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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The central question going forward is not whether or not to engage men and boys in SRHR, but how to do so in ways that do no harm, promote gender equality and health for all and are scientifically rigorous.”

Read the full article [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS BY THE SVRI AND PARTNERS

[Clark, C. J., Batayeh, B., Shrestha, P. N., Morrow, C., Shrestha, B., Ferguson, G. \(2020\). Diffusion in social norms change about violence against women: A longitudinal analysis of intervention data from a cluster randomised trial. *Glob Public Health*. 1-13](#): This study examines the diffusion effects of a Social and Behaviour Change Communication intervention in Nepal targeting gender equity and violence against women.

COVID-19 AND GBV-RELATED RESOURCES

See below COVID-19 and GBV-related resources that caught our attention this week

[Bruno, B., Shalowitz, D. I., Arora, K. S. \(2020\). Ethical challenges for women's healthcare highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. *J Med Ethics*. ePub](#): This article explore how American healthcare policies developed during the COVID-19 pandemic to safeguard community health may disproportionately disadvantage women in the USA [Source: *BMJ Journals*].

[Gebrewahd, G. T., Gebremeskel, G. G., Tadesse, D. B. \(2020\). Intimate partner violence against reproductive age women during COVID-19 pandemic in northern Ethiopia 2020: a community-based cross-sectional study. *Reprod Health*. 17\(1\), 152](#): This study assesses the prevalence of intimate partner violence against reproductive age women and its contributing factors during COVID-19 in northern Ethiopia. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[United Nations Children's Fund. \(2020\). Research on violence against children during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance to inform ethical data collection and evidence generation. UNICEF, New York](#): This report addresses key questions on generating violence against children (VAC) evidence that may arise during the pandemic and includes a decision tree (below) to guide those considering conducting research and data collection on VAC during COVID-19. [Source: *UNICEF*].

[Ziegler, J., Mason P. \(2020\). Briefing note: Adapting data collection and utilisation to a Covid-19 reality – Monitoring, evaluation and learning approaches for adaptive management. ODI](#): This briefing note focuses on the remote collection and use of data for adaptive management during the Covid-19 pandemic, setting out key considerations to help practitioners think through a transition from more 'traditional' monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) to MEL for adaptive management that reflects the unique data collection challenges presented by Covid-19. [Source: *ODI*].

[Wells, C. \(2020, 13 October\). A new normal for data collection: Using the power of community to tackle gender violence amid COVID-19. IISD](#): In this article, Claudia Wells reports that data collected within communities can ensure that data-informed policies reflect the lived experiences of the most marginalized women and girls. [Source: *SDG Knowledge Hub*].

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.

[DiMarco, M. H., Evans, D. P. \(2020\). Society, her or me? An explanatory model of femicide among male perpetrators in Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Feminist Criminology*. ePub](#): Intimate femicide perpetrators are rarely studied despite their important role as drivers of violence. This paper analyzes the explanatory narratives of men who intentionally killed their female intimate partners in Buenos Aires, Argentina. [Source: *Emory University*].

[Fenge, L. A., Oakley, L., Taylor, B., Beer, S. \(2020\). The impact of sensitive research on the researcher: Preparedness and positionality. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* Volume. 18, 1-8](#): This article presents a discussion of a project exploring researchers' experiences when undertaking research on sensitive topics within health and social sciences or with marginalized groups. [Source: *SAGE Journals*].

[Ellsberg, M., Ovince, J., Murphy, M., Blackwell, A., Reddy, D., Stennes, J., Hess, T., Contreras, M. \(2020\). No safe place: Prevalence and correlates of violence against conflict-affected women and girls in South Sudan. *PLoS One*. 15\(10\), e0237965](#): This study sought to identify the forms, trends and prevalence of all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in conflict-affected regions of South Sudan, as well as to identify direct and indirect drivers of VAWG in conflict settings in South Sudan. [Source: *PLoS One*].

[Le Roux, E., Corboz, J., Scott, N., Sandilands, M., Lele, U. B, Bezzolato, E., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). Engaging with faith groups to prevent VAWG in conflict-affected communities: results from two community surveys in the DRC. BMC International Health and Human Rights. ePub](#): This study presents an evaluation of a three-year intervention focused on violence against women and girls and implemented in the conflict-affected north-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a country with high rates of VAWG.

[Valdebenito, S., Murray, A., Hughes, C., Băban, A., Fernando, A. D., Madrid, B. J., Ward, C., Osafo, J., Dunne, M., Sikander, S., Walker, S. P., Thang, V. V., Tomlinson, M., Fearon, P., Shenderovich, Y., Marlow, M., Chaturika, D., Taut, D., Eisner, M. \(2020\). Evidence for Better Lives Study: a comparative birth-cohort study on child exposure to violence and other adversities in eight low- and middle-income countries - foundational research \(study protocol\). BMJ Open. 10\(10\), e034986](#): The Evidence for Better Lives Study (EBLS) aims to produce high-quality longitudinal data from cities in eight low- and middle-income countries—Ghana, Jamaica, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Vietnam—to support effective intervention to reduce violence against children. [Source: *BMJ Journals*].

[Stern, E., Willan, S., Gibbs, A., Myrntinen, H., Washington, L., Sikweyiya, Y., Addo-Lartey, A., Mastonshoeva, S., Jewkes, R. \(2020\). Pathways of change: qualitative evaluations of intimate partner violence prevention programmes in Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa and Tajikistan. Culture, Health & Sexuality. ePub](#): This paper draws on qualitative evaluations of four intimate partner violence prevention programmes in Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa and Tajikistan conducted as part of the What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls Programme. [Source: *Taylor and Francis Online*].

[Xavier Hall, C. D., Evans, D. P. \(2020\). Social comorbidities? A qualitative study mapping syndemic theory onto gender-based violence and co-occurring social phenomena among Brazilian women. BMC Public Health. ePub](#): This study examines perspectives on violence and relevant social comorbidities (substance use, community violence, and childhood abuse) among women living in Santo André, São Paulo State, Brazil. [Source: *Emory University*].

[Tarzia, L. \(2020\). Women's emotion work in the context of intimate partner sexual violence. Journal of Family Violence. ePub](#): This paper explores women's emotional responses and coping strategies in the context of intimate partner sexual violence, using the sociological concept of "emotion work" to make sense of their experiences. [Source: *University of Melbourne*].

[Chzhen, Y., Prencipe, L., Eetaama, F., Luchemba, P., Lukongo, T.M., Palermo, T., on Behalf of the Tanzania Adolescent Cash Plus Evaluation Team. \(2020\). Journal of Adolescent Health. ePub](#): This study analyses the impact of a government-implemented, adolescent-focused "cash plus" intervention on gender-equitable attitudes in rural Tanzania and investigates whether the impact differs between males and females. Watch a video on the study [here](#). [Source: *Science Direct*].

[Tarzia, L., Srinivasan, S., Marino, J., Hegarty, K. \(2020\). Exploring the gray areas between "stealth" and reproductive coercion and abuse. Women & Health. ePub](#): This study sought to understand and differentiate between women's experiences of "stealth" (non-consensual condom removal) and reproductive coercion and abuse which is defined as any deliberate attempt to control a woman's reproductive choices or interfere with her reproductive autonomy. [Source: *University of Melbourne*].

[Shahali, S., Shariati, S., Montazeri, A. \(2020\). Sexual violence against women by so-called Islamic state of Iraq and Syria \(ISIS\): protocol for a systematic review. 9\(1\), 239](#): This systematic review provides information about the gap in knowledge and detailed summary of the existing evidence on consequences of ISIS's systematic sexual violence against women. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[Bhattacharjee, P., Ma, H., Musyoki, H., Cheuk, E., Isac, S., Njiraini, M., Gichangi, P., Mishra, S., Becker, M., Pickles, M. \(2020\). Prevalence and patterns of gender-based violence across adolescent girls and young women in Mombasa, Kenya. BMC Womens Health. 20\(1\), 229](#): This study sought to estimate the prevalence and describe heterogeneity in experiences of gender-based violence across subgroups of adolescent girls and young women. [Source: *Biomed Central*].

[El-Bassel, N., Norcini Pala, A., Mukherjee, T. I., McCrimmon, T., Mergenova, G., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Witte, S. S. \(2020\). Association of violence against female sex workers who use drugs with nonfatal drug overdose in Kazakhstan. JAMA Netw Open. 3\(10\): e2020802](#): This study examines the association between intimate partner violence, nonpartner violence, and nonfatal drug overdose among female sex workers who use drugs in Kazakhstan. [Source: *JAMA Network*].

[Chatterji, S., Heise, L., Gibbs, A., Dunkle, K. \(2020\). Exploring differential impacts of interventions to reduce and prevent intimate partner violence \(IPV\) on sub-groups of women and men: A case study using impact evaluations from Rwanda and South Africa. SSM - Population Health. 11, 100635](#): In this study, the authors conducted subgroup analyses to assess whether treatment effects vary by baseline reporting of intimate partner violence experience among women or perpetration among men. [Source: *What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme*].

[Keikelame, M. J., Swartz, L. \(2019\). Decolonising research methodologies: lessons from a qualitative research project, Cape Town, South Africa. Glob Health Action. 12\(1\): 1561175](#): This article emphasizes that structures such as power, trust, culture and cultural competence, respectful and legitimate research practice and recognition of individual and communities' assets are important issues to consider when conducting research among the marginalised population groups. [Source: *NCBJ*].

MEMBERS' REQUEST

[Online Survey for Women- and Girl-led Groups, Organizations and Networks: VOICE](#) is conducting this online survey to understand how COVID-19 and other issues are impacting women and girls, their groups, organizations, networks as well as individual activists, the ways in which it is affecting their ability to operate, and opportunities and priorities for support. Information collected through this survey will be used for advocacy with donors and other decision makers in the humanitarian community to highlight the impacts of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls and bring much needed attention to these issues. Complete the survey by 23 October 2020 in [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Dari](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Kurdish - Kurmanji](#), [Portuguese – Brazil](#), [Portuguese – Mozambique](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)

[Call for input](#): The Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM), in collaboration with the Sexual Violence Research Initiative is producing a report on gaps, challenges, and good practice in feminist research in humanitarian and development settings. We are seeking input from feminist researchers living and working in humanitarian and development contexts on their experiences of conducting and disseminating feminist research. If you identify a feminist researcher from and working in Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern Asia, and MENA, we would love to hear from you! The survey will take 15 minutes of your time! Link here: <https://cofemsocialchange.typeform.com/to/eJbxxqAr>



BLOGS

[Kihara-Hunt, A. \(2020, 9 September\). Myths about legal obstacles to pursuing individual criminal accountability for sexual exploitation and abuse: Serious sexual crimes are committed in Peace Operations. Virtually all States recognise these as crimes, yet there have been a very limited number of prosecutions. The blog discusses legal obstacles often invoked in the cases and argues that these are in-fact myths and that if truly willing, there can be individual criminal accountability for the sexual exploitation and abuse committed by peace keeping personnel. \[Source: LSE Blogs\].](#)

[Abed, A. \(2020, 8 July\). Violence against women in Iraq: between practice and legislation: This blog examines the most prominent forms of violence against women in Iraq. \[Source: LSE Blogs\].](#)

[Bashi, G., Butt, A. P. \(2019, 7 August\). 5 Top tips for designing research to change social norms on gender \(or anything else\): This blog shares tips on how to ensure the research process genuinely supports social change. \[Source: Oxfam\].](#)

PODCASTS

What we're listening to

[The domestic violence discussion](#): This is a discussion about domestic violence, from the perspective of a survivor.

[Talking research](#): This platform features in-depth interviews with prominent academics and researchers who study sexual violence across disciplines. The aim is to make academic knowledge and research on sexual violence accessible.

[Early to wed: child marriage in Africa](#): Marrying too young has lifelong effects: on a girl's body as much as on her education and career. This podcast explores what is behind the sharp decline in child marriage in parts of Ethiopia.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

[Virtual Brownbag Event | Cluster Evaluation of three UN Trust Fund projects in Europe and Central Asia](#): This webinar, hosted by UN Trust Fund, offers a presentation of a final, external Cluster Evaluation of three UN Trust Fund projects in North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. To access the recording, email Daniele Elizaire daniele.elizaire@unwomen.org.

[Abusing Power: Exploring root causes and issues for safeguarding - power, privilege, gender and intersectionality](#): This webinar explores at how power and privilege, gender and intersectionality underpin the root causes of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment and safeguarding.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Perezniето, P., Rivett, J., le Masson, V., George, R., Marcus, R. \(2020\). Working paper 591: Ending violence against children while addressing the global climate crisis. ODI](#): This working paper focuses on two of these critical global challenges: violence against children and climate change. The links between the two are not always obvious, but they exist and are significant in terms of both causes and solutions. [Source: ODI].

[Neiman, A., Crabtree, K., O'Connor, M. \(2020\). Guidelines for mobile and remote gender-based violence service delivery. IRC](#): This guidance provides support on establishing Gender Based Violence (GBV) mobile and remote services, in order to provide case management, psychosocial support, and referrals to meet the immediate needs of GBV survivors. [Source: IRC].

[Goldstein, A. S., Caria, S. \(2019\). Sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse: A toolkit for building a prevention and response program. Chemonics](#): This guidance note provides organisations with a framework for implementing an institution wide programme for preventing and responding to sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. [Source: Safeguarding Resource & Support Hub].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[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 Papers](#): Global Public Health – (Re)imagining Research, Activism, and Rights at the Intersections of Sexuality, Health, and Social Justice. Deadline: 15 January 2021.

[Call for Papers](#): Intimate Partner Violence and Business: Exploring the Boundaries of Ethical Enquiry. Deadline: 31 January 2021.

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



EVENTS

- [Webinar: The urgency of reclaiming and redefining our self and collective care, 19 October 2020, 3pm-4pm EAT](#): This convening will provide a platform and hold space to reflect on self-care and collective care concepts from Pan African and feminist perspectives, unpack these concepts in the context of the political volatility and pandemic upheaval we find ourselves in, and work on how to reclaim and redefine the concepts away from capitalistic sensationalism! Register [online](#).
- [Thinking and practice on violence against women in the Global South, 28 October 2020, 4pm-6pm SAST](#): This two-part seminar addresses the connection between theory and practice on violence against women in the Global South. Register [online](#). Please contact the Research and Postgraduate Office if you have any questions about this or any of our other events - rpo@londonmet.ac.uk.
- [4th European Conference on Domestic Violence, 13-15 September 2021, Ljubljana, Slovenia](#): The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers, academics, students, professionals, practitioners and policy-makers from Europe and further afield to share and build knowledge and experience on a wide range of issues concerning domestic violence. [Submit an abstract](#) before 10 December 2020.



VACANCIES

- [Resource Mobilisation Consultant](#), SVRI, Remotely – Closing date: 16 October 2020.
- [DREAMS Programme Facilitators](#), Pact, South Africa – Closing date: 16 October 2020.
- [National Consultant: Gender Violence Expert](#), Tunis, Tunisia – Closing date: 19 October 2020.
- [Intern: Project Coordinator for Women's Rights](#), Graca Machel Trust, South Africa – Closing date: 20 October 2020.
- [Research Communications and Uptake Coordinator](#), Population Council, Flexible - United States: New York, NY or Washington, DC preferred – Closing date: 23 October 2020.
- [International Consultant on Conducting a Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Gap Analysis Research](#), UNDP, Amman, Jordan
- [Safeguarding Advisor II - EARO & SARO](#), Catholic Relief Services, USA – Closing date: 29 October 2020.
- [Country Director](#), Women for Women International, Yei, South Sudan – Closing date: 1 November 2020.



NEWS

- Mednick, S. (2020, 14 October). [Surging violence in Burkina Faso threatens women's access to health care](#). *Devex*.
- Byanyima, W., Azoulay, A., Kanem, N., Fore, H., Mlambo-Ngcuka, P. (2020, 9 October). [Why we're uniting in support of african girl leaders to beat AIDS and shift power](#). *IPS News*.
- Mallapaty, S. (2020, 10 August). [Conferences failing to protect LGBT+ researchers](#). *Nature*.
- Smith, E. (2020, 13 May). [Why focusing on gender-based violence is a priority in a crisis](#). *Devex*.

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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