QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Understanding best practices and pitfalls of remote data collection is critical to continuing to advance research and programming for women and girls to ensure survivors are not left behind in the tide of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

Launching the Global Shared Research Agenda: reshaping the research field for fair, effective and relevant research on violence against women, 23 September 2021, 1pm-3pm SAST: The Sexual Violence Research Initiative and The Equality Institute, with support from Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, steered and facilitated the development of a Global Shared Research Agenda for research into violence against women in low and middle-income countries. Join us for our launch to find out what we discovered. Register here.

Sexual violence against men and boys in humanitarian settings: Strengthening multisectoral responses, 23 September 2021, 15:30 Geneva / 14:30 London / 9:30 NYC: Please join the Women’s Refugee Commission, GBV AOR Community of Practice, and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative for a moderated discussion to discuss how different humanitarian sectors can improve their approach and support male survivors. Register online.

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. Please click here to participate and share your
Online Discussion

The SVRI discussion boards are open until the end of September! 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 are the pros and cons (advantages and disadvantages) of the violence against women (VAW) and violence against children (VAC) fields working together more closely?
- How do we work together more – can we share examples and ideas of solutions and actions that could lead to more coordination, collaboration, partnership, or integration between the two fields?
- 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?

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


Williams, E.E., Arant, K.R., Leifer, V.P., Balcom, M.C., Levy-Carrick, N.C., Lewis-O’Connor, A., Katz, J.N. (2021). Provider perspectives on the provision of safe, equitable, trauma-informed care for intimate partner violence survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic: a qualitative study. BMC Womens Health. 21(1), e315: This study explores the challenges faced by providers involved in caring for intimate partner violence survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the steps providers have taken to address these challenges. [Source: Safetylit].


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

Seff, I., Vahedi, L., McNelly, S., Kormawa E., Stark, L. (2021). Remote evaluations of violence against women and girls interventions: a rapid scoping review of tools, ethics and safety. BMJ Global Health. 6, e00678: This scoping review examines remote evaluations of violence against women and girls (VAWG) interventions to describe the landscape of remote data collection (RDC) methods, reflect on safety and ethical considerations, and offer best practices for RDC in VAWG research. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].


Stamatakis, C., Howard, A., Chiang, L., Massetti, G. M., Apondi, R., Stoebenau, K., Heqle, J., Wasula, L., Patel, P. (2021). Regional heterogeneity in violence and individual characteristics associated with recent transactional sex among Ugandan girls and young women: A national and regional analysis of data from the Violence Against Children and Youth Survey. PLoS One. 16(9), e0257030: This study examines associations between recent transactional sex and potential determinants and variations in patterns across two geographic regions with high HIV burden compared to the rest of Uganda, among adolescent girls and young women. [Source: NCBI].


Nguyen, X.T., Gonick, M., Bui, T. (2021). Engaging girls with disabilities through cellphiling: reflections on participatory visual research as a means of countering violence in the Global South. Childhood. ePub: In this article, the authors examine how girls with disabilities in Vietnam shape their stories in response to disability, gender-based, and racialized forms of violence. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Dichter, M.E., Chatterjee, A., Protasiuk, E., Newman, B.S. (2021). “I’d go from a mountain top and tell my story”: perspectives of survivors of intimate partner violence on storytelling for social change. Violence Against Women. ePub: This article presents findings based on the analysis of 26 qualitative interviews with individuals who had experienced intimate partner violence regarding first-person story sharing. Participants described telling their stories as an act of healing and empowerment. [Source: Safetylit].

Bartels, S.A., Michael, S., Bunting, A. (2020). Child marriage among syrian refugees in Lebanon: At the gendered intersection of poverty, immigration, and safety. Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies. ePub: This study sought to understand how immigration policies and experiences as refugees intersect with other vulnerabilities, such as poverty and insecurity from the perspectives of displaced communities, to influence decisions around marriage practices for young girls. [Source: Queen’s University].

article uses a diverse sample of narratives from adolescent Syrian girls and Syrian parents residing in Lebanon to examine the protective potential of education in emergencies and finds that protection concerns are fundamental to decision-making regarding continuation of education. [Source: Queen’s University].

BLOGS

Centre for Evidence and Implementation. (2021, 30 August). Improving research uptake to address violence against women and violence against children. CEI Global Blog: Violence against women and violence against children are critical issues that require urgent, evidence-informed action, yet low research uptake is common. CEI has been commissioned by the SVRI to co-develop, pilot, and together deliver an online training course and accompanying guide for researchers seeking to understand, address, and stop violence against women and violence against children in low- and middle-income countries. [CEI Global].

TTE Team. (2021, 18 June). Violence against women is a public health issue. The Third Eye: As a part of The Third Eye’s Public Health Edition, Dr. Sanjida Arora was interviewed to talk about how public health systems can serve the public better if there was more reflection on gender biases and structural violence. [Source: CEHAT].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

The disconnect between “gender transformative” language and action in global health: In this episode, the speakers explore the misappropriation and misuse of gender-transformative language and the negative impact this has had on addressing gender inequalities in global health.

The WISER podcast: Feminism. Generation. Activism: the discussion features two feminist writers and activists, Zubeida Jaffer and Simamkele Dlakavu in conversation with Sisonke Msimang, prominent author and WISER writing fellow. The focus, as the title implies, is on questions of generation, feminism and activism in relation to South Africa’s violent histories.

Spotlight on disability inclusion in safeguarding: In this podcast, Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi talks to Lauren Watters of Able Child Africa about how

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Mental health wellness in GBV prevention and response: Promoting self-care and resiliency for health providers: The event offered an opportunity for health care providers and practitioners working to prevent and respond to GBV, and those that support them, to exchange knowledge, share their experiences about coping with the stress and negative mental health and well-being outcomes of the pandemic, learn more about the challenges providers and implementers experience, and identify ways to better support their mental health and overall well-being.

Abusing Power: Exploring root causes and issues for safeguarding - power, privilege, gender and intersectionality: The webinar explored how power and privilege, gender and intersectionality underpin the root causes of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH) and safeguarding. It further looked at how we can
organisations can make their programmes safe for people with disabilities. move beyond safeguarding compliance and towards transformational change.

ONLINE RESOURCES

**Mapping CEFM and FGM/C: An interactive tool to inform Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM) and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) programming:** These interactive maps describe the prevalence of Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM) and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in countries where these practices occur. Stakeholders can use these maps to inform programming by identifying where CEFM and FGM/C are occurring in their country or region, including “hot spots” (areas of higher prevalence) at the subnational level. [Source: CARE-GBV].

**The Social Norms Learning Collaborative:** Learning Collaborative seeks to strengthen the capacity of researchers and practitioners across regions and disciplines by building knowledge, generating evidence, and developing tools to apply effective, ethics-informed social norm theory, measurement, and practice at scale. [Source: ALIGN].

**Homan, S., Fulu, E. (2021). Sustainable development goals and violence against women and girls. The Equality Institute:** Evidence shows that violence against women and girls (VAWG) relates to poverty, hunger, poor health and wellbeing, maternal death, poor education, climate change adaptation, energy and environmental burdens, economic hardships, and societal insecurity. As such, ending VAWG cannot be separated from actions that help tackle these issues. [Source: The Equality Institute].

**Koh, J., Kembhavi-Tam, G., Rose, V., Featherston, R., Shlonsky, A. (2021). Rapid Evidence Review: Violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability. Centre for Evidence and Implementation, Monash University:** This report explores contexts in which violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation occur against people with disabilities, as well as identifying the risk factors for abuse and pinpointing factors for intervention. [Source: CEI Global].

**BOND. (2021). Understanding effective safeguarding culture. BOND:** This tool has been designed to help facilitate conversations within organisations, at all levels, to improve the collective understanding of what constitutes a positive safeguarding culture. [Source: Safeguarding Resource & Support Hub].

**Rege, S., Bhat-Deosthali, P., Ravindran, T.K.S. (2020). Violence against women and girls: Understanding responses and approaches in the Indian health sector. New Delhi: Routledge India:** This book discusses the pervasiveness of violence against women (VAW) in India and traces its evolution as a public health concern. It highlights the fundamental relationship between health and violence and identifies institutional gaps, which hinder comprehensive healthcare and support to VAW survivors. [Source: CEHAT].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

**Request for Proposals:** To conduct systematic reviews on impact of family planning on women’s health and socio-economic status. Deadline: 13 September 2021.

**Call for Applications:** VOICE – Improving adolescent informed consent for HIV research studies. Deadline: Not specified.
Funding Announcement: Co-Impact is excited to announce the development of our second fund – the Gender Fund – to accelerate progress towards gender equality and women’s leadership.

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 (VAC) prevention and response.

- 4th Biennial Kansas virtual conference for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence: Equity, inclusion, diversity and access - Exploring innovative anti-oppression strategies for lasting transformation, 16, 23 and 30 September 2021: This conference is a networking and learning opportunity for all those working to end sexual and domestic violence. This conference is multidisciplinary and is appropriate for both prevention- and intervention-based professionals. Register online.

- Wrapping Up This Series: Where do we go from here to prevent sexual violence

VACANCIES


- Digital and Social Media Strategist, Center for Global Development, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 13 September 2021.

- We Care Project Consultancy, SVRI, Home-based – Closing date: 19 September 2021.

- Head of Gender and Inclusion, Plan International, Flexible – Closing date: 20 September 2021.

- Information Management and Case Management Specialist, UNHCR, Flexible – Closing date: 20 September 2021.

- Learning and Evaluation Consultant (Maternity Cover), Global Fund for
during COVID-19? 17 September 2021, 2pm-3:30pm EST: Join PreventConnect and NSVRC for this webinar where participants will reflect on key learnings from earlier web conferences in this series and explore ways to transform those learnings into action despite an ever-changing COVID-19 landscape.

- Investigating feminicidal violence: A labour of feminist archeological excavation/Investigando sobre la violencia feminicida: Un Trabajo feminista de excavación, 23 September 2021, 13:00 CDMX/CST: In this event the presenters will analyse the importance of investigating feminicidal violence as a constant and slow labor of archaeological excavation to focus on the question of how violence sediments itself, not only in the territories we inhabit, but under our own skin. This event is organized by the Red Interamericano Anti Femicida (RIAF) and will be in Spanish with simultaneous interpreting into English.

- Regional Head of Humanitarian - West and Central Africa, Save the Children, Dakar, Senegal – Closing date: 22 September 2021.

- GBV Program Manager, CARE international, Amman, Jordan – Closing date: 22 September 2021.


- Award Management Subject Matter Expert, Save the Children, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – Closing date: 23 September 2021.

- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, World Vision, El Salvador – Closing date: 30 September 2021.

- Regional Coordinator, Access Now, Southeast Asia – Closing date: 6 October 2021.
NEWS


Mondello, M. (2021, 30 August). Kidnapped, raped, wed against their will: Kyrgyz women’s fight against a brutal tradition. The Guardian.


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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.

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