QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Now more than ever, we need to expand direct investment in feminist movements as one of the most effective ways to protect and advance the human rights of women and girls in all their diversity worldwide.” Emma Fulu, Loksee Leung and Marisa Viana.

Read the full blog

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 a process of clarifying and strengthening its VAC and CSA work. As part of this process, we have been conducting a series of dialogues and are inviting all stakeholders working in the VAC, CSA and VAW fields to participate! We have been having great discussions, and we look forward to lots more engagement in our remaining consultations.

Please sign up for one or more of the upcoming dialogues on 3 August or 19 August 2021, to discuss needs, opportunities, challenges, and concerns in the field! These insights will inform SVRI’s strategy going forward. Register today by clicking on your preferred time slot below.

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**Time**
- 9.00–10.30 SAST (Register here)
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**Key discussion topics**
- Pros and cons of strengthening SVRI's VAC/CSA work and agenda.
- SVRI's key strengths and contributions to advancing the VAC/CSA field.
- Areas within VAC/CSA that SVRI should focus on.
- Bringing the VAC/VAW fields together and actions that could lead to more coordination, collaboration or integration.
- Approaches that the VAC/VAW fields can share with each other.

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.

**Online Discussion**

The SVRI discussion boards are open! Add your voice to the process of advancing SVRIs work on VAC and CSA to strategically contribute to the field. All people working to address VAC, CSA, and/or VAW are welcome to join the conversation.

Our new question this week is: **“What VAC/CSA stakeholders should SVRI reach out to during this process and to explore future partnerships?”**

Also share your thoughts on our previous questions:

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

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**COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES**

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

**COVID-19 Communications Network. Gender-based violence resource page**: This collection contains programmatic resources to address gender-based violence during COVID-19. [Source: Johns Hopkins University].

Pandya, A., & Redcay, A. (2021). Impact of COVID-19 on Transgender Women and Hijra: Insights from Gujarat, India. *Hum Rights Soc Work*, 1–10: This study sought to understand how transphobia and normative social standards may be playing a role in accessing healthcare by transgender individuals in India during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: NCBI].

Oulo, B., Sidle, A.A., Kintzi, K., Mwangi, M., & Akello, I. 2021. “Understanding the barriers to girls’ school return: Girls' voices from the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic in East Africa.” AMPLIFY COVID-19 research brief. Nairobi, Kenya: This research offers important insights into the unique experiences and challenges of adolescent girls during the COVID-19 pandemic in East Africa. The findings indicate that girls rely disproportionately on schools for basic needs such as food, menstrual hygiene supplies, and information about sexual and reproductive health, as well as for a sense of identity and self-worth. Without access to school, girls’ vulnerabilities are laid bare. [Source: AMPLIFY Girls].

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.*

Yount, K.M., Cheong, Y.F., Miedema, S., Naved, R.T. (2021). Development and validation of the economic coercion scale 36 (ECS-36) in rural Bangladesh. Journal of Interpersonal Violence. ePub: This sequential, mixed-methods study developed and validated a scale for economic coercion in married women in rural Bangladesh, where women's expanding economic opportunities may elevate the risks of economic coercion and other intimate partner violence. [Source: Emory University].

Plesons, M., Travers, E., Malhotra, A., Finnie, A., Maksud, N., Chalasani, S., & Chandra-Mouli, V. (2021). Updated research gaps on ending child marriage and supporting married girls for 2020–2030. Reprod Health. ePub: This article provides a summary of the progress made on ending child marriage since 2015, lists an updated set of research gaps in four key areas and the rationale for addressing them, and highlights a number of calls-to-action around research coordination and knowledge translation to support the emerging and evolving needs of the field. [Source: NCBI].

Ellsberg, M., Murphy, M., Blackwell, A., Macrae, M., Reddy, D., Hollowell, C., Hess, T., Contreras-Urbina, M. (2021). “If you are born a girl in this crisis, you are born a problem”: Patterns and drivers of violence against women and girls in conflict-affected South Sudan. Violence Against Women. ePub: This study documents many forms of sexual and physical violence against women and girls in South Sudan, including conflict-related sexual violence, intimate partner violence, nonpartner sexual violence, child and forced marriage, and abduction. [Source: SAGE Journals].


MEMBER’S REQUEST

Call for partners

Vandana Sharma (Harvard School of Public Health), Jessica Leight (IFPRI) and Negussie Deyessa (Addis Ababa University) are interested in connecting with partner organizations (community or women's groups, non-governmental organizations or other nonprofits) who would be interested in partnering in wider scale-up of Unite for a Better Life (UBL), a gender-transformative intervention targeting intimate partner violence that has been developed and evaluated in southern Ethiopia. Evidence suggests that UBL is effective in reducing IPV and transforming gender norms when delivered to groups of men; more information about the Unite for a Better Life program can be found at www.uniteforabetterlife.org. We are particularly interested in partnering with organizations who would like to explore rolling out UBL as part of programming in Ethiopia or East Africa, but are open to discussions with organizations based in other areas as well. As part of any partnership, the research team would take an active role in fundraising for implementation costs as well as the costs
of further evaluation. Organizations who are interested please contact Jessica Leight at j.leight@cgiar.org to set up preliminary conversations.

BLOGS

Thomson, P. (2021, 16 July). The problem with the ‘gap in the literature’. LSE Blog: In this cross-post, Pat Thomson explores how an approach based around filling a gap in the research or literature can be problematic and how approaches based on different wording can align research more clearly to the contexts in which it matters. [Source: LSE].

Glynn-Broderick, K., & Koechlein, L. (2021, 7 July). Are mobile payments reaching men and women equally? Latest findings on how G2P payments are working in Bangladesh. IPA: Digitization introduced efficiencies, but risks leaving more women behind. In this blog, Kate Glynn-Broderick and Liz Koechlein report on an ongoing policy project on digital payments from Bangladesh’s government during the COVID-19 crisis. Like many governments, Bangladesh has been transitioning to delivering support payments to vulnerable people digitally, over mobile phones. While, on average, digitization has saved recipients time accessing their cash and encouraged more transactions, it created more challenges for women than men. [Source: IPA].

Fulu, E., Leung, L., & Viana, M. (2021, 28 June). Feminist movements are key to public health equity. BMJ Blog: We need greater investment in feminist movements, one of the most effective ways to advance health outcomes for women and girls and to achieve public health equity, say Emma Fulu and colleagues. [Source: BMJ].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Using technology to prevent violence against women: In this episode, Mariam Torosyan, CEO & Co-Founder of SafeYou talks about her startup journey and her mission of stopping gender-based violence with the help of technology.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Quantitative proxies for social norms: Interrogating clustering, reference groups and validity: In this webinar, Ilana Seff shares findings from a study that demonstrates techniques researchers can use to explore and proxy for social norms in quantitative data and to identify the relative appropriateness of different normative reference groups available within the data.
ONLINE RESOURCES

Khalaf-Elledge, N. (2021). Scoping Study: Looking back to look forward. The role of religious actors in gender equality since the Beijing Declaration. Washington DC: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI): This report reveals how religious actors have advanced and hindered gender equality since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action and Declaration in 1995. It provides a critical and contextualized understanding of how religion and gender politics are intertwined in all countries, high and low-income alike. Watch the launch of the report [here]. [Source: JLI].


RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for Applications: Third Wave Fund – Mobilize Power Fund, Rapid response fund that supports the leadership of young women of color, trans, gender non-conforming, queer, and intersex youth under 35 in social movements. Deadline: 3 August 2021.

Call for Applications: Engaging with civil society organizations and local audiences to promote LGBTQI+ rights and inclusion. Deadline: 6 August 2021.


**EVENTS**

- **Mental health wellness in GBV prevention and response: Promoting self-care and resiliency for health providers, 29 July 2021, 9am ET:** The event will be 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 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.

- **National Sexual Assault Conference, 4-6 August 2021:** This virtual conference 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. This year’s theme is Advancing Equity, Ending Sexual Violence. Register online.

- **African Universities Gender Equality Forum, 12 August 2021, 10am -12pm CAT:** The GBV #ITSNOTOK movement, the Shared Value Africa Initiative (SVAI)

**VACANCIES**

- **Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Officer, JASS, Global South (remote/home-based) – Closing date: 23 July 2021.**

- **Consultant to Update the Evidence-base for the WHO and UN Women-led Interagency Prevention of Violence Against Women RESPECT Framework for Policy Makers, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Location not specified – Closing date: 25 July 2021.**

- **Consultant: Violence Prevention Theory of Change, ISS, South Africa – Closing date: 27 July 2021.**

- **Gender Lead, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Lagos, Nigeria – Closing date: 30 July 2021.**

- **Consultant VAW Data, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Location not specified – Closing date: 30 July 2021.**

- **Researcher: Justice and Violence Prevention, ISS, Cape Town, South Africa – Closing date: 1 August 2021.**

- **CP/SGBV Case worker, Save The Children, Rwanda – Closing date: 3**
and the University of Johannesburg invites you to join this webinar themed the role of Africa’s academia in advancing gender equality and eliminating gender based violence. The webinar will offer insights into developments and work underway at top African academic institutions to advance gender equality. The Keynote Speakers include the SVRI's Executive Director, Elizabeth Dartnall. Register online.

- **Crear | Résister | Transform: a festival for feminist movements!** 1-30 September 2021, 11am-8pm SAST: Join AWID and the global feminist community throughout the month of September to be inspired by the creative resistance strategies of feminists from all over the world, and to discover Feminist Realities - initiatives that show us that a better world is not just on its way - it's here, alive and nurtured by activists and collectives in different parts of the world. Register [online](#).


- **Consultancy to Develop a Strategic Plan**, Promundo Global, Location not specified. Closing date – 15 August 2021.

- **Director, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research**, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, Geneva, Switzerland – Closing date: 26 August 2021.

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

- **Deputy Director of Programs**, International Rescue Committee, Goma, DRC – Closing date: 20 October 2021.

- **GBV Senior Specialist**, Making Cents International, Washington DC, USA – 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.

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