QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Preventing violence against women and girls is more critical now than ever. We can use this time to build connections, relationships, and solidarity – even while social distancing. Further, the pandemic highlights the importance of prioritizing wellbeing and care practices, as individuals, organizations, and movements. COVID-19 is providing an opportunity for us to focus on what is essential – our interdependence on one another and our ability to overcome adversity. This requires leadership from organizations, community leaders, and community members and a collective commitment that together, we truly are stronger." - Lori Michau, Co-founder Raising Voices

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

Blog: Should I start a new relationship after domestic violence? Lisa Aronson Fontes: With the extreme stresses of COVID-19 and social distancing, it is easy to crave a relationship that will make all the pain go away. Some survivors of domestic violence want another chance at love. Some feel lost when they separate from the partner who abused them, missing the companionship that even a controlling relationship provided. They may long deeply for the promise of love and protection that the abuser failed to provide.

Remote data collection on violence against women during COVID-19: A conversation with experts on ethics, measurement and research priorities. Amber Peterman, Amiya Bhatia and Alessandra Guedes: Early on in COVID19 it was clear research would transition to remote options. This raised a lot of questions for researchers working on violence. In this Innocenti think piece, experts unpack what COVID-19 means for data collection efforts. [*Source: UNICEF].*

Survey methods galore (SMS, ACASI, phone), how to deal with interruptions in field research, a new virtual seminar series and more. David Mckenzie. 8 May 2020: This blog summarizes blogs that share information on conducting research during pandemics. *[Source: World Bank].*

Blog: How "de-biasing" humanitarian organizations could lead to more gender-equitable programming during COVID-19 and beyond. Vandana Sharma and Jennifer Scott: In this blog, the authors emphasize that addressing gender biases now could improve COVID-19 response efforts as well as other emergency response programming in the future. *[Source: Harvard Humanitarian Initiative].*

Blog: Pandemics – misogynist violence against women and girls and COVID-19. Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald: Trapped by the COVID-19 stay at home policy, reports are telling of increased violence against women and children (VAW/C) in Canada, in Argentina, France, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States, as well as an increase of over 30 percent in helpline calls in Singapore and Cyprus. This blog explores VAW/C during the pandemic. *[Source: Persons Against Non-State Torture].*

Policy brief: gender-based violence (GBV) and COVID-19: The complexities of responding to "the shadow pandemic. Landis D. CARE. 2020: . This brief highlight the multiple ways in which COVID-19 increases the risk of exposure to gender based violence for women and girls, and creates new challenges with regard to service access and utilization. *[Source: CARE USA].*

Brief: Gender-based violence and COVID-19. UNDP. 2020: This briefing note provides concrete actions and strategies that UNDP, UN agencies and other development partners can take to prevent and address gender based violence (GBV) in the context of COVID-19. It includes recommendations for adapting dedicated GBV services and support to the crisis context, and for mainstreaming GBV prevention and response in 'non-GBV specific' interventions. *[Source: UNDP].*

Ethical considerations for evidence generation involving children on the COVID-19 pandemic. Berman G. UNICEF Office of Research: Innocenti Discussion Papers. DP 2020-01: This paper identifies key ethical considerations when undertaking evidence generation involving children during the mitigation stage of the pandemic (emergency phase), on subject matter relating to COVID-19 once the pandemic has been contained, and once containment policy measures, including lockdowns, have been lifted (post-emergency phase). *[Source: UNICEF IRC].*

Covid-19 and reproductive health: What can we learn from previous epidemics? Black B, McKay G. BMJ. 2020: As the covid-19 global pandemic progresses, we must continue to take care of the sexual and reproductive health needs of affected populations. The lessons learnt from recent epidemics around the world can teach us in advance how best we go about doing this. *[Source: BMJ].*

Danger in danger: Interpersonal violence during COVID-19 quarantine. Mazza M, Marano G, Lai C, Janiri L, Sani G. Psychiatry Res. ePub, 2020: During the COVID-19 outbreak people have encountered an invisible and dark enemy and an experience of impotence. Due to the feelings of frustration and agitation, aggression arises with possible transgenerational transmission of trauma and violence. *[Source: NBCI].*

Violence against women during covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Roesch E, Amin A, Gupta J, García-Moreno C. BMJ, 369, m1712, 2020: As the covid-19 pandemic intensifies, its gendered effects have begun to gain attention. Though data are scarce, media coverage and reports from organisations that respond to violence against women (VAW) reveal an alarming picture of increased reports of intimate partner violence during this outbreak, including partners using physical distancing measures to further isolate affected women from resources. This article offers strategies on how to respond to VAW during COVID19 pandemic restrictions. *[Source: BMJ].*

Feminist Response to COVID-19: This webpage outlines key principles and resources for a just and resilient recovery from the ongoing global pandemic.

VAWNET: This webpage offers information on preventing and managing the spread of COVID-19 within domestic violence programs.

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.

Khat use and intimate partner violence in a refugee population: a qualitative study in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia. Sharma V, Papaefstathiou S, Tewolde S, Amobi A, Deyessa N, Relyea B, Scott J. BMC Public Health. 20, 670, 2020: Consumption of khat —a plant containing amphetamines traditionally chewed in the horn of Africa and legal in some countries including Ethiopia—may increase risk of intimate partner violence (IPV) toward women. This analysis assesses perceptions on khat use among Somali refugees in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia and its association with IPV to inform an IPV and HIV prevention intervention. *[Source: BMC Public Health].*

Seeking Sanctuary: Violence Against Women in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. Obinna D.N. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2020: This article identifies the way spaces of violence operate within gendered hierarchies in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. It further illustrates how gender inequalities sustain the emigration of women. *[Source: GBV CoP].*

Promoting parent-child relationships and preventing violence via home-visiting: a pre-post cluster randomised trial among Rwandan families linked to social protection programmes. Betancourt T.S, Jensen S.K.G, Barnhart D.A, Brennan R.T, Murray S.M, Yousafzai A.K, Farrar J, Godfroid K, Bazubagira S.M, Rawlings L.B, Wilson B, Sezibera V, Kamurase A. BMC Public Health. 20(1), 621, 2020: Sugira Muryango is a father-engaged early child development and violence-prevention home-visiting programme delivered by trained lay workers. This cluster-randomised trial evaluates whether families living in extreme poverty who receive Sugira Muryango in combination with a government-provided social protection programme demonstrate greater responsive, positive caregiving, nutrition, care seeking, hygiene, and father involvement compared with control families receiving usual care. *[Source: BMC Public Health].*

Cash assistance programming and changes over time in ability to meet basic needs, food insecurity and depressive symptoms in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: Evidence from a mixed methods, pre-posttest. Falb K.L, Blackwell A.H, Stennes J, Annan J. PLoS One. 15(5), e0232588, 2020: This study sought to determine the perceived impact of cash transfer programming in Raqqa Governorate, Syria on the ability of households to meet basic needs, food insecurity, perceived serious household needs and daily stressors, and depressive symptoms amongst women. *[Source: PLoS One].*

SAFE: an eHealth intervention for women experiencing intimate partner violence - study protocol for a randomized controlled trial, process evaluation and open feasibility study. van Gelder N.E, van Rosmalen-Nooijens K.A.W.L, A Ligthart S, Prins J.B, Oertelt-Prigione S, Lagro-Janssen A.L.M. BMC Public Health. 20(1), 640, 2020: In this study, the authors explore the development and feasibility of SAFE, an eHealth intervention for female victims of intimate partner violence. *[Source: BMC Public Health].*

Understanding intimate partner violence perpetration involving the deaf population. Mastrocinque J.M, Cerulli C, Thew D, Chin N.P, Pollard R.Q. J Interpers Violence. ePub, 2020: This study explores the social context of intimate partner violence perpetration involving the deaf population through interviews with deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals who self-identified as perpetrating either physical or sexual abuse in an intimate relationship where at least one partner was deaf. *[Source: SAGE Journals].*

Assessing the Veterans Health Administration's response to intimate partner violence among women: protocol for a randomized hybrid type 2 implementation-effectiveness trial. Iverson K.M, Dichter M.E, Stolzmann K, Adjognon O.L, Lew R.A, Bruce L.E, Gerber M.R, Portnoy G.A, Miller C.J. Implement Sci. 15(1), 29, 2020: This paper describes the planned evaluation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the United States' implementation of intimate partner violence screening programs in primary care clinics through a randomized implementation-effectiveness hybrid type 2 trial in the United States. *[Source: Biomed Central].*

Conceptualizing LGBT stigma and associated HIV vulnerabilities among LGBT persons in Lesotho. Logie C.H, Perez-Brumer A, Mothopeng T, Latif M, Ranotsi A, Baral S.D. AIDS Behav. ePub, 2020: This study contributes to knowledge by exploring associations between lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) stigma, mental health stressors, and HIV vulnerabilities among LGBT persons in Lesotho. *[Source: NCBI].*

MEMBERS' REQUEST

Research Priorities for COVID-19 survey: The aim of this survey is to seek the opinion of researchers globally as to the top priorities for COVID-19 research in their country and region. Several major international research funding organisations are planning further calls to respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure their funding decisions will address critical global knowledge gaps, The Global Health Network in partnership with the African Academy of Sciences and UK Collaborative on Development Research are asking for your help to make certain current research priorities are globally correct, appropriate and applicable. For more information and to complete the survey visit https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/research-priorities-for-covid-19 . The survey closes on Monday 18 May at 10:00 am (BST).

Gap analysis of GBV programming in humanitarian settings: Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) is working with the Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University to undertake a gap analysis of GBV programming in humanitarian settings. They are requesting that organizations share documentation on their GBV programming approaches (including GBV prevention, response and risk mitigation programming as well as programs from any sector that have a GBV component) and recent needs assessment results that examine GBV in humanitarian settings to hifgapanalysis@gmail.com by 31st May 2020.

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub: The Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH) is a new programme that aims to support organisations in the aid sector to strengthen their safeguarding policy and practice against Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH). It is funded by the UK Department for International Development, and has a global outreach. RSH's online platform will be launching on 1 June 2020, you are invited to explore the Hub and become part of a community of practice. In the meantime, **you can find out more and subscribe to receive newsletters and updates by visiting the landing page at** safeguardingsupporthub.org.

BLOGS

Do the best academics fly more? Seth Wynes. 21 June 2019: In this post Seth Wynes argues that beyond a certain level there is no clear relationship between the amount of travel undertaken by academics and the quality of their research in terms of productivity and the production of high quality papers: And, that as universities face increasing demands to reduce greenhouse emissions, they should look to ways to manage academic travel more efficiently and equitably. *[Source: LSE Blog].*

PODCASTS

Episode 63: The push to end violence against women in the Asia Pacific: Public health researchers Dr Henriette Jansen and Dr Kristin Diemer join host Ali Moore to discuss the quest to understand the dimensions of violence against women, and programs aimed at bringing about lasting change. *[Source: Asia Institute of the University of Melbourne].*

#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. *[Source: Eternity News].*

ONLINE RESOURCES

Policy brief: Evidence-led violence prevention – Principles and guidelines for practice. Violence Prevention Forum. Institute for Security Studies. 2020: This policy brief presents lessons from the South African Violence Prevention Forum on how to design a multisectoral violence prevention intervention for communities. *[Source: ISS Africa].*

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 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].*

Surveying on sensitive topics: using Audio Computer Assisted Self-Interviewing. Cullen C, Mahmud M: There are innovative ways to gather sensitive information that can reduce reporting bias and safeguard respondents. To increase a respondent's privacy when answering sensitive survey questions, an alternative method to face-to-face interviewing can be used: Audio Computer Assisted Self-Interviewing (ACASI). *[Source: Mind and Behaviour].*

The WHAVE Podcast Paper #3. Equal partners: recognising the expertise of women living with HIV: In this brief, the authors focus on the importance of recognising women living with HIV as equal partners – in research, policy-making, programming and deliver. *[Source: Salamander Trust].*

Webinar recording: OJJDP FY 2020 preventing trafficking of girls solicitation: The purpose of this April 28, 2020 webinar is to provide a general overview of the FY 2020 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Solicitation. It highlights key eligibility and solicitation requirements. It also identifies tools and resources for applicants that will facilitate the application process. *[Source: NCJRS].*

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Proposals: UN Women – VAW Data Arab States, and VAW Data East and Southern Africa. Deadline: 20 May 2020.

Urgent Call for Submissions: The Lives of Girls and Young Women in the Time of Covid-19. Deadline: 30 May 2020

Call for Applications: International Women's Forum's 2020-2021 Fellows Program. Deadline: 1 June 2020.

Second Call for Proposals: Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund - Uganda. Deadline: 6 June 2020.

Call for Applications: MS. GEEK Ghana 2020. Deadline: 12 June 2020.

Call for Nominations: AWID Board of Directors Nominations. Deadline: 16 June 2020.

Call for Applications: HIF Funding Committee. Deadline: 21 June 2020.

EVENTS

- **Facilitating gender transformation: Finding, training and supporting community facilitators to prevent violence against women, 19 May 2020, 14:30 Nairobi**: This webinar will discuss best practices in selecting, training and supporting

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- **UN Women: Policy and Programme Analyst – EVAW (Spotlight Initiative)**, UN Women, New York, USA – Closing date: 19 May 2020.

community facilitators for transformative programming to prevent violence against women. The webinar will include case studies from Timor-Leste's KOKOSA! programme, and from Indashyikirwa in Rwanda. Register online.

- Choice in her hands: Enabling safe self-care during COVID-19, 19 May 2020, 8:00 - 9:15am EST: Join speakers from FP2020, Population Services International, Corona Management Systems, Nigeria and Marie Stopes International to discuss some of the challenges facing women under COVID-19 and the role self-care can play in getting reproductive healthcare into the hands of women. Register online.

- From theory to practice: Shifting the perception of peer norms in group-based interventions, 20 May 2020, 15:00 - 16:00 BST: Much has been written about social norms and the important influence they have on our behaviour, however less guidance is available about how to develop intervention activities that deliberately aim to shift social norms. This practical and interactive webinar aims to address this gap, and bridge what we know about social norms theory and its intentional application in the development of curriculum-based activities. Register online.

- HSRC seminar series: Transgender women and HIV in South Africa, 26 May 2020, 12:30-2pm SAST: Transgender women (TGW) constitute an extremely vulnerable, stigmatized and hidden community in South Africa. Stigma and transphobic responses make transwomen more vulnerable, so they constitute a key population for HIV infection a participatory approach, in the cities of Cape Town, Pretoria and East London. Join the webinar to learn more.

- Monitoring and Evaluation, and Coordination Consultant, UN Women, Bangkok, Thailand – Closing date: 20 May 2020.

- Policy and Advocacy Manager – Violence Against Women and Girls (Fixed Term, 1 Year), Womankind Worldwide, Flexible – Closing date: 25 May 2020.

- National Consultant to Support Storytelling Project on Women and Girls with Disabilities, UN Women, Tbilisi, Georgia – Closing date: 26 May 2020.

- Executive Director, South Asia Women Foundation India, Delhi, India – Closing date: 30 May 2020.

- Senior Program Officer — Humanitarian Programs, Global Programs, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Omaha, NE, USA or Flexible – Closing date: 15 June 2020.

- Technical Advisor, Gender and GBV, Africa and Eurasia, HIAS, Nairobi, Kenya – Closing date: 30 June 2020.

- Program Associate, Gender and Reproductive Equity Grantmaking, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.

- Human Rights Policy Advocacy Lead, Association for Progressive Communications, flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS

Protecting women's reproductive health during the pandemic, IPS News, 12 May 2020.

Has it become too dangerous to measure violence against women? Devex, 6 May 2020.

In a victory for women in Sudan, female genital mutilation is outlawed, New York Times, 30 April 2020.

COVID-19: New women-led UN initiative aims to save lives and protect livelihoods, UN News, 27 April 2020.

Here's how to achieve gender equality after the pandemic, World Economic Forum, 26 April 2020.