QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Happy Nollaig na mBan.

Today is Nollaig na mBan in Ireland - women’s Christmas. Traditionally this was the day when women would rest after all the extra work of Christmas and the men would step into the household chores. In recent years, it has become an opportunity to celebrate women and many get together with their women friends and relatives to acknowledge women's roles and accomplishments in society.

Read more [here](#).

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Care Consultancy Opportunities

The SVRI is undertaking a project titled: **We Care: Institutionalising Accessible Staff Wellness & Resilience Policies, Tools & Practices for the GBV Field**. The following consultancies are available under this project:

- **We Care Project Consultancy - Short video production**: We are seeking the services of a qualified consultant or team to create short videos for a 4-module online course. See the ToR [here](#). Closing date: 23 January 2022 (midnight, South Africa time).

- **We Care Project Consultancy - Self and collective care policies and practices**: We are seeking the services of a qualified consultant to facilitate a team reflection and review process to strengthen our self- and collective care policies and practices. See the ToR [here](#). Closing date: 30 January 2022 (midnight, South Africa time).

SVRI FORUM 2022
Please see below for the latest news and updates on SVRI Forum 2022.

- **SVRI Forum 2022 virtual launch event, 27 January 2022, 8.30am - 9.30am SAST/ 5.30pm - 6.30pm AEDT:** Join us live as we launch the SVRI Forum 2022. This event follows our Latin America and Caribbean launch and will take place in English with translation via the Wordly app.

- **Abstract submission NOW OPEN:** The call for abstracts for SVRI Forum 2022 is open and closes on 28 February 2022.

- **Register for Forum 2022:** Please visit the registration webpage [here](#) for more information on registration costs and important dates. Early bird registration closes on 15 May 2022.

- **Exhibition stand:** If you are looking to develop international networks and promote your work globally, you will benefit from a stand in the SVRI Forum 2022.

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**COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES**

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

**Blofield, M., Knaul, F. M., Calderón-Anyosa, R., Peterman, A., Franzoni, J. M., O'Donnell, M., & Bustreo, F. (2022).** *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.* The Lancet, Global health, 10(1), e148–e153: In this Viewpoint, authors focus on two policy challenges of the COVID-19 syndemic: rapidly and effectively providing financial support to the many families that lost livelihoods, and responding to and mitigating the increased risk of intimate partner violence. [Source: PubMed].

**Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. (2021).** *COVID-19 and Well-being: Life in the pandemic.* OECD: This report explores the immediate implications of the pandemic for people's lives and livelihoods in OECD countries. It charts the course of well-being - from jobs and incomes through to social connections, health, work-life balance, safety and more – using data collected during the first 12-15 months of the pandemic. [Source: WUNRN].

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.*

Ison, J., Hooker, L., Allen, M., Newton, M., & Taft, A. (2021). "One of the most important subjects for a healthcare worker": Cross-sectional student evaluation of family violence best practice response curriculum. Nursing & Health Sciences, ePub: This study evaluates a pilot of the subject Family Violence Best Practice Response for undergraduate nurses and other healthcare students at an Australian university. [Source: La Trobe Violence Against Women Network].


Gibbs, A., Willan, S., & Jewkes, R. (2021). Cellphones and romantic relationships of young women in urban informal settlements in South Africa. Culture, Health & Sexuality, 1–15, ePub: This study finds that while cellphones have created new spaces and opportunities for women's agency, overall the wider social and material forces of women's existence are deeply constraining and are the main driver of patterns in women's relationships. [Source: SAMRC].

Kyegombe, N., Stern, E., & Buller, A. M. (2021). "We saw that jealousy can also bring violence": A qualitative exploration of the intersections between jealousy, infidelity and intimate partner violence in Rwanda and Uganda. Social science & medicine (1982), 292, 114593, ePub: This paper reports on secondary data analysis from the qualitative evaluations of the SASA! intervention in Uganda, (conducted in 2012 involving 40 community members) and the Indashyikirwa intervention in Rwanda, (conducted between 2014 and 2018 involving 14 couples and 36 other stakeholders). [Source: SAMRC].

Mkhwanazi, S., & Gibbs, A. (2021). Risk factors for generalized anxiety disorder among young women and men in informal settlements in South Africa: A cross-sectional study. SSM - Mental Health, 1, 100010: This study seeks to understand risk factors for generalized anxiety disorder among young (ages 18–32) women and men from urban informal settlements in Durban, South Africa, enrolled in an intervention trial. [Source: SAMRC].

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, S2468-2667(21)00234-6, ePub: This review shows that policymakers and practitioners should continue to invest in and innovate across the intimate partner violence-housing continuum, including shelters with robust social support and psychotherapy interventions, permanent supportive housing with trauma-informed care, stay-at-home models, and flexible and housing-specific funding and advocacy. [Source: GBV CoP].

BLOGS

Lowe, H. (2022, 6 January). Co-developing ethical principles for a VAW prevention intervention in Samoa: centring community identity, history and cultural values. SVRI Blog: Implementing rigorous ethical procedures is paramount when conducting research on violence against women because of the potential physical and psychological safety risks posed by participating in, and conducting, such sensitive research.


Global Women's Institute, & International Development Law Organization. (2021, 10 December). Survivor-centered justice: Why is it essential for ending gender-based violence? Global Women's Institute Blog: As researchers, advocates, and practitioners, we know that most survivors of gender-based violence will never report that violence to any authority. [Source: GWI].

provide gender-based violence services who may themselves be survivors of violence, often endure significant mental and physical health effects from their work, such as stress and trauma. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated these effects. [Source: IGWG Gender Updates].

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

Introducing ‘Where the ‘L’ are the Women?’ A New Podcast from Women’s eNews: Although Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people have existed as long as humanity itself, female members of the community have often been omitted from historical records. Women's eNews is out to change that by launching ‘Where the ‘L’ are the Women,’ a series of interviews with female members of the LGBTQIA+ community by journalists who are members of the community as well. In the first of a series, Leslie Cohen, author of 'The Audacity of a Kiss: Love, Art and Liberation,' is interviewed by Rachel Wilkins, co-founder of Conception Arts.

The Sexual Violence Research Podcast: A podcast from the Sexual Violence Research Initiative. Our vision is to see a world free of violence against women and violence against children. Hear from expert guests as we discover how to make that vision a reality. Listen to our podcast episodes here.

DOCUMENTARIES AND WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Hold Me Right film: [Trigger Warning // sexual violence/rape]. Hold Me Right is a documentary that explores the aftermath of sexual assault through intimate first-hand testimonies that unveil the culture of sexual violence as it affects both survivors and perpetrators alike. The film interweaves individual portraits and vérité sequences that take us into the arc of a survivor's journey, interrogating what it means to heal. Hold Me Right takes a close look at the profound damage of silence, finding a path forward. The trailer and film link can be accessed here. [Source: Picture Motion].

Virtual High-Level Dialogue: Accelerating progress and accountability for ending gender-based violence in East and Southern Africa: The 2021 commemoration of the annual 16 Days of Activism on Gender-Based Violence, from 25 November to 10 December was the 30th year since the Campaign was launched in 1991 by the Center for Global Women's Leadership. Watch the recording online - Access code: 9HPq0B+. View the report here. [Source: UN Women].

Finding the Path Forward: Promoting equity and ethics in research on GBV among refugee populations in the Global South: Global Women's Institute's Building GBV Evidence programme
hosted the first in a four-part webinar series focused on gaps and opportunities around GBV research among conflict-affected displaced populations. This first session, “Finding the Path Forward: Promoting Equity and Ethics in Research on GBV among Refugee Populations in the Global South,” was hosted on Thursday, November 18, 2021. You can watch the recording of the webinar here. [Source: GWI].

ONLINE RESOURCES

Community for Understanding Scale Up. (2021). Enhancing social norms programs: An invitation to rethink ‘scaling up’ from a feminist perspective. CUSP: On International Human Rights Day 2021, CUSP launched this new thoughtpiece. It is hoped that this article will be of interest to, and spark debate amongst, anyone seeking to reduce violence against women and girls and to advance their sexual and reproductive health and rights, increasing the safety, security and well-being of women and girls in all their diversity, across the lifespan and around the world. [Source: Raising Voices].


The INHeRE (2019-2021) project: Inclusive holistic care for migrant victims of sexual violence: The European INHere project is led by an international consortium, aimed to improve inclusive, holistic care for migrant victims of sexual violence by strengthening the capacity of multi-sector frontline professionals. The project developed different good practice tools and online training, free of charge, in four European languages (English, French, Dutch and Italian). Access project outcomes here. Feedback on the project is most welcome at Leni.Linthout@UGent.be.


USAID’S Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV): How to implement a
**survivor-centered approach in GBV programming. Series note no. 3. USAID:** This how-to note focuses on helping USAID and implementing partners who have a role in GBV programming understand how programs can achieve a survivor-centered approach. View the infographic [here]. [Source: Making Cents].

**Cynara Gender Training Platform:** The Gender Training Platform hosts virtual, fee-based workshops for workers in the international development, humanitarian, and human rights sectors to build skills and knowledge about topics and practices needed to advance global gender equality and justice. All trainings are designed, delivered, and owned by independent trainers who are experts in their field and passionate about creating original, nuanced, and interactive learning experiences. [Source: IGWG Gender Updates].

**Echegaray, C., Barakat, S., Tomkys Valteri, E. (2020). Factors influencing misconduct reporting: A meta-analysis. Oxfam:** This report provides an analysis of the critical factors that influence decision-making behaviour related to misconduct reporting, based on a human-centred design approach. Findings are analysed across three research locations – Myanmar, Iraq and Ghana. [Source: GBV CoP].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for applications - Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.** Strengthening data science capacity and the ecosystem: Enabling data-centered public health interventions. Closing date: 13 January 2022.

**Call for papers - Culture, Health and Sexuality:** Survivor Strategies? Rebuilding intimate relations and sexual wellbeing following sexual violence. Abstract/draft paper closing date: 15 January 2022.

**Call for entries - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom:** A visual photographic exploration of the relationship between masculinities, conflict and peace, violence and care. Closing date: 15 January 2022.

**Call for applications - International Development Research Centre:** Strengthening inclusive science and innovation systems in the Americas. Closing date: 18 February 2022.
Holistic approaches to youth wellbeing: Supporting mental health as a strategy for sexual and intimate partner violence prevention, 12 January 2022, 2:00pm – 3:30pm EST: This PreventConnect web conference will feature community-based leaders in San Diego, CA and school-based advocates in Multnomah County, OR who are creating comprehensive youth wellbeing strategies to improve safety outcomes.

Sexual violence in disasters: Implications for prevention, 27 January 2022, 2:00pm – 3:30pm EST: The updated sexual violence in disasters resource draws from research, reporting, and the lived experiences of survivors to explore the connections between sexual violence and disasters, the inequities that shape them both, the lessons to be learned from the resilience of survivors and their communities, and opportunities to prevent sexual violence before, during, and after disasters. Join PreventConnect and NSVRC to learn what this new resource offers and to hear from guests about the impact and response from their communities.

Short course: Addressing sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings: In 2022 the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies will be offering 3 sessions of its short course. Please find the dates and the application links below, places are filling up quickly so do not hesitate to apply if you are interested:

- Online: 2 March – 27 April 2022 (apply here)
- Online: 14 September – 9 November 2022 (apply here)
- Entebbe, Uganda (in-person): 28 November – 2 December 2022 (apply here)

VACANCIES

Consultant to develop a guidance on cross border GBV referral systems along the humanitarian-development nexus, UN Women, Remote - Closing date: 7 January 2022.

Public Health Advisor, USAID, Washington D.C., with remote work as per agency policy - Closing date: 10 January 2022.


Humanitarian Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) specialist, Temporary position, IPPF -
Closing date: 15 January 2022.


**Senior Program Officer for Innovation and Technology – Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones**, Physicians for Human Rights, Kenya or the United States (New York or Boston Office) - Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**


Davies, L. (2021, 9 December). *Women in prison falling through gaps in feminist funding, report finds*. The Guardian. [Also via WUNRN].


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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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