QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Research should not be a luxury reserved for high income countries. Research in low- and middle-income countries should not be conducted by high income countries researchers at the expense and exclusion of local researchers and local epistemologies. Research should have a positive and tangible impact on people’s lives.”

Read the full blog here.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

We All Count and SVRI Workshop: Foundations of Data Equity

The SVRI is providing a limited number of seats in this dynamic workshop. This live, online workshop runs over two half-days and provides the fundamentals of getting started with data equity. Learn how to identify key equity-impacting decision points at every step of your data process; gain a series of practical tools, systems and checklists to then make those decisions in a way that reflects your equity priorities; and get a robust, repeatable structure for embedding equity and a framework that turns equity concerns into equity triumphs. Apply by 1 September here.

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 the upcoming dialogue on 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

• 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.

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.

Girls: This study examines the pandemic-related experiences of 382 vulnerable adolescent girls in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania who were school-enrolled prior to the COVID-19 closures. [Source: WUNRN].

Rieger, A., Blackburn, A. M., Bystrynski, J. B., Garthe, R. C., & Allen, N. E. (2021). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on gender-based violence in the United States: Framework and policy recommendations. Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy, Advance online publication: This article explores how risk for gender-based violence (GBV) has been exacerbated across the social-ecological model (SEM; e.g., by increasing economic stress and decreasing social support) and highlights differential impact across social locations (e.g., considering race, gender, social class). [Source: PubMed].

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.

Lokot, M. (2021). Skewed allegiances: Recalibrating humanitarian accountability towards gender. Refugee Survey Quarterly, hdab007: This article is based on ethnographic research in Jordan, specifically interviews with humanitarian practitioners and Syrian refugees. It explores how accountability for gender issues is positioned within the humanitarian sector. [Source: LSHTM].

Cardenas, I., Steiner, J. J., & Peterson, N. A. (2021). Measurement invariance of the Brief Sense of Community Scale across non-Hispanic, Black and Hispanic college students. J Community Psychol, 49, 2106–2121: This study tested the measurement invariance of the Brief Sense of Community Scale (BSCS) across the two groups. [Source: Rutgers].


Miranda, J.K., Domedel, C., Crockett, M.A., Azócar, E., Thatcher, K. (2021). Growing up in the context of intimate partner violence: experiences and meanings for adolescents in Chile. Child Abuse Negl, 120: e105220: This study explores the lived experiences of adolescents growing up in the context of IPV and the meanings they construct about the phenomenon. [Source: SafetyLit].


and parents exposed to domestic violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

McNaughton Reyes, H.L., Maman, S., Kajula, L.J. et al. The intersection of intimate partner violence perpetration and sexual risk behavior among young men in Tanzania: A latent class analysis of patterns and outcomes. AIDS Behav, ePub: This study uses latent class analysis to: (1) identify distinct patterns of IPV and sexual risk behavior in a sample of Tanzanian men and (2) examine associations between identified patterns and health outcomes. [Source: SafetyLit].


Farvid, P., & Saing, R. (2021). “If I don’t allow him to have sex with me, our relationship will be broken”: Rape, sexual coercion, and sexual compliance within marriage in rural Cambodia. Violence Against Women, ePub: This article examines a range of non-consensual sexual experiences within heterosexual marriage in Aoral and Thpong districts in Kampong Speu, Cambodia. [Source: SafetyLit].

Mgopa, L.R., Rosser, B.R.S., Ross, M.W., Mohammed, I., et al. (2021). Clinical care of victims of interpersonal violence and rape in Tanzania: A qualitative investigation. Int J Womens Health, 13:727-741: This article indicates that cases of intimate partner violence and rape are likely to be under-reported within hospitals and clinics in Tanzania. [Source: SafetyLit].

MEMBER REQUESTS

Survey request: Sexual and gender based violence in European asylum reception facilities: Disclosure experiences and supportive mechanisms

Morgane Vincent is a graduate student at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. Morgane is conducting research looking at the prevalence and disclosure patterns of refugees in European reception facilities. Please consider participating in this study. It is hoped that this study can be used to help us better understand the experience of refugees in refugee camps and the barriers they might face when wanting to report gender-based violence. Access the survey here.
BLOGS

Svarer, C., Guevara, L.F., Dartnall, E., Korth, M.T., Pino, A., & Arango, D.J. (August 10, 2021). The urgency of private-sector action on gender-based violence: Takeaways from a panel conversation during the 2021 Generation Equality Forum, BSR Blog: In June 2021, BSR, in partnership with the SVRI and global mining company Anglo American, hosted a panel at the Generation Equality Forum on how the private sector can prevent and address gender-based violence. This blog shares key takeaways.

Cuaresma, J.C., Fengler, M., Fenz, K., Kharas, H., & Saenger, L. (July 26, 2021). Measuring internet poverty. Brookings Future Development Blog: As we have seen over the last year, internet connectivity should be a staple in everyone's life. While the COVID-19 shock will make it difficult to end extreme poverty by 2030, it is still possible to end internet poverty.

Georgalakis, J. (January 20, 2021). To shape policy with evidence, we should celebrate both good practice and good theory. LSE Blog: In this post James Georgalakis makes the case that bridging the gap between theory and practice is not simply a matter of more refined communication, but of creating structures in which policy influencers and academics can productively learn from each other. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

The trap, Victorian Women’s Trust: This is a series about love, abuse and power. Hosted by Jess Hill, this podcast looks deeply at abuse that happens in private, and in public, searching the world for answers to the questions that continue to confound us. Why does domestic abuse persist? Why do people become abusive? And what can we do to prevent it?

WEBINAR/MEEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Truth, healing, and transformation: Addressing structural racism and building multiracial solidarity to prevent sexual and domestic violence, PreventConnect - A ValorUS Project: In this webinar panelists discuss the importance of addressing the historic and present-day legacies of colonization, genocide, slavery, and other forms of structural racism for safety and equity now and into the future.

ONLINE RESOURCES

CHARISMA Mobile: CHARISMA is a PEPFAR- and USAID-funded empowerment counseling intervention designed to help women use oral pre-exposure prophylaxis and other antiretroviral-based HIV prevention technologies safely and effectively by addressing dynamics of their relationships with male partners, including exposure to intimate partner violence. The intervention,
designed to be delivered by lay counselors, is being adapted into a self-administered digital resource called CHARISMA MOBILE. Email info@charismaproject.org with any questions. [Source: fhi360].

United Nations Population Fund, Regional Syria Response Hub. (2021). Transcending norms: Gender transformative approaches in women and girls safe spaces in humanitarian settings. UNFPA: For countless women and girls throughout the Arab Region, Women and Girls Safe Spaces (Safe Spaces) serve as singular lifelines where they can find safety, community, and healing. This resource is part of the UNFPA Arab States Regional Office Knowledge Series, which encompasses various products that share insights and good practices from the field. [Source: GBV CoP].

Abu-Assab, N., Nasser-Eddin, N. (2021). Organisational safeguarding best practices and procedures: A toolkit towards transnational intersectional feminist accountability frameworks to respond to exploitation, assault, abuse, harassment and bullying. Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: This toolkit aims to provide a resource for organisations that want to develop frameworks for the protection of their staff and stakeholders (which includes the communities in which they work) from exploitation, assault, harassment, bullying, and other abusive practices that include sexual, physical, verbal, and implicit abuse and discrimination. Also available in Arabic. [Source: WUNRN].

Chiang, L., Fernandez, B., Falb, K., Massetti, G., Ligiero, D., Behnam, N. (2020). Measuring violence against children in humanitarian settings: Implementation guidance for a Humanitarian Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (HVACS). Washington, D.C.: Together for Girls: The Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS), led by national governments with support from the CDC as part of the Together for Girls partnership, have been at the forefront of a global data-driven effort to prevent and respond to violence against children. A VACS in a humanitarian setting would generate comprehensive, quality data that key stakeholders could use to inform programming and advocate for better prevention and response services. This guidance addresses the key considerations in humanitarian settings. [Source: Together for Girls].

Plan International Canada. (2021). Adolescent girls consultation toolkit: Plan for girls. Toronto: Plan International Canada: This toolkit is intended to lay a foundation to build a common understanding and coordinated approach to creating a participatory space to engage adolescents and adults in all their diversity and other key stakeholders on the aspirations, challenges, needs and priorities of AGYW. [Source: Interagency Gender Working Group].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for proposals:** Wallace Foundation - seeking arts organisations and researchers. Deadline: 20 August 2021.

**Call for applications:** Wellcome Early Career Awards. Deadline: 26 October 2021.

**Call for applications:** Wellcome Discovery Awards. Deadline: 11 November 2021.

**Call for applications:** Wellcome Career Development Awards. Deadline: 16 November 2021.

**Call for papers:** Special issue on ‘Child Labour, Working Children and Health’ in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. Deadline: 30 November 2021. Funding is available to cover publication fees for selected papers from lead authors in LMICS - please contact nicola.pocock@lshtm.ac.uk if you would like to submit.
EVENTS

- **Care and support in a time of epidemic - what do we really know about DV during Covid-19 Lockdown in South Africa?** 18 August 2021, 14h00 SAST: Join this webinar to discuss the available evidence for violence during the lockdown in South Africa, as well as the challenges of reporting on GBV during the pandemic.

- **Intersectional justice and safety from sexual violence: Spotlights from a new report on health equity strategies**, 24 August 2021, 14h00 - 15h30 ET: Join PreventConnect and Prevention Institute to learn more about this new health equity resource.

- **2021 State of the art in engaging men and boys in health and development: A technical marketplace**, 21 September 2021, 08h30 - 10h00 Washington, D.C.: Learn about recent research, programming, approaches, and tools

VACANCIES


- **Safeguarding Senior Technical Specialist/Technical Specialist**, SD Direct, London, UK, with international travel - Closing date: 27 August 2021.

- **Senior Technical Expert, GBV in Emergencies**, SD Direct, London, UK, with international travel - Closing date: 3 September 2021.

- **Program Coordinator I**, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health Administration, New York, USA - Closing date: Open until filled.

- **Research Manager – Children and Youth Pillar**, Samuel Hall, Tunis,
for engaging men and boys in health; network with colleagues working on engaging men and boys across health and development areas around the globe.

Tunisia - Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**

Elbagir, N., & Kent, L. (2021, 12 August). [Sexual violence against women and girls in Ethiopia's Tigray region amount to war crimes, Amnesty says](https://www.cnn.com). *CNN.*


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

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