



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We must commit to supporting and undertaking better research to develop and scale up evidence to form programmes to address gender based violence in higher education that embrace gender equality.”

[Read the full article.](#)

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning event invitation

[Learning event: Priorities in child sexual abuse \(CSA\) research in lower-and-middle-income countries, 8 September 2021, 3pm SAST](#): Join our event and listen to our panellists speaking about their varied research projects within a broader context of what needs to be done to drive forward ethical, impactful child sexual abuse research in lower-and-middle-income countries. Four panellists will present their work and then we will have an opportunity for questions and sharing with all participants. Watch this space for more details about our panellists and their projects! For this event we are able to offer translation into 15 languages through the Worldly app. Register [online](#).

Webinar invitation

[Webinar: Decolonised and Inclusive: Reflections on the generation of VAW prevention evidence for African Women's Rights Organisations, 9 September 2021, 2pm SAST](#): For many African women's rights organisations, the prevention of violence against women (VAW) is underpinned by legacies of systemic erasure, silencing and limited participation in shaping *what* and *how* emerges as knowledge and evidence. This event will provide a platform for selected voices from the African women's rights organisations and the violence against women prevention research and practice space to deepen insights for reflective implementation, stronger collaborations, and relevant financing for VAW prevention. Register [online](#).

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](#).

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). There are two surveys: 1) Grant recipients doing / supporting research on VAW in LMICs, and 2) Grant-makers / donors funding research on VAW in LMICs. All surveys are available in English, Spanish and French.

- **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. Thank you for your help with this critical study that will help support advocacy efforts for more and better research funding to the field. 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.

[Vahedi, L., Anania, J., Kelly, J. \(2021\). Special report: Gender-based violence and COVID-19 in fragile settings – A syndemic model. USIP](#): This report examines the avenues through which the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the pre-existing epidemic of gender-based violence in fragile settings and, in turn, how gender-based violence can directly and indirectly contribute to COVID-19 vulnerability and community transmission. [Source: *Gender and COVID19*].

[Vijayanthi, I.P., Vijayan, B., Tharayil, H.M., Ayirolimeethal, A., Vidyadharan, V. \(2021\). Domestic violence and psychological problems in married women during COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown: A community-based survey. Asian Journal of Psychiatry. ePub](#): This study aims to assess the prevalence

of psychological problems and domestic violence in married women during the pandemic and lockdown in a panchayat in Southern India and to study the association of socio-demographic and clinical variables with psychological problems. [Source: *Science Direct*].

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.

[Bates, E. A., & Taylor, J. C. \(2021\). "I've never felt such absolute devastating loss": a photo elicitation exploration of men's postseparation experiences of coping after intimate partner violence. *Partner Abuse*. 12\(3\), 242-264](#): This study aims to explore the experiences of men who have been in an abusive relationship with a female partner and how they cope postseparation using a qualitative method that allows the structure of the interview be controlled by the participant. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Ajayi, A.I., Mudefi, E., Owolabi, E. O. \(2021\). Prevalence and correlates of sexual violence among adolescent girls and young women: findings from a cross-sectional study in a South African university. *ePub*](#): This study determines the prevalence and associated factors of sexual violence among adolescent girls and young women in one of the economically disadvantaged universities in South Africa. [Source: *NBCI*].

[Mulwa, S., Chimoyi, L., Agbla, S., Osindo, J., Wambiya, E.O., Gourlay, A., Birdthistle, I., Ziraba, A., & Floyd, S. \(2021\). Impact of the DREAMS interventions on educational attainment among adolescent girls and young women: Causal analysis of a prospective cohort in urban Kenya. *PLoS One*. 16\(8\), e0255165](#): This study provides insights into school enrolment, levels of attainment, and the impact of a complex intervention delivered at scale in representative samples of adolescent girls and young women in urban informal settlements of Kenya. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[Bukuluki, P., Kisaakye, P., Etti, B., Ociran, M., & Bev, R.R. \(2021\). Tolerance of violence against women and the risk of psychosocial distress in humanitarian settings in northern Uganda. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health*. 18\(15\), e8103](#): This paper demonstrates an association between tolerance of violence against women and psychosocial distress experiences in humanitarian settings in northern Uganda. [Source: *MDPI*].

[Yakubovich, A.R., Heron, J., Metheny, N., Gesink, D., & O'Campo P. \(2021\). Measuring the burden of intimate partner violence by sex and sexual identity: Results from a random sample in Toronto, Canada. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. *ePub*](#): This study investigates whether people respond differently to intimate partner violence (IPV) items by sex and sexual identity and the implications this has for understanding differences in IPV burdens. [Source: *University of Munich, Münche*].

[Steinert, J.I., Alacevich, C., Steele, B., Hennegan, J., & Yakubovich, A.R. \(2021\). Response strategies for promoting gender equality in public health emergencies: a rapid scoping review. *BMJ Open*. 11, e048292](#): This review aims to assess interventions and programmes to prevent or mitigate the impact of public health emergencies on gender inequality worldwide. [Source: *University of Munich, Münche*].

[Ndungu, J., Jewkes, R., Ngcobo-Sithole, M., Chirwa, E., & Gibbs, A. \(2021\). Afghan women's use of violence against their children and associations with IPV, adverse childhood experiences and poverty: A cross-sectional and structural equation modelling analysis. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public*](#)

[Health. 18\(15\), 7923](#): This study assesses risk factors for women's use of violence against their children, focused on women's own adverse childhood experiences and experiences of intimate partner violence, poverty, poor mental health and gender attitudes. [Source: *MDPI*].

[van Gelder, N., Ligthart, S., Ten Elzen, J., Prins, J., van Rosmalen-Nooijens, K., Oertelt-Prigione, S. \(2021\). "If I'd had something like SAFE at the time, maybe I would've left him sooner."-Essential features of eHealth interventions for women exposed to intimate partner violence: a qualitative study. *J Interpers. Violence*. ePub](#): This is an interview study with survivors and professionals to assess needs, obstacles, and wishes with regard to an eHealth intervention for women experiencing intimate partner violence and abuse. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[OlaOlorun, F. M., & John, N. A. \(2021\). A couple-based gender transformative intervention to enhance women's participation in household decision-making: results from a cluster randomised control trial in Ibadan, Nigeria. *Development in Practice*. ePub](#): This study evaluated a cluster-randomised control trial that aimed to increase women's household decision-making by working with couples in three critical areas: spousal relations; and financial and reproductive decision-making. [Source: *Columbia University*].

[Okumu, M., Orwenyo, E., Nyoni, T., Mengo, C., Steiner, J. J., & Tonui, B. C. \(2021\). Socioeconomic factors and patterns of intimate partner violence among ever-married women in Uganda: pathways and actions for multicomponent violence prevention strategies. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. ePub](#): This study uses population-based data to: (1) establish different patterns describing the severity of intimate partner violence (IPV) experiences, (2) explore associations between socioeconomic factors and severity of IPV experiences among Ugandan ever-married women, and (3) examine direct and indirect pathways from socioeconomic factors to severity of IPV experiences. [Source: *The Catholic University of America*].

MEMBER REQUESTS

Intimate Partner Violence and COVID-19 in India survey

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) are undertaking a study on intimate-partner violence (IPV) and COVID-19 in India. They request all who identify as women to participate in their study to deepen the understanding of IPV and aggression. Complete the survey [here](#).



BLOGS

[Equipo FREE. \(2021, 19 August\). La Agenda regional de prioridades para la investigación sobre la violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas en América Latina y el Caribe ya está en construcción. SVRI Blog](#): Una de las apuestas de la Iniciativa de Investigación sobre Violencia Sexual (SVRI, por sus siglas en inglés), en su Plan Estratégico 2020-2024, es avanzar en la evidencia sobre cómo mejorar los servicios y prevenir la violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas (VCMN), así como otras formas de violencia derivadas de la desigualdad de género en los países de ingresos bajos y medios. Considerando que se trata de un problema multidimensional que requiere de respuestas integrales que se adapten a diferentes contextos, se vuelve necesario establecer prioridades de investigación para lograr un mejor uso de los recursos disponibles y avanzar de manera más sistemática en la respuesta hacia las diversas formas de violencia. [Lee mas](#)

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

[How to Measure a Sense of Community:](#)

Feeling connected in your community is a protective factor against the risk of perpetrating sexual violence. Are you thinking about how to measure this in your prevention work? In this episode, NSVRC's Evaluation Coordinator, Sally J. Laskey, talks with researchers Iris Cardenas, a PhD Candidate in the School of Social Work at Rutgers University, and Dr. Jordan Steiner about the Brief Sense of Community Scale and their study that examined the cultural relevance of one specific tool with non-Hispanic, Black, and Hispanic college students.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

[Voices to End FGM/C](#): In 2021, as the pandemic traveled the globe, Sahiyo and StoryCenter transitioned their digital storytelling workshop to a virtual platform and supported eleven global advocates and/or survivors of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in sharing their stories. On August 18th at 2pm EST / 11 AM PST, they hosted a film screening to highlight these newest additions to the [Voices to End FGM/C digital storytelling collection](#).

[African Universities Gender Equality Forum:](#)

The webinar explored the role of Africa's academia in advancing gender equality in the workplace and eliminating gender-based violence. Access the recording [here](#) (using passcode Equality21!).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Cerna-Turoff, I., Fang, Z., Meierkord, A., Yanguela, J., Bangirana, C. A., Fernandez, B., Meinck, F. \(2021\). Policy Brief: Investment in nationally representative data on violence against children in low- and middle-income countries. Together for Girls, Africhild Center, Global Partnership to End Violence against Children](#): This brief provides a series of recommendations for improving national data on violence against children and adolescents and using data and evidence to strengthen national-level

violence prevention efforts. The findings and recommendations are based on the results of a global meta-analysis of factors associated with physical, sexual and emotional violence against children in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: *Together for Girls*].

[United Nations Population Fund, Regional Syria Response Hub. \(2021\). Beyond numbers: Improving the gathering of gender-based violence data to inform humanitarian responses. UNFPA](#): It is widely acknowledged that prevalence data is not necessary for establishing effective gender-based violence responses. As such, this guide aims to inform gender-based violence (GBV) responders, GBV coordinators, and humanitarian actors on how to collect GBV data safely to inform humanitarian responses, especially in contexts where available information on GBV is limited. [Source: *UNFPA*].

[CIOMS Working Group. \(2021\). Clinical research in resource-limited settings. Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences](#): The aim of this report is to provide balanced arguments to promote scientifically sound, good quality clinical research in low-resource settings. It provides a comprehensive set of recommendations directed to all major stakeholder groups. [Source: *CIOMS*].

[Our Watch. \(2021\). Respectful relationships education as part of a national approach to preventing gender-based violence: A brief for policy makers. Our Watch](#): This policy brief provides guidance to education policy makers and bureaucrats as well as other interested stakeholders on how to design, implement, coordinate and monitor evidence-based respectful relationships education as part of an approach to preventing gender-based violence. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[GBV AoR Helpdesk: Gender Based Violence in Emergencies. Climate Change and Gender-Based Violence: What are the links? \(2021\). GBV AoR Helpdesk](#): This learning brief focuses on the links between gender based violence (GBV) and climate change. The goal is to increase literacy for GBV actors on the issue of climate change and its link to GBV as a first step to define interventions. [Source: *SDDirect*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): Network grant to contribute to the development of stronger and more inclusive movements advocating for Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Deadline: 26 August 2021.

[Call for Submissions](#): 2021 International Day of the Girl. Deadline : 6 September 2021.



EVENTS



VACANCIES

- ["We Don't Do Much for Them Specifically": diverse SOGIESC \(aka LGBTIQ+\) inclusion in social protection and cash-based assistance, 24 August 2021, 5pm in Brisbane](#): This learning event will explore the barriers for people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics to accessing government and non-government social protection programs in response to COVID-19 and in normal times. Sign Language interpretation and live captioning will be provided. Register [online](#).
- [Gender and phone surveys: methodological considerations, 26 August 2021, 2pm SAST](#): The Webinar will showcase best practices on phone surveys, a key data collection, and monitoring and evaluation tool. The panel will share lessons learned in making phone surveys gender inclusive, to ensure that women's voices are heard. Join the webinar to learn how to incorporate phone surveys in your projects, programmes, and organisations. Register [online](#).
- [Plan de Acción Nacional de Estados Unidos sobre la Violencia de Género: Una Sesión de Escucha Sobre la Prevención, 3 de septiembre a las 11am Hora del Pacífico](#): El Consejo de Política de Género de la Casa Blanca
- [Senior Advocacy Specialist](#), Global Advocacy Consultancy, End Violence Investors Forum, Location not specified – Closing date: 20 August 2021.
- [Advocacy Action Manager](#), Mercy Corps, Nepal, Jordan, Indonesia or Thailand – Closing date: 29 August 2021.
- [Consultancy: Development of AWDF's Strategic Framework](#), AWDF, Location not specified – Closing date: 31 August 2021.
- [Education Cluster Coordinator](#), Save the Children, Juba, South Sudan – Closing date: 31 August 2021.
- [Senior Specialist, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research](#), Global Communities, Remote – Closing date: 31 August 2021.
- [Women Empowered AGYW Training Materials Adaptation Consultant](#), Global Communities, Botswana – Closing date: 31 August 2021.
- [Program and Advocacy Coordinator \(SRHR\)](#), TICAH, Kenya – Closing date: 31 August 2021.
- [Fellow, Continuous Quality Improvement](#), Integrate Health, Kara,

está elaborando un Plan de Acción Nacional sobre la Violencia de Género en los Estados Unidos. PreventConnect organizará una sesión de escucha el viernes 3 de septiembre a las 11 a.m. del Pacífico / 2 p.m. del Este para informar sobre la prevención en el desarrollo del Plan de Acción. Únase a PreventConnect en esta sesión de escucha para compartir opiniones y recomendaciones sobre lo que debería incluirse en un Plan de Acción Nacional. Los participantes tendrán la oportunidad de dar su opinión sobre una serie de preguntas sobre la prevención de todas sus formas de violencia de género. La conferencia web se presentará en Inglés con interpretación en Español. [Regístrese.](#)

Togo – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

- [Co-Director](#), The Shared Agenda Accelerator to Prevent Gender-Based Violence Against Women & Girls, Remote – Closing date: 1 September 2021.
- [Human Resources/Operations Coordinator – Asia-Pacific](#), Access Now, Flexible – Closing date: 2 September 2021.
- [Policy and Campaigns Manager](#), MADRE, New York, USA – Closing date: 16 September 2021.



NEWS

lednewsdesk. (2021, 17 August). [University of Johannesburg: Gender equality in academia is an essential tool to fight the scourge of GBV.](#) *India Education Diary.*

Smith, K. I., & O'Callaghan, C. (2021, 15 August). [Victims of femicide are shamefully ignored in strategy on violence against women.](#) *The Guardian.*

Fatima, Q. (2021, 13 August). [Here is how we can keep women safe from sexual violence.](#) *IPS News.*

Mavhunga, C. (2021, 12 August). [UN urges Zimbabwe to end child marriage after 14-year-old bride dies in childbirth.](#) *Global Citizen.*

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.

