QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Observing issues of equity play out as COVID-19 vaccines became available, was a reminder that low and middle-income countries (LMICs) continue to struggle for equal access to resources and a seat at the table. This mirrors what we have come to know at SVRI and what informs our strategic direction – that research investments in LMICs are small in comparison to the investments made in higher-income countries.” - Elizabeth Dartnall.

Read the SVRI Annual Report 2020/2021 here.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


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.

Taft, A., Young, F., Hegarty, K., Yelland, J., et al. (2021). HARMONY: A pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial of a culturally competent systems intervention to prevent and reduce domestic violence among migrant and refugee families in general practice: Study protocol. BMJ Open, 11:e046431: This pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial aims to increase DVA identification and referral threefold and safety planning among diverse women attending intervention vs comparison primary care clinics. Additionally, the study plans to improve recording of DVA, ethnicity, and conduct process and economic evaluations. [Source: La Trobe University].

Logie, C.H., Okumu, M., Lukone, S.O., Loutet, M., et al. (2021). Ngutulu Kagwero (agents of change): Study design of a participatory comic pilot study on sexual violence prevention and post-rape clinical care with refugee youth in a humanitarian setting in Uganda. Global health action, 14(1), 1940763: This paper details the study design used to develop and pilot test a participatory comic intervention focused on sexual violence prevention through increasing bystander practices, reducing sexual violence stigma, and increasing post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) knowledge with youth aged 16–24 and healthcare providers in Bidi Bidi. [Source: University of Toronto].

Baert, S., Gilles, C., Van Belle, S., Bicanic, I., et al. (2021). Piloting sexual assault care centres in Belgium: who do they reach and what care is offered? European Journal of Psychotraumatology, 12(1), 1935592: This study aims to improve Sexual Assault Care Centres through assessing the number and characteristics of victims attending such services, the sexual assault they experienced, and the care they received over 12 months upon admission. [Source: Ghent University].

approach, this study adapted and validated the Sexual Experiences Questionnaire (SEQ) to measure sexual harassment victimization among college-going women in Jordan. [Source: Emory University].


SVRI AND MEMBER REQUESTS

Tracking 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](mailto:watsonjoyann@gmail.com).

**Participate in the SVRI online discussion board**

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](mailto:ayesha@svri.org).

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**BLOGS**

**Babajide, O.** (2021, August 24). Chronic fatigue and university support for disabilities. The Research Whisperer: We should not shy away from the fact that universities are an ableist working environment with the university's mythical and illusionary expectations of a perfect academic worker with exceptional performance. The reality is that talent is talent, and every diverse group of academics bring something to the table and contribute to their universities.

**Eissler, S., Heckert, J., Myers, E., Seymour, G., et al.** (2021, July 2). Time-use agency: A new measure of women's empowerment. **CGIAR**: Quantitative measures of time use are crucial to tracking progress toward gender equality. These can be based on, for example, individuals’ recollection of time spent on activities over the last 24 hours, or on survey questions (“On a typical day, how much time do you spend caring for children?”). But such approaches can fail to capture the motivations behind time-use decisions.
PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Do girls and women count? Equal Measures 2030 podcast series: In each episode of this series, we hear from some of the world’s most impressive women’s rights activists on their personal journeys through inequality, and their life’s mission to re-balance a very unbalanced world. Equal Measures 2030 connects data and evidence with advocacy and action on gender equality, to smash the patriarchy and transform the lives of women and girls. This podcast is multilingual, with episodes in English, French and Spanish.

The Lost Voices: Early career researcher advice toolkit: A toolkit for early-career researchers, containing advice directly from senior academics who have lived experiences of inequalities. They offer tips and advice on how to overcome any inequalities on your routes to academic success.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Exploring the evidence on child marriage and social protection, UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage and UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti: COVID-19 and measures put in place to stop the spread of the virus have proven detrimental to the economic livelihood of households, sometimes pushing families to adopt harmful coping mechanisms to survive, such as the early marriage of their children.

The science of ACEs and toxic stress (Part 2): This is the second in a series of webinars that explores the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress. Al Race, Deputy Director and Chief Knowledge Officer from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University leads a deep dive into how early experiences affect lifelong health.

ONLINE RESOURCES

GBV AoR. (2021). Climate change and gender-based violence: What are the links?: This learning brief focuses on the links between GBV and climate change. Until relatively recently (and still to an extent), climate change action, including efforts to reduce and adapt to climate change, was under the purview of development programming rather than humanitarian response. [Source: SSDirect].

Jay, H. (2021). Research query: GBV and anticipatory action approaches. GBV AoR Helpdesk: This report is a primer for GBV actors on anticipatory action. It aims to provide a brief overview of what an anticipatory action approach is, including how this approach differs from disaster risk reduction and preparedness work. [Source: SSDirect].

Quarterman, L., Hearle, C. (2021). Annotated bibliography on gender-based violence and social protection programming in emergencies. GBV AoR Helpdesk: The aim of this annotated bibliography is to point GBV practitioners and social protection experts towards resources to improve the delivery of social protection and GBV programming and to reduce GBV in humanitarian emergencies. [Source: SSDirect].

International Labour Organization. (2021). Building forward fairer: Women’s rights to work and at work at the core of the COVID-19 recovery. Geneva: ILO: This policy brief provides an outlook of where women stand in the labour market after more than a year into the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: MenEngage].


RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


EVENTS

• Good governance, participatory democracy, and social justice: Civil society as an agent of change and innovation in Africa, 31 August - 1 September 2021: Join Africa Evidence Network’s Ruth Stewart as she explores how the transparent use of the best available evidence in decision-making can contribute to good governance.

• Gender and health research agenda setting for COVID-19: Initial results, 1 September 2021, 09h00 - 10h00 EDT:

VACANCIES

• Consultancy - GBV Programming and Coordination Support, UNFPA, Various duty stations, Sudan - Closing date: 31 August 2021.

• Consultancy: Development of AWDF’s Strategic Framework, AWDF, Location not specified – Closing date: 31 August 2021.

• Caring for Child Survivors (CCS) Consultant, International Rescue Committee, Global - Closing date: 31
The aim of this webinar is to build consensus on research priorities to address a gender transformative health sector response to COVID-19.

- **Crear | Résister | Transform: a festival for feminist movements! 1 - 30 September 2021:** In times of great threats to women's rights, it's more important than ever for feminists to come together, share resistance strategies, re-energize and build international solidarity. Registration is free.

- **Changing the donor game! / Changer la donne! 7 September 2021, 10h00 - 11h30 EDT:** Build on Generation Equality momentum with innovative feminist funds as they rewrite the rules of the “donor game” as they play!

- **Priorities in child sexual abuse research in lower-and-middle-income countries, 8 September 2021, 15h00 - 16h30 SAST:** Join this 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 LMICs.

- **Walking in balance with all our relations: Leadership from and August 2021.


- **Research Assistant, The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Department of Global Health & Development, London, UK - Closing date: 2 September 2021.

- **Senior Program Officer, EmpowHER Project, New York, USA - Closing date: 3 September 2021.

- **Communications Associate, The Equality Institute, Melbourne, Victoria - Ability to work remotely and must have the right to live and work in Australia - Closing date: 8 September 2021.

- **Content Creator, The Equality Institute, Melbourne, Victoria - Ability to work remotely and must have the right to live and work in Australia - Closing date: 8 September 2021.

- **Protection (Gender-Based Violence) Manager, Danish Refugee Council, Malakal, Upper Nile – South Sudan, Closing date: 11 September 2021.**
partnerships with Indigenous communities to end GBV and restore wellbeing, 9 September 2021, 14h00 - 15h30 ET: Join PreventConnect and the Prevention Institute in this conference where participants will learn about Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition's prevention education and training and technical assistance work to eliminate interpersonal violence in tribal, intertribal, or multicultural communities.

- 4th Biennial Kansas Conference for the Prevention of Sexual & Domestic Violence, 16, 23 & 30 September 2021: This year's virtual conference theme is entitled “Equity, inclusion, diversity & access: Exploring innovative anti-oppression strategies for lasting transformation”.

- YTH Live Global 2021, 4 - 6 October 2021: This virtual conference will showcase the brightest minds and cutting-edge research in topics ranging from sexual and reproductive health to mental health, health equity, climate change and COVID-19. Free registration for youth under 25 years.

- 2nd Cohort of the African Young Women Leaders (AFYWL) Fellowship Programme, UNDP and African Union, Multiple locations, Africa - Closing date: 14 September 2021.

- Project Manager, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Ankara, Turkey - Closing date: 20 September 2021.

- Policy Associate, Research-to-Policy Collaboration, Washington, D.C., USA - Open until filled.

- Policy Postdoctoral Scholar, Research-to-Policy Collaboration, Washington, D.C., USA - Open until filled.

- Senior Program Officer – Health, Africa, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa - Open until filled.

- Program Manager – Gender, Rights and Resilience (GR2), Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Boston, USA - Open until filled.

- Program Specialist, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C, USA - 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.