QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is no shame in walking away from an abusive relationship” ~ Muhonja

Listen to Muhonja's song - Unataka Nini?

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute: Prof. June Pagaduan-Lopez

The SVRI is deeply saddened to say farewell to a dear colleague and advisor - Professor June Pagaduan-Lopez. All of June's work was outstanding. As a psychiatrist June worked with victims of torture and was a tireless advocate for the human rights of torture victims. We would also like to highlight her efforts to transform the health service for survivors of gender-based violence. Thank you for your service to the field of violence against women and mental health. We have lost a leader, a guide and torchbearer – always shining a light on injustice – working to change the world for the better. Our deepest condolences to your family and loved ones. From the SVRI Leadership Council, Board and Team.

16 Days of Activism against GBV

During this year's #16Days, SVRI is showcasing our grantee partners' innovative research and how this research is contributing to gender equality, improved responses and the prevention of violence against women and violence against children in low and middle-income countries. Learn more about the SVRI Research Grant here and follow us @TheSVRI on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

For more on SVRI and partner events during 16 Days, see the Events section below.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

and girls. [Source: Washington University in St. Louis].

Blofield, M., Khalifa, A., Madera, N., & Pieper, J. OVID-19 in the Global South. GIGA Focus - Global: This study assesses government policies in a cross-regional sample of countries in Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa since the pandemic’s onset in early 2020. [Source: The German Institute for Global and Area Studies].

For more resources, visit SVRI COVID-19 webpage.

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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.

Yakubovich, A.R., Bartsch, A., Metheny, N., Gesink, D., & O'Campo, P. (2021). Housing interventions for women experiencing intimate partner violence: A systematic review. The Lancet Public Health, ePub. In this article, the authors aim to systematically review the effects of housing interventions on the physical, psychosocial, and economic wellbeing of women experiencing intimate partner violence. [Source: Dalhousie University].

Devries, K., Balliet, M., Thornhill, K., Knight, L., Procureur, F., N'Djoré, Y., N'Guessan, D., et al. (2021). Can the ‘Learn in peace, educate without violence’ intervention in Cote d’Ivoire reduce teacher violence? Development of a theory of change and formative evaluation results. BMJ Open, 11(11), e044645: This study gathers evidence on whether a brief intervention (Apprendre en paix et éduquer sans violence, developed by the Ivorian Ministry of Education and Graines de Paix) to promote peace in primary schools by reducing teacher violence perpetration and improving pedagogical techniques was acceptable to teachers and affected change in intermediate outcomes. [Source: LSHTM].

Gardiner, G. (2021). Banal skepticism and the errors of doubt. On ephecticism about rape accusations. Midwest Studies in Philosophy, ePub: Ephecticism is the tendency towards suspension of belief. Epistemology often focuses on the error of believing when one ought to doubt. The converse error—doubting when one ought to believe—is relatively underexplored. This essay examines the errors of undue doubt. [University of Tennessee].


BLOGS

Bird, J. (2021, 25 November). Three (good) reasons policymakers don’t make use of research evidence. WonkComms: I work for a university faculty whose strapline is ‘change the world’. So it is understandable that many of the researchers I collaborate with feel frustrated when policymakers don’t seem to be aware of the research evidence being produced by academic institutions. [Source: WonkComms].

Leigh, A. (2020, 18 November). Building an inclusive culture of well-being at work. ALG: I have been thinking a lot about what well-being looks like for different people, in their places of work. I work in gender equality and inclusion in workplaces which I believe is fundamentally about well-being. [Source: ALG Consulting].

Lowe, J. (N.D.) Making data count against child abuse. Edinburgh Impact: The battle against child exploitation takes place in dark territory. A new global institute will use data to cast light into the gloom and ensure children are seen and heard in the fight. [Source: University of Edinburgh].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to
The Sexual Violence Research Podcast, Episode 2: Starting Young: In this episode co-hosts Elizabeth Dartnall and Angelica Pino talk about research projects that are working to break the cycle of abuse and neglect by building positive and healthy family relationships. Hear from guests Dr. Catherine Ward, clinical psychologist and research professor at the University of Cape Town, Gary Barker, CEO and founder of Promundo, and Prof. Godfrey Siu from the Child Health and Development Centre at Makerere University.

30th Anniversary podcast: 16 Days, past, present and future, GBV AoR: Thirty years ago, the first 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence was held and acted as a rallying point for groups and individuals who campaign on this issue. The idea started at the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) at Rutgers University. Since 1991, over 6,000 organizations in 187 countries have taken part in activities, and the momentum of the activities continues to grow. In this exclusive podcast, one of the founders, Prof. Charlotte Bunch explains how it has become a rallying point for campaigners.

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, UNICEF Innocenti: Effective solutions to end violence against children require researchers, practitioners, and leaders to come together to take stock of what we know, bridge gaps across the field, and influence change through the use and generation of violence against children evidence.

Network meeting. Violence, Abuse and Mental Health Network: On 23rd November 2021 VAMHN hosted a network meeting hosted by Sharli Paphitis. This meeting launched the upcoming Arts Competition, held a panel on researcher trauma and heard a keynote speech from the SVRI leadership team.

ONLINE RESOURCES

New publications from SVRI and partners
Louis, E.F., & Sexual Violence Research Initiative. (2021). SVRI Knowledge Exchange: The power of language and its use in the GBV field. Pretoria: SVRI: This Knowledge Exchange focuses on language with the understanding that it's a tool of communication, an exchange of perspectives, and can be a sacred form of expression. The writers intend for this piece to be disseminated to a wide audience of practitioners, researchers, advocates, survivors, and those with lived experiences of violence driven by gender inequality to reflect and discuss the ways language is used and its implications.

Billing, L., Gevers, A. & Dartnall, E. (2021). We Care Evidence Review: Exploring research into how wellness and care can be institutionalised in the violence against women field in low- and middle-income countries. Pretoria: SVRI: The findings from this evidence review will inform the development of the key planned deliverables for the We Care project – including the development of the self-paced, online course module, online learning events, and the knowledge exchange and case study series. The review was guided by the following question: What is the current state of research into how wellness/well-being, resilience, self and collective care can be institutionalised in the VAW field in low-middle income countries?


Global resources

Social Development Direct. (2021). Lessons from Malawi: Tools and practice-based lessons on prevention and response: Despite early closure due to aid cuts, Tithetse Nkhanza delivered numerous achievements in its 2.5 years, including on adaptation during the COVID pandemic, and generated a wealth of lessons which have been documented by the programme team to contribute to the global GBV field by increasing knowledge on effective programming for different target groups in different settings, and how to work across the prevention and response eco-system from the national to community levels. For more information, contact: Kate.Bishop@sddirect.org.uk.

GBV AoR Helpdesk: Over the past year the GBV AoR helpdesk, run by SDDirect, has published a number of resources of interest to policymakers and practitioners committed to ending GBV. These include a detailed guidance note on the threat climate change poses to women and girls, particularly their vulnerability to GBV; a series of learning briefs on technology-facilitated GBV, its nature and
prevalence, and strategies to prevent, mitigate and respond to this growing phenomenon. The GBV AoR helpdesk is available to all humanitarian actors working to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls in emergencies and is free at point of use. Contact the helpdesk at enquiries@gbviehelpdesk.org.uk or, contact Laura.Martineau-searle@sddirect.org.uk.

**ECPAT International.** (2021). Global Boys Initiative: Sri Lanka report. Bangkok: ECPAT International: The findings captured in this new report are intended to identify existing strengths, areas for improvement, and inform legal and service developments to ensure that they are gender-sensitive and accessible for children of all genders. Summary page. [Source: ECPAT International].

**Sexual violence in disasters – Online resource collection.** National Sexual Violence Resource Center: The NSVRC recognised the need for updated resources that help to highlight and carry forward the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent disasters. This page provides resources for survivors, their friends and family, community organisers, organisation leaders and managers, and service providers. [Source: NSVRC].

**Building GBV evidence in conflict and refugee settings - Technical assistance portal:** The Global Women's Institute is providing no-cost individualised support for organisations seeking to increase their capacity to undertake GBV research and/or improve their monitoring and evaluation systems. The technical advisory/accompaniment services may be undertaken in person or virtually depending on the nature of the request and agreement. [Source: GWI].

**UNAIDS.** (2021). Joint evaluation of the UN Joint Programme on AIDS on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS): The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the Joint Programme’s accountability to end VAWG and address the bi-directional nature of VAWG and HIV, where VAWG can be an indirect and direct factor for increased HIV risk, and violence can be an outcome of HIV status and disclosure. [Source: UNAIDS Evaluation Office].

**International Rescue Committee.** (2021). Under-reported and under-addressed: Gender based violence among Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. Dhaka: IRC: This report was produced based on data from the GBVIMS, and GBV screening data from Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. [Source: IRC].

Bastick, M. (2015). Gender and complaints mechanisms: A handbook for armed forces and ombuds institutions to prevent and respond to gender-related discrimination, harassment, bullying and
This handbook aims to bring together and share knowledge and experience from NATO, Partner and Allied armed forces as regards prevention of misconduct and handling and monitoring of complaints within armed forces, with particular regard to gender. [Source: ALG Consulting].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for contributions: Springer Handbook of Sex, Gender and Health: Perspectives from South Asia. Closing date: 31 January 2022.


EVENTS

SVRI and partner events:

Innovative practices for preventing gender-based violence among adolescents, 1 December 2021, 09:00 - 10:30 EST / Prácticas innovadoras dirigidas a adolescentes para la prevención de la violencia de género, 1 de diciembre de 2021, 9:00 - 10:30 H EST: Join the World Bank Group and the SVRI for this exciting 16 Days event. The event will be held in Spanish with English translation.

Gender-ally speaking: Preventing violence against women and girls by engaging men and boys.
December 2 09.00 – 10.30 AM EDT: In the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Kingdom of the Netherlands & the Dominican Republic invite you to a virtual event co-sponsored by Canada, MenEngage Alliance, SVRI, UN-Women and the RESPECT framework.

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, 10:00 - 11:00 ET: In this first of four webinars presenting Gender Dimensions of Forced Displacement research findings, speakers present research on the heightened risks of intimate partner violence among displaced women in Colombia, the DRC, and Liberia.

Lanzamiento: Foro SVRI 2022, 9 de diciembre de 2021 9:00 H Ciudad de México CST: El Foro SVRI es la mayor conferencia mundial de investigación e incidencia política sobre la violencia contra las mujeres y la violencia contra los/as niños/as. Únase a nosotros en línea en el lanzamiento del Foro SVRI 2022 en la región de América Latina y el Caribe. Habrá traducción al inglés.

Global 16 Days of Activism against GBV events

UNFPA GBV Disruptor Conversations:

- **Eliminating GBV in Senegal**: From being a burden to becoming actors for social and economic change, 29 November 2021, 08:30 EDT.
- **Men & boys take action**: Prevent violence against women of African descent, 30 November 2021, 08:30 EDT.
- **Girls' voices in Ending AIDS**, 1 December 2021, 09:00 EDT.
- **UNFPA with the Office of the First Lady of Namibia — Cyber violence against women and girls in East and Southern Africa**: Challenging misogynist Internet and building online safety for women and girls, 2 December 2021, 08:30 EDT.
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**: Launch of UNFPA Disability Inclusion Strategy, 3 December 2021, 08:30 EDT.
- **Making femicide visible**: Where is the data? 6 December 2021, 08:30 EDT.
• Gender transformative approaches to GBV prevention and response in humanitarian settings, 7 December 2021, 09:00 EDT.

• Prevention of sexual exploitation & abuse: If you see something, say something, 8 December 2021, 08:30 EDT.

• Twitter chat - Put young people first: Accelerating progress to eliminate female genital mutilation, 9 December 2021, 8:30 EDT.

• Human Rights Day: Defending our human right to sexual and reproductive health, 10 December 2021, 09:00 EDT.

AmplifyChange online festival: Talking about life skills, more comprehensively, a unique civil society dialogue for reproductive health education, 22 November-3 December 2021: This virtual dialogue creates an opportunity for frontline activists, youth-led organisations, service providers, funders and other key stakeholders to come together to strengthen the movement for life skills in diverse settings from Sub-Saharan Africa to South Asia.

Launching What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls: Impact at Scale, 29 November 13:00 pm GMT: SDDirect is part of an exciting consortium, led by International Rescue Committee with Raising Voices and CARE International to implement the UK’s flagship programme on effective prevention of violence against women and girls at scale. The consortium will be hosting a public launch event with the UK government on Monday 29th November. We hope you can join the conversation with policy-makers, practitioners and activists to build a collective vision for strengthening the field of VAWG prevention. Contact: Kate.Bishop@sddirect.org.uk.

The Gender and Health Hub Annual Forum, 7 – 9 December 2021: This online Forum aims to reflect on the last year and set priorities for the coming year. It aims to celebrate the growing multistakeholder global Hub community and spotlight key achievements, initiatives, and actors while also establishing next steps and new partnerships for 2022.

NORC and ICRW: Technology-facilitated gender-based violence - Findings and recommendations from Asia, 8 December 2021, 08:00 am ET: During this webinar, speakers will share the results of their research related to the trends in technology-facilitated GBV, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with a closer look at the state of tech-facilitated GBV in India, Bangladesh, Thailand and Indonesia.

Gender-based violence against women and children in the Americas: Countering another pandemic, 8 December 2021, 14:00 ET: Join The Lancet Commission on GBV & Maltreatment of Young People.
and University of Miami's Institute for Advanced Studies of the Americas for an important discussion on GBV in the Americas with leaders from the region.

**PreventConnect’s WeGovern in practice: Narrating a future for our communities, 9 December 2021, 14:00 pm ET:** Creating a liberatory future urges us to operate together differently—and it will take all of us to bring it into being. By drawing upon ancestral wisdom and embodied ways of knowing through storytelling, we can see, feel, and plan for a future beyond violence in concrete ways. Learn more about WeGovern agreements in this webinar.

**Women Deliver Conference 2023, Kigali, Rwanda:** Due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, Women Deliver is taking into consideration a number of factors, including location, to ensure the safety and ease of travel for all participants. Location and dates are planned to be announced by the end of 2021.

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**VACANCIES**

**Temporary appointment - Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) Specialist**, UNFPA. Yaoundé, Cameroon - Closing date: 24 November 2021.


**Consultancy on Addressing the Interlinkages of Gender-based Violence and HIV**, UNAIDS, Based in Geneva, Switzerland or working in same time zone - Closing date: 22 December 2021.
NEWS


Byanyima, W. (2021, 24 November). How we can turn the tide on violence against women and girls and HIV. LinkedIn.

Vead, L., & Ruduša, D. (2021, 22 November). During these 16 Days of Activism, don't leave the LGBTIQ community behind. Women’s eNews.


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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