QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Making sure that research participants obtain and claim more agency in deciding whether and how to participate in research is a crucial step to making research more ethical and research collaborations more equal."

Read the full article.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


Bourgault, S., Peterman, A., O'Donnell, M. (2021). Violence against women and children during covid-19—one year on and 100 papers in: A fourth research round up. Center for Global Development: This paper takes stock of 26 studies that seek to determine whether COVID-19 and containment measures lead to an increase of violence against women and children. [Source: Center for Global Development].

Adolescent experiences following covid-19 lockdowns in low- and middle-income countries. Report, London: Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence: This report aims to support timely and context-relevant policy and programming in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, the State of Palestine (Gaza and West Bank) and Jordan by adding to the evidence base on adolescent girls’ and boys’ experiences during covid-19. [Source: GAGE].

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.

Duvvury, N., Scriver, S., Gammage, S., John, N. (2021). The impacts of violence against women on choice and agency: Evidence from Ghana and Pakistan. Women’s Studies International Forum. 89, 102536: This article explores the economic impact, the role of agency, and the broad social costs of violence against women in developing country contexts. [Source: Science Direct].

Peitzmeier, S.M., Wirtz, A.L., Humes, E., Hughto, J.M.W., Cooney, E., Reisner, S.L., American Cohort To Study HIV Acquisition Among Transgender Women (LITE). The transgender-specific intimate partner violence scale for research and practice: Validation in a sample of transgender women. Social Science & Medicine. 291, 114495: This study sought to develop and validate a brief intimate partner violence scale that screens for controlling behaviours and psychological abuse tactics directed toward transgender individuals. [Source: Science Direct].


Kamal, S.M.M., & Ulas E. (2021). The association between marital violence and reproductive and sexual health outcomes of women: a multi-country study of South Asia. Health Care Women Int. ePub: In this study, the authors examine the relationship between marital violence and reproductive and sexual health outcomes of women of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan. [Source: Safetylit].

Wolff, N., Aizpurua, E., & Peng, D. (2021). Violence against incarcerated women: predicting risk through the lens of childhood harm. Violence Against Women. ePub: This study examines the link between in-prison victimization, childhood (physical, sexual, and emotional) harm, and mental illness. Nearly half or more of women reported childhood harm and over one-quarter experienced in-prison victimization. [Source: SAGE Journals].


BLOGS

Equipo FREE. (2021, 28 de octubre). La Agenda regional prepara la conformación de su Junta Asesora. SVRI Blog: El proceso de construcción colectiva de la Agenda de prioridades de investigación sobre violencia contra las mujeres y las niñas (VCMN) en América Latina y el Caribe (ALC), impulsada por la Iniciativa de Investigación sobre Violencia Sexual (SVRI, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Equipo FREE (Feminists for Right, Equality and Empowerment), entra en una nueva fase y prepara la conformación de una Junta Asesora, como instancia de interlocución y encuentro entre diversos sectores de la región que trabajan en torno a la prevención, atención, sanción y reparación de la VCMN. Lee más...

Harle, J. (2021, 25 August). We won’t get to a more equitable
knowledge ecosystem if we don’t have more equitable ways to assess research and knowledge. LSE Blog: The ways in which research quality and research impact are defined and measured are deeply embedded in practices and concepts derived from the Global North. Drawing on examples from the Global South, Jon Harle argues that a fundamental shift is required that understands the value of research – and the institutions producing it – according to the contexts in which knowledge is needed, produced and used. [Source: LSE].

SVRI REQUEST

Online discussion: 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. Access our discussion board here. If you think your colleagues would be interested, we would love to hear from them too so please share widely. Click here or above to register and participate.

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Hidden heroes: Episode 3 - Secret recipes: As cases of domestic violence skyrocket, an all-female Hackathon team in Ecuador devises a simple, brilliant way to reach endangered women while avoiding the watchful eye of abusers: a cookbook.

The power of feminist civil society: Lessons from the field of preventing violence against women and girls: This mini-series explores the power of feminist civil society in driving gender equality in health programmes and health systems. Feminist civil society organisations have played, and are playing, a fundamental and varied role in advancing gender equality in global health.

WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Voices from the South Launch – Asia report: Contributing to the production of evidence on VAW and VAC: Today, the SVRI in partnership with the World Bank Group hosted a webinar to launch the SVRI Grantmaking in Asia: Selection of research grants 2014 - 2020 report; and to share the work of our grantees and to discuss the state of research on violence against women and violence against children in Asia.
Intersections between violence against children and women – Prevention and response: Identifying evidence gaps and opportunities for collaboration: This webinar shares evidence and foster discussion on intersections between violence against women and violence against children, highlighting synergies opportunities for greater collaboration and opportunities for moving towards implementation to build knowledge and translate it into policy and programs.

ONLINE RESOURCES

United Nations Children's Fund. (2021). Towards Ending Child Marriage: Global trends and profiles of progress. UNICEF: This report looks at historical trends, with a focus on selected countries that have recorded significant declines in child marriage prevalence. It offers an overview of changes in the practice together with a review of other shifts that have occurred in these countries in terms of girls’ access to education and employment opportunities, as well as economic development and poverty reduction. [Source: UNICEF].


Levine, E.C. (2021). Rape by the numbers: Producing and contesting scientific knowledge about sexual violence. Rutgers University Press: This book explores scientists’ approaches to studying rape over more than forty years in the United States and Canada. In addition to investigating how scientists come to know the scope, causes, and consequences of rape, this book delves into the politics of rape research. [Source: Rutgers University Press].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Proposals: UNDP Grant for Organizations to Conduct a Research Study on Male Perceptions of Gender-Based Violence in Lao PDR. Deadline: 3 November 2021.


EVENTS

• Webinar #1: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women - Launch of learning from practice series, 2 November 2021, 8am ET: Join UN Trust Fund (UNTF) for a conversation about the contribution of civil society organisations to the prevention of violence against women (VAW) and girls. This event will launch a series of ten knowledge briefs of prevention of VAW, drawing on practice-based knowledge from 89 civil-society led projects funded by the UNTF across the globe.

• Webinar series: Voices from the South - Contributing to the production of evidence on VAW and VAC: The SVRI has created a series of regional and thematic reports to showcase the work and highlight local research projects supported by its Grant Making Programme between 2014 and 2020, in partnership with the World Bank through the GBV Development Market Place Award. Join the upcoming webinars: Research in Latin America and the Caribbean, Nov 4, 2021, 16h00 - 17h00

VACANCIES

• Executive Director | ChildSafe South Africa | Cape Town, South Africa | Closing date: 29 October 2021.

• Consultant to develop a training manual for the clinical management of SGBV Survivors | Stand to End Rape Initiative | Nigeria | Closing date: 1 November 2021.

• Senior Legal and Policy Advisor | All Survivors Project | London, United Kingdom | Closing date: 10 November 2021.

• Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Specialist | WHO | Home-based | Closing date: 12 November 2021.

• Senior Program Officer | The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation | Remote | Closing date: 14 November 2021.

• Senior Technical Advisor, SRH and Gender | Population Services International | Nairobi, Kenya | Closing
SAST / 10h00 - 11h00 EDT.
Register here.
Research on engaging men and boys, and early childhood and youth interventions, Thematic briefs launch, Nov 11, 2021, 15h00 - 16h00 SAST / 09h00 - 10h00 EDT. Register here.

- SVRI Forum 2022, 19-23 September 2022, Cancún, Mexico: The registration for the SVRI Forum 2022 is now open. For more information on important dates, registration fees and how to register, visit the registration page here. Submit an abstract on or before 28 February 2022. See more information online here or contact us at forums@svri.org.

date: 22 November 2021.

- Senior Program Assistant | Global Communities | USA | Closing date: 30 November 2021.

- Program Associate, Global Networks | The Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) | Canada | Closing date: 30 November 2021.

- Senior Technical Advisor, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender | Population Services International | Kenya | Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS


Jara, M. (2021, 22 October). For girls, the biggest danger of sexual violence lurks at home. IPS 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.
Email svri@svri.org by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update.