QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I am born free and I live free. Nobody has the right to interfere with my life. This is my life" ~ Ajda Pekkan (1975).

Listen to this Turkish feminist song [here](#).

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Discussion

Add your voice to the process of [advancing SVRIs work on VAC and CSA to strategically contribute to the field](#). We want to ensure that our work on VAC and CSA going forward is informed by stakeholders in the field. Our [discussion boards](#) are open. All people 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?
- Question 3: What specifically within VAC / CSA should SVRI focus on?

New questions are added every 2 weeks, but all discussion boards will remain open for the duration of our consultation. Alternatively, please email Ayesha Mago ([ayesha@svri.org](mailto:ayesha@svri.org)) if you have any comments, concerns, or questions about participating in the consultations and sharing your ideas and thoughts about how best SVRI can contribute to the VAC and CSA fields.

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 VAW, VAC, and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in LMICs. All grant related documents can be downloaded here. Watch the grant information webinar. Closing date for applications: 2 August 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).

- **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. For further information please contact Joy Watson: watsonjoyann@gmail.com.

SVRI at Generation Equality Forum, France

Engaging Men and boys for gender justice: Structural strategies and accountability, 2 July, 16:30 CAT: This session will focus on the progress and challenges of engaging men and boys, and how we can build accountable approaches to address the care economy, gender equality, and violence prevention. The session will present a Call to Action to Action Coalition leaders and Commitment Makers on Engaging Men & Boys, structural actions for pushing men and boys to carry out 50% of care work and achieving economic justice through care equity, and approaching male engagement on gender-based violence through a feminist framework for accountability.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


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.

Mannell, J., Amaama, S.A., Boodoosingh, R. et al. (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 VAWG research practices in four domains: ethics, theories of change, measurement, and intervention design. [Source: SafetyLit].


George, S. S., Denne, E., & Stolzenberg, S. N. (2021). Blaming children: How rape myths manifest in defense attorneys' questions to children testifying about child sexual abuse. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, ePub: In this study, findings indicate that defense attorneys use rape myths strategically to undermine children's credibility in child sexual abuse trials, but they adapt (adult) rape myths in ways that are plausible in the child sexual abuse context. [Source: SafetyLit].

Bloemen, E.M., Rosen, T., Lindberg, D.M. et al. (2021). How experiences of child abuse pediatrics and lessons learned may inform health care providers focused on improving elder abuse. Geriatrics Clinical Practice and Research. J Fam Viol 36, 389–398: This study compare and contrast child abuse pediatrics and elder abuse geriatrics and identify and describe in detail relevant lessons learned from child abuse. We focus on balancing an urgent call to action with a need for robust evidence to support clinical conclusions. [Source: SafetyLit].

of sexual victimisation, perceived barriers to intervention, observed opportunities to intervene, and actual intervention behavior in a range of high-risk, low-risk, and post-assault bystander opportunities in undergraduate students. [Source: SafetyLit].

Davis, C. (2020). How the private sector can address the issue of gender-based violence. African Safety Promotion, 18(1): 106-115: This paper positions gender-based violence (GBV) as an issue that affects employees in the private sector, considering that global statistics show that at least 35% of women across the world experience some kind of GBV in their lifetime. [Source: University of Johannesburg].

Davis, C., & Meerkotter, D.N. (2017). Exploring the heuristic value of nonpersonal data for sexual- and gender-based violence research and prevention in South Africa. African Safety Promotion Journal, 15(1): This study explores how non-personal data obtained through mapping the distress calls received on TEARS Foundation's “Help-at-your-fingertips” service line can be used for SGBV research and prevention purposes. [Source: University of Johannesburg].

SVRI Member Requests

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) are pleased to launch a global consultation on a common statistical framework on Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls (Femicide/Feminicide). There is growing concern about the alarming prevalence of gender-related killings, the most extreme form of violence against women, while statistical evidence on this issue is still insufficient in terms of accuracy, completeness and comparability.

To respond to such a challenge, the UN has prepared a preliminary statistical framework to guide countries in their data collection efforts. This is an opportunity for you to raise your voice and assess whether this framework is relevant, feasible and useful for the measurement of gender-related killings. Kindly write to unodc-mexico.cde.estadistica@un.org to receive the questionnaire and other relevant documentation. The closing date for response is 15 July 2021.
BLOGS

Radwan, I., & Ahmad al Ibrahim, F. (16 June 2021). Kuwait's #MeToo movement: "Lan Asket"—I will not be silent. World Bank Blogs: Three months ago Kuwaiti activists launched a nationwide social-media campaign to end sexual harassment and violence against women under the epithet Lan Asket "I will not be silent". Kuwaiti women are now defying conservative norms to speak out against harassment, discrimination and violence against women. [Source: World Bank Group].

Shah, P. (13 June 2021). Myth: Politics is not for women. GWI Blog: The women who are now in politics don't have it easy, but most of them are courageous women who participate with dedication to do whatever they can to be heard. [Source: GWI].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Truth, healing, and transformation: Addressing structural racism and building multiracial solidarity to prevent sexual and domestic violence: PreventConnect is hosting a series of podcasts that contain excerpts from their recent web conference on truth, healing, and transformation. Listen to Part 1 and Part 2.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Building resilience: Practical tools for supporting survivors’ mental health in the workplace. Futures Without Violence, 2021: This workshop explored practical and accessible tools for supporting survivors' mental health in the workplace. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Mora, D.T., & Yousuf, Z. (2021). Doing right by women and girls in Cox’s Bazar: Gendering perspectives on social cohesion. SaferWorld: This report examines the gender dynamics of rising tensions within and between host and refugee communities in Cox’s Bazar, and reveals how governance structures and humanitarian interventions are, in some cases, fuelling tensions and worsening gender inequality. [Source: SaferWorld].

Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions: A global acceleration plan for gender equality, 2021: The Generation Equality Action Coalitions are mobilising governments, women's, feminist and youth-led organisations, international organisations, and the private sector to: catalyze collective action; spark global and local conversations among generations; drive increased public and private investment; and deliver concrete progress on gender equality across generations for girls and
women. Learn more about them in this document. [Source: WUNRN].

**Reconstructing Children's Rights Institute**: This online learning space looks at dismantling racism, colonialism, and patriarchy in humanitarian and development efforts to protect children and support families. A series of pre-recorded online critical conversations will be broadcast between May-September. Access the hosted conversations [here]. [Source: CPC Network].

**Stories of change: Empowered to abandon FGM, TPO Uganda, 2021**: Before her training in better farming methods, Alice Chepkatekok, a farmer in Lobolin village, Naguliet parish, Looro sub-county, used to practice FGM. On average, Alice used to cut close to 100 girls per year and only given food stuff and alcohol as payment. The training has empowered her to abandon FGM by giving her skills for a viable, more sustainable, alternative source of income. [Source: TPO Uganda].

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**


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**EVENTS**

- [Advancing and connecting racial justice and sexual violence prevention during the Covid-19 pandemic, 14 July 2021, 14:00 EST/EDT](#): Join this PreventConnect / NSVRC

**VACANCIES**

webinar where guests from Ujima, Inc. and Girls for Gender Equity will describe their racial justice and sexual violence prevention in action, what’s changed during COVID-19, and guidance on new ways of doing our work.

- Mental health wellness in GBV prevention and response: Promoting self-care and resiliency for health providers, 29 July 2021, 09:00AM ET: This IGWG GBV Task Force event will be an opportunity for GBV prevention and response practitioners and those that support them to exchange knowledge, share experiences about coping with the stress and negative health outcomes of the pandemic, learn more about daily challenges, and identify ways to better address and support mental health and wellbeing.

- The Nursing Network on Violence against Women International 24th Conference, 21 - 23 June 2022, Durham, USA: This conference provides a forum for nurses, social workers, counselors, physicians, advocates, community activists, policy makers and researchers to share their work and engage in dialogue about innovations in research, practice,
education, and policy. See the call for abstracts [here](#).

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### NEWS


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[Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)](http://svri.org)

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](http://svri.org).

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