



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Rigid ideas of femininity produced intolerance and violence against women and girls who do not conform to the ideology of femininity and feminine respectability in Guyana. “He said] ...we beat the girl last night, budday because she is a female, right? And she goes to school and she is supposed to be wearing skirt. They tell she if she don't start wearing skirt, they gone beat she. (G4, Girls Focus Group)”

[Read the full article.](#)

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVRI Forum 2022: Call for abstracts NOW OPEN!

The world's leading conference on research and advocacy on violence against women and violence against children is proud to be back. Join us on this year-long journey as we navigate our way to meet once again at [SVRI Forum 2022](#), 19 – 23 September 2022 in Cancún, Mexico.

The call for abstracts for SVRI Forum 2022 is now open! Closing date: 28 February 2022.

- Submit your abstract in [ENGLISH](#)
- Submit your abstract in [SPANISH](#)

For more information on submitting your abstract, visit the [abstract submission webpage](#) or contact us at forums@svri.org.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[D'Angelo, E., Piana, M., Aceves, S.A., Trejo, B., López, F. y Lerner, S. \(2021\). Femicidios en América Latina en contextos de pandemia. Segundo Informe Anual. Latinoamérica, MUNDOSUR](#): Para dar seguimiento a los hallazgos y avances del proyecto del Mapa Latinoamericano de Femicidios, anualmente presentamos dos informes de monitoreo y evaluación. Estas instancias, nos permiten reflexionar sobre las particularidades de los femicidios/femicidios a nivel regional y analizar el trabajo de monitoreo efectuado a través del Mapa Latinoamericano de Femicidios. *[Source: MUNDOSUR]*.

[Bardales Mendoza, O.T., Díaz, R.M., & Carbajal, M. \(2021\). Femicide violence before and during the COVID-19 health emergency. Violence and Gender. Advanced online publication](#): This work explores the extreme violence against women before and during the COVID-19 pandemic in Peru, considering different restriction periods. *[Source: LiebertPub]*.

[Phillimore, J., Pertek, S., Akyuz, S., Darkal, H., Hourani, J., McKnight, P., Ozcurumez, S., & Taal, S. \(2021\). "We are forgotten": Forced migration, sexual and gender-based violence, and Coronavirus Disease-2019. Violence against women, 10778012211030943. Advance online publication](#): Adopting a structural violence approach, this article explores, with survivors and practitioners, how early coronavirus disease-2019 pandemic conditions affected forced migrant sexual and gender-based violence survivors' lives. *[Source: PubMed]*.

[Ender, M., Al-Haidari, T., Benedetto, C., Chowdhury, S., Christilaw, J., El Kak, F., Galimberti, D., Garcia-Moreno, C., Gutierrez, M., et al. \(2021\). How the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic is impacting sexual and reproductive health and rights and response: Results from a global survey of providers, researchers, and policy-makers. Acta obstetrica et gynecologica Scandinavica, 100\(4\), 571–578](#): This article gives a global overview of trends in access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and what is being done to mitigate its impact. *[Source: PubMed]*.

[Yakubovich, A.R. & Maki, K. \(2021\). Preventing gender-based homelessness in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond: The need to account for violence against women. Violence Against Women](#): In this activist/advocate note, the authors outline the context of gender-based violence and

homelessness in Canada prior to COVID-19 and how the pandemic has exacerbated structural vulnerabilities for women. [Source: *University of Toronto*].

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.

[Stöckl, H., & Quigg, Z. \(2021\). Violence against women and girls. *BMJ*; 374: n1926](#): Violence against women and girls is regularly making headlines in the UK, gaining prominence with the murder of Sarah Everard four months ago. The Home Office responded with a new strategy to tackle violence against women and girls that seeks to improve the criminal justice system's response to rape, strengthening law enforcement and improving support and prevention. Is it sufficient to turn the tide? [Source: *BMJ*].

[Baker-Henningham, H., Bowers, M., Francis, T., Vera-Hernández, M., Walker, S.P. The Irie Classroom Toolbox, a universal violence-prevention teacher-training programme, in Jamaican preschools: a single-blind, cluster-randomised controlled trial. *The Lancet Global Health*, 9\(4\), e456 - e468](#): This study tests whether the Irie Classroom Toolbox, a violence-prevention teacher-training programme reduced violence against children by teachers and reduced class-wide child aggression in Jamaican preschools (catering to children aged 3–6 years). [Source: *The Lancet*].

[Kelly, J.D.T., Ausubel, E., Kenny, E., Blake, M., Heckman, C., Rastogi, S., Sharma, V. \(2021\). Measuring gender-based violence risk mitigation in humanitarian settings: results from a comprehensive desk review and systematic mapping. *BMJ Open*. 11, e050887](#): This mapping review identifies and documents the current knowledge and range of approaches being used across the humanitarian field to monitor and evaluate gender-based violence risk mitigation interventions. [Source: *Innovations for Poverty Action*].

[Lasocik, Z., Winterdyk, J., Van der Watt, M. \(EDS\). \(2021\). Forced labour and child exploitation: Challenges, perspective, and social context. *Archives of Criminology, Special Issue, XLIII \(1\)*](#): Writing about the progress in the fight against forced labor, the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in

Human Beings Maria Grazia Giammarinaro in 2020 said that were still at an “ear-ly stage”. It may be surprising if we take into account that International Convention on this issue was adopted over 80 years ago. The articles in this volume offer a number of interesting reflections and bring many innovative ideas. [Source: *University of Maine*].

[García, L.H., Castañeda, M.P., Lozano, L.L., Alcaide, M.P., Gavín, M.O., Grande, A.G. \(2021\). Validation of a cyberbullying questionnaire as a screening tool for other forms of intimate-partner violence towards young women. BMC Public Health. 21\(1\), e1639:](#) The study sought to validate two questions on the perceptions of harassment and control by electronic tools (HCE-2) as a population screening tool for intimate partner violence in youths. [Source: *Safetylit*].

[Rodney, R., Gastaldo, D., Trotz, D.A., Crooks, C.V. \(2021\). Sex as boys' fame, but girls' shame: adversarial adolescent gender roles and gender-based violence in Guyana. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub:](#) This study utilized a critical qualitative design to explore adolescent dating violence with adolescents (14–16 years old), parents, and school officials in a public secondary school in Guyana. [Source: *SAGE Journal*].

[Fine, S.L., Kane, J.C., Murray, S.M., Skavenski, S., Paul, R., Murray, L.K. \(2021\). Moderator effects in a randomized controlled trial of the Common Elements Treatment Approach \(CETA\) for intimate partner violence and hazardous alcohol use in Zambia. Drug Alcohol Depend. 228, e108995:](#) This study explores moderating factors impacting responsiveness to a cognitive behavioral therapy-based intervention for IPV and hazardous alcohol use among couples in Zambia. [Source: *Safetylit*].

SVRI AND MEMBER REQUESTS

FORWARD - Call for Changemakers

FORWARD, an implementing partner in the UNFPA Spotlight Programme “Accelerating African-Led Diaspora Change Makers”, is conducting a study on the impact that African diaspora change makers have made in the movement to end female genital mutilation (FGM). FORWARD is seeking to celebrate and highlight individuals and organisations and their ability to bring about positive change in ending FGM by collecting real-life experiences and personal stories which can inspire, motivate, influence others to drive and achieve positive change to end FGM, in the areas of legislation, policy, health, community attitudes etc. We are very keen to hear from you in this study.

Please get in touch and share your own experiences, tell us about other change makers in your network as well. If you would like to apply or submit your name or nominate an individual or organisation, please send their contact details as below to [TuWezeshe@forwarduk.org.uk](mailto:Tuwezeshe@forwarduk.org.uk) by 1 October 2021.

SVRI survey request

The [online survey](#) for our ethically funding project will be live **for one more week!** Don't miss your chance to participate. Your feedback will help us to make a significant positive contribution through the guidance for funders on ethical and coordinated funding for research on VAW and VAC in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Please [click here](#) to participate and share your valuable inputs with SVRI. The survey is also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#). The survey will be live until September 30, 2021.

Participate in the SVRI online discussion board

Thank you so much to all those who have provided their insights and comments to our discussion boards! We really appreciate it. The boards will be open for **one more week!** Please 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?](#)

All discussion boards will remain open until the end of September 2021. For questions or concerns, please email Ayesha Mago at ayesha@svri.org.



BLOGS

[Armstrong, N., Pauls, E. \(2021, 1 April\). Funding cuts undermine the global impact of research and its value as an emancipatory project. LSE Blog: Responding to the recently announced cuts to UKRI's research funding and Overseas Development Assistance programme, Nicky Armstrong and Evelyn Pauls, argue that these](#)

developments reflect a narrow conception of the impact of academic research on society and describe how these cuts will affect the work of the Gender, Justice and Security Hub. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

[Podcast Episode 2: Transforming Health Systems for Gender Equality](#): In this episode, host Johanna converses with three health system experts on what health system transformation for gender equality looks like. They also discuss how gender power inequalities manifest in health systems and how to better build bridges across movements working towards equality without side-lining any one agenda for maximising effectiveness.

WEBINAR/MEETING

RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

[Lessons on the long-term impact and scaling of the Bandebereho couples intervention during COVID-19](#): Speakers from Promundo and the Rwanda Men's Resource Centre share findings from a recent study showing that families who participated in the Bandebereho fathers and couples intervention in 2015 generally fared better during the pandemic than those who hadn't participated. [Source: *Prevention Collaborative*].

ONLINE

RESOURCES

[United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\) East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, and UN Women Asia and the Pacific Regional Office \(2021\). Ending Violence against Women and Children in Asia and the Pacific: Opportunities and Challenges for Collaborative and Integrative Approaches. Bangkok: UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women](#): This regional report provides a synthesis of findings of the four country

studies and, building on these findings, presents opportunities for strengthening the inter-linkages between sectors and actors working on violence against women and violence against children.

[Source: UNICEF].

GBV AoR Helpdesk. (2021). Learning series on technology-facilitated gender-based violence. GBV AoR Helpdesk: The three-part resource looks at the different forms of technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV), suggests actions for gender based violence specialists and also policy recommendations for humanitarian organisations, donors and technology companies:

[Learning brief 1: Understanding technology- facilitated gender-based violence](#): This brief provides a definition and overview of TFGBV behaviors, looks at prevalence and how TFGBV is manifesting in emergency contexts, and the impacts it has on women and girls.

[Learning brief 2: Strategies and actions for preventing and responding to technology-facilitated gender-based violence](#): This brief provides an overview of promising strategies currently being used in different parts of the world to prevent and respond to TFGBV and highlights some key examples and resources.

[Learning Brief 3: Implications of technology-facilitated gender-based violence and actions for humanitarian agencies, donors and online industries](#): This brief looks at some of the wider implications of TFGBV, and offers recommendations for key stakeholders, including humanitarian agencies, donors and online industries, on priority actions to take to prevent and respond to TFGBV.

[Source: GBV AoR Helpdesk].

[UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, UN Women. \(2021\). Learning from practice: Community mobilization to prevent violence against women and girls](#): This synthesis review looks at ways of engaging communities by drawing on the experiences of 10 civil society organisations implementing projects to prevent violence against women and girls in different countries and contexts. It provides practical tips and recommendations for those directly engaging with communities in their interventions, for researchers, and for donors. [Source: *Prevention Collaborative*].

[EVE Project: Evidence for Violence prevention in the Extreme](#): The EVE Project takes a multidisciplinary perspective to explore the community, national and global factors that have contributed to higher rates of violence in some parts of the world. The researchers are looking in detail at these processes through two case studies in the Peruvian Andes and Samoa. [Source: *University College London*].

[Kirkland, A., Jiménez-Santiago, B., Subherwal, B., Srinivasan, D., Stoskopf-Ehrlich, E., Hunt, J., Dugan, J., Canessa, R., Carey, T. \(2021\). Failure to Protect: How Discriminatory Sexual Violence Laws and](#)

[Practices are Hurting Women, Girls, and Adolescents in the Americas. Equality Now](#): This report calls on governments to improve protections in the law, as well as improving access to justice and implementation of the law, and challenging negative stereotypes so that sexual violence is reduced, and perpetrators are held accountable. [Source: *Equality Now*].

[Prevention Collaborative Website](#): The Prevention Collaborative has launched a new look and website. The website is a space for those working in violence against women and violence against children prevention to find relevant resources, join online courses, and learn about the work of the Prevention Collaborative. Watch a virtual tour of the website [here](#). [Source: *Prevention Collaborative*].

[The IRIE Classroom Toolbox](#): This website contains downloadable resources for early childhood teachers to help them with classroom behaviour management, how to create an emotionally supportive classroom environment, and how to promote children's social-emotional competence. [Source: *IRIE Classroom Toolbox*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Calls for Project Proposals](#): British Embassy Bucharest – Improving Police handling of Domestic Violence (Romania). Deadline: 27 September 2021.

[Call for Proposals](#): UN Women – Improved Safety of Women in Serbia. Deadline: 8 October 2021.

[Call for Proposals](#): UNDP: Strengthening the LGBTQI community in Georgia

[Call for Grant Applications](#): ANROWS Sexual Harassment Research Program. Deadline: 11 October 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): USAID – Promoting the Voice and Leadership of Women Activity (Jordan). Deadline 17 October 2021.



EVENTS

- [Launch of online exhibition on campus rape culture, 30 September 2021, 6pm SAST](#): Please join the launch of an online exhibition of selected photographic and audio findings of a research project by the URDR which explored the question “How are the drivers of campus rape culture understood and experienced by women students at Stellenbosch University?” Using an innovative participatory methodology called PhotoVOICE 2.0, this project partnered with women students at Stellenbosch University to contribute to a better understanding of the underlying drivers of campus rape culture.



VACANCIES

- [IGA, VSL and Gender Officer](#), Save The Children, Mozambique – Closing date: 29 September 2021.
- [Regional Coordinator](#), Southeast Asia, Access Now – Closing date: 6 October 2021.
- [Administration Senior Associate](#), UNOPS, Bamako, Mali – Closing date: 6 October 2021.
- [Senior Program Officer](#), Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 15 October 2021.



NEWS

Jerving, S. (2021, 21 September). [Report: Kenya failed to protect GBV survivors during pandemic](#). *Devex*.

Davis, L. S. (2021, 4 September). [Tradition of Afghan girls who live as boys may be threatened](#). *CNN*.

Abrahams, J. (2021, 31 August). [Towards a real feminist foreign policy](#). *Prospect Magazine*.

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.

