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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is possible to build rapport and connect with participants during phone interviews. The participants were able to open up, it seems that many were yearning to talk to someone. Maybe this is partly because of the lockdown, we came in to listen at a time so many women and girls are experiencing anxiety and isolation.” - Sylvia Namakula and Agnes Grace Nabachwa

Read full blog [here](#).

YOU ARE INVITED

[Webinar: The SVRI Research Grant 2021, 29 July 2020, 4pm-5pm CAT:](#)



[The SVRI Research Grant](#) is dedicated to funding innovative research that contributes to strengthening responses and prevention of violence against women, violence against children and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries.

Please join us for a webinar on The SVRI Research Grant 2021, when we will showcase the need and benefit of building knowledge for action to end VAW and VAC and provide information on the new grant call and application process.

The webinar will be using [KUDO](#) to enable simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish

RSVP: Space is limited so participants need to register in advance here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-svri-research-grant-2021-tickets-114413666356>

(Once you have registered a meeting link and instructions on how to join a Kudo meeting will be sent to you.)

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[SVRI Knowledge Exchange: Pivoting to remote research on violence against women during COVID-19. Namy S, Dartnall E. SVRI. 2020:](#) This brief discusses when—and how—to safely proceed with remote data collection about violence against women (VAW) during COVID-19 (or similar public health emergencies). The discussion builds on recent publications developed by VAW experts, and is intended to be immediately applicable for organisations considering qualitative and/or quantitative research involving adult women during the pandemic.

[The impact of COVID-19 on services for people affected by sexual and gender-based violence. Johnson K, Green L, Volpellier M, Kidenda S, McHale T, Naimer K, Mishori R. International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. ePub, 2020:](#) This paper focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on clinical care and forensic medical documentation for sexual and gender based violence survivors, including an analysis of the response in the UK and Kenya, and provides recommendations for safe implementation of these services during the pandemic. [Source: *Physicians for Human Rights*].

[Impacts of pandemics and epidemics on child protection: Lessons learned from a rapid review in the context of COVID-19. Bakrania S, Chávez C, Ipince A, Rocca M, Oliver S, Stansfield C, Subrahmanian R. UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti. 2020:](#) This rapid review collates and synthesizes evidence on the child protection impacts of COVID-19 and previous pandemics, epidemics and infectious disease outbreaks. It provides lessons for global and national responses to COVID19 and recommendations for future research priorities. [Source: *UNICEF-IRC*].

[The health of LGBTI+ people and the COVID-19 pandemic: A call for visibility and health responses in Latin America. Signorelli M, Moretti-Pires R.O, de Oliveira D.C, Miskolci R, Polidoro M, Gomes Pereira P.P. Sexualities. 1–5, 2020:](#) The lack of inclusion of LGBTI+ people in public policies and research, as well as the visibility of the health specificities, are more acute during the pandemic. Governments and health services must consider LGBTI+ inequalities regarding access and healthcare. It is urgent that human rights, including gender and sexual orientation, be taken as fundamental components of decisions in all responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *Federal University of Parana*].

[Providing women's health care during COVID-19: Personal and professional challenges faced by health workers. Green L, Fateen D, Gupta D, McHale T, Nelson T, Mishori R. Int J Gynaecol Obstet. ePub, 2020:](#) The coronavirus pandemic has reshaped the healthcare landscape, placing a strain on all healthcare workers, including those who provide critical health services for women. This article explores the impact of COVID19 on health workers. [Source: *Wiley Online Library*].

[COVID-19 and gender equality: Countering the regressive effects. McKinsey and Company. 2020:](#) While most people's lives and work have been negatively affected by the crisis, this analysis shows that, overall, women's jobs and livelihoods are more vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *WUNRN*].

[A self-care guide for change-makers and peacebuilders during COVID-19. Jackson A, Sherwood N. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation. 2020:](#) As we seek to address complex challenges in our communities and understand their contextual nuances, this brief guide outlines basic recommendations for ways we can take care of ourselves and our households during this challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: *GBV CoP*].

[COVID-GBV Tracker](#): The tracker was set up by the [Gender Security Project](#) to draw up a comprehensive dataset on the rising number of instances of gender-based violence across the spectrum during the lockdown in many countries in the world. The initiative is calling for organizations that have been working with survivors of gender-based violence during COVID-19 lockdowns to share data. [Source: *WUNRN*].

For more resources, visit [SVRI COVID-19 webpage](#)

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.

[Safety decision-making and planning mobile app for intimate partner violence prevention and response: randomized controlled trial in Kenya](#). Decker M.R, Wood S.N, Hameeduddin Z, Kennedy S.R, Perrin N, Tallam C, Akumu I, Wanjiru I, Asira B, Frankel A, Omond B, Case J, Clough A, Otieno R, Mwititi M, Glass N. *BMJ Global Health*. 5, e002091, 2020: This study evaluates the efficacy of a community-partnered technology solution: culturally and linguistically adapted version of the myPlan app, a tailored safety decision-making and planning intervention, administered by trained lay professionals. [Source: *Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing*].

[How valid is the question of fear of a partner in identifying intimate partner abuse? A cross-sectional analysis of four studies](#). Signorelli M, Taft A, Gartland D, Hooker L, McKee C, MacMillan H, Brown S, Hegarty K. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. ePub, 2020: Intimate partner abuse (IPA) affects women's health, requiring accurate questions to identify the abuse. In this study, the authors investigate the accuracy of three questions about fear of an intimate partner in identifying exposure to IPA. [Source: *Federal University of Paraná*].

[Exploring adversities among parents convicted of killing their children](#). Dekel B, Andipatin M, Abrahams N. *PLoS One*. 15(7), e0235812, 2020: This study calls for trauma related, mental health components to be integrated into violence interventions and for these to address the impact of trauma at the individual, family, and societal levels, to prevent the transition from victim to offender. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[Barriers and facilitators for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in refugee contexts globally: A scoping review](#). Tirado V, Chu J, Hanson C, Ekström A.M, Kågesten A. *PLoS One*. 15(7), e0236316, 2020: In this study, the authors review and synthesize the literature on perceived barriers and facilitators to sexual and reproductive health rights among young refugees globally, and the interventions developed to address their needs. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[Safer conception for female sex workers living with HIV in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Cross-sectional analysis of needs and opportunities in integrated family planning/HIV services](#). Yam E.A, Kahabuka C, Mbita G, Winani K, Apicella L, Casalini C, Mbuguni Z. *PLoS One*. 15(7), e0235739, 2020: To inform ongoing country-level and global programs and policies regarding family planning and HIV integration and sexual and reproductive health of female key populations, this study examines the fertility-related needs and desires of female sex workers living with HIV in Tanzania. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Investigation of the key factors that influence the girls to enter into child marriage: A meta-synthesis of qualitative evidence](#). Kohno A, Techasrivichien T, Sugimoto S.P, Dahlui M, Farid N.D, Nakayama T. *PLoS ONE* 15(7), e0235959, 2020: The aim of the study is to identify the key factors that influence child marriage, and synthesize the findings obtained from qualitative studies. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[Presumption of sexual abuse in children and adolescents: vulnerability of pregnancy before 14 years](#). Silva A.J.C.D, Trindade R.F.C.D, Oliveira L.L.F. *Rev Bras Enferm*. 73 Suppl 4, e20190143, 2020: This is a quantitative study, with an ecological design, carried out in Maceió, with data from the Brazilian Live Birth Information System from 2009 to 2017, based on Law 12,015/2009, on sexual crimes against the vulnerable, applying the presumption of violence in children under 14 years old. The study is also available in [Portuguese](#). [Source: *Scielo*].

[Delivery of sexual and reproductive health interventions in conflict settings: a systematic review](#). Munyuzangabo M, Khalifa D.S, Gaffey M.F, Kamali M, Siddiqui F.J, Meteke S, Shah S, Jain R.P, Als D, Radhakrishnan A, Atallahjan A, Bhutta Z.A. *BMJ Glob Health*. 5(Suppl 1), e002206, 2020: This review synthesises the available literature on sexual and reproductive health intervention delivery in conflict settings to inform potential priorities for further research and additional guidance development. [Source: *BMJ Global Health*].

[Addressing crime, violence, and other determinants of health through community-based participatory research and implementation science](#). Stalker K.C, Brown M.E, Evans C.B.R, Hibdon J, Telep C. *Am J Community Psychol*. ePub, 2020: In this paper, the authors describe the assessment and planning phase of the Thrive community-based initiative to reduce violence and address other determinants of health in a community in the Southwestern United States. [Source: *NCBI*].



BLOGS

[Gender based violence is real for me](#). Z. 23 July 2020: A little child still cries for help in me, but nobody can hear. When I was young, all I needed was protection and guidance, but these rights were robbed from me. My childhood was taken away from me and my pain is still neglected. [Read more...](#)

[El alcance de la Educación Integral en Sexualidad \(EIS\) en la identificación, reflexión y atención a víctimas de Violencia Íntima en la Pareja \(VIP\)](#). Mariana Cruz Murueta, Susana Medina Salas e Ivón Silva Márquez. 23 Julio 2020: El pasado 11 de marzo de 2020, el Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud, Tedros Adhanom, declaraba oficialmente que el COVID-19 se había convertido en una pandemia de alcance global, llevándonos a pensar y reflexionar de manera individual y colectiva en torno a una era pre, durante y post COVID-19. [Read the Blog in English](#). [Source: *IPPF*].

[When evidence does not matter – What Brazil teaches us about the fragility of evidence-based policymaking](#). Flavia Donadelli. 22 July 2020: An underlying assumption of modern political states is that they are rational systems that 'follow the science' to achieve optimal outcomes for their citizens. Flavia Donadelli draws on evidence from Brazilian policymaking to argue that evidence informed policymaking is a far more ephemeral process and heavily dependent on institutional and political contexts for it to operate effectively. [Source: *Impact of Social Sciences*].

[Workplace sexual harassment in Mexico: towards gender-transformative remedies.](#) Paulina Madero Suárez. 21 July 2020: Can new, non-judicial approaches to gender-based violence and harassment in Mexico effectively supplement judicial avenues?. [Source: *Open Global Rights*].

[Woke science: 3 tips to boost the impact of research.](#) Krishna Rao. 21 July 2020: We have a problem. Researchers make an astonishing 2 million contributions annually, but the majority of these end up just as academic papers and collect dust without ever being used to create change in our society. [Source: *The Research Whisperer*].

PODCASTS

[Pasha 72: A much-needed conversation on gender-based violence in South Africa](#): In this conversation, Pasha Amanda Gouws, Professor of Political Science and SARChi Chair in Gender Politics at Stellenbosch University discusses gender-based violence in South Africa. She explains why the socialisation of boys is an important solution. [Source: *The Conversation*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[A magnifying glass and a fine-tooth comb: understanding girls' and young women's sexual vulnerability.](#) Nduna M. Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender, University of Pretoria. 2020: Research with regard to the sexuality of adolescent girls and young women continues to suggest new approaches for understanding the sexual risks experienced by girls and young women in Southern Africa. This monograph addresses some of the assumptions underpinning adolescent girls' and young women's vulnerability that could be considered when designing and delivering sexual and reproductive health rights interventions. [Source: *Sex Rights Africa Network*].

[Empowered Aid: Participatory action research with refugee women and girls to better prevent sexual exploitation and abuse – Uganda Country Report.](#) The Global Women's Institute and International Rescue Committee. 2020: This report shares findings from the first phase of Empowered Aid in Uganda around risks of sexual exploitation and abuse in relation to food, WASH, shelter, and fuel and firewood, throughout the distribution process. [Source: *GW*].

[Empowered Aid: Transforming gender and power dynamics in the delivery of humanitarian aid – Lebanon Country Report.](#) The Global Women's Institute and CARE International. 2020: This report shares findings from the first phase of Empowered Aid in Lebanon around risks of sexual exploitation and abuse in relation to food, WASH, shelter, and cash assistance, throughout the distribution process. It is based on rigorous, longitudinal qualitative research with women and girls living in an urban refugee context in Tripoli, Lebanon. [Source: *GW*].

[Masculinities and preventing violent extremism: Making the connections.](#) Fried A, Lauro G, Barker G. Promundo. 2020: This report finds that while a gender analysis of violent extremism should seek to understand and include women's and girls' experiences, it is crucial to consider that men and boys are gendered, as well, and to examine the ways in which their gendered identities motivate their participation in violent extremist groups. [Source: *Promundo-US*].

[Mobile Gender-Based Violence \(mGBV\)](#): mGBV is a free IT solution that facilitates assistance to survivors of gender-based violence. [Source: *mGBV*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Proposals](#): Evidence for Action: Approaches to Advance Gender Equity from Around the Globe. Deadline: 26 August 2020.

[Call for Expression of Interest](#): WHO/HRP - Gender and Rights Advisory Panel (GAP) Member. Deadline: 30 August 2020.

[Call for Proposals](#): The SVRI Research Grant 2021 – Knowledge for Action to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children. Deadline: 15 September 2020.

[6th Call for Postdoctoral Fellowships](#): Science by Women. Deadline: 30 September 2020.



EVENTS

- [Online course: COVID-19 and the implications for child protection](#): This course examines the impact that COVID-19 has and will have on child protection, including, the risk of child abuse and trauma and techniques that can be used to help children cope better with the impact of the pandemic.
- [Innovative strategies to reach vulnerable populations in humanitarian settings. 3 August 2020, 7-8am EDT](#): This webinar is held as a part of the [Streaming IAWG 2020: Webinar Series on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Humanitarian-Development Nexus](#). Presenters will share findings and lessons learned from working on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) at the intersections of the humanitarian, development and peace sectors.



VACANCIES

- [Head of Gender](#), UNDP, New York, USA – Closing date: 29 July 2020.
- [Program Coordinator, Learning and Innovation](#), CREA, New Delhi, India or Flexible – Closing date: 30 July 2020.
- [Trustee](#), Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage, Flexible – Closing date: 17 August 2020.
- [Resource Development Officer \(bilingual\) // Agente ou agent de développement des ressources \(bilingue\)](#), Crossroads International //

Carrefour International, Toronto or Montreal, Canada – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

[Child sex abuse survivors are five times more likely to be the victims of sexual assault later in life](#), The Conversation, 22 July 2020.

[Women are being killed in Mexico at record rates, but the president says most emergency calls are 'false'](#), CNN, 16 July 2020.

[International research collaborations: how can we shift the power towards Africa?](#), The Conversation, 16 July 2020.

[Kenya's teen pregnancy crisis: More than COVID-19 is to blame](#), The New Humanitarian, 13 July 2020.

[Rape conviction rates rise 75% in Sweden after change in the law](#), 1 July 2020, Global Citizen.

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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