QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Telling one's personal story of violence can ... support women's agency and contribute to the collective struggle against violence against women.”

Read the full article

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultancy opportunity

We Care Project Consultancy: We are seeking the services of a qualified consultant to support the SVRI Technical Specialist in conducting various tasks related to literature review, developing course content, documenting case studies, hosting online learning events, creating accessible knowledge products, and organizational policy revision process. Closing date: 19 September 2021.

Funding ethically project survey

Be a part of our Funding Ethically project by participating in our online survey! SVRI’s ‘funding ethically’ project aims to create guidance for funders on ethical and coordinated funding for research on VAW and VAC in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) based on inputs from diverse stakeholders in the field. During July 2021, many funders, researchers, and practitioners from different regions made a significant contribution to the process by participating in our focus group discussions that explored the needs, opportunities, concerns, and challenges related to this issue. The questions in the online survey are based on the findings from these consultations. We hope to get feedback on these themes from as many stakeholders as possible and especially those based in LMICs to make a significant, positive contribution to the field through the guidance. French and Spanish language versions of this survey will be shared on September 9, 2021. Please click here to participate and share your valuable inputs with SVRI. The survey will be live until September 30, 2021.

Learning event invitation

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. Our exciting panellists include SVRI team and grantees: Nicole Gonzalez (SVRI), Mariana Murueta Cruz (IPPFWHR, Mexico), Adesty Dulawan (World Hope International, Philippines), and Anil Raghuvanshi (Child SafeNet, Nepal). Translation into 15 languages will be offered through the Worldly app.
Webinar invitation

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.

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.

Tracking funding for VAW research in LMICs survey

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.


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., & Wake, C. (2021). Research as usual in humanitarian settings? Equalising power in academic-NGO research partnerships through co-production. Conflict and Health volume. ePub: This paper highlights key challenges with standard research practices in humanitarian settings and identifies seven key principles of co-production that can be helpful in attempting to equalise power dynamics within research partnerships, specifically in conflict-affected and humanitarian settings. [Source: BioMed Central].

Mwaba, K., Senyurek, G., Ulman, Y.I., Minckas, N., Hughes, P., Paphitis, S., Andrabi, S., Salem, L.B., Ahmad, L., Ahmad, A., Mannell, I. (2021). 'My story is like a magic wand': a qualitative study of personal storytelling and activism to stop violence against women in Turkey. Glob Health Action. 14(1). 1927331: Telling personal stories of violence has been central to recent advocacy efforts to prevent violence against women around the world. This paper explores the use of personal storytelling as a form of activism to prevent femicide in Turkey. [Source: NCBI].

Murphy, M., Ellsberg, M., Balogun, A., & Garcia-Moreno, C. (2021). Risk and protective factors for GBV among women and girls living in humanitarian setting: systematic review protocol. Syst Rev. ePub:
This systematic review provides an overview of existing research on risk and protective factors associated with gender-based violence in conflict and humanitarian settings. [Source: NCBI].

Sikström, S., Dahl, M., Lettmann, H., Alexandersson, A., Schwörer, E., Stille, L., Kjell, O., Innes-Ker, Å., Ngaosuvan, L. (2021). What you say and what I hear—Investigating differences in the perception of the severity of psychological and physical violence in intimate partner relationships. 16(8), e0255785: The correct evaluation of severity of violence is crucial in several contexts. An incorrect, or poor, evaluation of violence, could have legal implications. This paper investigates possible errors in communication of the severity of violence within intimate partners relations. [Source: PLoS One].

Broaddus-Shea, E. T., Scott, K., Reijnders, M., Amin, A. (2021). A review of the literature on good practice considerations for initial health system response to child and adolescent sexual abuse. 116, 104225: This review examines the values and preferences of children and adolescents who were sexually abused, and of their caregivers and healthcare workers, regarding: 1) initial response to children and adolescents who have been sexually abused; and 2) obtaining medical history, conducting physical examination, and documenting examination findings. [Source: Science Direct].

Noursi, S., Clayton, J.A., Shieh, C., Sharon, L., Hopkins, D., Simms, D., Sinclair, A. (2021). Developing the process and tracking the implementation and evaluation of the National Institutes of Health Strategic Plan for women's health research. Glob Adv Health Med. ePub: This paper describes the process used to develop recommendations for tools and approaches that NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices could apply when implementing and evaluating the Strategic Plan for Women's Health Research, 2019–2023. [Source: NCBI].


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**BLOGS**

**Equippo FREE.** (2021, 2 Septiembre). Compartiendo los hallazgos de la revisión documental hacia la Agenda de prioridades para la investigación sobre la violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas en América Latina y el Caribe. SVRI Blog: Como parte del proceso de elaboración de la Agenda de prioridades para la investigación sobre la violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas (VCMN) en América Latina y el Caribe (LAC), Equipo FREE (Feminists for Right, Equality and Empowerment) realizó una revisión documental de estudios realizados en la región, entre 2016 y 2021, para identificar los temas más trabajados y los vacíos en el abordaje investigativo de la VCMN, considerando también la diversidad de las subregiones de LAC.

**Shah, P.** (2021, 13 June). Myth: Politics is not for women. GWI Blog: The women who are now in politics don't have it easy, but most of
them are courageous women who participate with dedication to do whatever they can to be heard. [Source: GWI].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Prevention of Domestic Violence affecting Children during COVID-19: Lockdowns and school closures have mitigated the spread of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka, but have also increased the risk factors for domestic violence. Learn how Family for Every Child Member FISD has been tackling the issue in the country.

Spotlight on monitoring safeguarding in research: In this podcast, Nastasya Gečim talks to Bintu Mansaray, a medical doctor and social science researcher, about why it’s so important to make research safe. She shares learning from her research with survivors about simple measure to keep both research participants and data collectors safe.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

LINEA Meetings: The LINEA meetings offer an opportunity to share practice and knowledge related to social norms and the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, and to network and identify opportunities for collaboration. LINEA meeting participants are made up of experts and new contributors to the field, including academics, practitioners and funders.

A matter of faith: Comprehensive sexuality education as a gender-based violence prevention strategy in faith settings: The webinar was convened by UNFPA in collaboration with the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities. This is a part of a series of webinars co-hosted by OHCHR, UNFPA, UN WOMEN and JLI and SVRI Faith and GBV Hub. Access the recording using the passcode 9wg%X8Gp.

ONLINE RESOURCES


UN Women. (2021). Guidance note: Preventing violence against women in politics, UN Women: This guidance note provides technical advice to UN Women and country teams on how they can support Member States to address violence against women in politics, an internationally recognized violation of, and deterrent to, women’s political participation. Available in English, French and Spanish. [Source: UN Women].

Chadha, M., Forde, C., & Duvvury, N. (2020). Economic costs of intimate partner violence in Mongolia. Government of Mongolia, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation & UNFPA: This study shows the overall economic cost that is caused by intimate partner violence in Mongolia. It emphasizes the importance of expanding investment in prevention efforts to reduce the high prevalence of intimate partner violence and its related economic costs to the country. [Source: UNFPA].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


EVENTS

• Evidence Matters: Taking stock of the evidence on preventing and responding to violence against children, 14 September 2021, 3pm-4:30pm CET: This webinar aims to share information and advance understanding of the growing body of evidence on violence against children

VACANCIES

• Program Manager, CARE Canada, Canada (Remote option) – Closing date: 7 September 2021.

• Co-Executive Director, FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund, Remote, preferably in Global South – Closing
(VAC) prevention and response. Through presentations and a panel discussion, it will reflect on the current state of the evidence, the role of evidence in driving action to end VAC, and the opportunities that lie ahead.

- How to use data for better policymaking, 23 September 2021, 3-4pm BST: Join this free online workshop to learn how you can gather, analyse and understand data for better policymaking. You will explore how to use different types of data to inform the policy process and discover why this approach is valuable.

- Program Director, Freedom from Violence, Global Fund for Women – Closing date: 11 September 2021.

- Policy and Campaigns Manager, MADRE, New York, USA – Closing date:

- Campaigner, Access Now, Africa (Location Options) – Closing date: 18 September 2021.

- Director of Communications and Campaigns, Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

**NEWS**


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.