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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., Dartnell, 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 Grantees - 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


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].


Archambeault, L. (2020). Beyond the shadow pandemic: Protecting a generation of girls from gender-based violence through COVID-19 to recovery. 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 in an urgent priority through COVID-19 to recovery. The brief is available in Arabic, French and Spanish. [Source: WUNRN].


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 providers, 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].


Severe intimate partner violence is associated with all-cause mortality among women living with HIV. Lucas, S. (2020). This study examines the independent association between intimate partner violence severity and all-cause mortality among women living with HIV. *J Interpers Violence*.


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].


**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 Justice on the Ground: Feminist findings and recommendations for achieving Agenda2030. WECP: 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, pyccodl and Nederlands. [Source: WURN].

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**


**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.


- **Board Chair**, Women’s March Global, Flexible – Closing date: 10 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.

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


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**NEWS**


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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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