



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The MUKTA project, which focused on identifying and providing support to women who were victims of violence, is an appreciable effort by CEHAT and WHO. Our participation in the project has completely changed our attitude towards our patients: we now look beyond treating just physical complaints but actively seek to improve their well-being. Treating our patients empathetically, not just symptomatically, is the real goal." ~ Dr. Jyoti Vikas Rokade, Government Medical College, Miraj.

Read the blog [here](#).

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## SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Job Opportunities

[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.**

[ToR Consultancy: Violence against children measurement/research methods online course module development](#): The SVRI, with support from Oak Foundation, Sida and Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, plans to deliver an open, publicly available online course with multiple modules. One module (funded through the Oak Foundation) will focus on violence against children measurement in research. The SVRI is looking for a consultant to assist in the development of the violence against children measurement course module to be integrated into our broader course platform that is currently under development. **Closing date: 25 July 2021.**

### SVRI Dialogues

#### Dialogues to strengthen SVRI's work on violence against children

SVRI is engaged in [strengthening its VAC and CSA work](#). As part of this process, we are inviting all stakeholders working in the VAC, CSA and VAW fields to participate in [two dialogues](#) on 21 July and 19 August 2021 to discuss needs, opportunities, challenges and concerns. These insights will inform SVRI's strategy going forward. Register today by clicking on your preferred time slot below.

Dialogues	SVRI's VAC/CSA strategy	Politics of working across VAC/VAW fields
Date	21 July 2021	19 August 2021

Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00–10.30 SAST (<a href="#">Register here</a>) OR</li> <li>16.00–17.30 SAST (<a href="#">Register here</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00–10.30 SAST (<a href="#">Register here</a>) OR</li> <li>16.00–17.30 SAST (<a href="#">Register here</a>)</li> </ul>
Key discussion topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pros and cons of strengthening SVRI's VAC/CSA work and agenda.</li> <li>SVRI's key strengths and contributions to advancing the VAC/CSA field.</li> <li>Areas within VAC/CSA that SVRI should focus on.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing the VAC/VAW fields together and actions that could lead to more coordination, collaboration or integration.</li> <li>Approaches that the VAC/VAW fields can share with each other.</li> </ul>

SVRI welcomes broad input so please share this information across your networks. The sessions accommodate both EAP and LAC region time zones and participants can engage with the discussions in 15 different languages (via Wordly). For more information, contact Ayesha Mago at [ayesha@svri.org](mailto:ayesha@svri.org).

### Online Discussion

Add your voice to the process of [advancing SVRI's work on VAC and CSA to strategically contribute to 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 at [ayesha@svri.org](mailto:ayesha@svri.org).

### 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](mailto:watsonjoyann@gmail.com).

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## COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[Sharma, V., Oo, P.P., Hollaender, J., et al. COVID-19 and a coup: Blockage of internet and social media access further exacerbate gender-based violence risks for women in Myanmar. \*BMJ Global Health\* 2021;6:e006564](#): In Myanmar—with a coup on the backdrop of a dual pandemic of COVID-19 and GBV—it is more urgent than ever to ensure safe and reliable access to life-saving information and services. [Source: *Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab*].

[Ravi, K. E., Rai, A., & Schrag, R. V. \(2021\). Survivors' experiences of intimate partner violence and shelter utilization during COVID-19. \*Journal of family violence\*, 1–12, ePub](#): This paper examines the effects of COVID-19 on service-engaged female survivors of IPV and makes recommendations for service providers based on these survivors' voices. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Gregory, A., & Williamson, E. \(2021\). 'I think it just made everything very much more intense': A qualitative secondary analysis exploring the role of friends and family providing support to survivors of domestic abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic. \*Journal of family violence\*, 1–14, ePub](#): This study explores how the pandemic had impacted people's assessment of abusive situations and their ability to provide informal support. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Suga, T. \(2021\). Protecting women: new domestic violence countermeasures for COVID-19 in Japan. \*Sexual and reproductive health matters\*, 29\(1\), 1874601](#): In this article, authors appeal to Japanese authorities to keep new support policies for Domestic Violence Consultation Plus in place even after COVID-19 ceases to be a concern. [Source: *PubMed*].

[Rahiem, M.D.H. \(2021\). COVID-19 and the surge of child marriages: A phenomenon in Nusa Tenggara Barat, Indonesia. \*Child Abuse & Neglect\*, 118, 105168](#): This study aims to examine the cause of an increased rate of child marriages since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Nusa Tenggara Barat. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

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.*

[Undie, C.-C., & Mak'anyengo, M. \(2021\) If we ask, will they tell? \(and then, what?\): Screening for sexual violence against children in Kenya. \*Child Abuse Rev.\*, ePub](#): This study assesses the feasibility of using a screening tool to proactively identify child survivors of sexual violence in Kenyan primary school and health facility settings, and to refer such survivors to care. [Source: *Population Council*].

[Winter, S.C., Obara, L.M., Aguilar, N.J., & Johnson, L. \(2021\). Breaking the cycle: Women's perceptions of the causes of violence and crime in informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya and their strategies for response and prevention. \*Journal of Interpersonal Violence\*, ePub](#): This study aims to identify potential causes of violence and crime in informal settlements, as perceived by women living in Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya; and to highlight residents' strategies for response and prevention. [Source: *Temple School of Social Work*].

[Winter, S.C., Johnson, L., & Obara, L.M. \(2021\). Neighborhood cohesion, perceptions of disorder, and the geography of women's fear of crime in informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya. \*American Journal of Community Psychology\*, ePub](#): This paper seeks to explore the relationship between fear of crime and neighborhood cohesion and/or perceptions of neighbourhood disorder in Mathare, a large informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya. [Source: *Temple School of Social Work*].

[Brodie, N. \(2021\). Ideal victims and familiar strangers: Non-intimate femicide in South African news media. \*African Journalism Studies\*, ePub](#): This study looks at multiple-year news coverage of 284 incidents of non-intimate femicide that took place in South Africa between 2012 and 2013, and compares narrative content and news frames used to report non-intimate femicides with those frames most commonly found in media coverage of intimate partner violence. [Source: *University of Witwatersrand*].

[Ranganathan, M., Wamoyi, J., Pearson, I., et. al. \(2021\). Measurement and prevalence of sexual harassment in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis. \*BMJ Open\*, 11:e047473](#): This article synthesises evidence on sexual harassment from studies in low-income and middle-income countries to estimate its prevalence and conduct a meta-analysis of the association between sexual harassment and depressive symptoms. [Source: *LSHTM*].

[Wamoyi, J., Ranganathan, M., Mugunga, S., Stöckl, H.. \(2021\). Male and female conceptualizations of sexual harassment in Tanzania: The role of consent, male power, and social norms. \*Journal of Interpersonal Violence\*, ePub](#): This study explores how different population groups in Mwanza, Tanzania, understood, conceptualized, and experienced sexual harassment. [Source: *LSHTM*].

[Meinhart, M., Seff, I., Troy, K., McNelly, S., Vahedi, L., Poulton, C., & Stark, L. \(2021\). Identifying the impact of intimate partner violence in humanitarian settings: Using an ecological framework to review 15 years of evidence. \*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health\*, 18\(13\), 6963. MDPI AG](#): This systematic review examined the myriad IPV impacts and the quality of existing evidence of IPV in humanitarian settings. [Source: *Washington University in St. Louis*].

[Nematollahi, A., Farnam, F., Gharibzadeh, S., & Khoda-Khah, P. \(2021\). Discrimination, violence, and suicide in transgender women in Iran. \*Health care for women international\*, 1-12, ePub](#): In this cross-sectional study, the authors investigate the rates of discrimination, violence, and suicidal behaviors in transgender women. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

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## SVRI Member Requests

## UKCDR survey on barriers and enablers of funder practices for equitable partnerships in international development research

The UKCDR and ESSENCE have launched a survey to explore perspectives on barriers and enablers of funder practices to support equitable research partnerships throughout all stages of the research process. The survey is aimed at those involved in both funding or undertaking/ supporting international development research. Responses will be used to develop funder guidance and identify practical, implementable recommendations to support funders to operationalise existing principles on equitable partnerships.

- [English survey](#)
- [French survey](#)
- [Spanish survey](#)
- [Portuguese survey](#)

Please circulate these links among your networks. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## HRP Alliance Advisory Board

The UNDP-UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) has recently opened a [call for expressions of interest to join the HRP Alliance Advisory Board](#). HRP is looking for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) researchers with solid experience in research capacity strengthening. Please share this call among your networks and [retweet](#) widely. If you are interested in being considered, please send a short letter of interest plus a curriculum vitae by email to [hrpalliance@who.int](mailto:hrpalliance@who.int).



### BLOGS

[Boaz, A. \(2021, 25 June\). Lost in co-production: To enable true collaboration we need to nurture different academic identities. LSE Blog](#); based on the findings of a recent study of co-production as part of an EU research project, Annette Boaz, suggests efforts to facilitate co-production should focus on the practice as an epistemological, rather than methodological challenge, and focus on enabling the creation of academic identities that allow for authentic collaboration with research stakeholders. [Source: LSE].

## PODCASTS

### *What we're listening to*

[Feminisms and action research with Dr. Patricia Maguire, The Action Research Podcast](#): In this episode, the AR Pod Team welcomes Dr. Patricia Maguire, Professor Emeritus of Education and Counselling at Western New Mexico University's Gallup Graduate Studies Center, and author of the seminal book *Doing Participatory Research: A Feminist Approach*.

[Research Integrity - how does it relate to diversity and why should we care? Diversity in Research Podcast](#): Gowri Gopalakrishna and Krishma Labib from Amsterdam UMC talks about their own research on research integrity (fx the Netherlands Research Integrity Survey and the diversity of the 7th World Conference on Research Integrity), and why some people in the field do not necessarily think diversity should play a role when talking about research integrity.

## WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

### *Your chance to catch up anytime!*

[Freeing ourselves: Challenging criminalization and stigmas. AWID Curated Conversation](#): From the importance of not seeing ourselves as criminal to questioning who determines what and who is criminalized, we know that change is possible because we're already doing that work. This conversation was held with RESURJ and Accountability International to explore strategies to challenge criminalization, resist stigmas and build collective freedoms for all.

[First steps in integrating VAW and VAC programming: Practical experiences. Prevention Collaborative](#): In this webinar, prevention experts discuss the process, experiences, and challenges of the ongoing integration of IPV prevention and gender into the Investing in Children and their Societies (ICS) Skilful Parenting Programme, and inclusion of VAC in the Indashyikirwa couples IPV prevention programme.

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

[The Global Women's Institute. \(2021\). Empowered Aid: Toolkit for Planning and Monitoring Safer Aid Distributions. Washington, DC: The George Washington University](#): This toolkit applies findings and recommendations shared by women and girls from participatory research on how to reduce sexual exploitation and abuse in aid distribution. [Source: *GWU*].

[African Women's Development Fund. \(2021\). Generating knowledge and evidence on the prevention of violence against women. AWDF](#): This guide is a follow-on from the VAW Prevention Primer produced by AWDF and Raising Voices in 2019. It extends to interrogate conventional methods, concepts and tools and offers practical steps into the production, ethics and dissemination of VAW prevention knowledge and evidence. [Source: *AWDF*].

[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. Edinburgh: End Violence Partnership Knowledge Network, End Violence Lab, Save the Children](#): This pack is designed to help researchers and practitioners go beyond treating children simply as subjects, and, instead work with them as partners and rights holders. [Source: *End Violence Against Children*].

[UN Trust Fund to eliminate Violence. \(2021\). UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women Strategic Plan 2021-2025. UNTF](#): The UNTF has launched its new strategic plan and [Annual Report](#) showing the impressive results the women's rights organisations have achieved with funding from UNTF during the year of the pandemic. [Source: *SIDA*].

[Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub: RSH Safe programmes training package](#): This RSH Safe Programmes training package provides a step-by-step process to support a facilitator to deliver training on safe programmes. The training is suitable for up to 20 learners who are working in CSO programme teams and/or working as safeguarding leads in CSOs. [*Source: RSH*].

[USAID. \(2021\). USAID's Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence \(CARE-GBV\): How to identify and advance equitable social norms. Guidance Note. USAID](#): This brief introduces the definition of social norms, including gender norms, and how they relate to GBV, as well as various tools to identify and address social norms. [*Source: Prevention Collaborative*].

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for proposals](#): Feminist Innovation Fund, Urgent Action Fund. Closing date: 16 July 2021.

[Call for applications](#): Positively Men, UNESCO. Closing date: 20 July 2021.

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### EVENTS

- [Empowered Aid: Findings on how to adapt M&E systems to mitigate SEA risk, 12 July 2021, 8:00 ET](#): This webinar will review and discuss the Toolkit for Planning and Monitoring Safer Aid Distributions, used by the research team to test and measure recommendations proposed by women and girls to reduce the risk of SEA at distributions.



### VACANCIES

- [Consultant: Training on Gender & Health and Gender & Education](#), Aga Khan Foundation, Kabul, Afghanistan - Closing date: 11 July 2021.
- [Policy Advisor, Governance, Peace and Security](#), P5, UN Women, Bangkok, Thailand - Closing date: 14 July 2021.
- [Technical Adviser/Violence Against Women \(VAW\) Research and Data](#), Bangkok, Thailand, Asia and the

- [Rights at risk: Time for action. 47th Session of the Human Rights Council Side Event, 13 July, 14:00 CEST](#): Join this exciting dialogue among UN and civil society panelists to hear how nationalist and fundamentalist trends worldwide are concretely manifesting as backlash against rights related to gender and sexuality in human rights systems.
  - [Coming full circle: Local to global solutions to end child marriage, 13 July 12:00 EDT](#): This Save the Children event will serve as an open and interactive discussion to examine how to leverage local solutions and work with national and community allies to invest in girls and challenge harmful gender norms to end child marriage.
  - [2021 National Sexual Assault Conference, 4 - 6 August 2021](#): This 3-day conference hosted by ValorUS provides advanced training opportunities for activists, advocates and other professionals working to prevent sexual violence, provide critical intervention services and support those who have experienced sexual violence.
  - Pacific Regional Office, P-5 - Closing date: 16 July 2021.
  - [Consultant: Updating the evidence-base for the WHO and UN Women led interagency prevention of violence against women RESPECT framework for policy makers](#), World Health Organization, Remote - Closing date: 25 July 2021.
  - [Programme Coordinator, Latin America and Africa - Network, Grants and Regions Department](#), Vital Voices, Washington D.C. - Closing date: Open until filled.
  - [Senior Health Officer](#), International Rescue Committee, Ethiopia - Closing date: Open until filled.
  - [Program Development Manager](#), Hivos, Tunisia, Lebanon or Jordan - Closing date: 31 July 2021.
  - [Technical Advisor, Capacity-Strengthening](#), WomenStrong International, Remote - Closing date: 1 September 2021.
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## NEWS

Mikkelson, S. (2021, 1 July). [Checking under the dashboard. Gender bias in data and tech.](#) *Medium.com*.

Mikkelson, S. (2021, 1 July). [Gender bias in data and tech. Detailing tech-facilitated harms: Direct and indirect.](#) *Medium.com*.

Hadero, H. (2021, 30 June). [\\$40B pledged for gender equality, with \\$2B from Gates group.](#) *The Seattle Times*.

ACT Alliance. (2021, 28 June). [Religious actors: Ally or threat for achieving gender equality?](#) *ACT 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.

[SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.](#)

Email [svri@svri.org](mailto:svri@svri.org) by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update.

