QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Women's rights organizations and civil society organizations are important contributors to policy development and cascading government and development partner goals and priorities to the grassroots level.” Carolyne Ajema and Serah Nduta.

Read the full blog.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Discussion

Advancing SVRIs 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.

Our discussion boards are open. All stakeholders working to address VAC, CSA, and/or VAW are welcome to join the conversation:

Question 1: What strengths and unique contributions could SVRI bring to the VAC / CSA field?
Question 2: What are SVRI's 'blind spots' when it comes to their VAC/CSA work?

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. Closing date for applications: 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.**

**Events**

**Religious Actors: Ally or Threat for Achieving Gender Equality? 28 June 2021, 08:30 – 10:00 EDT:** You are warmly invited to a report launch ahead of the Generation Equality Forum and the High-Level Political Forum. The event is co-hosted by ACT Alliance, Act Church of Sweden, Side by Side, Islamic Relief Worldwide, JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub, Goldsmiths and PaRD. Register online.

**Engagement of the private sector to prevent and address gender-based violence, 30 June 2021, 10.40am CET:** Join us for an important panel discussion at the Generation Equality Forum to hear about private sector programmes that are working to prevent gender based violence in the workplace and in communities as a pathway to gender equality, about the gender implications of the Covid-19 crisis, and the role the private sector can play in alleviating it. Register online by 27 June 2021.

**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.

**COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES**

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


Abwola, N., Michelis, I. (2020). What happened? How the humanitarian response to COVID-19 failed to protect women and girls. International Rescue Committee: This report seeks to capture how the pandemic has affected the safety of women and girls in humanitarian emergencies and outlines how the humanitarian response to COVID-19 has largely failed to take their needs and safety into account. [Source: GWI].

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.


O'Brien, J. E., Brewer, K. B., Jones, L. M., Corkhum, J., Rizo, C. F. (2021). Rigor and respect: recruitment strategies for engaging vulnerable populations in research. J. Interpers. Violence 2021. ePub: This study uses a detailed case example to describe the recruitment and retention strategies used by one researcher to promote domestic minor sex trafficking survivor research participation. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Mumey, A., Sardana, S., Akinsulure-Smith, A. M. (2021). Sharing power and building trust: recommendations for conducting research with sex trafficking survivors. J. Health Care Poor Underserved, 32(2), 631-637: This commentary provides recommendations on how to conduct research that shares power and builds trust, and amplifies the voices of survivors. [Source: Safetylit].


BLOGS

Ajema, C., Nduta, S. (2021, 24 June). Commitments to end violence against women and girls (VAWG): The centrality of women's rights organizations 25+ years later. SVRI Blog: As the world converges (both virtually and in person) in Paris for the Forum at the end of the month, this could be a pivotal moment for addressing gender inequality 25+ years after the Beijing Declaration – progress made so far, pathways to disrupting the systemic barriers curtailing that progress, and ways to integrate and amplify the voices of the civil society organizations and women rights organizations.

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Data equity makes sure we all count: Data equity means thinking about how methods of collecting and analyzing data may include biases or stereotypes. Those working to end sexual abuse, assault, and harassment need to understand data equity to make sure the data tells the full picture of the issue. On this episode, NSVRC’s Sally J. Laskey talks with Heather Krause, the founder of We All Count and a data scientist and statistician with over a decade of experience building tools to support equity and ethics in data.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Lessons on the long-term impact and scaling of the Bandebereho couples intervention during COVID-19: Speakers from Promundo and the Rwanda Men's Resource Centre (RWAMREC) share findings from a recent study showing that families who participated in the Bandebereho fathers and couples intervention in 2015 generally fared better during the pandemic than those who had not participated.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Jamieson, L., Feinstein, C., Kapell, A., Dulieu, N. (2021). Working Together: Including children in research on violence against children - A resource pack for research practitioners. Save the Children International, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, University of Edinburgh, Children's Institute, University of Cape Town: The focus of the resource is on how we can best support meaningful research initiatives with children. With an explicit focus on research related to violence against children, the resource pack provides valuable guidance to researchers and policymakers, helping them understand how children's participation in research adds value and rigour to the process of building sustainable violence prevention programming. [Source: The Children's Institute, UCT].


George, R., Rivett, J., Samuels, F. and Dwyer, E. (2021). Intersecting exclusions:
displacement and gender-based violence among people with diverse sexualities and gender identities in Kenya. ODI: This study aims to contribute to filling existing gaps in understanding, capture learning, and shape approaches to more inclusive and effective gender based violence policies and programming for people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and sex characteristics, with a particular focus on fragile and post-conflict contexts. [Source: ODI].

RSH. (2021). How to apply global standards on sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. RSH: This how-to note details the practices that are recommended by each set of standards on sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. The note lists practices under policy, prevention, response and reporting and provides additional points to consider in the application of global standards. [Source: SD Direct].

Girls Not Brides. (2021). Thematic brief: Child protection and child marriage. Girls Not Brides: This brief focuses on the importance of investing in child protection systems to address child marriage at scale. It identifies emerging areas of good practice, most of which are delivered by civil society organisations working at the community level. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Bennett, J., Braam, T., Pather, J. (2020). Generating knowledge and evidence on the prevention of violence against women: An introductory guide for African women’s organisations. African Women’s Development Fund, Accra: This Guide covers a range of topics to respond to questions about how to create knowledge and evidence, as feminists, which can support violence against women (VAW) prevention on the African continent and beyond. It interrogates the concepts of feminist knowledge and evidence and why their creation needs to be foundational to organisational activism for sustainable VAW prevention. [Source: AWDF].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

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 Applications: GenderPro Capacity Building Programme. Deadline: 30 July 2021.

EVENTS

- **SAGE Campus online courses**: SAGE Campus online learning covers tricky skills and research methods across all stages of academic study, split into various categories. Each course is stand-alone but you can view the handy learner pathways that achieve specific learning goals if you are not sure where to start.

- **Phone surveys using Random Digit Dialing**: Lessons learned from IPA’s multi-country RECOVR surveys, 29 June 2021, 9am ET: In this webinar, researchers and experts from IPA will share strategies that allowed IPA to implement Random Digit Dialing surveys in nine countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America as part of the Research for Effective COVID-19 Responses (RECOVR) rapid phone surveys (poverty-action.org/recovr/recovr-survey).

VACANCIES


- **Caring for Child Survivors (CCS) Specialist**, International Rescue Committee, New York, USA/ Ankawa, Erbil, Iraq / Beirut, Lebanon – Closing date: 30 June 2021.

- **Operations and Partnerships Manager (consultancy)**, Mayors Dialogue on Growth and Solidarity, ODI, Africa – Closing date: 30 June 2021.

- **Development and Communication Manager**, Semilla Nueva, Remote but required availability to travel to Guatemala – Closing date: 30
Register online.

- **Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement Series: Do vouchers work? The impact of humanitarian assistance on displaced people in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, 30 June 2021, 10am ET:**
  This webinar is focused on a study on the impact of vouchers on displaced people in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Register online.

- **Effective communication for public policy delivery. Exclusive for public servants and policymakers, 1 July 2021, 3-4pm UK time:** In this workshop, participants will learn why behaviour change communication is one of the key levers of public policy delivery alongside legislation, regulation and taxation. Register online.

- **The 1st Virtual Symposium for, Unsettling knowledge production on gendered and sexual violence, 9-10 November 2021:** The symposium will provide a frame in which to explore the way in which we, as practitioners, researchers, activists, feminists, policy makers, June 2021.

- **Program Officer**, The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, US or Kigali, Rwanda – Closing date: 30 June 2021.

- **Global Health Program Manager**, CARE Canada, Remote, Canada Based – Closing date: 5 July 2021.

- **Program Director**, Girls First Fund, Virtual, but must be Global South-based – Closing date: 9 July 2021.

- **Director of Marketing and Communications**, Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 11 July 2021.


and community unsettle knowledge production on gendered and sexual violence. The call for proposals is now open and closes on 9 July 2021. Submissions and questions should be sent to: advancingwomxn@uct.ac.za.

- **Learning and Evaluation Officer**, Firelight Foundation, eastern or southern Africa, Closing date: Open until filled.

## NEWS


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**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.
countries.

SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

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