QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Moving forward, we will reinforce George Soros's original premise that the people closest to the problem are best suited to define the solution. We are shifting greater funding, control, and decision-making to our six regional offices to identify opportunities at the national and regional level. At the global level, we can be more effective if we focus on fewer key priorities at greater scale."

Read the full article.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

UN Women. (2021). Measuring the shadow pandemic: Violence against women during COVID-19. UN Women: This report highlights the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women's safety at home and in public spaces. The report shows that women's feelings of safety have been eroded, leading to significant negative impacts on their mental and emotional well-being. [Source: WUNRN].

Aoun, R. (2021). COVID-19 impact on female migrant domestic workers in the Middle East. GBV AoR Helpdesk: This report details the impact of COVID-19 on female migrant domestic workers in the Middle East, paying particular attention to their vulnerability to gender based violence and the challenges they face in accessing services. [Source: Social Development Direct].


GIZ, Partnerships for Prevention & UN Women. (2020). Reporting Guideline on the Gendered Impacts
In the day-to-day reporting on COVID-19, the impact on women, girls and gender non-conforming persons can at times be invisible. This brief urges journalists, content producers, media creatives and editors to be gender aware when reporting on COVID-19. [Source: Partnerships for Prevention].

Mittal, S., & Singh, T. (2020). Gender-based violence during CoViD-19 pandemic: a mini-review. Front. Glob. Womens Health. ePub: This paper reviews the literature on the rise of gender-based violence in the times of current and past pandemics. The paper also reviews the published scientific reports as well as mass media literatures focusing on the rise of gender-based violence during the imposed lockdown, its consequences, and the measures taken by the governments to tackle the issue. [Source: Safetylit].

For more resources, visit SVRI COVID-19 webpage.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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relationship power imbalances (age disparity, partner violence, partner-related fear, transactional sex, and transactional partnership [Nairobi and Lagos only]) and their interplay; and examines their associations with modern contraceptive use, and proximal threats to reproductive autonomy among adolescent girls and young women. [Source: NCBI].

Ireland, H., Tran, N.T., Dawson, A. (2021). The role of social capital in women's sexual and reproductive health and rights in humanitarian settings: a systematic review of qualitative studies. Confl Health. ePub: This study sought to understand the role of social capital in women's sexual and reproductive health and how this can be harnessed to improve health in humanitarian settings. [Source: NCBI].

Marganski, A.J., Melander, L.A., & DeKeseredy, W.S. (2021). Single, repeat, and poly intimate partner violence victimization among women at a college campus: extending research through the inclusion of technology-facilitated violence and examining key social determinants for intimate partner violence prevention. Violence Against Women. ePub: This study examines intimate partner violence victimization (i.e., technology-facilitated and in-person psychological, physical, and sexual) and polyvictimization, along with the role of social support and other factors in influencing these experiences. [Source: SafetyLit].

BLOGS

Haenen, M. (2021, 2 December). Mexico City's women take to the streets to protest gender-based violence. SVRI Forum 2022: Under the cold but stately gaze of the capital's most iconic monument — the perched, golden-winged Angel of Independence on Mexico City's main avenue, Paseo de la Reforma — thousands of women gathered on Thursday, Nov. 25, to march in protest to femicide and other gender-based violence. Read more...

Paudel, S., & Shakya, S. (2021, 1 December). Detection of online intimate partner violence in Nepali using artificial intelligence. SVRI Blog: Childsafenet and partners are building data infrastructures and tools for using innovative technology based on artificial intelligence to identify real-time online intimate partner violence. Read the blog to learn more about the project.

Davidson, N., Ward, C.L., & Murimoga, S. (2021, 30 November). Hope for change: the desire to redefine gender roles in the home. SVRI Blog: Violence against women and violence against children intersect in many ways, often within the same family. Parenting
programmes offer a promising avenue to address both simultaneously, given the impact that family violence can have on parenting and on children's health, as well as children's own propensity for future violence.

Equipo FREE. (2021, 29 November). Más resultados de la consulta virtual para la construcción de la Agenda Regional. SVRI Blog: Como ya señalamos en la publicación anterior (18 de noviembre), durante el pasado mes de octubre llevamos a cabo la primera consulta virtual para la 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).

Bradley, T., Undie, C., Lwanga, E., & Meme, J. (2021, 29 November). Putting Data at the Centre to End FGM: Ruminations during the 16 Days of Activism. SVRI Blog: Adaptive programming and the data to support it are all the more important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and limited funding: targeting the right stakeholders (including girls) and implementing the right interventions in the right ways (ensuring actual value for money) are critical. The 16 Days serve as a reminder of these and other researcher responsibilities to the FGM field — and of the fact that, regardless of the barriers, at-risk and affected girls cannot wait.

Milic, N. (2021, 26 November). Migrant and refugee children on the Balkan migration route — a need for further research into the forms of violence to inform policy and advocacy. SVRI Blog: Gender dynamics, gender inequality and gender-based violence in the context of forced migration. Read more on how Save the Children North West Balkans ensures child safeguarding during field research.

PODCASTS

*What we're listening to*

**Discutons la PEAS! (Épisode 1):** La série de podcast du Domaine de responsabilité sur les VBG (GBV AoR) sera consacrée à la protection contre les abus et exploitations sexuels (PEAS) et a comme objectifs de mieux équiper les acteurs VBG dans la mise en œuvre des politiques PEAS.

**16 days past present and future: Find out how the campaign started:** In recognition of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the GBV AoR podcast features Charlotte Bunch. If you have ever wondered why 16 Days and how this campaign started you will find the answers here in the
Podcast. Charlotte is the founder of the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutger's University and has been critical for gaining international attention on women's issues.

**WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS**

*Your chance to catch up anytime!*

**Intersections between violence against children and women - Prevention and response: Identifying evidence gaps and opportunities for collaboration:** This event shares evidence discussions 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.

**Opening Feminist Festival + Launching Cari Layanan:** Jakarta Feminist is pleased to launch Cari Layanan as a digital gender-based violence (GBV) intervention in Indonesia. Cari Layanan ([www.carilayanan.com](http://www.carilayanan.com)) is a directory that provides GBV victim-survivors with information on service providers across the country. It is the first national-level effort to do so in Indonesia, responding to a major gap.

**When abusers drug an intimate partner:** Domestic abusers slip drugs to their intimate partners to control, sexually assault, disable and discredit them. Sometimes they use street drugs and sometimes they use pharmaceuticals.

**Invisible chains: From domestic violence to coercive control:** We can better address and eliminate intimate partner violence if we see the problem as an ongoing crime of control—more like a long-term hostage situation than a series of domestic violence assaults. With original drawings and compelling stories, this presentation explains the tactics of coercive control including isolation, intimidation, monitoring, gaslighting, stalking and physical violence.

**Sorry Thank You Tata Bye-Bye! #EmpowermentNotAge:** Made in collaboration with OXFAM India, this video is a part of the #EmpowermentNotAge campaign that asks if simply raising minimum age of marriage for girls is enough to bring genuine empowerment and azaadi to their lives!

**ONLINE RESOURCES**
Flood, M., & Greig, A. (2021). Working with men and boys for gender equality: State of play and future directions. UN Women: A quarter century on from the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, at which the need for gender equality work with men was clearly articulated, it is time for a critical assessment of the ‘men for gender equality’ field. This brief takes stock of this work and proposes new directions for programming and policy on men and boys. [Source: WUNRN].

Matanda, D., Groce-Galis, M., Gay, J., & Hardee, K. (2021). Effectiveness of interventions designed to prevent or respond to female genital mutilation: A review of evidence. UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and Population Council, Kenya: Despite intensified efforts to build the evidence base globally to inform strategies to address female genital mutilation (FGM), there has been limited rigorous high-quality evidence on what set of interventions are effective in ending the harmful practice. This research report, accompanied with a brief, conveys key findings on the quality and strength of existing evidence on FGM interventions from 2008 to 2020. [Source: UNICEF].

Equality Now, Trust Law & Thomson Reuters Foundation. (2021). Ending online sexual exploitation and abuse of women and girls: A call for international standards. Equality Now: This report, which utilizes a survivor-centric approach to illustrate the impact of online sexual exploitation and abuse (OSEA) and highlight the challenges faced in keeping people safe in a rapidly changing digital landscape, examines the law surrounding OSEA at the international and regional level, with a focus on Europe. [Source: Equality Now].

Istratii, R. (2021). Domestic violence, faith, and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo church. Public Orthodoxy: This article discusses the role of faith, theology and the clergy in the experience of domestic violence and its resolution with reference to a literature review completed recently together with Professor Parveen Ali and previous long-term anthropological research in Ethiopia. The second part presents the work of project dldl/ድልድል with Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo clergy in Ethiopia, the workshop content and approach used and some preliminary assessment findings. [Source: SOAS University of London].

Hofman, J., Nightingale, M., Ellegaard, C., Ponteideira, C., & Sanjurjo, P. (2020). Intimate partner violence and witness intervention: what are the deciding factors? European Institute for Gender Equality: Women face the greatest danger from people they know. In the EU, more than a fifth of women have been physically or sexually abused by a current or former partner. This report provides new evidence on factors which encourage witnesses of intimate partner violence to intervene and provides recommendations on what the EU and Member States can do to better protect victims. [Source: WUNRN].
GiZ, Partnerships for Prevention, UN Women & Gender Links. (2019). Gender diversity and GBV in South African TV. Gender Links: This report generates baseline information and raises public attention around the topic of diversity, the portrayal and reporting of gender-based violence and gender stereotyping in South African audio-visual media covering the South African public and private television media. [Source: Partnerships for Prevention].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


EVENTS

SVRI and partner events

South to South collaborations to prevent violence against women and girls, 8 December 2021, 12:00 - 13:30 GMT: Join Womanity Foundation, Giving Women and SVRI for a thought-provoking conversation and learning session on prevention of #ViolenceAgainstWomen & girls with the 6 #WomanityAward finalists who will share their approach and impact. Stay tuned as we will announce the Awardees at the end of the event!

Intimate partner violence and forced displacement: From research to action, 8 December 2021, 10:00am-11:00am ET: In this first of four webinars presenting the Gender Dimensions of Forced
Displacement program research findings, World Bank Senior Gender-based Violence Specialist Diana Arango and Harvard's Dr. Jocelyn Kelly will present research on the heightened risks of intimate partner violence among displaced women in Colombia, the DRC, and Liberia. The webinar will be chaired by the SVRI's Executive Director, Elizabeth Dartnall.

Global 16 Days of Activism against GBV events

- From awareness to accountability, 7 December 2021, 2:00-4:30pm (Ireland).
- Violence basées sur le genre et technologies en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre, 8 décembre 2021 2:30pm-4:00pm GMT.
- Writing Gender: A Workshop in Support of Gender-Sensitive Storytelling, 8 December 2021, 4:00pm Pacific Time. Email Parul Wadhwa to Register: parul@storycenter.org.
- Marham: Screening of GBV Stories, 10 December 2021, 10:00am ET.

Live event: Sexual violence in conflict – Surviving violence, 3 December 2021, 4:30pm-5:30pm CET: Despite clear legal prohibitions, sexual violence remains widespread and prevalent during armed conflicts and other situations of violence, as well as in detention. It occurs in various contexts and has grave humanitarian consequences. Join Helen Durham, Director of International Law & Policy, ICRC, Monica Ferro, Director of Geneva office, UNFPA and a survivor of sexual violence from the SEMA Network for a live conversation on sexual violence in conflict settings. The event will be livestreamed on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Webinar #2: Mobilizing women and exploring intersectional approaches to end violence against women, 7 December 2021, 8:00am-10:00am ET: Join the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women for a conversation about practice-based knowledge on prevention of violence against women and girls. Hear from practitioners themselves in conversation with researchers and partners, on findings from the UN Trust Fund's 'Learning from Practice' series.

UNU Gender and Health Hub: Annual Forum, 7-9 December 2021: Join UNU-IIGH as they spotlight collaborative projects, policies, and partnerships for a feminist transformation of the health sector with four sessions and 30 speakers over three days.

Together to #ENDviolence spotlight session at CY21, 9 December 2021, 8:00am-9:30am ET: Join this session to hear powerful testimonies and perspectives from children and survivors of violence who are dedicating their lives to ending it. Alongside international leaders from government and civil society, they will celebrate recent breakthroughs and outline what is needed to seize the moment
and accelerate progress.

**Pan-Asian Summit: Reframe—Envisioning a World Without GBV, 2-4 March 2022:** Breakthrough and partners are putting together a Pan-Asian forum for sharing of experiences and analysis on prevention of gender based violence (GBV) and gender based discrimination (GBD) through norm change. Applicants from all generations, identities, and backgrounds who are involved in promoting and working towards the prevention of GBV and GBD across and with different spaces and constituencies are encouraged to apply online by 5 December 2021.

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**VACANCIES**


**Regional Adviser, Gender and Development**, UNICEF LACRO, Panama City, Panama – Closing date: 7 December 2021.

**GBV Humanitarian Inter-agency Coordinator**, UNFPA, Mozambique – Closing date: 14 December 2021.


**Visiting Professor/Researcher**, Colégio de Estudos Avançados, Universidade Federal do Ceará, Brasil – Closing date: Not specified.
**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)](https://svri.org)

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](https://svri.org).

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