



## SVRI Update 2 April 2020

### WISE WORDS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Wise thoughts from April Pham, OCHA, during COVID\_19 pandemic: *“My advocacy to ..... UN agencies, donors, and the wider humanitarian community continues to be: 1. Ensure gender analysis and make sure impacts on women and girls are profiled, 2. Recognise exposure to domestic violence and other forms of GBV and mitigate, and prevent, 3. Promote women's voices, decision making - now more than ever their expertise must be promoted, 4. FUND and prioritise funding for gender, women and girls programming, and GBV prevention. In particular, fund women's organisations (and expertise). We must be more bold in asking for MORE money. 5. Include, engage, utilise gender experts - international, local, formal, informal. We must demand that gender expertise is recognised, valued, resourced and utilised in informing the response - global, regional, and local. 6. Partnerships with gender entities and women's organisations are critical right now.”*

### SECURITY AND SAFETY DURING ONLINE EVENTS

With Covid-19 lockdown measures across the globe, more people are turning to online events and meetings to stay connected. Cyber criminals and other forms of hackers are in lockdown too. The increase in online traffic has made us more vulnerable to attacks and rights violations during our meetings.

The SVRI experienced this first-hand. Our recent webinar “Advancing research on violence against women - Partnering for impact and scale” was ‘zoom bombed’. The meeting was hacked with racially charged and sexually explicit material. To ensure that security is ramped up for future events and to create awareness around this for those planning Zoom (and other online conferencing) webinars, we have compiled a list of security tips from resources shared with the SVRI by our wonderful and supportive colleagues and donors. Read the security tips [here](#).

### COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Survey by Plos](#): Has your professional life or research focus been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak? Share your experience by completing [this survey](#).

[Pandemics and violence against women and children. Working paper 528. Peterman A, Potts A, O'Donnell M, Thompson K, Shah N, Oertelt-Prigione S, van Gelder N. Center for Global Development. 2020](#): This paper helps to inform further evidence generation and policy action while situating violence against women and children within the broader need for intersectional gender- and feminist-informed pandemic response. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti].

[Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on violence against women and girls. VAWG helpdesk research report no. 284. Fraser E. UK Aid. 2020](#): This rapid research query summarises the evidence of the COVID-19 pandemic on violence against women and girls, as well as other similar epidemics. [Source: Social Development Direct].

[Parenting in a time of COVID-19. Cluver L, Lachman J. M, Sherr L, Wessels I, Krug E, Rakotomalala S, Blight S, Hillis S, Bachman G, Green O, Butchart A, Tomlinson M, Ward C.L, Doubt J, McDonald K. Lancet. pii: S0140-6736\(20\)30736-4. 2020](#): This article highlights resources that focus on concrete tips to build positive relationships, divert and manage bad behaviour, and manage parenting stress during the COVID19 outbreak. [Source: The Lancet].

[Blog: Gender equality during COVID-19: 5 ideas for action. Patty Alleman, Lauren Rumble](#): This blog post shares five core actions for gender equality that UNICEF is calling for and practicing in the COVID-19 response. [Source: UNICEF].

[Gender and data resources related to COVID-19. Data2X](#): this webpage offers a list of resources and current reporting on gender and gender data as they relate to COVID19 preparedness and response around the world, including the current and anticipated impacts of the pandemic. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti].

[Preventing and managing the spread of COVID-19 within domestic violence programs. VAWnet](#): In an effort to strengthen the capacity of individuals and organizations serving domestic violence survivors and their children, the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence gathered select resources on this [page](#) that can offer helpful guidance for domestic violence programs in preparing for and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. [Source: RISE Learning Network].

[Webinar recording: Gender, gender based violence and COVID-19 response: critical priorities for governments, donors and practitioners](#): In this recording, presenters discuss the gendered implications of COVID-19 outbreak in humanitarian and development settings, they further share reflections on lessons from the What Works VAWG programme for addressing gender based violence in the COVID-19 context. [Source: Care International].

Read [SVRI Statement on COVID-19](#)

### 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.*

[Dating SOS: a systematic and theory-based development of a web-based tailored intervention to prevent dating violence among Brazilian youth. Murta S.G, Parada P.O, da Silva Meneses S, Medeiros J.V.V, Balbino A, Rodrigues M.C, Miura M.A, Dos Santos T.A.A, de Vries H. BMC Public Health. 20\(1\), 391, 2020](#): This study explores an intervention, called SOS Namoro (hereafter Dating SOS), designed to reduce victimization and perpetration of dating violence and increase relationship quality, conflict management skills,

and help seeking. [Source: NCBI].

[Community mobilisation to prevent violence against women and girls in eastern India through participatory learning and action with women's groups facilitated by accredited social health activists: a before-and-after pilot study.](#) Nair N, Daruwalla N, Osrin D, Rath S, Gagrai S, Sahu R, Pradhan H, De M, Ambavkar G, Das N, Dungdung G.P, Mohan D, Munda B, Singh V, Tripathy P, Prost A. *BMC Int Health Hum Rights.* 20(1), 6, 2020: This study investigates the preliminary effects of community mobilisation through participatory learning and action groups facilitated by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), coupled with access to counselling, to prevent violence against women and girls in Jharkhand, eastern India. [Source: NCBI].

[Results from a cluster-randomized trial to evaluate a microfinance and peer health leadership intervention to prevent HIV and intimate partner violence among social networks of Tanzanian men.](#) Maman S, Mulawa M.I, Balvanz P, McNaughton Reyes H.L, Kilonzo M.N, Yamanis T.J, Singh B, Kaijula L.J. *PLoS One.* 15(3), e0230371, 2020: This article shares ways in which researchers identify and engage social networks of mostly young men in a study designed to evaluate the efficacy of a combined microfinance and peer health leadership intervention to prevent HIV and intimate partner violence. [Source: PLoS One].

[Physical and sexual intimate partner aggression among college students: examining the roles of cyber intimate partner aggression and alcohol use.](#) Watkins L.E, Benedicto R.C, Brockdorf A, DiLillo D. J. *Interpers. Violence.* ePub, 2020: This study examines the interaction between three types of cyber intimate partner aggression (IPA), cyber psychological, stalking, and sexual IPA, and alcohol use in predicting in-person physical and sexual IPA perpetration. [Source: Safetylit].

[Freeing women of rape victims from the burden of psychology through the legalization of the abortion acquisition law in rape victim pregnant women.](#) Ilyas A, Widaningsih Y. *Enferm. Clin.* 30(Suppl 2), 14-17, 2020: This study seeks to find out the legal reasons that cause the criminal potential to doctors' who help abortions in rape victims, and strive to eliminate criminal possibility against these doctors. [Source: Safetylit].

[Sexual violence during research: How the unpredictability of fieldwork and the right to risk collide with academic bureaucracy and expectations.](#) Schneider L.T. *Critique of Anthropology.* ePub, 2020: This study explores sexual violence during fieldwork and the uneasy relationship between ethnographic unpredictability, risk and academic bureaucracy/expectations. [Source: University of Oxford].

[Who is at risk? intimate partner violence against women in the Kyrgyz Republic.](#) Chernyak E. *Violence and Gender.* ePub, 2020: This study analyses the extent of intimate partner violence (IPV) and the factors and processes that function as predictors of physical IPV against women in the Kyrgyz Republic. [Violence and Gender].

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## SVRI FORUM 2019 PRODUCTS

SVRI celebrated 10 Years of SVRI Forum with our 6th biennial Forum successfully held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa from 21 – 25 October 2019. Thank you for attending and supporting the SVRI Forum. SVRI Forum 2019 products to follow:

- [SVRI Forum Presentations](#)
- [SVRI Forum 2019 Conference Report \(high res\)](#)
- [SVRI Forum 2019 Conference Report \(low res\)](#)
- [SVRI Forum 2019: Time Is Now Official Video](#)
- [SVRI Forum 2019 Brief](#)
- [Forum 2019 Highlights Video](#)
- [SVRI Forum 2019 Gallery](#)
- [Graphic Harvesting Photos](#)

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## SVRI MEMBERS REQUESTS

[“Questionnaire: Bibliometric and Altmetric awareness and usage amongst Gender-Based Violence \(GBV\) researchers in South Africa”](#): This questionnaire is to investigate, within the changing scholarly communication landscape, the level of awareness and the usage of bibliometrics and alternative metrics (altmetrics) among GBV researchers in South Africa. This online questionnaire is anonymous which is open to South African gender-based violence (GBV) researchers. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/yqQ9LTRLDG1c5XRWA> and will be open till **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**. As no names are required, your identity will remain anonymous. If you agree to participate, please read and confirm your participation by ticking the consent box on the survey. For more information please contact: [nlangdow@mrc.ac.za](mailto:nlangdow@mrc.ac.za) or [szinn@uwc.ac.za](mailto:szinn@uwc.ac.za)

[Inquiry into effectiveness of diversion programmes for adults](#): Just Detention International South Africa seeks information or assistance on attaining information regarding the existence and effectiveness of diversion programmes for adults who have perpetrated domestic violence as an alternative to custodial prison sentences. They are exploring the alternative forms of justice available to help contribute to the fight against gender based violence in our society and we would like to better inform ourselves on what other initiatives or approaches exist out there, if any, that they could consider as civil society.

Information should be emailed to Doreen Gaura at [DGaura@justdetention.org](mailto:DGaura@justdetention.org)



## BLOGS

[First Steps.](#) Martín Hernán Di Marco: It seems paradoxical that, as a researcher who specialises in conducting socio-anthropological research on violence (where talking about personal experiences is almost mandatory), it has taken me almost 5 months to write this short testimony. Yet, sharing my first steps into researching interpersonal violence, including intimate partner violence will shed some light on this delay.

Read Martín's blog at: <https://www.svri.org/blog/first-steps>

[Living Peace in the DRC: a couple and country in need of healing. Alexa Hassink](#): In this blog, Alexa reports on Promundo's Living Peace program, and its work to support local people who have been affected by violence, trauma and displacement in post-conflict settings.

## PODCASTS

[LGBT stories](#): This podcast documents the struggles, hardships, questions, joys, eye-openers and more, that many in the LGBTQI community have faced as they've opened up with the public, their families and most importantly themselves about their true identity, the decision to come out and what life is like today for them. [Source: *Our LGBT Stories*].

[A podcast on all things sexual and reproductive health and rights](#): In this conversation, Nina Besser-Doorley from the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) explains the components of sexual reproductive health rights and how it is currently faring in the domestic and global arena. [Source: *RePROs Fight Back*].

## ONLINE RESOURCES

[Final performance evaluation of DFID's What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Programme. Crawford S, Lloyd-Laney M, Bradley T, Atherton L, Byrne G. What Works to Prevent VAWG Programme. 2020](#): Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is preventable. Over the last two decades, VAWG prevention practitioners and researchers have been developing and testing interventions to stop violence from occurring, in addition to mitigating its consequences. This in-depth review presents what is now known in the field six years on and captures the contribution that What Works has made to this wider evidence base. [Source: *What Works to Prevent VAWG Programme*].

[Prevention Basics. The Prevention Collaborative. 2020](#): The Prevention Collaborative have launched a new series of briefs to introduce newcomers to key concepts, models and approaches in violence against women prevention. The briefs include:

- [Prevention Basics Brief 1: What is Prevention?](#)
- [Prevention Basics Brief 2: Understanding the Causes of VAW](#)
- [Prevention Basics Brief 3: Roadmap of VAW Prevention Programmes](#)
- [Why does GBV programming focus on women and girls?](#)
- [Why does a feminist perspective matter in work to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls?](#)

[Our rights, our safety: Resources for human rights defenders. Miller V, Arce M, Lopez M. JASS-Just Associates. 2020](#): This manual contributes to a greater understanding and analysis of the violence faced by human rights defenders and promote collective and feminist protection strategies based on knowledge and experiences in different regions of the world. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[Research ethics tool. Erlha. Doherty S, Lignou S, O'Mathúna D, Siriwardhana C. 2017](#): This tool provides guidance on research ethics for public health researchers interested in applying to the R2HC programme and also for other researchers working in humanitarian crisis contexts. [Source: *Elrha*].

[Guidance note: harnessing technology to prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence in emergencies. GBV AoR](#): This paper focusses on the issue of technology in gender based violence (GBV) prevention, mitigation and response in emergencies and aims to improve knowledge and understanding of good practices and lessons learned in harnessing technology to improve efforts to address GBV in humanitarian action. [Source: *GBV CoP*].

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): RB Scholarship – Invest For Life. Deadline: 10 April 2020.

[Request for Proposals](#): HER Voice Fund. Deadline: 10 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women. Deadline: 13 April 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): Combating violence against women in the Southern Mediterranean Region. Deadline: 16 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Countering Online Violence against Women Human Rights Defenders. Deadline: 30 April 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response. Deadline: 4 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants. Deadline: 4 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): 2020 APEC Healthy Women Prize. Deadline: 11 May 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): UN Women – VAW Data Arab States. Deadline: 20 May 2020.

[Call for proposals](#): UN Women – VAW Data East and Southern Africa. Deadline: 20 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Tampon Tax Fund 2020-2021. Deadline: 31 May 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Research to support COVID-19 response in humanitarian settings. Various deadlines.

[Call for Papers](#): Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Era of Covid-19. Deadline: Not specified.



## EVENTS

- [Webinar: Advancing research on violence against women: Partnering for impact and scale, 7 April 2020, 9:30-11am EST and 3:30-5pm SAST](#): We have moved this event to a different online conferencing platform due to a bad experience with the previously used platform. Join us as we will be showcasing innovative interventions being tested aimed at reducing violence against women and girls. [Register online](#) to receive the webinar joining details with improved safety features.
- [Webinar: Advocating for more localized and feminist humanitarian action, 16 April 2020, 7am EDT](#): This webinar for grassroots organizations in humanitarian settings will share best practices for international advocacy and storytelling with a gender lens, including how to craft compelling messages and campaigns to drive impact. It will also provide an opportunity to share strategies for continued advocacy during COVID-19, when travelling to international meetings is limited. Register [online](#).



## VACANCIES

- [Short-Term Research Consultant](#), Equality Now, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal – Closing date: 5 April 2020.
- [Individual Contractor: Gender/GBV Specialist](#), UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, Nepal – Closing date: 6 April 2020.
- [Sudan Programme Coordinator](#), Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa, Khartoum, Sudan – Closing date: 19 April 2020.
- [Consultant: Promundo Progress Evaluation 2019-2020](#), Promundo-US – Closing date: 20 April 2020.
- [Senior Associate for Evidence and Learning](#), The Prevention Collaborative, Baltimore/Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 24 April 2020.
- [Senior Associate for Capacity Strengthening](#), The Prevention Collaborative, Baltimore, London, Ottawa, or Nairobi – Closing date: 27 April 2020.
- [Various Vacancies](#), CANADEM, Flexible – Closing dates: Varies.



## NEWS

[Sierra Leone: discriminatory ban on pregnant girls attending school is lifted](#), Amnesty, 30 March 2020.

[Lockdowns around the world bring rise in domestic violence](#), The Guardian, 28 March 2020.

[Djibouti intensifies awareness-raising efforts against FGM](#), IPS News, 24 March 2020.

[As pandemic rages, women and girls face intensified risks](#), UNFPA News, 19 March 2020.

[With science 'held back by a gender gap', Guterres calls for more empowerment for women and girls](#), UN News, 10 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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