



# SVRI Update



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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"People are saying, "This virus is ripping us apart, it's creating gaps in our relationships, it's dividing us as families, as a people. We can't let it do that, we can't enforce quarantine, we can't stop living our lives or it wins!" But in reality, this virus is forcing us to unite, it is forcing us to help one another, forcing us to make sacrifices for the good of our neighbours." [C. JoyBell C.](#)

## SVRI STATEMENT ON COVID-19

The global COVID-19 pandemic is necessitating many changes in the way we live and work. There is evidence that "social distancing" (or physical distancing in social solidarity) is a key strategy to slowing or preventing the spread of infections with many governments instituting travel restrictions. In response to these realities, the SVRI is working remotely and moving all planned events online.

We acknowledge that this is a time of great uncertainty and stress for many and want to assure you all that we are committed to partnering with you to find solutions to the work we planned to conduct together. We believe in putting kindness at the heart of all we do and supporting wellbeing of staff, partners, friends and colleagues so in this extraordinary global crisis these remain core values that we are committed to putting into action. The situation is constantly evolving and as we learn more, we are committed to adapting to new realities with all of you and supporting you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us to discuss your challenges or needs during this time. We are all in this together.

More than ever before, we need to work together and take collective and individual responsibility in curbing the spread of COVID-19. During this time, we strongly encourage self-care and kindness, and to continue our work as a nurturing and caring field. We have seen great displays of resilience and creative solutions from people in many countries, ranging from musical sessions from apartment building balconies, exercise sessions, and community members helping those most vulnerable by dropping off supplies and groceries. So, amidst the stress, fear, and chaos, this is also a time for us to be creative and innovative as we cope with crisis and adjust to a "new normal".

## CALL FOR RESEARCH AND / OR GUIDANCE

Social isolation places women and children at greater risk of violence. We are seeking any research/resources on the impact of social isolation on violence against women and violence against children, and what the field is doing to provide support to women and children during social isolation. Email us at [svri@svri.org](mailto:svri@svri.org)

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) WEBPAGES

**CDAC Network:** CDAC Network brings together local, regional and global actors to catalyse communities' ability to connect, access information and have a voice in humanitarian emergencies. [Link](#)

**World Health Organization:** The WHO has prepared country and technical guidance on the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). [Link](#)

**The Lancet:** To assist health workers and researchers working under challenging conditions to bring this outbreak to a close, *The Lancet* has created a Coronavirus Resource Centre. [Link](#)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** The CDC has developed a range of resources on [managing anxiety and stress](#) during COVID-19, some plans to prepare and respond to the virus at [home](#) and resources on traveling, schools and child-care, business and employers, and community and faith based organisations.

**VAWNET:** Information on preventing and managing the spread of COVID-19 within domestic violence programs has been developed by VAWNET. [Link](#)

## 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.*

[COVID-19: The gendered impacts of the outbreak. Wenham C, Smith J, Morgan R on behalf of the Gender and COVID-19 Working Group. The Lancet, Comment, 395\(10227\): 846-848, 2020:](#) Policies and public health efforts have not addressed the gendered impacts of disease outbreaks. The response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) appears no different. We are not aware of any gender analysis of the outbreak by global health institutions or governments in affected countries or in preparedness phases. (Source: WUNRN).

[Contributions from psychology to effectively use, and achieving sexual consent. Flecha R, Tomás G, Vidu A. Front. Psychol, 11: e92, 2020:](#) This article presents the most recent results of a new line of research, which places the problem and the solution in communicative acts, not only in speech acts. Even though there might be a "yes" in a sexual-affective relationship, there might not be consent, and it is indeed a coercive relationship if that "yes" has been given in a relationship determined by institutional power or by interactive power. (Source: SafetyLit).

[Cyber sextortion: An exploratory analysis of different perpetrators engaging in a similar crime. O'Malley R.L, Holt K.M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2020:](#) This article employed

a qualitative content analysis of media articles and court documents to explore the crimes of 152 cyber sextortion offenders. Characteristics of offenders, victims, demands, and methodology were identified and synthesized to generate a qualitative understanding of offenders who employed cyber sextortion. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Physical and sexual violence among gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning adolescents. Caputi T.L, Shover C.L, Watson R.J. JAMA Pediatr, ePub, 2020:](#) This study used data from the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), conducted every 2 years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to quantify the risk of physical and sexual violence faced by sexual minority adolescents attending high schools in the United States. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Emerging partner violence among young adolescents in a low-income country: perpetration, victimization and adversity. Kidman R, Kohler H.P. PLoS One, 15\(3\): e0230085, 2020:](#) The current study is one of the first to measure IPV prevalence among young adolescents in a low-income setting, examine the potential etiology, and investigate relationships with gender ideology, poverty, mental health and childhood adversity. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Understanding and responding to victims of interpersonal sexual violence and sexual assault within committed relationships. Huff S, Rappleyea D.L. Am. J. Fam. Ther, 48\(1\): 107-125, 2020:](#) The purpose of this article is to increase therapeutic discussion surrounding intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV) by increasing understanding in how victims of IPSV perceive and respond to the assault. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Pornography, masculinity, and sexual aggression on college campuses. de Heer B.A, Prior S, Hoegh G. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2020:](#) This study sought to expand an understanding of that relationship by examining measures of masculinity among a sample of undergraduate heterosexual males along with pornography consumption variables to assess the predictive value that both pornography consumption and varying levels of masculinity have on sexual aggression. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Violence against women and girls in Harare, Zimbabwe. Zengenene M, Susanti E. J. Int. Women Stud, 20\(9\): 83-93, 2019:](#) This article explores the phenomenon of violence against women and girls in Harare, Zimbabwe. Section 25 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe stipulates that the State and all agencies of the government at every level must protect and foster the institutions to adopt measures for the prevention of violence. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Secondary traumatic stress in the courtroom: suggestions for preventing vicarious trauma resulting from child sexual abuse imagery. Polak S, Bailey R, Bailey E. Juv. Fam. Court J, 70\(2\): 69-75, 2019:](#) The impact of viewing images can include an increase in vicarious trauma symptoms, burnout, and a possible decrease in impartiality. This paper offers suggestions for self-care in the services of preventing collateral damage. (Source: *SafetyLit*).

[Sexual re-victimisation of adolescent girls in institutional care with a history of sexual violence in childhood: empirical results and conclusions for prevention. Kavemann B, Helfferich C, Kindler H, Nagel B. Journal of Gender-Based Violence, 2\(1\): 9-24, 2018:](#) The article explores the issue of sexual re-victimisation, based on a short-term longitudinal study of adolescent girls in residential care in Germany. Using qualitative and standardised instruments, the study examined the frequency and conditions of re-victimisation occurring within a set time period and the possibilities and difficulties of preventing the recurrence of sexual violence, including psychological and social consequences of sexual abuse. (Source: *University of Maine*).



## BLOGS

- [Awkward truths and the changing face of social protection, Ruth Graham-Goulder:](#) Social protection is a fundamental right and key tool in addressing shocks, vulnerability and poverty. It can make the difference that keeps a child from going to bed hungry and missing school. It can allow people to access essential healthcare and to adapt more easily to climate-related disasters. (Source: *UNICEF Innocenti*).
- [Humanity and health in unprecedented times, Equality Institute:](#) We asked our colleagues at EQI to share things they've come across lately and loved, from recommendations for stay-at-home activities, to recipes, to self-care practices. We've compiled a list of things on our radar below and we'll continue to add to this across the coming weeks.
- [Keeping up morale: Tips to support an at-home workforce. Rose Bryant-Smith:](#) Working from home is a wonderful career-enabler for many people, particularly parents and carers. But with the majority of the workforce at home, the workplace culture, workflows and relationships can be seriously tested.

## PODCASTS

[Dr. Hannah Bows: Violence against older people \(2019\):](#) In this conversation, Hannah speaks about her work on violence against older people and specifically sexual violence against older people in the UK. Hannah shed light on the forms this violence takes, survivors, perpetrators, the 'real rape stereotype', the work that needs to go into tackling violence against older people and more.

[#SheToo podcast tackles violence against women in the Bible \(2019\):](#) #SheToo, a seven-part audio series exploring some of the biblical texts that include violence against women.

[SAGE Violence against Women Podcasts:](#) SAGE currently has podcasts available on violence against women dating back to 2008.

[UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti Podcasts:](#) Research Matters is a podcast about global evidence on what works and what doesn't for children. The podcast brings together UNICEF researchers, programme managers, and our colleagues in the field and around the world to explain and explore emerging data and analysis on topics such as child wellbeing, child poverty, education, health, migration, violence, and more.

[National Sexual Violence Resource Center Podcasts:](#) The NSVRC has a variety of podcasts series in both audio, video and txt format.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

[25 Years in review of the Beijing Platform for Action: Contributions of the Platform of independent expert mechanisms on the elimination of discrimination and violence against women \(EDVAW Platform\) towards its implementation. UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, with the Office of the High](#)

[Commissioner for Human Rights. 2020](#): Since the Beijing Conference, the implementation of the Platform for Action has been assessed by the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) each year and through a review process carried out every five years, reaffirming States' commitment to its full implementation. In 2020, Member States have undertaken the 25-year assessment of the BPA; to contribute to that effort, the mechanisms of the EDVAW Platform have also undertaken a review of this period, making visible the important role of international and regional mechanisms in the results achieved. (Source: WUNRN).

[Declaración de feministas mexicanas en el marco de 25 años de la Plataforma de Acción de Beijing. 2020](#): Hagamos nuestra la coyuntura que presenta "Beijing + 25" Reflexionemos sobre las limitaciones de los espacios internacionales y oficiales Participemos y devolvamos la dimensión política a la Plataforma de Acción de Beijing. (Source: WUNRN)

[Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on violence against women and girls. Frazer E. VAWG Helpdesk Research Report No. 284. 2020](#): This enquiry looks at the evidence of how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic might impact on violence against women and girls (VAWG) and draws on any emerging global evidence from the current outbreak in corona virus, as well as other similar epidemics (eg. Ebola). (Source: GBVCoP).

[Gender implications of COVID-19 outbreaks in development and humanitarian settings. CARE. 2020](#): CARE calls on development and humanitarian organizations, national governments, and international donors to consider the gendered implications of the pandemic in a new policy brief. (Source: CARE).

[Women and girls safe spaces: A toolkit for advancing women's and girls' empowerment in humanitarian settings. International Medical Corps and International Rescue Committee. 2020](#): This toolkit can be implemented for WGSS in humanitarian settings brought on by natural disasters or conflict at the onset of an emergency, throughout the relief and recovery phases of humanitarian responses, as well as in development settings with large populations of internally displaced or refugee women and girls. (Source: GBV AoR).

[UNICEF SDG portal](#): UNICEF has produced a newly launched [SDG portal](#) and additional resources that outline why the SDGs and child rights matter in achieving the SDGs. (Source: UNICEF Innocenti).

[Everything you need to know about conducting evidence synthesis research. UNICEF Innocenti. 2020](#): In order to build capacity and expand use of evidence synthesis as a tool for improving the situation of the world's most vulnerable children, UNICEF Innocenti has released a new series of eight methodological briefs on evidence synthesis that will be important resources for global evidence generation efforts. See the briefs [online](#). (Source: UNICEF Innocenti).

[Breaking the cycle of intergenerational violence: The promise of psychosocial interventions to address children's exposure to violence. Promundo and Sonke Gender Justice. 2018](#): This brief focuses on the evidence base for psychosocial interventions for children and adolescents and the urgent need for the international community to further adopt and scale such interventions in efforts to end the intergenerational transmission of violence. (Source: Promundo US).

[Sidewalks to sexual violence prevention: A guide to exploring social inclusion with adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Thomas-Williams C.O. Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. 2017](#): The Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative formed in 2015 with the financial support of the Indiana State Department of Health Rape Prevention and Education grant to collaboratively develop community-wide solutions to increase inclusion based upon unique barriers found in Bloomington, Indiana. Adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities along with eleven cross-sector partners engaged in participatory social mapping to assess barriers to inclusion in neighborhoods, public spaces and businesses. (Source: Prevent-Connect).

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for applications](#): Urgent Action Fund - Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) +25 National, Regional & International Strategic Advocacy Initiatives. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

[Call for applications](#): Cochrane stipends to attend Cochrane Colloquium Toronto, 4-7 October 2020. Closing date: 18 May 2020.

[Call for contributions](#): Gender & Development: Women's Health. This issue will feature the perspectives and experiences of feminist activists of all generations, working across research, policy, practice, and political activism. Closing date: 9 April 2020.



### EVENTS

- [Transformation through inter-connectedness workshop on presence and connection, 23 March 2020, 10am EST](#): In this next virtual gathering we'll renew ourselves as leaders on the frontlines of transformation for gender equality. We will learn practices to ground our leadership in presence and connection to build a community of care and well-being to create new paradigms for people and planet.
- [Virtual launch of the GBV AoR Helpdesk Guidance Note on GBV and Natural Disasters, 26 March 2020, London 11:00am](#): This webinar will provide listeners with an introduction to the topic of natural disasters; their likely increase as a result of climate change; and the disproportionate impact they have on women, particularly in terms of increasing their vulnerability to GBV. URL: [https://bluejeans.com/583296824?src=join\\_info](https://bluejeans.com/583296824?src=join_info). Meeting ID: 583 296824.
- [Respect@Work 2020 - Practical steps to prevent and manage sexual harassment at an organisational level, 26 March 2020, 9:30am AWST](#): In this webinar, the findings of the Respect@Work report will be unpacked and the



### VACANCIES

- [Call for consultants – short term contract / recherche de consultants\(es\) – contrat à courte durée](#), Desk based and will not involve travel, The African Women's Development Fund – Closing date: 23 March 2020.
- [Women's Major Group Coordinator](#), New York, USA (with possibility for remote work for exceptional candidates), Women's Major Group – Closing date: 24 March 2020.
- [Principal Researcher](#), Global South, Includovate – Closing date: 24 March 2020.
- [Media Specialist, Media and Communications Branch \(MCB\), Division of Communications and Strategic Partnerships \(DCS\)](#), New York, USA – Closing date: 25 March 2020.
- [Senior Grants Coordinator](#), Geneva, Switzerland, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom – Closing date: 25 March 2020.
- [International Programme Coordinator](#), Moroni, Comoros Islands, UNFPA – Closing date: 26 March 2020.
- [Service Contract: Project Support Officer, Ending Gender Inequality and Child Marriage](#), Dhaka, Bangladesh, UNFPA – Closing date: 26 March 2020.

challenges outlined in investigating allegations of sexual harassment and how to address these.

- [Room for women and girls: Female voices from refugees and migrants in Serbia, 26 March 2020, 14:00-15:00 CET](#). This Bridge and Childhub webinar will present ADRA's study, "Room for Women and Girls: Female Voices From Refugees and Migrants in Serbia", which presents 91 testimonies of women and girls from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan who were settled in an asylum center in Belgrade during 2018.
- [NGO CSW 64 Forum Virtual Consultation Day](#): If you were not able to join the conference, you can listen to the recording [here](#). Additionally, read the presentations of [Mabel Bianco](#), Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer; and [Zaruhi Batoyan](#), Armenian Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, who were not able to present during the call. View the accompanying Powerpoint presentation [here](#).

- [Part-time Consultancy 'Information Specialist for a systematic review'](#), Florence Italy, Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management Unit- Office of Research- Innocenti – Closing date: 29 March 2020.
- [Consultancy 'Evidence Synthesis Specialist'](#), Florence, Italy, Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management Unit- Office of Research- Innocenti – Closing date: 29 March 2020.
- [Coordinator Red Umbrella Fund](#), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, The Red Umbrella Fund – Closing date: 31 March 2020.
- [Project Coordinator Diversity Under Attack](#), Mexico City, Mexico, Amnesty International IS– Closing date: 1 April 2020.
- [Independent Director, ANROWS Board](#), Australia, ANROWS – Closing date: 12 April 2020.
- [Girls Rights Coordinator](#), VIVA, New York, USA, MADRE – Open until filled.



## NEWS

[The Hastings Center produces guidance for ethical practice in responding to COVID-19](#), The Hastings Center, 18 March 2020.

[Harvey Weinstein transferred to maximum security prison in upstate New York](#), CNBC, 18 March 2020.

[The real economic victims of coronavirus are those we can't see](#), The Conversation, 16 March 2020.

[A woman peacebuilder's reflections on Beijing+25 & the Generation Equality Forum](#), Inter Press Service, 13 March 2020.

[Why sports can be so toxic to boys and how we unravel that culture](#), CNN, 11 February 2020.

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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