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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The COVID-19 Pandemic is amplifying the danger of violence against women. Women and children risk being trapped in abusive homes. Remember to check on your neighbours and extend support to women near you. #FeministResponse’ — GBV Prevention Network

YOU ARE INVITED

Webinar Invitation: Engaging the private sector to prevent and address violence against women. Wednesday, 10 June 2020, 14h00 – 15h00 SAST – Join the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) and HERproject to discuss working with the private sector on preventing and addressing violence against women. Our esteemed panellists will share practical guidance and best practice for working with the private sector.

Panellists include: Angelica Pino and Elizabeth Dartnall, SVRI; Lauren Shields and Lucia Flores Guevara, BSR HERrespect / HERproject; Shruti Majumdar, UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women; Tolu Lawrence, Promundo; Thulani Duma, The Children’s Place; Raania Rizvi, DFID.

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES


Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on violence against women and girls. Fraser E. UK Aid, 2020: This paper presents the first findings regarding the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak response on gender-based violence in several contexts, including increased risk factors around domestic violence, abuse and exploitation for vulnerable women workers and workplace violence in the health sector, among others. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Impact of COVID-19 on violence against women: Through the lens of civil society and women’s rights organizations. UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, 2020: This brief contains evidence from 122 CSOs working in 69 countries submitted in four languages over the past eight weeks that confirms the rapid rise in violence against women and girls and the challenges faced by struggling, often civil society led, support systems, during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women].

Impact of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls and service provision: UN Women rapid assessment and findings. UN Women, 2020: This report synthesises information from a rapid assessment to understand the impact of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls and service provision. [Source: UN Women].

EVAW COVID-19 briefs. UN Women, 2020: This series examines implications for the prevention of and response to violence against women and girls in public and private settings, including violence facilitated by information and communications technology during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: UN Women].

Forced migration, SGBV and COVID-19: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on forced migrant survivors of SGBV. Pertek S, Phillimore J, McKnight P. Refugee Women Connect, University of Birmingham and IRIS, 2020: This report explores the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on forced migrant survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and the organisations which support them across the five countries involved in the SEREDA project; the UK, Turkey, Tunisia, Sweden and Australia. [Source: University of Birmingham].


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JOURNAL ARTICLES

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A review of reviews on principles, strategies, outcomes and impacts of research partnerships approaches: a first step in synthesising the research partnership literature. Hoekstra F, Mrklas J.K, Khan M, McKay R.C, Vic-Dunbar M, Sibley K.M, Nguyen T, Graham I.D, Gainforth H.J. Health Research Policy and Systems. ePub, 2020: This study identifies the principles, strategies, outcomes and impacts reported in different types of reviews of research partnerships in order to obtain a better understanding of the scope of the research partnership literature. [Source: Biomed Central].
South Sudanese refugee survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and torture: Health and justice service responses in Northern Uganda. Liebling H, Barrett H, Artz L. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 17(5), 1685, 2020: This study shares the health and justice service responses to the needs of South Sudanese refugees living in refugee settlements in Northern Uganda who had been subjected to sexual and gender-based violence and torture. [Source: Coventry University].

'They were going to the beach, acting like tourists, drinking, chasing girls': A mixed-methods study on community perceptions of sexual exploitation and abuse by UN Peacekeepers in Haiti. King C, Lee S, Bartels S A. Stability: International Journal of Security & Development, 9(1), 1-22, 2020: This article examines community experiences and perceptions of sexual exploitation and abuse, with three prominent themes arising: peacekeepers as tourists, peacekeepers as sexual exploiters and abusers, and peacekeepers as ideal partners. [Source: Queen’s University].

'The public health turn on violence against women': Analysing Swedish healthcare law, public health and gender-equality policies. Ohman A, Burman M, Carbin M, Edin K. BMC Public Health. 2011, 753, 2020: This discursive policy analysis investigates policy and law concerning violence against women (VAW) as a public health problem, and what is regarded to be the scale of the problem and what solutions and interventions are suggested in order to reduce VAW. [Source: Biomed Central].

The safe use of dating applications among men who have sex with men: a study protocol for a randomised controlled trial to evaluate an interactive web-based intervention to reduce risky sexual behaviours. Choi E.P.H, Chow E.P.F., Wan E.Y.F., Wong W.C.W., Wong J.Y.H, Fong D.Y.T. BMC Public Health. ePub, 2020: In this study, the authors develop and evaluate the effectiveness of an interactive web-based intervention in improving the sexual health of men who have sex with dating app users in Hong Kong. [Source: Biomed Central].


Cumulative contexts of vulnerability to intimate partner violence among women with disabilities, elderly women, and immigrant women: prevalence, risk factors, explanatory theories, and prevention. Sasseville N, Maurice P, Montgomery L, Hassan G, St-Pierre E. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2020: This study documents the similarities and differences in how women with disabilities, elderly women, and immigrant women experience intimate partner violence, in terms of forms and consequences, as well as related risk factors, explanatory theories, and prevention strategies. [Source: NCBJ].

Associations between recent intimate partner violence and receipt and quality of perinatal health services in Uttar Pradesh. Silverman J.G, Fonseka R.W, Dehingia N, Boyce S.C, Chandurkar D, Singh K, Hay K, Atmavalas Y, Raj A. PLoS ONE 15(5); e0232079, 2020: This study assesses the independent and joint contributions of physical and sexual intimate partner violence during the perinatal period on both quantities and qualities of perinatal care received, including antenatal care, delivery and postnatal care, among a large population-based sample of women in Uttar Pradesh, India who had a live birth during the preceding 12 months. [Source: PLoS ONE].

The provision of emergency healthcare for women who experience intimate partner violence: part 2. Strategies to address knowledge deficits and negative attitudes. Bakon S, Taylor A, Meyer S, Scott M. Emerg Nurse. ePub, 2020: This article details the findings of a literature review of three databases that aimed to evaluate strategies to address the lack of knowledge of healthcare professionals and negative attitudes concerning intimate partner violence. [Source: NBCI].

IPV victimization in pregnancy increases postpartum STI incidence among adolescent mothers in Durban, South Africa. Gebrekristos L.T, Groves A.K, Reyes L.M, Maman S, Moodyt D. AIDS Care. 32(sup2), 193-197, 2020: This study determines whether intimate partner violence victimization during pregnancy predicts incident STIs in the first 6 months postpartum. [Source: Drexel University].

REQUESTS

How are you adjusting your research in response to COVID_19? The Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the Innovations for Poverty Action’s Intimate Partner Violence Initiative have created this short survey to understand how we as a community are adjusting our knowledge collection practices for gender-based violence during the COVID pandemic. The survey information will assist the SVRI and IPA’s Initiative to understand how we can better serve our community during this time. Please share the link widely with your networks. Thank you!

Call for chapters: Research Methods in Times of Crisis – Policy Press: Policy Press are fast-track publishing a series of peer reviewed short books on topics related to COVID19 pandemic. We’re looking for short chapters, and we’re particularly keen to hear from women, researchers from the global South, and researchers from minority groups.

Submissions and enquiries should be emailed: helen@wesresearchit.co.uk and suming.khoo@nuigalway.ie

BLOGS

Building momentum for scaling up prevention of gender-based violence: the importance of norm-change initiatives at community level. The Community for Understanding Scale Up: This blog shares lessons identified by the CUSP from the What Works portfolio that complement the collective 180 years of experience of the CUSP members as they reflect on the ethical and effective scale up of interventions that aim to change social and gender norms. [Source: CUSP].

PODCASTS

“To make people count, we have to count people right” – Disability data collection: This conversation highlights the importance of collecting disability statistics in humanitarian settings, and discusses a method for collection, and resources for integration of this method. [Source: GBVIMS].
ONLINE RESOURCES

Human Development Perspectives: tackling social norms – a game changer for gender inequalities. United Nations Development Programme, 2020: This new analysis reveals that, despite decades of progress closing the equality gap between men and women, close to 90 percent of men and women hold some sort of bias against women, providing new clues to the invisible barriers women face in achieving equality, and a potential path forward to shattering the Glass Ceiling. [Source: WUNRN].

Gender and security toolkit. OSCE: This toolkit provides practice-based policy and programmatic guidance for governments, international and regional organizations and security and justice institutions to integrate a gender perspective and advance gender equality in security and justice policy, programming and reform. [Source: WUNRN].

Addressing data gaps on child, early, and forced marriage in humanitarian settings. Mazurana D, Marshak A. Save The Children, 2020: This report identifies the existing knowledge and data on child marriage in humanitarian settings, gaps in that evidence base, and provides recommendations for moving forward with the creation of a comprehensive database. [Source: Feinstein International Center | Tufts University].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for Applications: Gender-Based Violence Prevention for Ecuador’s Education System. Deadline: 30 June 2020.

Call for Applications: 2021 Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Women’s Leadership Academy Department of State. Deadline: 6 July 2020.

Call for Applications: Capacity Building for GBV Survivor Support Service Providers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Deadline: 14 July 2020.


EVENTS

- Online event: Ensuring women’s political and economic empowerment after conflict and crisis – Gender in peace deals and COVID-19 responses. 3 June 2020, 10-11:30am EST: What is the most effective way of ensuring that women’s economic inclusion improves after a conflict or a crisis, and of ensuring their political voice increases? This panel discusses the results of research by students of the Center for Global Affairs, New York University, working with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders on links between gender-responsive provisions in peace accords and better outcomes for women 5 years after the end of a conflict. Register online.

- Webinar: Universal health coverage and SRHR during COVID-19 and beyond. 15 June 2020, 2pm-3:30pm: During this webinar experts, many of whom are authors of the journal papers, will be talking about the new reality of achieving universal health coverage for sexual and reproductive health and rights during COVID-19 and beyond. Register online.

- AIDS 2020: 23rd International virtual AIDS conference. 6-10 July 2020: The International AIDS Conference is the premier global platform to advance the HIV response. As the world’s largest conference on HIV and AIDS, it sits uniquely at the intersection of science, advocacy and human rights, bringing together scientists, policy makers, healthcare professionals, people living with HIV, funders, media and community. Don’t miss the first virtual edition of the International AIDS Conference.

VACANCIES


- Program Officer, XOES, The Francophone Women’s Fund, Flexible: Lomé (Togo) or home based – Closing date: 7 June 2020.

- Acting Programme Officer for Women’s Funds, Mama Cash Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands – Closing date: 7 June 2020.

- Gender and Social Inclusion Adviser (Fisheries), Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji – Closing date: 7 June 2020.


- Content Manager (Voluntary), Women in International Affairs Network, Flexible – Closing date: 10 June 2020.

- Programme Officer, APWLD Grounding the Global Programme (Re-advertised), APWLD, Chiang Mai, Thailand – Closing date: 12 June 2020.

- Technical Advisor for Women’s Protection and Empowerment, International Rescue Committee, USA – Closing date: 30 July 2020.
**NEWS**


Danger lurks in lockdown for survivors of trafficking, violence, Al Jazeera, 19 May 2020.


The idea that family courts are biased against men is a dangerous fallacy, The Guardian, 5 March 2020.

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**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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