QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Many of us dismiss images and stories of forced displacements as something so far removed from one’s reality, until you come across that one refugee or person that makes you realize that he or she is actually not that different from you, and that it was perhaps more an issue of luck that you are not them.” ~ Reem Alsalem

Meet the new United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences here.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terms of Reference: SVRI Strategy mid-term evaluation
SVRI is seeking a consultant with extensive experience in institutional programme evaluations to undertake a midterm evaluation to assess achievements and outcomes and areas for improvement in the delivery of the SVRIs Strategic Plan. Closing date: 14 October 2021. Please view the full ToR here for more information.

SVRI Forum 2022: News and updates
We are delighted to invite you to SVRI Forum 2022, 19 – 23 September 2022 in Cancún, Mexico!

- **Registration** is now open! Early bird rates apply. For more information on important dates, registration fees and how to register, visit the registration page here.
- **Abstract submission** is open. Closing date: 28 February 2022. For more information on submitting your abstract, visit the abstract submission webpage here 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.

The Feminist Humanitarian Network. (2021). Women’s humanitarian voices: Covid-19 through a feminist lens. A global report: This report aims to ensure that the significant and essential accomplishments of women’s rights organisations, achieved despite major systemic challenges and barriers, are visible and clearly documented. [Source: WUNRN].


Claypool, N., Moore de Peralta, A. (2021). The influence of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including the COVID-19 pandemic, and toxic stress on development and health outcomes of Latinx children in the USA: A review of the literature. Int. Journal on Child Malt. 4, 257–278: The purpose of this review is to synthesize existing literature to analyze the influence of the ACEs, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and toxic stress on child development and lifelong health outcomes of Latinx children in the USA, utilizing the ACE framework. [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 contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.

Seff, I., Falb, K., Yu, G., Landis, D., Stark, L. (2021). Gender-equitable caregiver attitudes and education and safety of adolescent girls in South Kivu, DRC: A secondary analysis from a randomized controlled trial. PLoS Med 18(9): e1003619: This study uses panel data from a program evaluation to analyze associations between changes in gender-equitable attitudes among caregivers and changes in schooling and violence victimization for girls ages 10 to 14 years old in the Democratic Republic of
the Congo (DRC). [Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Navarro-Mantas, L., & Ozemela, L. M. (2021). Violence against the indigenous women: Methodological and ethical recommendations for research. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 36(13-14), NP7298–NP7318: This article is based on a pilot survey that adapts and implements the WHO multicountry study's survey methodology on women's health and domestic VAW in three resguardos (communal lands) of the Nasa indigenous community in Colombia. The goal is to contribute to and improve the methodological adaptation of VAW research to cultural diversity, and simultaneously attempting to obtain high-quality data that can be comparable at the national and international levels. [Source: PubMed].

Ferragut, M., Ortiz-Tallo, M., & Blanca, M. J. (2021). Prevalence of child sexual abuse in Spain: A representative sample study. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, ePub: This study determines the prevalence of different child sexual abuse experiences in a sample that was representative of the Spanish population in terms of gender, age, and region. [Source: SafetyLit].

Gill, M. (2021). Online child sexual exploitation in the Philippines: Moving beyond the current discourse and approach. Anti-Trafficking Review, (16), 150–155: This article argues that more holistic, long-term, and community-based interventions targeted at vulnerable families and children are needed that address the deeper determinants of online child sexual exploitation in the Philippines. [Source: SafetyLit].


SVRI AND MEMBER REQUESTS

Final call: SVRI Funding Ethically survey
The online survey for our Funding Ethically project will close tonight! 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.

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. 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 violence against children, child sexual abuse and/or violence against women are welcome to join the conversation. All discussion boards will remain open until the end of September 2021. For questions or concerns, please email Ayesha Mago at ayesha@svri.org.

Survey invitation: UNFPA gender innovation mapping exercise
UNFPA is conducting a global mapping exercise to explore the role of innovation in promoting gender equality and women and girls' empowerment, and to identify where, how, and for whom such innovations are taking place, as well as what can be learned from these experiences. Please participate and share the survey with your networks and partners. The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. The survey is open through Friday, 15 October 2021 (12:59 pm EST).

Study participation: Call for FGM Diaspora Change-makers
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. FORWARD is calling for Diaspora individuals or African-led organisations that have championed proven interventions in ending FGM or supported local communities to prevent FGM and providing services/care for girls and women affected by FGM to be included in this study. Please contact TuWezeshe@forwarduk.org.uk by 13 October 2021.
BLOGS

Fontes, L.A. (2021, 27 September). Sexual coercion in intimate relationships: Eight tactics. Domestic Shelters: Sexual coercion refers to using nonviolent means to pressure an unwilling partner to comply with sex. Forcibly holding someone down is not coercion—that's assault or rape, depending on the acts. But manipulating or intimidating another person into a sexual act that they did not want to perform—that's coercion. [Source: University of Massachusetts].


PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Tea with Mama Cash: Decolonising feminism: Tune in for a conversation about why decolonisation is a feminist project and we have to decolonise feminism (“We're trying to challenge norms, right?”), how coloniality plays out within activism, development and aid, and what Mama Cash is doing differently.

My Only Story: In late 2017, a traumatic event turned his life upside down. While Deon dealt with the emotional fallout, memories from much longer ago also surfaced: memories that led to a dark series of events from his teenage years. Recollection led to research, and soon he realised there was far more to his story than just his own experiences. And so season one of My Only Story, a four-part true-crime podcast, debuted in South Africa. Season 2 is now available.
WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Global Shared Research Agenda Launch Webinar: The SVRI 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. Access the webinar recording and other relevant materials here.

Sexual violence against men and boys in humanitarian settings: Strengthening multisectoral responses: The Women's Refugee Commission, GBV Area of Responsibility, and the SVRI hosted a moderated discussion to discuss how different humanitarian sectors can improve their approach and support male survivors. Access the webinar recording and other relevant materials here.

Evidence Matters: Taking stock of the evidence on preventing and responding to violence against children: This event, hosted by UNICEF Innocenti, shares information and advance understanding of the growing body of evidence on violence against children prevention and response. Findings are discussed from groundbreaking evidence reviews, the UNICEF Evidence and Gap Map on interventions for reducing violence against children in low and middle-income countries, and a review of the work on violence against children prevention in schools in the Global South.

ONLINE RESOURCES

ECPAT International. (2021). Global Boys Initiative: A global review of existing literature on the sexual exploitation of boys. ECPAT International: This report presents findings from a systematic, multilanguage, global literature review of all research exploring the sexual exploitation of boys. [Source: UNICEF].

Tools and resource page: Implementing the UN disability inclusion strategy. United Nations: The tools and resources on this page are intended to support the implementation of the UNDIS, from headquarters to the field and across programmes and operations – whether in our work on human rights, development, peace and security or humanitarian action. [Source: UN].

Breakthrough ACTION + RESEARCH. (2021). Seeking breakthroughs in social and behavior change at the intersection of family planning and intimate partner violence: This report discusses how family planning and intimate partner violence intersect and what more can be done to consider and
address this intersection through research and programming that leverages social and behavior change theories and approaches. [Source: Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs].

Hooker, L., Ison, J., Henry, N., Fisher, C., Forsdike, K., Young, F., Korsmeyer, H., O'Sullivan, G., & Taft, A. (2021). Primary prevention of sexual violence and harassment against women and girls: Combining evidence and practice knowledge - Final report and Theory of Change. La Trobe University: The Australian Government Department of Social Services commissioned this project to identify effective primary prevention sexual violence and harassment interventions and analyse other forms of data that may inform a Theory of Change and future research on the primary prevention of sexual violence and harassment. [Source: La Trobe University].

Hooker, L., Ison, J., O'Sullivan, G., Fisher, C., Henry, N., Forsdike, K., Young, F., & Taft, A. (2020). Primary prevention of sexual violence and harassment against women and girls: Combining evidence and practice knowledge - Evidence review and data synthesis. La Trobe University: The aim of the project is to identify effective primary prevention sexual violence and harassment interventions at all levels of the ecological model and develop a Theory of Change to guide future research and policy in the primary prevention of sexual violence and harassment. [Source: La Trobe University].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for applications: Co-Impact Gender Fund. Closing date: 20 December 2021.

• **Corporal punishment of children and public health: what does the research tell us? 5 October 2021, 15h00 Geneva:** This webinar, hosted by the WHO and the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, offers an opportunity to explore the key findings of five decades of research into corporal punishment of children.

• **The Diversity and Complexity of Child Marriage: Child Marriage Learning Partners Consortium International Day of the Girls event, 12 October 2021, 16h00 London:** Join in celebrating International Day of the Girl as participants hear the latest evidence on child marriage and discuss how these findings can support advocacy, programming, and further research.

• **Pivots in Prevention: College Campus Sexual Violence Prevention and COVID-19, 19 October 2021, 14h00 ET:** Join PreventConnect and guests from the University of California, Berkeley and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence to learn about the strategies they are implementing on two-year and four-year college campuses and their visions for the future.

• **Online course: How to Succeed at VAW Prevention: Key Elements of**

• **Various consultancies:**
  - **Senior Lawyer**, Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA), based remotely in Africa - Closing date: 7 October 2021.

• **HIV/AIDS Advocacy Coordinator**, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Centre Brussels - Closing date: 10 October 2021.

• **Head Thematic Support Team**, Tearfund, Global - Closing date: 10 October 2021.

• **Consultancy: Statistician**, The Equality Institute, home-based, closing 18th October 2021.

• **Capacity Strengthening Lead**, Prevention Collaborative, home-based – Closing date: 27 October 2021.

• **Programme Assistant**, Prevention Collaborative, home-based – Closing date: 27 October 2021.

• **Content Producer**, Prevention Collaborative, home-based – Closing
Effective Programmes, 20 October - 15 December 2021: This exciting Prevention Collaborative course looks at the common characteristics of effective prevention programming, as emerging from the latest evidence and experience in the violence against women prevention field. Apply by 8 October 2021.

• Coming Together in the Fight Against Domestic Violence: Building Multi-Agency Partnerships to Implement and Evaluate a Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT), 27 October 2021, 10h00 ET: Join this webinar to learn about DVERT, an innovative evidence-informed domestic violence service delivery program.

• Course: Designing for Implementation (2021-2022 cohort) - Free spots for participants in low and middle-income countries: In an effort to support capacity building in applying implementation science, The Center for Implementation is offering 15 spots for eligible professionals to enroll for free. Apply by 3 October 2021.

• Health Coordinator, International Rescue Committee, Kabul, Afghanistan - Closing date: Open until filled.

• Program Officer, Women Preventing Violent Extremism (WPVE), United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C, USA - Closing date: Open until filled.

• Postdoctoral Fellow to support African based research projects, University of California San Diego Center for Gender and Health Equity, San Diego, USA - Closing date: Open until filled.

• Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Boston College, Boston, USA - Closing date: Open until filled.

• Bradlow Fellowship, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa - Closing date: On rolling basis.
**NEWS**


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**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.*

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