QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Child marriage hinders progress towards population health and development goals. Cost-effective interventions that address the root causes of child marriage are needed to speed progress towards ending the practice.” ~ Omobowale, O., Omigbodun, O., Egbokhare, O., & Koski, A.

Read the full article here.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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associated factors among reproductive-age women from March 7 to April 5, 2022 in Harari Regional State, eastern Ethiopia. [Source: NBCI].

Matanda, D. J., Van Eekert, N., Croce-Galis, M., Gay, J., Middelburg, M. J., & Hardee, K. (2023). What interventions are effective to prevent or respond to female genital mutilation? A review of existing evidence from 2008-2020. PLOS Global Public Health. 3(5), e0001855: This study assesses the quality of studies that have evaluated interventions for the prevention of, or response to, female genital mutilation (FGM); and describes the FGM interventions evaluated by studies deemed to be of moderate or high-quality. [Source: PLOS Global Public Health].

Omobowale, O., Omigbodun, O., Egbokhare, O., & Koski, A. (2023). A protocol for a controlled, pre-post intervention study to change attitudes toward child marriage in Southwestern Nigeria using targeted radio programming. PLoS One. 18(5), e0285902: In this study, the authors aim to learn whether the targeted radio intervention described in the article improves knowledge about child marriage and influences support for the practice among adult members of the Hausa community residing in Ibadan, Nigeria. [Source: PLoS One].


Kim, S., Choi, E., & Champion, J. D. (2023). Technology-facilitated sexual violence in South Korea: A content analysis of a website for victims. Violence Against Women. 0(0): This study explores the responses of victims of technology-facilitated sexual violence and their efforts, mental health concerns, and needs to detect or prevent risky behavior that may lead to health problems. [Source: SAGE Journals].

**MEMBER REQUESTS**

**Seeking Inputs: Online Discussion on Essential Services for Women and Girl Survivors of Violence**

From May 1–19, Spotlight Initiative is hosting an online discussion, “Sustaining the impact of the Spotlight Initiative: Essential Services for Women and Girl Survivors of Violence” on SHINE, an online hub for knowledge exchange on ending violence against women and girls, produced by the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women in collaboration with the Spotlight Initiative. They are seeking inputs from partners and others working to end violence against women and gender-
based violence practitioners interested in sharing insights on how to sustain essential services. Those interested should sign up for SHINE here, and can contribute to the discussion here (once logged into their account).

**BLOGS**

Gouws, A. (2023, 27 January). *Violence against women is staggeringly high in South Africa – a different way of thinking about it is needed*. SaferSpaces: South Africa has notoriously high levels of violence against women. The latest police figures show that 10,818 rape cases were reported in the first quarter of 2022. The country has among the highest rape incidence in the world. How can gender-based violence in the country be reduced? [Source: SaferSpaces].

**PODCASTS**

*Coffee Chats with Researchers: Dr. Eli Silva Martinez*: In this podcast, Dr. Silva-Martinez shares with Catie how her work "honors the voices of women", particularly Latina women, from an ethnographic perspective. She and Catie discuss the importance of amplifying the voices of Latinas and immigrants in the field of intimate partner violence and sexual violence and how Dr. Silva-Martinez's story shaped her work. They also discuss the creative ways Dr. Silva-Martinez disseminates her work, which includes her experience working with community partners to research and produce an award-winning documentary, Desempacando.

*Prevention Collaborative Conversations: Mental health and Violence in the Family*: Listen to Lori Heise and Erin Stern talk about how poor mental health is a risk factor and consequence of violence against women and their children.

*The Sexual Violence Research Podcast*: We have released Series 2! Listen to this podcast by the SVRI and partners examining issues on violence driven by gender inequality.

**WEBINAR RECORDINGS**

*Gender-Based Violence in Schools and the Intersectional Experiences of Black-Canadian Girls*: This Webinar discussed the unique experiences of female identified adolescents of African descent in Canada, and their experiences with gender-based violence in schools. Specific attention is given to
cultures of violence, how they manifest, and the need to attend to prevention, as opposed to the current focus on punishment, when addressing the intersectional experiences of Black girls.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Child ‘self-generated’ sexual material online: children and young people’s perspectives: This research aims to explore the perspectives of children and young people on ‘self-generated material, and create awareness about the issue of ‘self-generated’ sexual material and its impact on children’s online experiences. Additionally, it provides recommendations for improving support for children who may have been affected by the sharing of ‘self-generated’ sexual material directly from children and young people themselves. [Source: WeProtect Global Alliance].

Berryhill, A., & Fuentes, L. (2023). Technology-facilitated violence against women: Taking stock of evidence and data collection. UN Women, WHO, Joint Programme on Violence Against Women Data: Based on a scoping study, this paper offers a landscape scan highlighting what is known about technology-facilitated violence against women, who is currently generating this knowledge, and how the evidence is being produced. The paper also highlights some of the related methodological, ethical, and sociopolitical challenges to collecting data on technology-facilitated violence against women. Read the Brief: The state of evidence and data collection on technology-facilitated violence against women. [Source: WHO, also via WUNRN].

COURSES

Ending Violence Against Women: Intersectional approaches to understanding and addressing an extreme form of global inequality, 23 May – 8 June 2023 (Tuesdays and Thursdays): Gender inequality has multiple expressions of violence against women that range from mild - such as discrimination and exclusion - to the most extreme, like femicide. In this training, the course facilitator and participants will explore and practice applying analytical frameworks, concepts, and tools for understanding and addressing violence against women. The training is rooted in intellectual, activist, and intersectional feminist analytical frameworks to provide a general yet profound understanding of how gender-based violence affects women and girls at a global scale. The course will also emphasize artistic forms of resistance. Participants will have the option to join a group project using artistic forms of expression to advocate for the elimination of violence against women.

Creating Organizational Cultures of Care for transformative change and solidarity in international development, 6, 7, 13, & 14 June 2023 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays): This training is for international development and humanitarian aid workers who are seeking compassionate, anti-oppressive, trauma-informed, healing-centered practices for working with colleagues, leading teams, and building partnerships. The training uses the CourageRISE framework to guide participants toward relational cultures of care that sustain individual wellbeing in the service of their broader work for transformative, systemic change. The tools and skills learned in this course will help participants break away from workplace cultures that are stuck in ‘survival mode’ and often end up unintentionally reinforcing colonial and oppressive practices like toxic power imbalances, a sense of
not belonging, employee burnout, hopelessness, and despair. The course will use a mix of inquiry, reflection, somatic practices, and discussions.

**Cash and Voucher Assistance and Gender-Based Violence Online Training: English module, 5 June - 21 July 2023:** The CVA and GBV online training is a 7-weeks facilitated online training targeting protection, gender and GBV specialists who are planning to or are encouraged to use CVA in their program to deliver their responses. The course is structured around the GBV case management approach including 5 topics mirroring the project cycle. The course covers the key skills required to prepare, design, implement, monitor and evaluate projects designed to achieve GBV outcomes using cash and voucher assistance. If you are available and ready to commit three hours a week over the period, you can express interest in participating in the training by filling out the registration form by May 25th 2023.

**2023 kNOWVAWdata face to face course:** The kNOWVAWdata course – run by the University of Melbourne in partnership with ANROWS, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office, and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) - provides four weeks of intensive learning, increasing the skills and knowledge of individuals working on national prevalence surveys, data, and reporting of violence against women. The course focuses on safe and ethical methods for measuring the prevalence of violence against women, from survey design through to responsible reporting and dissemination. It is held over two two-week blocks: 21 August to 1 September in Bangkok; and 23 October to 3 November in Melbourne. Participants attend the full program in both locations and produce a survey protocol customised to their context. Upon completion, participants receive a University of Melbourne professional development certificate. Full and partial equity-based scholarships are available to participants from lower- and middle-income countries. The Call for Applications is now open and closes on 31 July 2023.

**SVRI Online Courses:** Build your skills via SVRIs free online courses. Courses currently available include Self and Collective Care for Those Working in the Violence against Women and Violence against Children Fields, Measuring Violence Against Children; and Pathways to Research for Impact.

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**OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**


**Call for Applications:** eSafety Commissioner – Preventing Tech-based Abuse of Women Grants Program. Deadline: 29 May 2023.


**Call for Applications:** The UN Human Rights Office for South-East Asia in Bangkok – Thai human rights defenders to attend the Human Rights Defenders School Programme. Deadline: 2 June 2023.

**Call for Expression of Interest:** Scaling Challenge - Adopting Innovations in High Severity Settings. Deadline: 5 June 2023.
**Call for Proposals:** UN Women Asia and the Pacific – Advancing feminist youth leadership on intergovernmental processes. Deadline: 5 June 2023.

**Call for Proposals:** United Nations Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund – Gender Promotion Initiative (GPI) and the Youth Promotion Initiative (YPI) Program. Deadline: 9 June 2023.

**Call for Papers:** Feminist Methodologies in Research on Violence, Displacement, and Power. Deadline: 3 July 2023.

**Call for Expression of Interest:** Feminist Opportunities Now - Call to Amplify Civil Society Organisations Fight Against GBV. Deadline: 3 July 2023.


**Call for Submissions:** NIJ – Innovations in Measuring Community Perceptions Challenge. Deadline: 31 July 2023.

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**EVENTS**

**Domestic Abuse: Intervening Early to Reduce Harm and Maximising Support and Protection for Victims, 23 May 2023, 9:30am — 1:20pm:** This symposium will examine the successes and failures of the Domestic Abuse Act, how the Victims Bill can be shaped to ensure the highest levels of protection and support for domestic abuse victims, and how relevant agencies and other stakeholders can best collaborate to maximise their effectiveness.

**Webinar series: Using the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys to conduct global research on violence against children and violence against women, May - June 2023:** Join the SVRI in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Together for Girls in this two-part webinar series as we seek to build awareness of VACS data availability and application, and demonstrate how VACS data can be a resource to answer critical questions around VAC and VAW in global contexts.

- **LAC Region, 24 May 2023, 9am Bogota / 10am ATL / 4pm SAST**
- **Africa Region, 28 June 2023, 9am ATL / 3pm SAST**

**Preventing sexual violence and exploitation of boys through a healthy masculinity approach, 25 May 2023, 2:00pm - 3:30pm UTC:** How do we define healthy masculinity and what does it mean to us in practice? How can we best protect boys and prevent sexual violence against them using a healthy masculinity approach? What are some examples of promising practice in this area from local CSOs? This webinar will explore the questions above and more through a panel discussion involving local CSOs working on the ground in India, Morocco, Colombia and more.

**Consultation Workshop: Faith-sensitive VAWG prevention and response in forced displacement, 12 June 2023, 1:30pm Geneva time (CET):** This consultation workshop aims to identify faith-sensitive
strategies to reduce intersectional vulnerabilities and prevent and respond to VAWG by drawing on religious and cultural resources of displaced populations. The workshop will lead to documenting good practices, ideas and recommendations which would be incorporated into the Guidance Note on “Faith sensitive VAWG prevention and response in forced displacement”. This Guidance Note is being developed as part of the postdoctoral fellowship: Integrated intersectional and socioecological approach: Engaging with religion to strengthen protection from violence against women in forced displacement at the University of Birmingham.

Evidence and Implementation Summit, 9-11 October 2023, Melbourne, Australia and online: The Evidence and Implementation Summit is one of the world’s leading conferences focused on intersections between research, policy and practice – with the goal of improving lives globally. Hosted by CEI, Monash University, and BISI, the Summit will share the latest advances, case-studies and results across the full spectrum of evidence synthesis and translation, evaluation and implementation science. The Call for Abstracts is now open and closes on 4 June 2023.

SVRI Forum 2024, 21 - 25 October 2024, CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa: Mark your calendars for SVRI Forum 2024 - 21 - 25 October 2024 to be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa. Forum 2024 will be a vibrant space to connect, share and learn about holistic, intersectional, and innovative approaches to prevent and respond to violence against women, violence against children, and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality.

VACANCIES

- Senior Researcher and Learning Officer on Sexual and Gender Based Violence, International department at Rutgers, Netherlands – Closing date: 4 June 2023.


- Individual consultant to assess the existing GBV case management systems/services and to develop a conceptual framework for policy advocacy and capacity strengthening, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Home-based – Closing date: 5 June 2023.

- Technical Advisor, Gender & GBV, LAC, HIAS, Remote - Latin America – Closing date: Open until filled.

- Program Specialist, Gender-Based Violence, HIAS, Hybrid or Remote - Silver Spring, MD or New York, NY or United States – Closing date: Open until filled.

- Regional Lead GBV Expert for work in Honduras, CARE-GBV, Honduras – Closing date: Open until filled.
• **Contract Grantwriter**, Global Fund for Women, San Francisco, California (Remote) – Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**


Buchholz, K. (2023, 10 March). [Only 14 countries have full equal rights for women](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/only-14-countries-have-full-equal-rights-for-women/), World Economic Forum.

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