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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“When scientists are able to communicate effectively beyond their peers to broader, non-scientist audiences, it builds support for science, promotes understanding of its wider relevance to society, and encourages more informed decision-making at all levels, from government to communities to individuals. It can also make science accessible to audiences that traditionally have been excluded from the process of science. It can help make science more diverse and inclusive.” - **Mónica I. Feliú-Mójer**, Director of Communications and Science Outreach for Ciencia Puerto Rico, Associate Director of Diversity and Communication Training for iBiology

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENT

The SVRI Research Grant

The SVRI, Sida and our anonymous donor thanks to the 329 applicants who submitted proposals for research projects in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean in response to the [SVRI RFP Research Grant: Knowledge for action to end violence against women and violence against children 2021](#). The Review Committee looks forward to the selection process and welcoming a new cohort of researchers to the SVRI family in 2021!

Learn more about [SVRI Grant-making](#)

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

[Maalla, M. N. \(2020\). Hidden scars: the impact of violence and the COVID-19 pandemic on children's mental health. Child Adolesc Psychiatry Ment Health. 14\(33\)](#): This article outlines how the risk of children experiencing violence has increased and how the pandemic has weakened the capacity of child protection and mental health services to respond. [Source: NCB].

[Azcona, G., Bhatt, A., Encarnacion, J., Plazaola-Castaño, J., Seck, P., Staab, S., Turquet L. \(2020\). From insights to action: Gender equality in the wake of COVID-19. UN Women](#): This publication summarizes data, research, and policy work by UN Women's Policy and Programme Division on the pandemic's impact on women and girls, including the impact on extreme poverty, employment, health, unpaid care, and violence against women and girls. [Source: UN Women].

[Bracewell, K., Hargreaves, P., Stanley, N. \(2020\). The consequences of the COVID-19 lockdown on stalking victimisation. J Fam Violence, 1-7](#): Stalking behaviour has not ceased as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and the risk of harm to victims remains significant. Effective practice, policy and legal responses are required for both the victims and perpetrators of stalking during the pandemic and afterwards. [Source: Connect Centre].

[UNICEF. \(2020\). Moving beyond the numbers: What the COVID-19 pandemic means for the safety of women and girls. UNICEF](#): This article illustrates some of the limitations of the statistics that have been widely publicized in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, provides additional contextual information to better understand the risks women and girls are facing, and outlines some priority recommendations to Governments, policy makers, donors and key humanitarian and development actors for addressing gender-based violence in the context of COVID-19. [Source: UNICEF].

[Seminar recording: CORE Net x SRHM | Ethics Dialogues 02 | Ethics in SRH Research during COVID-19](#): The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated the need to collect most up to date and evidence-based information on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), that can help governments and others to respond to the challenging and emerging situation. This session of the ethics dialogues series brought together diverse expertise from the field to share their experiences and provoke a critical conversation. [Source: CORE Net].

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.

[Jina, R., Machisa, M., Labuschagne, G., Vetten, L., Loots, L., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). Unspoken victims: A national study of male rape incidents and police investigations in South Africa. 110\(9\), ePub](#): This study describes the epidemiology, occurrence and reporting of rape cases involving male victims, both child (<18 years old) and adult, in South Africa.

[Dolan, C., Baaz, M. E., Stern, M. \(2020\). What is sexual about conflict-related sexual violence? Stories from men and women survivors. International Affairs, 96\(5\), 1151–1168:](#) This article sets out clear distinctions between peacetime and wartime logics and effects, and to call for a retheorizing of the sexual in conflict-related sexual violence. [Source: *Refugee Law Project*].

[Seff, I., Steiner, J. J., Stark, L. \(2020\). Early sexual debut: A multi-country, sex-stratified analysis in sub-Saharan Africa. Global Public Health, ePub:](#) This study examines outcomes associated with early sexual debut in five sub-Saharan African countries for males and females, separately. [Source: *Columbia University*].

[Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Bonner, C. P., Minnis, A. M., Nyblade, L., Speizer, I. S., Howard, B. N., Myers, B., Ahmed, K. \(2020\). The PrEPARE Pretoria Project: protocol for a cluster-randomized factorial-design trial to prevent HIV with PrEP among adolescent girls and young women in Tshwane, South Africa. BMC Public Health. 20\(1\), 1403:](#) This study seeks to determine whether implementing a multilevel, woman-focused intervention for PrEP readiness, uptake, and adherence among vulnerable adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Tshwane, South Africa, is a viable complement to South Africa's National Strategic plan for HIV, which includes a focus on AGYW. [Source: *BMC Public Health*].

[Daneshvar, S., Shafiei, M., Basharpour, S. \(2020\). Group-based compassion-focused therapy on experiential avoidance, meaning-in-life, and sense of coherence in female survivors of intimate partner violence with PTSD: A Randomized Controlled Trial. J Interpers Violence, 886260520958660:](#) This study investigates the effects of compassion-focused therapy on experiential avoidance, meaning-in-life, and sense of coherence in women suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to the intimate partner violence. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Beattie, T. S., Smilenova, B., Krishnaratne, S., Mazzuca, A. \(2020\). Mental health problems among female sex workers in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. PLoS Med, 17\(9\), e1003297:](#) This systematic review and meta-analysis explores the prevalence of mental health problems among female sex workers in low and middle income countries, examines associations with common risk factors. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Stone, R., Campbell, J. K., Kinney, D., Rothman, E. F. \(2020\). "He would take my shoes and all the baby's warm winter gear so we couldn't leave": Barriers to safety and recovery experienced by a sample of Vermont women with partner violence and opioid use disorder experiences. J Rural Health, ePub:](#) This qualitative study explored themes about barriers to substance use treatment for women who experience intimate partner violence and opioid use in rural Vermont. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Goessmann, K., Ssenyonga, J., Nkuba, M., Hermenau, K., Hecker, T. \(2020\). Characterizing the prevalence and contributing factors of sexual violence: A representative cross-sectional study among school-going adolescents in two East African countries. Child Abuse Negl. 109, 104711:](#) This study assesses sexual violence and its circumstances among Tanzanian and Ugandan adolescents. [Source: *Science Direct*].

[Hill, B. J., Motley, D. N., Rosentel, K., VandeVusse, A., Garofalo, R., Kuhns, L. M., Kipke, M. D., Reisner, S., Rupp, B., West Goolsby, R., McCumber, M., Renshaw, L., Schneider J. A. \(2020\). Work2Prevent, an employment intervention program as hiv prevention for young men who have sex with men and transgender youth of color \(phase 3\): protocol for a single-arm community-based trial to assess feasibility and acceptability in a real-world setting. JMIR Res Protoc. 9\(9\), e18051:](#) This study assesses the Work2Prevent intervention feasibility and acceptability in the target populations and determines preliminary efficacy of the intervention to increase employment and reduce vulnerability to HIV when implemented in a community-based setting serving LGBTQ youth of color. [Source: *NCBI*].

[Chernyak, E. \(2020\). Who is at risk? intimate partner violence against women in the Kyrgyz Republic. Violence and Gender. ePub:](#) This study analyzes the extent of intimate partner violence (IPV) and the factors and processes that function as predictors of physical IPV against women in the Kyrgyz Republic. [Source: *Liebert Pub*].



BLOGS

[Mosawi, S. M. \(2020, 25 May\). Challenges of field research in a conflict/post-conflict setting – lessons learned in Afghanistan \(Part 1\):](#) Social research in both conflict and post-conflict environments is crucial for understanding the complexity of setting, identifying needs and addressing social problems. In this blog, the author discusses practical challenges of field work in post-conflict Afghanistan. Read part 2 [here](#). [Source: *Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities*].

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Undie, C., Ngebeh, J., Namwebya, J., Gaitho, M., Odwe, G., Chelwa, N., Birungi, H., Mbizvo, M. \(2020\). Practice-based learning: Establishing simple monitoring systems to support SGBV programming in refugee settings. The Sauti/VOICE Program Brief Series, Brief 7. Nairobi, Kenya: UNHCR EHAGL Africa Bureau and Population Council:](#) This program brief documents the process employed by the Sauti/VOICE project to implement simple monitoring systems that record service progress, reveal issues that need to be resolved, and provide evidence of how well sexual and gender based violence interventions are working.

[Gaitho, M., Kotut, R., Ngunjiri, A., Thiomi, J.T., Ngebeh, J., Undie C. \(2020\). Practice-based learning: Medico-legal evidence collection as part of post-rape care in refugee contexts. The Sauti/VOICE program brief series: Brief 6. Nairobi, Kenya: UNHCR EHAGL Africa Bureau, LVCT Health, and Population Council:](#) In collaboration with the Population Council-led Africa Regional SGBV Network, UNHCR's East, Horn of Africa and Great Lakes (EHAGL) Regional Bureau has been facilitating the integration of a tested intervention to improve medico-legal evidence collection within its operational programming. This brief provides notable lessons from these efforts.

[UNFPA. \(2020\). How changing social norms is crucial in achieving gender equality. UNFPA:](#) This report presents the tested processes of social norms change and a programme design framework, as applied to programming to end female genital mutilation. [Source: *UNFPA*].

[RSH Helpdesk Number 3. \(2020\). Best practice in engaging survivors of sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. RSH:](#) This document provides a rapid review of the documentation of efforts to engage survivors of sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (and other types of violence, where relevant) in developing policy, as well as reviewing research conducted on survivors' needs and priorities. [Source: *Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub*].

[Sen, P., Algora, R. G., Lacava, F. \(2020\). Bridging the gap: Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment \(SEAH\). UN Women](#): This advocacy paper contributes to dialogues on sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) that see, and propose practice that recognize, commonalities. [Source: *UN Women*].

[Mosawi, S. M. \(2020\). "You must keep your 'honour', a man without 'honour' is no man at all': 'Honour, masculinity and violence in Afghanistan." In *men, masculinities and honour-based abuse*, Idriss M. M, 128-149. Oxon and New York: Routledge](#): This chapter aims to develop an understanding of men's lived experiences of honour-based abuse in the post-conflict era in Afghanistan. [Source: *Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities*].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): Equality Fund Grant for Women's Rights and Feminist Organizations. Deadline: 5 October 2020.

[Call for Special Issue Papers](#): Exposure to Violence in Early Childhood. Deadline: 15 October 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): R2HC Annual Funding Call. Deadline: 27 October 2020.

[Call for Papers](#): International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare – Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights – Towards Universal Health Coverage Policy and Programming. Deadline: 15 November 2020.

[Call for Project Proposals](#): UKRI GCRF Gender, Justice and Security Hub. Deadline: 27 November 2020.

[Call for Applications](#): kNOWVAWdata Self-paced Online Course. Deadline: Not specified.



EVENTS

- [Seminar 2 of webinar series: Global frameworks – how do INSPIRE and RESPECT support an intersectional approach? 22 September 2020, 3.00pm – 4.30pm](#): The Children's Institute (UCT), the SAMRC Gender and Health Research Unit and Sonke Gender Justice invite you to an afternoon Webinar Series. Moderator: Shanaaz Mathews, Children's Institute UCT. Speaker 1: Alessandra Guedes, UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti. Speaker 2: Elizabeth Dartnall and Anik Gevers, Sexual Violence Research Initiative.
- [Making Technology gender inclusive, 22-23 September 2020](#): Keeping in context of the pandemic and beyond, where access to digital platforms is very gendered, the seminar will aim to understand the different nuances around gender and technology, with a focus on girls and women. This 2-day seminar is in collaboration with Arthan, a social enterprise dedicated to strengthening the impact sector in India through capacity building and consulting support in the areas of human capital, strategy, fundraising, partnerships etc.
- [LINEAR Webinar: Engaging men in transforming restrictive social norms that uphold gender inequality, 23 September 2020, 14:00 - 15:00 BST](#): In this webinar, Dr Pawlak will discuss the guiding principles of working with men for gender equality, and the key benefits of this approach. Register [online](#).
- [Learning together: A guide for feminist practice in violence against women and girls research collaborations, 7 October 2020, 2pm-3pm GMT](#): You are warmly welcome to the launch of new guidance to support activist and feminist civil society organizations in low and middle income countries to build effective and equitable collaborations for violence against women and girls research. Register [online](#).



VACANCIES

- [Gender-based Violence \(GBV\)/Knowledge Management \(KM\) Specialist](#), Making Cents International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 22 September 2020.
- [External Engagement and Influencing Manager](#), ActionAid, Not Specified – Closing date: 25 September 2020.
- [Programme Manager-Safeguarding Leads Network](#), British Expertise International, Not Specified – Closing date: 25 September 2020.
- [Consultant: Evidence Building on the impact of COVID-19 Related School Closures on Child Protection and Education](#), INEE & The Alliance, Remote – Closing date: 27 September 2020.
- [Gender Integration Specialist II](#), Rockville, MD, USA (Remote work can be negotiated), EnCompass LLC – Closing date: 28 September 2020.
- [Human Resources Associate](#), HIAS, Silver Spring, MD, USA – Closing date: 30 September 2020.
- [Gender-Based Violence Toll-Free Line Specialist](#), Medecins du Monde, Maiduguri, Nigeria – Closing date: 16 October 2020.
- [Director of Grants Management](#), The JPB Foundation, New York City, USA – Closing date: Open until filled.
- [Resource Development Officer \(bilingual\)](#), Crossroads International // Carrefour International, Toronto or Montreal, Canada – Closing date: Open until filled.



NEWS

Gibbs, A., Reddy, T. (2020, 17 September). [Why access to decent toilets could help reduce sexual violence in South Africa](#), *The Conversation*.

Robinson, M. (2020, 16 September). [Impact of COVID-19 on women and children](#), *IPS News*.

Eaton, K. (2020, 15 September). [Researchers Lean on Coffee Customs to Curb Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Ethiopia](#), *Women's Media Center*.

Chronister, K. M. (2020, 15 September). [Family and friends can be key to helping end domestic violence, study suggests](#), *The Conversation*.

Malik, S., Omotto, B. (2020, 21 August). [How women and girls are forced to trade sex for water](#), *IPS News*.

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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