



SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE



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#16DAYS OF ACTIVISM 2018 BLOG SERIES

This year, to commemorate the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#), we are sharing the innovative work of our partners and grantees in addressing gender based violence. The first two blogs discuss our work in partnership with the World Bank Group and the University of Bedfordshire's International Centre, respectively. Click on the links below to read the blog posts:

[Innovative Research Has an Impact Against GBV](#)



#16Days | #GBVSolutions | #EndVAW

[Engaging young people in global events on sexual violence research](#)



#16Days | #BeingHeard | #EngageYouth

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[Stigma reduction in relation to HIV test uptake in low- and middle-income countries: a realist review.](#) Thapa S, Hannes K, Cargo M, Buve A, Peters S, Dauphin S, Mathei C. *BMC Public Health*. ePub, 2018: This review explores how HIV stigma can be reduced to maximize public health benefits through increasing HIV test uptake in low and middle income countries. (Source: *BMC Public Health*).

[Unseen, unheard and unprotected: prevalence and correlates of violence among female sex workers in Mozambique.](#) Ngale K, Cummings B, Horth R. *Cult. Health Sex.* ePub, 2018: This study estimates the prevalence of and factors associated with physical and sexual violence against female sex workers in Mozambique. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Psychological advocacy towards healing \(PATH\): A randomized controlled trial of a psychological intervention in a domestic violence service setting.](#) Ferrari G, Feder G, Agnew-Davies R, Bailey J.E, Hollinghurst S, Howard L, Howarth E, Sardinha L, Sharp D, Peters T.J. *PLoS ONE*. ePub, 2018: In this paper, authors report a trial of the Psychological Advocacy Towards Healing (PATH) intervention in domestic violence and abuse service settings for women in refuges or community-based programmes, testing its clinical effectiveness in terms of mental health outcomes. (Source: *PLoS ONE*).

[Involving men to improve maternal and newborn health: a systematic review of the effectiveness of interventions.](#) Tokhi M, Comrie-Thomson L, Davis J, Portela A, Chersich M, Luchters S. *PLoS ONE*. 13(1), e0191620, 2018: This review assesses the effectiveness of male involvement in improving maternal and newborn health in low- and middle-income countries. It captures not only effects on health outcomes but also effects on key mechanisms by which male involvement is hypothesised to influence these health outcomes: care-seeking, home care practices, and couple relationships. (Source: *PLoS ONE*).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Know Violence: Exploring the links between violence, mental health and HIV risk among men who have sex with men and transwomen in South Asia.](#) UNDP, ICRW and APCOM. 2018: This study seeks to better understand the lived and perceived experiences of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression among men who have sex with men and transwomen in South Asia, and explores the effects of this violence on mental health and HIV vulnerability. (Source: *ICRW*).

[Using social media data to understand changes in gender norms.](#) Iskarpatyoti B, Biehl H, Spencer J. *MEASURE Evaluation*. 2018: This report explores the feasibility of using large social media data sets to track changes in attitudes toward and gender norms related to sexual relationships between younger women and older men ("blessers" or "sugar daddies") and gender-based violence against women and girls in 10 sub-Saharan African countries. (Source: *MEASURE Evaluation*).

[Violence against Children in Zambia: Findings from a national survey, 2014.](#) Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, University of Zambia, United Nations Children's Fund, Save the Children International, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development, Lusaka. 2018: This Zambian violence against children and youth survey report provides data on the prevalence, nature and consequences of violence against children and youth, including insights on sexual violence and its relationship to children's lifelong health outcomes. (Source: *Together for Girls*).

[Bystander intervention: An XY collection.](#) 2018: Bystander intervention is an increasingly common approach in violence prevention efforts. This XY collection offers

resources on bystander intervention, references, and other materials. (Source: Queensland University of Technology).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): International Trans Fund – Third grant-making cycle. Deadline: 1 December 2018.

[Call for Proposals](#): European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR). Deadline: 21 December 2018.

[Call for Applications](#): Internet Freedom Fund. Deadline: 1 January 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): HER Fund 2019/20 Grant Cycle – Supporting Women’s Rights Work in Hong Kong. Deadline: 3 January 2019.

[Call for Proposals](#): United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women. Deadline: 18 January 2019.

[Call for Entries](#): Girls Impact the World Film Festival. Deadline: 20 January 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): 2019-2020 Tampon Tax Fund. Deadline: 20 January 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): Sonke Health and Human Rights Fellowship Program. Deadline: 1 February 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): 2019 Ochberg Fellowship. Deadline: 6 February 2019.

[Request for Proposals](#): Grand Challenges Canada - Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (Round 1). Deadline: 12 February 2019.

EVENTS

- [Webinar Series: Love, Power and PrEP – What we know, what we need to know, 11 December 2018, 9-10:30am EST](#): This webinar series will repeat the satellite presentations from the HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P 2018). In Part one, experts will share the state of the evidence on relationship dynamics, intimate partner violence, HIV prevention and Pre-exposure prophylaxis. Register [online](#).
- [6th International Conference on Gender and Women's Studies 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17-18 June 2019](#): This conference aims to offer international perspectives with an emphasis on economic, social, and psychological aspects of empowerment and leadership, victimization, exclusion, and social problems. The conference attracts more high profile presenters in gender and women’s studies from around the world.
- [SVRI Forum 2019: Time is now, Cape Town, South Africa, 21-24 October 2019](#): This conference focuses on research working to understand and redress inequity among vulnerable populations to ensure no-one is left behind; research on violence against women and linkages to violence against children, realising the SDGs and research for social change and global movements. SVRI Forum is where researchers, policy-makers, funders, activists and practitioners come together to design solutions for ending violence against women and girls. The [Call for Abstracts](#) is now open and closes on 25 January 2019.

VACANCIES

- [Regional Head of Gender Equality and Inclusion](#), Plan International, Dakar, Senegal – Closing date: 30 November 2018.
- [Program Director – Women’s Voice and Leadership Caribbean](#), The MATCH Fund, Caribbean, preferably Eastern Caribbean – Closing date: 3 December 2018.
- [Program Officer – Women’s Voice and Leadership Caribbean](#), The MATCH International Women’s Fund, Ottawa, Canada – Closing date: 3 December 2018.
- [Senior Advocacy Consultant](#), COFEM, Location Not Specified – Closing date: 12 December 2018.
- [Advisor: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning](#), VGIF, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS

- [Promoting gender equality on front lines](#), IPS News, 27 November 2018.
- [Violence against women a ‘mark of shame’ on our societies, says UN chief on World Day](#), UN News, 25 November 2018.
- [The Rwandan school turning boys into feminists](#), BBC News, 26 September 2018.

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle-income countries. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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