QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Short-term funding for violence against women and girls prevention has a value in supporting intervention adaptation or implementing shorter programmes; however, it is not useful for funding social norms change work as this is not achieved in a short timeframe.”

Read the full article.

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST

Episode Three of The Sexual Violence Research Podcast out now: Meet The Global Shared Research Agenda

Candid conversations with grantees, researchers and SVRI members about the work they are doing to free the world of violence against women and violence against children

This third episode of our new Sexual Violence Research Podcast explores the need for more focused research into violence prevention and the creation of the world’s first Global Shared Research Agenda. Our co-hosts SVRI Executive Director Elizabeth Dartnall and SVRI Grants Manager and Capacity Strengthening Specialist, Angelica Pino talk to Tesmerelna Atsbeha, a senior programme officer on the women’s rights team at the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, Tina Musuya, the then executive director of The Center for Domestic Violence Prevention in Uganda, and Emma Fulu, founder and executive director of The Equality Institute.

The Global Shared Research Agenda is the result of two years of evidence informed dialogues and discussion about what are the research gaps and priorities for working on violence against women. It has set research priorities for the next five years for fair, effective and relevant research on violence against women in low and middle-income countries. A critical piece of work ensuring precious
funding for research in this field is not misdirected.

The other two episodes in our current podcast series include:

1. **Starting Young**, which discusses the importance of beginning violence prevention interventions at a young age. More than 50% of children have experienced some form of sexual, physical or emotional abuse or neglect in their lifetime. The wide-ranging and lifelong consequences of witnessing or experiencing violence in childhood can be profound. In Starting Young the SVRI co-hosts talk about the 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 Professor Godfrey Siu from the Child Health and Development Centre at Makerere University.

2. The first podcast episode was focused on Engaging Men, and discussed the importance of engaging men in violence prevention interventions with guests Phiona Koyiet from World Vision and Laxman Belbase, global co-director of the MenEngage Alliance.

The Sexual Violence Research Podcast can be found on the major podcast platforms, Apple and Spotify as well as at svri.org.

https://www.svri.org/sexual-violence-research-podcast

Please listen in and help us to spread the word.

“At The SVRI we are dedicated to promoting research on violence against women and violence against children and to generating empirical data that ensures these manifestations of violence are recognised as human rights violations and as a priority public health problem,” says Elizabeth Dartnall, Executive Director, SVRI. “We do this by building an experienced and committed network of researchers, policy makers, activists and donors to ensure that the many aspects of gender-based violence are addressed from the perspective of different disciplines and cultures. By providing new and different ways to engage with new knowledge emanating from our grantee partners we are working to ensure research is used to inform policy and practice. We embrace myriad ways to communicate this work and these voices and so to be able to offer a new platform for them to delve into the issues they are grappling with day in day out is
extremely welcome, and so we are delighted to be able to share these treasured conversations with the world."

SVRI Forum 2022

SVRI Forum 2022, 19 – 23 September 2022 in Cancún, Mexico: 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.

Call for abstracts: The call for abstracts for SVRI Forum 2022 is open and closes on 28 February 2022. Submit an abstract TODAY!

Registration: Please visit the registration webpage here for more information on registration costs and important dates. Early bird registration closes on 15 May 2022.

Partnership opportunities: If you are interested in becoming a Forum partner, please contact Lizle Loots at forums@svri.org to book a consultation with us.

Exhibition stands: If you are looking to develop international networks and to promote your work globally, you will benefit from a stand in the SVRI Forum 2022. Make sure you don't miss out on this valuable opportunity.

SVRI Classics Webpage

We are in the process of compiling a "classics" webpage and would like to list important documents from our partners in all regions of the world. Please share one (or more) publication that you feel shaped the violence against women and violence against children field for you by emailing svri@svri.org using the subject line – Classics webpage resources. Thank you!
See below COVID-19 and GBV-related resources that caught our attention this week.

Clark, D., & Jordan, R. (2021). Recognizing resilience: exploring the impacts of CoVid-19 on survivors of intimate partner violence. Gend. Issues. ePuB: This study explores self-reported impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on several facets of intimate partner violence survivor well-being, such as mental health, economic stability, food security, and resilience. [Source: Safetylit].


John, N., Roy, C., Mwangi, M., Raval, N., & McGovern, T. (2021). COVID-19 and gender-based violence (GBV): hard-to-reach women and girls, services, and programmes in Kenya. Gender & Development. ePuB: This study sought to understand how COVID-19 containment policies were impacting harder-to-reach women and girls, as well as availability and access to services and programmes. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].

Blofield, M., Knaul, F.M., Calderón-Anyosa, R., Peterman, A., Franzoni, J.M., O'Donnell, M., & Bustreo, F. (2021). A diagonal and social protection plus approach to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 syndemic: cash transfers and intimate partner violence interventions in Latin America. Lancet Glob. Health. ePuB: In this article, the authors argue that building programmatic linkages between social protection platforms, particularly cash transfers, and intimate partner violence prevention, mitigation, and response services, creates synergies that can promote freedom from both poverty and violence. [Source: The Lancet].

Kids In Need of Defense. (2021). Dual crises: Gender-based violence and inequality facing children and women during the COVID-19 pandemic in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. KIND: This report details how the pandemic exacerbates already pervasive forms of violence against children and women in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who are forced to flee due to unequal access to support and resources. [Source: IGWG].
VOICE. (2021). We must do better: A feminist assessment of the humanitarian aid system's support of women- and girl-led organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. VOICE: This report represents the first attempt at a global feminist assessment of the experiences of women and girls, and the organizations they lead, during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: VOICE].

**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.*

**Raj, A., Johns, N.E., Bhan, N., Silverman, J.G., & Lundgren R. (2021). Effects of gender role beliefs on social connectivity and marital safety: findings from a cross-sectional study among married adolescent girls in India. J. Adolesc. Health. 69(6S), S65-S73:** This study examines associations of gender role beliefs with marital safety as well as social and digital connectivity among married adolescent girls in India. [Source: Journal of Adolescent Health].


**Grocott, L.R., Leach, N.R., Brick, L.A., Meza-Lopez, R., & Orchowski, L.M. (2021). Institutional response and impact of reporting sexual violence: an examination of sexual and gender minority college students. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub:** Using the Health Minds Survey, this study examines the role of sexual and gender minorities status in the rates of sexual violence, perceptions of their college/university's institutional response to reports of sexual violence (e.g., taking a report seriously and taking corrective action), and the perceived impact of reporting sexual violence (e.g., students would support the person making a report). [Source: Safetylit].

Christofides N. (2021). Elements of the design and implementation of interventions to prevent violence against women and girls associated with success: reflections from the what works to prevent violence against women and girls? Global programme. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 18(22), e12129: In this paper, the authors reflect on the design and implementation of the interventions in the UKAID-funded What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls? Global Programme and consider whether there are aspects of these that distinguished those that were more effective in preventing and/or reducing violence against women and children, with a view to guiding future programming. [Source: MDPI].


Gray, S., Stuart, H., Lee, S., & Bartels, S.A. (2021). Development of an index to measure the exposure level of UN peacekeeper-perpetrated sexual exploitation/abuse in women/girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Violence Against Women. ePub: This study sought to develop an index measure that would serve as a more nuanced and comprehensive tool to measure UN peacekeeper-perpetrated sexual exploitation and abuse. [Source: SAGE Journals].


Verma, S., & Nair, V.V. (2021). The association between early marriage and intimate partner violence in Egypt. Journal of Loss and Trauma. ePub: This study examines the association between early marriage and experiencing intimate partner violence among Egyptian women. [Source: O. P. Jindal Global University].

BLOGS

Jorari, L. (2021, 8 December). We are for change – Future changemakers in Papua New Guinea. SVRI Blog: This blog discusses the Equal Play Field’s School Action Group program, which teaches primary school students in Papua New Guinea about healthy relationships, respectful behaviour and gender equality.

Green, L., Kidenda, S., Muchai, R., & Brett D. (2021, 6 December). Nelson Centering survivors in technology for addressing sexual violence: The case of MediCapt. SVRI Blog: Physicians for Human Rights developed MediCapt to address the needs and challenges involved in collecting forensic evidence of sexual violence. This blog discusses findings from a research study on MediCapt.

Quarterman, L., Metheny, N., Fruchtman, C.S., Sharma, V. (2021, 7 December). The ‘shadow pandemic’ requires more than a shadow response. SVRI Blog: As we find ourselves in the midst of another 16 Days of Activism campaign, women continue to respond to the issues that affect them without proper funding and resources. Systematic barriers continue to hamper their ability to speak out, report violence and receive lifechanging support. But we know much about how to stop violence before it starts.
**PODCASTS**

*What we're listening to*

**Child bride combats child marriage**: Faridah had been a child bride in Congo before she made a harrowing escape to Uganda. Now, she's witnessing child marriages on the rise during the COVID-19 pandemic, and she's doing everything she can to stop them.

**WEBINAR/MEETING RECORDINGS**

*Your chance to catch up anytime!*

**Lessons from virtual violence prevention and response programmes**: Given the ongoing pandemic challenges and restrictions, many organisations working on gender or violence prevention are adapting their programming from face-to-face to online or other modalities. Through a moderated discussion, this webinar shares lessons learned from two "virtual" programmes - myPlan and Parenting for Lifelong Health - about how to effectively design and test content and delivery modalities, recruit and retain participants, mitigate risks of harm, and monitor and evaluate their success.
**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Flood, M., & Dembele, L. (2021). Briefing paper: Putting perpetrators in the picture. QUT Centre for Justice:** In this paper, the authors argue that we need to change the ways that the community, policy-makers, and violence prevention advocates and educators ourselves talk about domestic violence. They describe a new project intended to contribute to the reduction and prevention of domestic violence in Australia. [Source: QUT Centre for Justice].

**Cody, C. (2021). Submission to the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children: A practical approach to addressing the sale and sexual exploitation of children. Our Voices:** This paper focusses on how involving children and young people with lived experience in decision-making should be key to any approach in addressing the sale and sexual exploitation of children. [Source: Our Voices].

**Gender Based Violence, SRHR, and Covid-19:** This webpage provides briefs by GHJG on rapid assessments of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Colombia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and the United States. [Source: Columbia University].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for Submissions:** The Pitch – Funding knowledge champions in family planning, season 2. Deadline: 10 December 2021.

**Call for Proposals:** UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women and Girls - 25th Grant Cycle. Deadline: 6 January 2022.


**Request for Applications:** Qualitative research on changes in prevalence between Kenya’s 2011 and

EVENTS

**Cash transfers and intimate partner violence: Case studies from Ethiopia and Ghana, 10 December 2021, 8:30am - 9:30am EST:** This webinar will present results from two case studies in Ghana and Ethiopia that draw upon qualitative research of national cash transfer programs combined with complementary programming. Both studies examine pathways of influence with consideration of contextual factors such as gender norms, household dynamics, and the role of “plus” programming.

**Gender-based violence: not just another story, 10 December 2021, 2pm Nairobi:** Through storytelling, presenters will dive deep into the experiences of those affected by sexual and gender-based violence, and the commitment stories of youth leaders and policymakers across the globe. The event is aimed at creating global awareness, regional participation and encouraging country-level accountability towards ending violence against women and girls.

**Virtual Rest Retreat, 10 December 2021, 3pm EAT:** As a part of this year's 16 Days of Rest, GBV Prevention Network invites to a virtual rest retreat. They will unpack a few concepts about rest, and take part in guided rest activities by a trained Yogi!

**NGO CSW66 Forum Parallel Event, 14-25 March 2022:** Hosting a Parallel Event during the NGO CSW Forum is a great way to promote your organization's work to thousands of activists, other organizations, and people just looking to learn more about gender equality advocacy and the global women's movement. The [NGO CSW66 Forum Parallel Events application](#) closes on 15 December 2021.
VACANCIES

**Participation Manager**, We Protect Global Alliance, Belgium or the UK (home-based) – Closing date: 12 December 2021.

**Research Manager, Health & Human Rights Program**, Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley, USA - Closing date: 31 December 2021.


**Senior Gender Advisor**, LACLEARN, NORC at the University of Chicago, Location not Specified – Closing date: Open until filled.

**Deputy Gender-based Violence Advisor**, LACLEARN, NORC at the University of Chicago, Location not Specified – Closing date: Open until filled.

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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.

SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

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