QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Engaging faith-based and traditional actors in violence against women and girls' prevention should not be done in an exclusive way. Violence against women and girls' prevention requires a multisectoral approach, with faith-based and traditional actors treated as just one stakeholder among other actors in a wider system.”

Read the full report.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAID Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE GBV) Grantees announced!
The USAID Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV) sought innovative applications for small grants from new, local and underutilized partners and organizations. After reviewing 518 applications from 68 countries, USAID announced the four grantees this week. The SVRI is honoured and excited to be one of the four grantees. Read more here.

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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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.
• Gaps and 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:

• What VAC/CSA stakeholders should SVRI reach out to during this process and to explore future partnerships?
• 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.

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.

Salerno-Ferraro, A.C., Erentzen, C., & Schuller, R.A. (2021). Young women’s experiences with technology-facilitated sexual violence from male strangers. J. Interpers. Violence 2021. ePub: This study explores university-aged women’s experiences with online male-perpetrated sexual harassment, including the nature and frequency of the harassment, how women respond to the harassment, and how men reportedly react to women’s strategies. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Pérez-Martínez, V., Marcos-Marcos, J., Cerdán-Torregrosa, A., Briones-Vozmediano, E., Sanz-Barbero, B., Davó-Blanes, M. C., Daoud, N., Edwards, C., Salazar, M., La Parra-Casado, D., & Vives-Cases, C. (2021). Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub: In this article, the authors aim to systematically review the primary characteristics, methodological quality, and results of published evaluation studies of educational interventions that aim to prevent different forms of gender based violence through addressing hegemonic masculinities among young people. [Source: Safetylit].

Adv. Nurs. ePub: This study aims to evaluate the effect of an intimate partner violence intervention education component on nurses' attitudes in addressing intimate partner violence; complementary aims included understanding nurses' perceptions of the education and how it influenced their attitudes and confidence to address intimate partner violence in practice. [Source: McMaster University].

Ramsoomar, L., Gibbs, A., Chirwa, E.D., & Jewkes, R. (2021). Pooled analysis of the association between alcohol use and violence against women: evidence from four violence prevention studies in Africa. BMJ Open. 11, e049282; This study tests associations between men's past year alcohol use and patterns of drinking, and their perpetration of intimate partner violence (IPV) and non-partner sexual violence; and associations between women's reports of partner alcohol use and their experience of IPV, in three countries in Africa. [Source: BMJ].

Richards, J., Smithson, J., Moberly, N.J., & Smith, A. (2021). "If it goes horribly wrong the whole world descends on you": the influence of fear, vulnerability, and powerlessness on police officers' response to victims of head injury in domestic violence. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 18(13), e7070; This research investigates potential barriers to police supporting victim health needs by exploring police attitudes towards domestic violence (DV) and considering how police interpret and respond to stories of head injury in DV victims. [Source: MDPI].


**MEMBER REQUESTS**

**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](http://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.
Invitation to participate in research on experiences of survivor-researchers working on GBV
Viktoria Beran is a postgraduate student at the University of Sussex, studying an MA in Gender, Violence and Conflict. For her final thesis, she is researching the positionality and experiences of ‘survivor-researchers’ who work in contexts of GBV. As part of this project, she is hoping to conduct virtual interviews with GBV researchers who live and work in different contexts globally. Viktoria is inviting anyone to take part based on their professional experience as a GBV researcher, as well as their personal experience of being a survivor of GBV. For more information on the study and how to take part, please contact Viktoria at please contact vb224@sussex.ac.uk.

Invitation to participate in research on Intimate-Partner Violence and COVID-19 in India
Dr Mona Mittal (University of Maryland, Baltimore), Dr Manjushree Palit (Jindal School of Psychology and Counselling) and Dr Keerty Nakray, (Jindal Global Law School), O.P. Jindal Global University (India) request all who identify as women to participate in their study to deepen the understanding of intimate partner violence (IPV) and aggression. The study is unique because the large-scale exploratory survey explores the prevalence and incidence of IPV among urban and rural women in India across different relationship status (whether married or unmarried, dating or cohabiting), and among women across educational, economic, caste, religious, and regional backgrounds. Therefore, it will contribute to a comprehensive and nation-wide understanding of IPV among Indian women across different structural and relationship drivers.

BLOGS

Baxi, A., & Thomas, D. (2021, 29 July). Scaling up Dilaasa - How health care systems are helping women facing violence in India. SVRI Blog: Dilaasa is a powerful and successful model that can be integrated into the hospital system providing comprehensive social and psychological support to women facing violence, empowering them to lead a violence-free and self-reliant life. Read the blog to learn more about Dilaasa.

Warner, X. (2021, 27 July). To my daughter. The Equality Institute Blog: Working for more than a decade on ending men’s violence against women, girls, and gender-diverse folk, boundaries have been key to my survival. But becoming a mother of a daughter requires a whole new level of Compartmentalising, writes Xian. [Source: GBV CoP].

Heron, M., Gravett, K., & Yakovichuk, N. (2021, 20 July). Beyond publish or perish – Exploring the multi-faceted benefits of academic writing. LSE Blog: The phrase ‘publish or perish’ suggests that the purpose of academic writing is in and of itself to be published. Drawing on qualitative research into academic writing practices, Marion Heron, Karen Gravett and Nadya Yakovichuk suggest that the ‘publish or perish’ concept obscures much of the value in academic writing that resides in writing as a process, and the opportunities it presents academics to individually and collaboratively develop and innovate. [Source: LSE].
Bhakta, A., Farrington, M., Hiscock, D., Staunton, M. (n.d). Ethics versus ethical approvals in humanitarian research. Elrha project blogs: This blog reflects on lessons learned while applying for ethics approval for a project assessing the needs of older people with incontinence in humanitarian settings in Ethiopia and Malawi. [Source: Elrha].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Spotlight On safeguarding in faith communities: In this episode, Nastasya Gecim talks to Shaukat Warraich of Faith Associates, about how he saw a gap in safeguarding support in his faith community and developed an organisation to address it. Learn how Faith Associates work with mosques, madrassas and other faith institutions around the world to support them to be the best they can be at safeguarding.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!


ONLINE RESOURCES

Le Roux, E., & Palm, S. (2021). Learning from practice: Engaging faith-based and traditional actors in preventing violence against women and girls. New York: United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women: This synthesis review explores how to engage faith-based and traditional actors by drawing on the experiences of 10 civil society organizations implementing projects to prevent violence against women and girls in different countries and contexts. It showcases the unique contributions of different types and sizes of organizations, from small locally based youth groups to large international human rights organizations. [Source: United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women].


Paterson, A., Carden, F., & Hanley, T. (2021). From knowing to doing: Evidence use in the humanitarian sector. London. Elrha: This learning paper explores the challenge of improving evidence use pathways so that research can be better used to create more positive outcomes for people affected by crisis. Read a blog on the key messages and learnings from the report. [Source: Elrha].
RSH. (2021). How-to-note: 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 plus provides additional points to consider in the application of global standards. [Source: RSH].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

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

**Call for Applications:** CREAW – Strengthening the governance, management and programming capacities of women's rights organizations in Kenya. Deadline: 12 August 2021.

**Call for papers:** Novel and innovative approaches to advance health research in humanitarian crises. Deadline: 1 September 2021.

**EVENTS**

- **Data feminism book club series.**
  **Multiple dates:** Data Feminism Network (DFN) and Toronto Womxn in Data Science invites you to a special 3-part book club series! This event offers an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of data feminism by engaging in group discussions and to expand your network by engaging with fellow community members.

**VACANCIES**

- **Consultancy to Develop an SRHR Strategic Plan for MenEngage Africa,** Sonke Gender Justice, Location not specified – Closing date: 30 July 2021.

- **Researcher, Justice and Violence Prevention,** ISS, Cape Town, South Africa – Closing date: 1 August 2021.
interested in data feminism. Register online.

**Prevention of domestic violence affecting children during COVID-19**, 4 August 2021 12:30 - 14:00 GMT: Local civil society organisations have been on the front line with children, families and communities during the pandemic. We have seen that domestic violence is being inflicted on children either directly in the form of child abuse, or through children being affected by the increased intimate partner violence within families. In this online event, participants will hear from three local practitioners who are part of the Family for Every Child global alliance about the innovative programmes they are using to tackle this issue. Register online.

**DFN Lounge: Feminism Needs Men and Men Need Feminism (with Michael Flood)**, 6 August 2021, 2am-3am SAST: Join the discussion about the role of men in achieving gender equality. Register online.


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

**Fellow, Continuous Quality Improvement**, Integrate Health, Kara, Togo – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

**Program and Advocacy Coordinator (SRHR)**, TICAH, Kenya – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

**Senior Specialist**, Research, Global Communities, San Diego, USA – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

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**NEWS**


Dinmore, G. (2021, 28 July). *To prevent teenage pregnancies in Sub*
Saharan Africa, it takes a whole village to raise a child. *IPS News.*


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**Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes**

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SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

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