



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I learned that we can never protect our daughters from the predators that are out there, lurking at every corner, but we can and must educate them on how to act in these situations, embrace them when they come to us, cry with them, support them, and help them become resilient.” Khulud Khamis.

[Read the full article](#)

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## SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Surveys

**Global Shared Research Agenda for research on violence against women and girls (VAWG) priority setting surveys:** To provide a basis for priority driven research on VAWG, the Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the Equality Institute with support from Wellspring Philanthropic Fund are facilitating the development of a global shared research agenda for research on violence against women and girls in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Stewardship Group invites anyone working in the VAWG or related fields to contribute to this process by completing the below surveys by 18 January 2021:

[Global Shared Research Agenda: Priority Setting Domain 1 & 2](#)

[Global Shared Research Agenda: Priority Setting Domain 3 & 4](#)

For any questions, please contact [elizabeth@svri.org](mailto:elizabeth@svri.org).

### Opportunities

**Deadline extended: Ethical funding for research on VAW and VAC consultancy:** The SVRI is seeking the services of a qualified consultant to support a consultative process and develop guidance on ethical funding for research on violence against women and violence against children in low and middle income countries. For more information and how to apply, see the [Terms of Reference](#). Deadline: 18 January 2021.

**Call for SVRI Forum 2022 Events Organiser:** The SVRI is looking for an events organiser to manage the organisation of the SVRI Forum 2022 as well as our annual Leadership Council meeting which will take place immediately after the conference. Download the [Terms of Reference](#). Deadline: 1 February 2021.

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## COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

[Aolymat, I. \(2020\). A cross-sectional study of the impact of CoViD-19 on domestic violence, menstruation, genital tract health, and contraception use among women in Jordan. Am. J. Trop. Med. Hyg. ePub:](#) This study assesses the COVID-19 pandemic impact on domestic violence, genital tract health, menstruation, and contraception use among 200 women in Jordan using a self-validated survey questionnaire. [Source: *ASTMH*].

[Bayu, E. K. \(2020\). The correlates of violence against women and surveillance of novel coronavirus \(Covid -19\) pandemic outbreak globally: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Res. Humanit. Soc. Sci. 10\(21\), 1-14](#): This systematic review of studies shows the relationship between impacts of COVID-19 and violence against women, and their impacts on women's health and human rights globally. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Rafferty, Y. \(2020\). Promoting the welfare, protection, and care of victims of child trafficking during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic. Journal of Children's Services. ePub](#): This article highlights findings from research on other pandemics and outbreaks, the impact of child trafficking on children, the impact of COVID-19 on children and the impact of COVID-19 on victims of child trafficking. [Source: *Pace University*].

[Donato, S. \(2020\). It. Sociol. Rev. Gender-based violence against women in intimate and couple relationships. the case of Spain and Italy during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. 10\(3S\), 869-888](#): This article addresses the issue of gender-based violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. With an emphasis on intimate partner violence, it focuses on the degree of government responsiveness to this issue and compares the cases of Spain and Italy: two European countries that - from March to May 2020 - were among the hardest hit during the coronavirus pandemic. [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Harmful Practices Working Group. \(2020\). Gender Equality Update 25: COVID-19 and Harmful Practices in Nepal. Harmful Practices Working Group](#): This brief builds on existing evidence to provide multi-sectoral and multi-level recommendations to protect vulnerable populations, particularly women and girls, from harmful practices during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *GWJ*].

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.**

[Yount, K. M., Cheong, Y. F., Khan, Z., Miedema, S. S., Naved, R. T. \(2021\). Women's participation in microfinance: Effects on Women's agency, exposure to partner violence, and mental health. Social Science & Medicine. 270, 113686](#): This study sought to understand the effects of microfinance on multiple facets of women's lives—using novel measures of women's agency and exposure to violence as well as understudied aspects of women's mental health [Source: *icddr,b*].

[Mondal, D., Paul, P. \(2021\). Associations of power relations, wife-beating attitudes, and controlling behaviour of husband with domestic violence against women in India: insights from the National Family Health Survey-4. Violence Against Women. ePub](#): This study assesses the relationship of power relations, attitudes toward wife-beating, and controlling behaviour of husband with violence against women in India using the recent National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4). [Source: *SafetyLit*].

[Gangaramany, A., Balvanz, P., Gichane, M. W., Goetschius, S., Sharma, S., Sharma, K., Mulhausen, J., Noble-Campbell, P., Wamoyi, J., Maman, S., Prasad, R. \(2021\). Developing a framework for cash transfer programs that foster sustained economic empowerment to reduce sexual risk among adolescent girls and young women: a qualitative study. 21\(122\)](#): This study sought to understand adolescent girls and young women (AGYW)'s decision-making processes related to sexual, relationship, and financial decisions, in order to design a framework for a cash transfer program that could lead to long-term financial independence and reduced transactional sex among AGYW. [Source: *NCBJ*].

[Collin-Vézina, D., De La Sablonnière-Griffin, M., Sivagurunathan, M., Lateef, R., Alaggia, R., McElvaney, R., Simpson, M. \(2021\). Borderline Personal. Disord. Emot. Dysregul. "How many times did I not want to live a life because of him": the complex connections between child sexual abuse, disclosure, and self-injurious thoughts and behaviors. 8\(1\), e1](#): This study shows complex connections between child sexual abuse experiences, disclosure, and non-suicidal and suicidal self-injurious thoughts and behaviours. [Source: *BioMed Central*].

[Mwanukuzi, C., Nyamhanga, T. \(2021\). "It is painful and unpleasant": experiences of sexual violence](#)

[among married adolescent girls in Shinyanga, Tanzania. \*Reprod. Health.\* 18\(1\), e1](#): This study describes the sexual concerns of married adolescent girls in Shinyanga – a region with the highest level of child marriage in Tanzania, thereby contributing to the evidence of intimate partner violence among married adolescents in the region. [Source: *Safetylif*].

[Thompson-Walsh, C., Scott, K. L., Lishak, V., Dyson, A. \(2021\). How domestically violent fathers impact children's social-emotional development: fathers' psychological functioning, parenting, and coparenting. \*Child Abuse Negl.\* 112, e104866](#): This study suggests that fathers' emotion regulation and coparenting difficulties are important correlates of his domestically violent perpetration and of their children's psychological symptoms and should be considered as potential foci for parenting intervention with this population. [Source: *Science Direct*].

[Proweller, A., Catlett, B. S., Crabtree-Nelson, S. \(2021\). Feminist activism and YPAR: privileged girls interrupt rape culture. \*Violence Against Women.\* ePub](#): This research focuses on a community-based project that foregrounds youth-led participatory action research with privileged youth. The youth's work involved interrogation of, and resistance strategies for, rape culture. [Source: *SAGE Journals*].

[Memiah, P., Kamau, A., Opanga, Y., Muhula, S., Nyakeriga, E., Humwa, F., Cook, C., Kingori, C., Muriithi, J. \(2020\). Using friendship ties to understand the prevalence of, and factors associated with, intimate partner violence among adolescents and young adults in Kenya: cross-sectional, respondent-driven survey study. \*Interact. J. Med. Res.\* 9\(4\), e19023](#): This study sought to determine the prevalence of intimate partner violence (IPV) among an urban population of adolescent and young adults (AYA) and to identify factors associated with IPV among AYA. [Source: *JMIR Publications*].

[Okagbue, H. I., Ijezie, O. A., Samusenkov, V. O., Erundu, E. C., Eze, G. A. \(2020\). Female life expectancy, maternal mortality, fertility and birth rates of female genital mutilation high prevalence countries. \*Sci. Afr.\* 10, e00647](#): This paper explores the female life expectancy, maternal mortality ratio, total fertility rate and birth rates of female genital mutilation/cutting high prevalence countries and establish some relationship among the different health indices. [Source: *Science Direct*].

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## MEMBERS REQUESTS

[Joint Global Consultations on the Strategic Plans 2022-2025](#): UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women are pleased to invite you to a joint online consultation on the development of their respective Strategic Plans, 2022-2025. The four UN agencies are working together to gather inputs on common areas of interests that will feed into the development of each agency's Strategic Plan, by leveraging the comparative strengths, expertise and resources of the agencies on a common platform. See the [five thematic areas](#) online, and sign up [here](#) by 17 January 2021 to take part in the global consultation.

[I-SHARE \(International Sexual Health And REproductive Health\) Survey](#): This global survey aims to examine the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on sexual and reproductive health in diverse low-income, middle-income, and high-income countries. It explores how different isolation measures implemented by governments across the world –in response to the COVID-19 pandemic— have affected family structures, relationships, and access to sexual and reproductive health services. Topics the survey focuses on include contraceptive use, access to reproductive healthcare, sexual/gender-based violence, and sexually transmitted infection prevalence. Click [here](#) to complete your country specific survey.

[Global survey to inform volume 2 of WHO Consolidated Guideline on self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights \(SRHR\)](#): The WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research is expanding the evidence-base of the global guidelines on self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). We invite you to participate in a 15-20 minutes global survey that will inform volume 2 of these guidelines. Complete the survey in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). Contact Holly Donkers at [SRHRselfsurvey2020@gmail.com](mailto:SRHRselfsurvey2020@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

[DV-GENDER-FAITH \(Promoting Integrated Approaches to Domestic Violence in Faith Communities\) Membership list](#): The list is intended for domestic violence practitioners, researchers and religious stakeholders to share new research, training materials and experiences to build good practices together and to promote more integrated approaches to addressing domestic violence in religious communities. Subscribe [here](#).

The [Anti-Femicide Interamerican Network](#) is a multilingual/interdisciplinary community for academic and activist dialogue on working to end femicide/femicide in the Americas. The goal of this group is to work collaboratively by sharing our research on femicide in diverse contexts and communities with the intention of bridging knowledge between the North and South in our hemisphere. Beginning in March of 2021, we will be hosting a monthly “charlas” featuring a presentation on a variety of topics related to femicide/feminicide including the history of the term(s), methodologies for studying femicide, legal responses, intersectional feminist and Indigenous approaches to documenting femicide, as well as a wide range of anti-femicide activism. New members are welcome to join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3373018736150499>

La [Red Anti-Femicidio Interamericana es una comunidad multilingüe](#) / interdisciplinaria para el diálogo académico y activista sobre la lucha y esfuerzos para erradicar femicidio / feminicidio en las Américas. El objetivo de este grupo es trabajar en colaboración compartiendo nuestra investigación y conocimiento sobre femicidio en diversos contextos y comunidades con la intención de construir un puente de información entre el Norte y el Sur de nuestro hemisferio. Empezando en marzo de 2021, estaremos organizando charlas mensuales sobre una variedad de temas relacionados con el femicidio/feminicidio que incluye la historia del término (s), metodologías para el estudio del feminicidio, respuestas legales, enfoques interseccional feminista e Indígenas para documentar el feminicidio, y activismos en contra del feminicidio. Son bienvenidos/as nuevos/as miembros al grupo de Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3373018736150499>



## BLOGS

Dartnall, E., Undie, C., Stöckl, H., Gevers, A., Namakula, S., Nabachwa, A.G., Fattal, L. (2020). [Applying feminist principles to GBV data collection: Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic](#). SVRI Blog: What does feminist-informed (GBV) research during COVID mean to you? This was the question colleagues from COFEM, SVRI, Population Council, HaRT, Care International and LSHTM discussed in a recent webinar on applying feminist principles to GBV data collection during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read the full blog.](#)

Fortson, J., Hinson, L., Rajbhandari, B., Bhalla, P. (2020). [Technology-facilitated gender-based violence in the time of Covid-19](#). ICRW Blog: With a surge in technology use during the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a marked rise in virtual gender-based violence (GBV). This blogpost discusses online GBV during the COVID-19 Crisis. [Source: ICRW].

## PODCASTS

### **What we're listening to**

[‘Stick to the science’: when science gets political](#):

This three-part podcast series explores the history, philosophy and reality of science’s complicated relationship with politics.

[Surviving childhood marriage: Becoming your own badass hero](#): At the age of 13, Dawn Tyree was forced to marry her abuser. Despite this harrowing experience, she found the courage to leave the marriage at 16 and became her own

## WEBINAR RECORDINGS

### **Your chance to catch up anytime!**

[Webinar: Applying feminist principles to GBV data collection: Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic](#): This webinar shared experiences of adhering to feminist principles while conducting research during COVID-19 lockdowns, and lessons for a post-COVID world.

[AGENT Webinar: Gender Based-Violence and Environment Linkages – From knowledge to action, addressing gender-based violence in](#)

hero. Dawn is an author, activist, and a founding member of The National Coalition to End Child Marriage in the U.S.

[Rigour and Vigour: Strengthening evidence on violence against children](#): This podcast shares UNICEF Innocenti's new evidence (and) gap map, which visualizes what evidence exists – and where there are gaps - on interventions to reduce violence against children in low and middle income countries.

[conservation](#): This webinar announces four new grantees from USAID's Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable Environments (RISE) Challenge who will work to address gender-based violence (GBV) in forestry and wildlife conservation sectors.

[Addressing domestic violence in religious communities: Taking stock of lessons and approaches in the era of decolonising knowledge](#): This webinar recording shares lessons learned from faith organisations in addressing violence against women.

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

[Gavrilovic, M., Palermo, T., Valli, E., Viola, F., Vinci, V., Heissler, K., Renault, M., Guerrero Serdan, A. G., Mussa, E. C. \(2020\). Child Marriage and Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program: Analysis of protective pathways in the Amhara region. UNICEF Innocenti Research Report](#): This report discusses the context of child marriage in Ethiopia and develops a conceptual framework linking the Productive Safety Net Program to reductions in child marriage. [Source: *UNICEF Innocenti*].

[Achyut, P., Khurana, N. V., Reddy, H., Gautam, A., Verma, R. K. \(2020\). Raising Her Voice: Agency and Aspirations of Adolescent Girls on Marriage — Evidence from Jharkhand, India. New Delhi: International Center for Research on Women](#): This report presents findings from the UMANG program's baseline survey on marriage practices among adolescent girls aged 15-18 years, and their aspirations and role in decision-making with respect to their marriage. [Source: *ICRW*].

[Istratii, R. \(2020\). Adapting gender and development to local religious contexts: A decolonial approach to domestic violence in Ethiopia. Routledge](#): This book provides a critical and decolonial analysis of gender and development theory and practice in religious societies through the presentation of a detailed ethnographic study of conjugal violence in Ethiopia. [Source: *Routledge*].

[Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Studies. \(2019\). A research study on status of sexual and reproductive health rights in Pakistan. Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Studies](#): This report assesses the needs and gaps vis-à-vis the status of sexual and reproductive health and rights in Pakistan, with special attention to young people. [Source: *Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services*].

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Papers](#): Intimate Partner Violence and Business: Exploring the Boundaries of Ethical Enquiry (Journal of Business Ethics). Deadline: 31 January 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): 2020-2021 LGBTQ+ Alliance Fund Grant Round. Deadline: 12 February 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): GWI – Building GBV Evidence Grant. Deadline: 19 February 2021.

[Call for Applications](#): LSHTM – MSc Reproductive & Sexual Health Research. Deadline: 27 June 2021.

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## EVENTS

- [The women's strike in Poland as a feminist strategy for change, 15 January 2021, 6pm CET](#): Leaders from the women's movements in Poland will in this webinar reflect on the strike as a feminist strategy that serves as a powerful example for other women's rights defenders on the political action we can mobilize. Register [online](#).
- [Online event: Promoting gender equality through COVID-19 recovery efforts, 19 January 2021, 9am-10am ET](#): This event will officially launch the Center for Global Development's *COVID-19 Gender and Development Initiative*. This new initiative aims to promote gender equality and long-term prosperity in low- and middle-income countries by informing global and national decision makers' policy responses to the current pandemic and future crises. Register [online](#).
- [Online course: Confronting gender based violence. Global lessons for healthcare workers. Coursera](#): This course introduces participants from the healthcare sector to GBV, including global epidemiology of GBV; health outcomes; seminal research; and clinical best practices for GBV prevention, support, and management.
- [Online course: Cash and Voucher Assistance - The Fundamentals](#): This course will introduce you to the



## VACANCIES

- [Digital Communications Officer](#), Together for Girls, Flexible – Closing date: 15 January 2021.
- [Team Assistant](#), United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan, Juba, Sudan – Closing date: 16 January 2021.
- [Research and Learning Monitoring Evaluation Director \(MERL Manager\)](#), Plan International, Lome, Togo – Closing date: 18 January 2021.
- [Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning](#), Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 21 January 2021.
- [Project Director and Technical Specialist](#), FHI 360, South Africa – Closing date: 23 January 2021.
- [Director of Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Communications](#), FHI 360, Tunis, Tunisia – Closing date: 24 January 2021.
- [Senior Human Rights Officer](#), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN, Geneva, Switzerland – Closing date: 26 February 2021.
- [Senior Gender Advisor](#), Social Solutions, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

fundamentals of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and will help you to begin understanding it. No knowledge of CVA is required to participate in this course, so if you are a complete beginner don't worry, you are in the right place! The course is available in available in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#).

- [Postdoctoral Research Associate](#), Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Postdoctoral Fellow](#), The Center on Gender Equity and Health, UC San Diego, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.



## NEWS

Davey, M. (2021, 12 January). [Most women who commit family violence turn to verbal abuse, report finds](#). *The Guardian*.

Farooqui, S. (2021, 11 January). [Culture of misogyny and toxic masculinity driving sexual violence in Bangladesh](#). *IPS News*.

Janjua, H. (2021, 6 January). [Virginity tests for female rape survivors outlawed by Pakistani court](#). *The Guardian*.

Motamedi, M. (2021, 4 January). [Iran gov't approves bill to combat violence against women](#). *Al Jazeera*.

Bani, S. B. (2020, 21 December). [The impact of COVID-19 on child marriage and other gender-based violence](#). *IPS 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 \(SVRI\)](#)**

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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