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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The COVID-19 crisis has shone a spotlight on the ugly truth of violence against women and children. This is our wake-up call. We need a new vision for a world free from violence. We owe this to Carina, Tshegofatso and all those living in fear, long after COVID-19 is a thing of the past.” - Amber Peterman, Megan O'Donnell, Karen Devries and Alessandra Guedes

Read the full article [here](#).

RESOURCES BY SVRI AND PARTNERS

[SVRI Knowledge Exchange. Pino, A., Dartnall, E., Shields, L., Flores Guevara, L., Duma, T., Lawrence, T., Majumdar, S., Rizvi, R. \(2020\). Engaging the private sector to prevent and address violence against women. SVRI Knowledge Exchange. SVRI and BSR's HERproject](#): This Knowledge Exchange is based on a [SVRI/BSR joint webinar](#) discussing the role of the private sector in violence against women (VAW) prevention and response. It offers tips and recommendations for effective private sector partnership with due consideration for the ongoing prevalence of violence and harassment of women in the workplace.

[Recording: The SVRI Research Grant 2021 recording](#): On 29th July, the SVRI hosted a webinar to celebrate the launch of The SVRI Research Grant and to provide applicants with information on the 2021 grant cycle. View the [Agenda and Panel](#), [Webinar Recording](#), and presentations: [Overview of SVRI Grant-Making](#); [SVRI Grant-Making Principles](#); [Former SVRI Grantee - Evaluating the Potential of Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence Among Young People in Mexico City](#) (IPPF/WHR, Mexfam, LSHTM); [The SVRI Research Grant 2021](#).

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Deligiorgis, D. \(2020\). Prevention: Violence against women and girls and COVID-19. UN Women](#): This brief highlight the impact of COVID-19 on the rates of violence against women and the ability to undertake evidence-based prevention work during the pandemic. [Source: UN Women].

[Nagarajan, C. \(2020\). The impact of COVID-19 on women and girls in Nigeria. Helpdesk Research Report No. 311. VAWG Helpdesk](#): This report explores the latest research and evidence on the impact of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls in Nigeria and entry points and effective strategies to address this issue. [Source: Social Development Direct].

[Boxall, H., Morgan, A., Brown, R. \(2020\). The prevalence of domestic violence among women during the COVID-19 pandemic. Statistical Bulletin no. 28. Australian Institute of Criminology](#): This paper presents findings from an online survey of 15,000 Australian women about their experience of domestic violence during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: Australian Institute of Criminology].

[Heather, F., Rockowitz, S., James, R., Kanja, W., Kamau, C., Colloff, M., Kauldar, J., Woodhams, J., Davies, K. \(2020\). Sexual and other forms of violence during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency in Kenya: Patterns of violence and impacts on women and girls. University of Birmingham and The Institute for Global Innovation](#): This research report explores the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on patterns of sexual and gender-based violence in Kenya. Read the brief report [here](#). [Source: CARE Research Project].

[Archambeault, L. \(2020\). Beyond the shadow pandemic: protecting a generation of girls from gender-based violence through COVID-19 to recovery. Save the Children US and Save the Children USA](#): This policy brief includes concrete recommendations for UN actors, donors, national governments, humanitarian actors, and the media to ensure that gender based violence risks are prevented, mitigated against, and responded to as an urgent priority through COVID-19 to recovery. The brief is available in [Arabic](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). [Source: WUNRN].

[Peterman, A., O'Donnell, M., Devries, K., Guedes, A. \(2020, July 24\). Violence in times of Coronavirus—the ugly truth. Think Global Health](#): We cannot afford to unsee domestic abuse after COVID-19—we need a world free from violence against women and children. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti].

[Emezue C. \(2020\). Digital or digitally delivered responses to domestic and intimate partner violence during COVID-19. JMIR Public Health Surveill, ePub](#): This paper rapidly describes current domestic violence mitigation approaches using digital solutions, signalling emerging best practices to support survivors, their children, and abusers during stay-at-home advisories. [Source: NCBI].

[Closson, K., Lee M., Gibbs, A., Kaida, A. \(2020\). When home is not a safe place: Impacts of social distancing directives on women living with HIV. AIDS and Behavior, 1–3](#): As social distancing measures limit access to supports, such as family, friends, and health care provides, that help women living with HIV cope with experiences of violence and histories of trauma, research is needed to understand the unique ways in which women living with HIV have developed resilience and coping strategies during COVID-19 restrictions and how these can be best supported. [Source: University of British Columbia].

[Sutrich, S. \(2020, 19 June 2020\). COVID-19, conflict and sexual violence: reversing the burden of proof. ICRC](#): To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, this blog highlights the effects of conflict-related sexual violence on its survivors and discusses the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Source: GBV CoP].

[Cappa, C., Petrowski, N., Tsai, L. C., Daban, R. A. \(2020, April 28\). Sexual Exploitation of Boys in Times of Crisis: What can we learn from existing research, and what is still unknown? UNICEF](#): Understanding what places children at risk of sexual exploitation, how many have already been victimized, and how many child survivors are reached by services is key to designing effective interventions. [Source: UNICEF].

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.

[Various authors. \(2020\). Special issue: Transformative approaches to gender justice in sexual and reproductive health. Culture, Health & Sexuality. 22](#): This issue offers ten open access publications on gender, intersectionality, and intimate partner violence, and how we can address these issues in programming. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].

[Clossona, K., McLinden, T., Parry, R., Lee M., Gibbs, A., Kibel, M., Wang, L., Trigg, J., Braitstein, P., Pick N., Parashar, S., Montaner, J. S. G., Kaida, A., Hogg, R.S. \(2020\). Severe intimate partner violence is associated with all-cause mortality among women living with HIV. AIDS, 34\(10\), 1549-1558](#): This study examines the independent association between intimate partner violence severity and all-cause mortality among women living with HIV. [Source: School of Population and Public Health].

[Chynoweth, S. K., Buscher, D., Martin, S, Zwi, A. B. \(2020\). A social ecological approach to understanding service utilization barriers among male survivors of sexual violence in three refugee settings: a qualitative exploratory study. Confl. Health, 14: e43](#): This study explores the characteristics and impacts of sexual violence against refugee men and boys and assesses the availability and accessibility of selected services for male survivors in three refugee settings. [Source: Biomed Central].

[Herrenkohl, T. I., Fedina, L, Roberto, K.A., Raquet K. L., Hu R. X., Rousson A. N., Mason W. A \(2020\). Child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner violence, and elder mistreatment: a review and theoretical analysis of research on violence across the life course. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub](#): This article reports the results of a scoping review of the literature on life-course patterns of violence that span the developmental periods of childhood, adolescence, and early and middle adulthood. [Source: SAGE Journals].

[Harden, J., McAllister, P., Spencer, C. M., Stith, S. M. \(2020\). The dark side of the rainbow: Queer women's experiences of intimate partner violence. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub](#): The purpose of this study is to examine and raise awareness of how intimate partner violence operates within female same-gender relationships. [Source: NBCI].

[De Veause Brown, N. F., Annor, F. B., Swahn, M. H., Self-Brown, S.R. \(2020\). Sexual violence experience among Nigerian girls and young women: What are the roles of early sexual debut, multiple sex partnerships, and traditional gender role beliefs? J Interpers Violence, ePub](#): This study examines risk factors associated with sexual violence victimization of Nigerian girls and young women to identify targets for prevention and help stakeholders prioritize response efforts. [Source: NCBI].

[Afiaz, A., Biswas, R.K., Shamma, R., Ananna, N. \(2020\). Intimate partner violence \(IPV\) with miscarriages, stillbirths and abortions: Identifying vulnerable households for women in Bangladesh. PLoS One, 15\(7\), e0236670](#): This study identifies the most vulnerable cohorts in danger of intimate partner violence (IPV) and miscarriage, stillbirths and induced abortions by studying women's pertinent sociodemographic aspects and understanding the effects of IPV on maternal health and adverse obstetric outcomes. [Source: PLoS One].

[Hayati Rezvan, P., Tomlinson, M., Christodoulou, J., Almirol, E., Stewart, J., Gordon, S., Belin, T. R., Rotheram-Borus, M. J. \(2020\). Intimate partner violence and food insecurity predict early behavior problems among South African children over 5-years post-birth. Child Psychiatry Hum. Dev., ePub](#): This study sought to examine the relationships between household settings and mothers' histories of risk and children's behaviour problems at 3 and 5 years of age. Intimate partner violence, food insecurity, maternal depressed mood, and geriatric pregnancy (at age of 35 or older) were consistently associated with children's internalizing and externalizing behaviour problems. [Source: Springer Link].

[Öberg, M., Skalkidou, A., Heimer, G., Lucas, S. \(2020\). Sexual violence against women in Sweden: Associations with combined childhood violence and sociodemographic factors. Scand J Public Health, ePub](#): This investigates the prevalence of violence polyvictimization during childhood and sexual violence in adulthood among women, and how childhood violence exposure and sociodemographic factors associate with women's risk of experiencing sexual violence in adulthood. [Source: NBCI].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub – Seeking Experts from the Global South: SDDirect manages the [Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub \(RSH\)](#), which aims to support organisations in the aid sector to strengthen their safeguarding policies and practices against Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH). SDDirect would like your support with identifying Safeguarding/SEAH Experts from the Global South to contribute to a series of upcoming RSH events, so we can help amplify their voice and expertise. If you are interested in this opportunity and/or would like to recommend someone, please email laura.martineau-searle@sddirect.org.uk.

SASA! Together Partnership Feasibility Check: Raising Voices launched [SASA! Together](#), a revision of the SASA! Activist Kit for Preventing Violence against Women and HIV in February 2020. The reality of COVID-19 impacted our plans to begin technical assistance partnerships with organizations interested in using the approach. We are now assessing the feasibility of moving forward with SASA! Together partnerships during 2020 with a simple 10 minute [survey](#). If your organization is considering using SASA! Together and interested in a technical assistance partnership with Raising Voices, please complete the survey by 14th August 2020. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the partnership. If you have questions, please contact learningcenter@raisingvoices.org



BLOGS

[Kyaw, A. T. \(2019, December 19\). Violence against women: a blow to “gender equality” myth in Myanmar. LSE](#): Women from diverse backgrounds suffer discriminatory social norms and practices, and experts suggest that high levels of violence against women signal their unequal status. In this blog, the author argues that the high rates of violence experienced by women came as a blow to the narrative framing Myanmar as a “gender equal” country. [Source: LSE]

PODCASTS

[Episode 7: Deep dive into UNICEF’s flagship prevention program: Communities Care](#): In this episode, a panel of UNICEF key staff and partners talk about UNICEF’s flagship prevention program: Communities Care. Communities Care is a community-based model for preventing and responding to sexual violence against girls and women in conflict-affected settings. [Source: GBV CoP].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Recording: The Digital Dialogue Series: National accountability for conflict-related sexual violence – First episode](#): Created in collaboration with the UN Team of Experts, this event celebrates the launch of a Special Issue of the Journal of International Criminal Justice on Progress and Challenges of National Efforts to Address Impunity for Sexual Violence. [Source: PHR].

[van Paassen, B. \(2020\). Gender Equality on the Ground: Feminist findings and recommendations for achieving Agenda2030. WECF](#): This report contains the findings from national assessments on how to ensure a gender-just and transformative #Agenda2030 in the key priority areas of climate and environmental justice, redistributive and economic justice, political participation, gender based violence, and gender stereotypes. The report is also available in [español](#), [français](#), [русский](#) and [Nederlands](#). [Source: WUNRM].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): USAID’s Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Environments Challenge – A Challenge to Address Gender-Based Violence in the Environment. Deadline: 5 August 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Robert Bosch Stiftung – Support Program “Reducing Inequalities Through Intersectional Practice”. Deadline: 14 August 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): Data Science African – A Call to Support Research Addressing Local Challenges in Africa. Deadline: 15 August 2020.

[Call for Researchers](#): WISER – MOBILE SPACES, POROUS BORDERS, AND PATHWAYS OF REGIONALIZATION. Deadline: 4 September 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.



EVENTS

- [YTH Live, 3-5 August 2020](#): YTH Live 2020 will showcase the brightest minds and cutting-edge research in topics ranging from sexual and reproductive health to mental health, digital rights, and climate change. Whether you are an Executive Director, developer, IT professional, or even a high school student, YTH Live can help you learn about the latest trends in health, innovation, and technology.
- [Safety first: Collecting data and protecting people in a global pandemic, 12 August 2020, 9am ET](#): In this virtual panel, leaders in research, international development, and technology will discuss innovative approaches for safely collecting data and sustaining high-impact work. These approaches include safer methods of in-person data collection (e.g., remote training and device management), remote data collection methods (e.g., phone surveys, SMS, online surveys), and opportunities for collaboration and peer learning.
- [New date: 14th AWID International Forum, 20-23 September 2021, Taipei, Taiwan](#): Given the current state of the COVID 19 pandemic, the AWID



VACANCIES

- [Senior Researcher](#), ISS Dakar, Lake Chad Basin – Closing date: 31 July 2020.
- [Consultant for Developing Safeguarding Policies and Procedures Toolkit](#), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Flexible – Closing date: 7 August 2020.
- [Board Chair](#), Women's March Global, Flexible – Closing date: 10 August 2020.
- [Consultant: Child Survivors of SGBV](#), Plan International Belgium, Home-based – Closing date: 16 August 2020.
- [Consultant](#), OXFAM, Erbil, Iraq – Closing date: 23 August 2020.
- [Philanthropy and Gender Equality Program Lead](#), Global Center for Gender Equality at Stanford University, CA, USA – Closing date: 24 August 2020.
- [Research Fellow - Interrupting the Intergenerational Transmission of Violence](#), The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK – Closing date: 22 September 2020.

Board of Directors has decided to postpone the 14th AWID International Forum to September 20-23, 2021. Watch a recording of the conversation with AWID's co-EDs about the context which has led AWID to postpone the Forum [here](#).

- [Consultant: Child Protection Within Humanitarian Settings](#), UNICEF, Flexible – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

Sadeque, S. (2020, July 28). [Myanmar's protection bill falls short of addressing violence against women](#). *IPS News*.

Sullivan, R. (2020, July 26). [Poland's decision to leave treaty aimed at preventing violence against women sparks criticism](#). *CNN*.

Thobega, K. (2020, July 24). [Botswana rape survivor fights sexual violence with awareness campaign](#). *Thomson Reuters Foundation*.

McKernan, B. (2020, July 23). [Murder in Turkey sparks outrage over rising violence against women](#). *The Guardian*.

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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