention Evaluation Framework (GBV PEF). The webinar will include a presentation that introduces the components of the Framework and shares a few examples of the outcome-oriented methods adapted for GBV, including outcome mapping and most significant change evaluation methods. Register [online] by 26 May 2021.

● **Men and boys’ mental health: Emerging evidence and innovative approaches**, 2 June 2021, 8:30am ET: The event will explore emerging evidence and innovative approaches for addressing men and boys’ mental health in global health programming.

● **Consultant – Multi-Sector GBV Desk Review and Briefs**, Collective Action to REduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV), Global – Closing date: 17 May 2021.

● **Lead Consultant/Writer - Foundational Elements for GBV in Development**, Collective Action to REduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV), Global – Closing date: 17 May 2021.

● **Regional Policy and Advocacy Coordinator**, Sonke, Johannesburg, South Africa – Closing date: 24 May 2021.

● **Executive Director**, Raising Voices, Kampala, Uganda – Closing date: 25 May 2021.


● **Website Content Curator**, WIEGO, Remote – Closing date: 28 May 2021.


● **Agent(e) de programme en égalité des genres**, CARE Canada, travail virtuel / basé au Canada, Closing date: 1 June
and exchange knowledge with colleagues across the globe. Breakout sessions will allow attendees to engage in deeper discussion with featured presenters to enhance engagement and learning. Register online.

- **Safe: Preventing gender-based violence in and through schools, 17 June 2021, 12pm ET**: The event will highlight the latest data and evidence on violence in school settings, but also how schools can serve as protective spaces for children, acting as an important arena for broader social change and to end violence both in and out of schools. Given the COVID-19 pandemic context, the discussion will focus on how we can all work to build back better education systems and ensure access to safe learning environments for all children and adolescents. Register online.

- **Executive Director**, Women Enabled International, Flexible with ability to travel to Washington, DC and New York, NY (COVID pandemic precautions permitting) – Closing date: 1 June 2021.

- **Program Officer**, The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, US or Kigali, Rwanda – Closing date: 1 June 2021.

- **Trustees**, All Survivors Project, Remote - Closing date: 28 June 2021.

- **Fellow, Continuous Quality Improvement**, Integrate Health, Kara, Togo – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

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**NEWS**

Massoud, M. F. (2021, 18 May). Muslim women are using Sharia to push for gender equality. *The Conversation.*

UN. (2021, 17 May). South Africa has ‘obligation’ to better address domestic violence: UN women’s rights expert. *UN News.*

Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes. 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.