QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Eight higher-education professionals who research bullying in academia offer sober advice about some of the options available, and how to protect your career and mental well-being in the process. Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

**SVRI Director of Operations**: We are looking for a dedicated individual with knowledge of the development sector to take the role of Director of Operations. The Director of Operations, based in Pretoria or Johannesburg (South Africa), will ensure organisational sustainability through exceptional management, developing and strengthening the organisational capability. The position requires a technical, process-driven, strategic and hands-on person with experience in finance, risk, systems development and people management. **Deadline: 14 July 2021.**

Funding Opportunity

**The SVRI Research Grant 2022: Knowledge for Action to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children**: We are inviting proposals for the SVRI Research Grant 2022. 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.**

Event

**The SVRI Research Grant 2022, 23 June 2021, 4pm-5pm SAST**: Join us as we showcase the need and benefit of building knowledge for action to end violence against women and violence against children and provide information on the new grant call and application process. The webinar will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish. Please note that space is limited to 250 attendees. Further information about our work and The SVRI Research Grant, please email svri@svri.org.

New Report
Mago, A., Gevers, A., Gonzalez, N. (2021). Review of SVRI’s VAC and CSA work. SVRI: This review provides a deep dive into the focus, depth and strength of our violence against children (VAC) and child sexual abuse (CSA) work, providing a starting point for evolving a strategy around future work on these issues. Join in the conversations to give your inputs into how SVRI can strengthen work on VAC and CSA going forward.

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 in low- and middle-income countries. 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.

Advancing SVRI’s work on VAC and CSA to strategically contribute to the field: SVRI is currently engaged in a process that aims to explore whether and how to strengthen our specific contributions towards ending violence against children (VAC) and child sexual abuse (CSA) and advance our work in these areas in line with our broader strategy goals: building evidence, strengthening capacity, promoting partnerships, and influencing change. Join the SVRI online discussion board anytime to add your thoughts on how we can strengthen our work on violence against children and child sexual abuse. New topics will be added every 2 weeks!

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

differed by sociodemographic characteristics, and compare observed changes during the COVID-19 pandemic with trends in the two preceding years. [Source: The Lancet].

Kaisi, J., Haddad, R., Fattal, L., Potts, A. (2021). Localising knowledge generation during a pandemic to make distributions safer. In Humanitarian exchange: Localisation and local humanitarian action (105-109). Humanitarian Practice Network, ODI: In this article, the authors reflect on localisation in humanitarian research and knowledge generation processes during the COVID-19 pandemic, using the Empowered Aid work in Lebanon as a case study. [Source: The Global Women's Institute].

UNFPA, Women Enabled International. (2021). The impact of COVID-19 on women and girls with disabilities: A global assessment and case studies on sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender-based violence, and related rights. UNFPA, WEI: This paper provides an assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on women and girls with disabilities, particularly as related to their sexual and reproductive health and rights and their right to be free from gender-based violence. [Source: WUNRN].


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.

Mannell, J., Amaama, S. A., Boodoosingh, R., Brown, L., Calderon, M., Cowley-Malcolm, E., Lowe, H., Motta, A., Shannon, G., Tanielu, H., Vergara, C. C. (2021). Decolonising violence against women research: a study design for co-developing violence prevention interventions with communities in low and middle income countries (LMICs). BMC Public Health. 21(1147): This article offers specific strategies for integrating Southern epistemologies into violence against women and girls (VAWG) research practices in four domains: ethics, theories of change, measurement, and intervention design. The authors aim to create new spaces for engagement between indigenous ways of thinking and the evidence that has been established from the past two decades of VAWG prevention research and practice. [Source: University of College London].

Stöckl, H., Hassan, A., Ranganathan, M., Hatcher, A. M. (2021). Economic empowerment and intimate partner violence: a secondary data analysis of the cross-sectional Demographic Health Surveys in Sub-Saharan Africa. BMC Womens Health. 21(241): This paper highlights the complex nature of women's economic empowerment and its association with intimate partner violence. It further shows that in order to economically
empower women, we need to work with both men and women to address gender roles and livelihood opportunities for both sexes. [Source: NCBI].

Mercado-Crespo, M. C., Coulter, M. L., Bryant, C., Borum, R., Perrin, K. M., Nodarse-Hernández, K. (2021). Christian churches and the prevention of preadolescent aggression and violence in Puerto Rico: Regional leaders’ perspective. J Relig Health. 1–21: This paper describes participants’ thoughts about the role their congregations and membership could play in the prevention of youth violence locally, in light of previously published research on the role that congregations and their leadership have played in health promotion efforts in the USA and among minority groups. [Source: NCBI].


Döner, P., Sahin, K. P. (2021). “This is not my decision; I have no alternative”. Perceptions and experiences of marriage age and family planning among Syrian women and men: a primary care study. Prim. Health Care Res. Dev. 22, e25: Reproductive health includes the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide. In this context, both women and men have rights. In this study, it is aimed to reveal the obstacles in using these rights and to describe perceptions on marriage and family planning (FP) of Syrian women and men and to increase awareness for developing new policies on the Primary Health Care. [Safetylit].

BLOGS

Merrefield, C. (2021, 1 June). 9 tips for effective collaborations between journalists and academic researchers. LSE Blog: In this cross-post, Clark Merrefield discusses the collaborative work of reporter Rachel Dissell and academic Professor Rachel Lovell and draws out nine insights for how journalists and academics can work effectively together. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

What can we learn from media coverage on sexual violence? How we talk about sexual assault and abuse impacts how people understand it, and that is

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

How can religious literacy and freedom of religion or belief literacy inform partnerships, especially for promoting gender equality: The webinar discussed
especially true of media coverage about sexual violence. In this episode, NSVRC's Laura Palumbo and the Center for Disease Control's Laura M. Kollar discuss a recent research project on how media portrayals of sexual violence influence public perceptions about the issue.

challenges and opportunities, and the role of faith actors in preventing gender based violence and in challenging social norms that condone it, as well as more generally in promoting gender equality and the human rights of women and girls, in the context of the pandemic and beyond. Read a snapshot on the webinar here.

ONLINE RESOURCES

RSH. (2021). Summary brief: International standards on sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. RSH: This summary brief provides civil society organisations with an overview of the international standards and recommendations on sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. [Source: RSH].

RSH. (2021). Bite-size: Understanding SEAH and GBV. RSH: Sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH) and gender-based violence (GBV) are closely related but different areas of work, particularly within the development and humanitarian sector. Civil society organisations (CSOs), Donors, Governments, International Financial Institutions and other organisations may all have different definitions of SEAH and GBV. However, it is important for practitioners to understand the theoretical and practical differences and similarities between the two areas of work. [Source: Social Development Direct].

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. (2021). Discouraging the demand that fosters trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. OSCE: This Paper highlights the importance of addressing the demand that fosters trafficking for sexual exploitation, in particular the exploitation of the prostitution of others. [Source: WUNRN].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Proposals: 2021 World AIDS Day & 16 days of Activism against GBV. Deadline: 1 July 2021.

Call for Applications: PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund. Deadline: 2 July 2021.


Call for Applications: Small Grants for Women's Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Women-Led CSOs under the “Strengthening civil society capacities and multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance women's rights and gender equality in Turkey” Project. Deadline: 18 July 2021.

Call for Proposals: Gender and Diversity Knowledge Initiative. Deadline: Ongoing.

EVENTS

- Gender transformative strategies to prevent sexual and intimate partner violence: Exploring outcomes from Manhood 2.0 implementation, 29 June 2021, 2pm ET: Join PreventConnect on this webinar with researchers and implementers from Manhood 2.0, a gender transformative program to prevent sexual and intimate partner violence. Guests will share outcomes of the recent effectiveness study on Manhood 2.0, the importance of connecting gender and racial justice to violence prevention, and ideas for embedding sexual violence prevention messaging in other youth-supportive programming.

VACANCIES

- Post-Doctoral Associate, Social Protection, J-PAL Global, USA - Closing date: 21 June 2021. Applications received after that date will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

- Global Specialist: Ending child marriage in Ethiopia or Sierra Leone, Save The Children, Flexible – Closing date: 26 June 2021.


- Program Assistant, Ford Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa – Closing date: 28 June 2021.
• **Live Q&A: Assess and address safeguarding risks, 8 July 2021, 11am London Time:** Want to learn more about how to assess and mitigate safeguarding risks? Join a live Q&A session with Oge Chukwudzie and Corinne Davey. They will talk about the RSH risk assessment tool that has been developed in Nigeria and how organisations can use this tool to assess and address their safeguarding risks.

• **Convergence XVIII: Financing the reduction of gender-based violence, 8-30 September 2021:** This unique gathering of catalytic change-makers will bring together leaders and pioneers from philanthropy, finance, government, and the social sector to move forward specific and tangible ideas to leverage the power of finance to address gender-based violence.

• **Director, Safeguarding and Security, Women for Women International, Nairobi, Kenya – Closing date: 8 July 2021.**

• **Vice President of Operations, Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 11 July 2021.**

• **‘Information Specialist’ Consultancy for producing an Evidence Gap Map on Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Interventions, UNICEF, Italy – Closing date: 25 July 2021.**

• **Assistant Scientist: Gender Equity in Public Health Data Systems, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.**

• **Executive Director, No Means No Worldwide, Remote/Location Flexible, US – Closing date: Open until filled.**
NEWS

Cheung, K. (2021, 5 June). *We never needed rape scenes to tell stories of sexual assault – finally, movies & TV are catching up.* *Salon.*


V (formerly Eve Ensler). (2021, 1 June). *Disaster patriarchy: how the pandemic has unleashed a war on women.* *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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