QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The goal of gender equality in health for women and girls within 25 years is not out of reach. We know how to achieve it, and future generations are entitled to nothing less.” Avni Amin, Michelle Remme, Pascale Allotey, and Ian Askew.

Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entrevista en español de IFC LATAM con la Gerenta de Subvenciones del SVRI

Entrevista en español de IFC LATAM con la Gerenta de Subvenciones del SVRI sobre el llamado a propuestas para la Subvención de Investigación SVRI - Conocimiento para la Acción en la Erradicación de la Violencia contra las Mujeres y la Violencia contra las Niñas (os)

Job Opportunity

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. The ToR has been updated with applicant requirements, download a pdf version here. 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.

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**Online Discussion**

Add your voice to the process of **advancing SVRIs 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 until the end of September 2021. For questions or concerns, please email Ayesha Mago at 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.*

Lokot, M., Bhatia, A., Heidari, S., & Peterman, A. (2021). The pitfalls of modelling the effects of COVID-19 on gender-based violence. *BMJ Global Health.* ePub: This paper examines the limitations of modelling the effects of COVID-19 on gender-based violence (GBV). The study uses projections of global child marriage and intimate partner violence developed by UNFPA, the first and most widely cited GBV modelling effort, as an illustrative example to discuss the limitations and challenges of modelling GBV. [*Source: BMJ*].


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.*

Women's health and gender inequalities: This collection, launched at the [World Health Summit 2020](#), aims to provide insights into how to advance women's health and gender equality. The papers draw on successes, challenges and evidence-based strategies over the last 25 years and includes analyses of new and emerging threats to women's health. The series of papers push for real change in
women's health now and over the next 25 years. [Source: BMJ].


Cerna-Turoff, I., Fischer, H. T., Mansourian, H., & Mayhew, S. (2021). The pathways between natural disasters and violence against children: a systematic review. BMC Public Health. ePub: This paper provides a systematic review of peer-reviewed and grey literature to deepen the understanding of the pathways between natural disasters and violence against children and to suggest how this information can be used in the design of future programming. [Source: NCBI].


Ahinkorah, B. O., Okyere, J., Hagan, J. E. J., Seidu, A. A., Aboagye, R. G., & Yaya S. (2021). The missing link between legal age of sexual consent and age of marriage in sub-Saharan Africa: implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights. Reprod. Health. 18(1), 128: In this commentary, the authors argue that the gap between the legal age of sexual consent and marriage partly accounts for some of the sexual and reproductive health challenges such as intimate partner violence, sexually transmitted infections, adolescent pregnancy, early childbirth, including unsafe abortions among adolescent girls in sub-Saharan Africa and infringements on their sexual and reproductive health rights. [Source: BioMed Central].

Zimmerman, C., Mak, J., Pocock, N. S., & Kiss L (2021). Human Trafficking: Results of a 5-year theory-based evaluation of interventions to prevent trafficking of women from South Asia. Frontiers in Public Health. ePub: This paper presents findings from a 5-year theory-based evaluation of an empowerment and knowledge-building intervention to prevent the exploitation of South Asian female migrant workers. [Source: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine].

REQUESTS FROM THE FIELD

Child maltreatment survey part 2: Which outcome indicators are most important when evaluating interventions for child maltreatment?: This survey is a consensus process to reach agreement between survivors, practitioners, researchers and policymakers about which outcomes to include in a core outcome set for child abuse and neglect interventions. The survey is for professionals working
or researching in the sector. If your primary expertise is in domestic violence and abuse rather than child abuse and neglect, please click here to take part in the parallel survey. To complete a survey for survivors, please contact Claire at c.powell@ucl.ac.uk for further details.

A comparative analysis of survivors of sexual violence experiences accessing support survey: Lisa Harwood, an MA student at Anglia Ruskin University, is currently conducting primary research into survivors’ experiences accessing support services (Rape Crisis, SARC & Police). The overall aim of this study is to compare the experiences of survivors of sexual violence, depending on who they disclose or report to; and to identify the best practices and ultimately contribute to the improvements of service provision and satisfaction. Participate in the study by completing the survey here. If you have any concerns about any aspect of this study, please contact the researcher at LH936@student.aru.ac.uk.

CSW Communications Procedure: The Communications Procedure of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is a unique tool for individuals and organizations to use in order to raise awareness about injustice and discriminatory practices against women in any country in the world. CSW considers such communications as part of its annual programme of work in order to identify emerging trends and patterns of injustice and discriminatory practices against women for purposes of policy formulation and development of strategies for the promotion of gender equality. Submit your communication by 1 August 2021.

BLOGS


Oo, P. P., & Davies, S. E. (2021, 28 June). Supporting the victims of sexual violence in Myanmar. The Interpreter: In Myanmar, and elsewhere, when international humanitarian actors access is restricted, local civil society organisations remain the only “first response” channel for the survivors of sexual violence. Local first responders do this work under immense political, security and logistic pressures. It is important to recognise the crucial role of local civil society response to conflict-related sexual violence. [Source: Griffith University].

PODCASTS

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

What we’re listening to

Your chance to catch up anytime!
Rethinking rigor in action research, with Dr. Alfredo Ortiz Aragón, The Action Research podcast: What does rigor mean in Action Research? Is this term even appropriate for what action researchers do? To discuss these important questions the Action Research Podcast team has a “critically casual” conversation with Dr. Alfredo Ortiz Aragó about issues of rigor, quality and what makes good action research.

Reconstructing Children's Rights Institute: The CPC Learning Network hosts the Reconstructing Children's Rights Institute – a multi-part series of conversations and resources for learning, information sharing and actionable next steps. In this series of critical conversations, experts share their insights about racism, colonialism, patriarchy and power as they affect children and families around the world.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Roth, D., Blackwell, A., Canavera, M., & Falb, K. (2021). When “we know nothing”: Recommendations for ethical research and learning with and for LGBTQI people in humanitarian settings. New York: International Rescue Committee: This report presents recommendations from key informants for how international humanitarian agencies can transform themselves to better learn about and support the needs of LGBTQI people affected by conflict and displacement. [Source: IRC].


Peterman, A., Roy, S. (2021). Cash transfers and intimate partner violence (IPV) in low- and middle-income settings: A joint research agenda to inform policy and practice. IFPRI: The growing interest in the relationship between cash and intimate partner violence across different research and implementing organizations is an important development, as these institutions’ diverse agendas can be leveraged to fill research gaps and inform policy at a rapid pace with a coordinated research agenda. Rather than working in silos, there are recognized benefits to sharing information, coordinating, and aligning this work. [Source: IFPRI].

Tearfund. (2021). Masculinities, faith and peace in Nigeria: Evaluation of a project addressing social cohesion, family planning and gender-based violence. Tearfund: This report presents findings from a randomized controlled trial in Nigeria, which is an adaptation of the transforming masculinities intervention to include family planning and also social cohesion as an outcome as this was trialed in Muslim and Christian communities. [Source: Tearfund].

Fraser, E., Corby, N., & Meaney-Davis, J. (2021). Family Planning for women and girls with disabilities, Disability Inclusion Helpdesk Research Report No. 60. London, UK: Disability Inclusion Helpdesk: This document provides a rapid review of the evidence on factors affecting access to and uptake of family planning for women and girls with disabilities, as well as highlighting examples of good practice. [Source: WUNRN].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


EVENTS

- Systematic review methods webinar: Systematic reviews of prevalence studies, 20 July 2021, 2pm SAST: Cochrane South Africa invites you to a webinar on conducting systematic reviews of prevalence and incidence data. This webinar is aimed at researchers and postgraduate researchers keen to undertake prevalence reviews, as well as those interested in evaluating the quality of such reviews. Register online.

- Webinar series: Empower - Preventing VAWG in Acute Emergencies: Thoughtful, transformative gender based violence prevention

VACANCIES

- Resource Mobilisation Manager, Sonke Gender Justice, Cape Town or Johannesburg, South Africa – Closing date: 17 July 2021.


- Grants Management Specialist, Danish Refugee Council, Sana'a, Yemen – Closing date: 26 July 2021.

- Consultant(s) on Organizational Development, medica mondiale e.V., Sierra Leone – Closing date: 28 July
programming can be designed and implemented from the outset of humanitarian emergencies if we use a feminist lens to inform programming.

Join the GBV AoR Community of Practice as they host the International Rescue Committee in the webinar series:

1. EMPOWER: Preventing violence against women and girls (VAGW) in acute emergencies launch (With Spanish Interpretation), 20 July 2021, 10am Bogota-Panama. Register online.
2. EMPOWER: Preventing VAWG in acute emergencies launch (French meeting with English Interpretation), 21 July 2021, 4pm Paris. Register online.
3. EMPOWER: Preventing VAWG in acute emergencies launch (with Arabic interpretation), 22 July 2021, 1:30pm Geneva. Register online.

- Mental health wellness in GBV prevention and response: Promoting self-care and resiliency for health providers, 29 July 2021, 9:00-10:45 AM EDT: The event will provide an opportunity for health care providers and practitioners working to prevent and respond to GBV, and those that support them, to exchange knowledge, share their experiences about coping with stress and negative mental health and well-being.

- Protection Cluster Roving Field Coordination Advisor, Norwegian Refugee Council, South Sudan – Closing date: 29 July 2021.
- Consultant: Strengthening VAW Data and Measurement, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Location not specified – Closing date: 30 July 2021.
- Gender Lead, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Lagos, Nigeria – Closing date: 30 July 2021.
- Strategy Analyst, Integrate Health, Conakry, Guinea – Closing date: 30 July 2021.
- Project Evaluator for Youth-led Peacebuilding project, Kofi Annan Foundation, Location not specified – Closing date: 15 August 2021.
outcomes of the pandemic, learn more about the challenges providers and implementers experience, and identify ways to better support their mental health and overall well-being. Register online.

- **Africa Evidence Week 2021, 13-17 September 2021**: The aim of the Africa Evidence Week is to showcase and promote the state of evidence-informed decision-making on the continent, specifically highlighting the involvement and efforts of Africa’s decision-makers. Sign up [here](#) to participate.

- **Senior Gender Based Violence and Protection Advisor**, International Rescue Committee, El Salvador – Closing date: 30 September 2021.

- **GBV Senior Specialist**, Making Cents International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

- **Programme Coordinator, Latin America and Africa - Network, Grants and Regions Department**, Vital Voices, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**

Ibrahim, A. F., Shutt, H., Martin L. S. (2021, 14 July). *We used performing arts to map out gender violence in Sierra Leone. What we found*. *The Conversation*.


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 by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update.