QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"IPV persists into older age, and shares characteristics and impacts as in younger age groups. In some cases, there may be factors, such as a partner’s retirement or illness such as dementia, which can precipitate or increase violence. As shown in quantitative reviews, physical violence tends to decrease with age while psychological abuse and controlling behaviours increase, and financial and economic abuse are important elements of older women's experiences of violence and control."

Read the full article

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Applications: JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub Leadership Council: The SVRI and JLI is seeking applications from suitable candidates to join the JLI/SVRI Faith and GBV Hub Leadership Council. For more information and how to apply, download the Terms of Reference. Extended deadline: 9 December 2020.

Job Opportunity: Violence Against Children Research Assistant Position: We are seeking to appoint a Research Assistant to support a consultative strategic planning process around clarifying SVRI’s role in advancing violence against children, and specifically childhood sexual abuse, work in line with our broader strategy pillars. For more information and how to apply, download the Terms of Reference. Deadline: 25 November 2020.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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

Platt, V. B., Guedert, J. M., Coelho, E. B. S. (2020). Violence against children and adolescents: notification and alert in times of pandemic. Rev. Paul. Pediatr. 39, e2020267: This study presents information on compulsory notifications of violence against children and adolescents cases in the state of Santa Catarina, in the months after the emergence of the coronavirus, and how the establishment of social isolation influenced the increase in domestic violence against children and adolescents compared to that of the pre-pandemic. [Source: Scielo].

Evans, D. P. (2020). COVID-19 and violence: a research call to action. BMC Women’s Health. 20(249), 1-3: This is a call for researchers to systematically measure the effects of COVID-19 and movement related restrictions on violence. Violence researchers must mobilize to investigate the impacts of COVID-19 on violence and human health. [Source: Emory University].


Children and COVID-19 Research Library cuts through the noise: This is a searchable database of research
from the most reputable sources around the world on the coronavirus pandemic and its impacts on children and adolescents. [Source: UNICEF Innocenti].

Decision tree: Data collection on violence against women and COVID-19: The decision tree, developed by kNOWVAVdata, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific, UN Women and World Health Organization, helps organisations with gender-based violence programmes, national statistical offices, policymakers and researchers decide when and how to best collect data on women's experiences of violence and their access and use of relevant services during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is now available in 15 languages: EN, ES, RU, FR, AR, CN, TH, MY, KM, VI, ID, UR, HI, BN, NE. [Source: kNOWVAVdata].

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.

Khan, Z., Cheong, Y. F., Miedema, S. S., Naved, R. T., Yount, K. M. (2020). Women's experiences of economic coercion and depressive symptoms in Matlab, Bangladesh. SSM – Popul Health. ePub: This study provides an estimate of the association of economic coercion with depressive symptoms, with and without adjustment for physical, psychological, and sexual intimate partner violence, among women in rural Matlab, Bangladesh. [Source: icddr, b].

Vahedi, L., Bartels, S., & Lee, S. (2020). "His Future will not be Bright": A qualitative analysis of mothers' lived experiences raising peacekeeper-fathered children in Haiti. Children and Youth Services Review, 105625: This article explores the lived experience of raising peacekeeper-fathered children in Haiti, from the perspective of Haitian mothers who are survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation. [Source: Queen's University].

Stern, E., Heise, L., Dunkle, K., Chatterji, Sangeeta. (2020). How the Indashyikirwa intimate partner violence prevention programme in Rwanda influenced parenting and violence against children. Journal of Family Violence. ePub: This study explores the influence that Indashyikirwa—a programme designed to reduce IPV in Rwanda—had on violence against children in the families of couples participating in the programme. [Source: The Prevention Collaborative].


Chynoweth, S. K., Buscher, D., Martin, S., Zwi, A. B. (2020). Characteristics and impacts of sexual violence against men and boys in conflict and displacement: a multicountry exploratory study. J. Interpers. Violence 2020. ePub: This study examines the varied forms, sites, and impacts of sexual violence against men and boys in many conflict-affected settings. The study focuses on Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh; refugees and migrants who had traveled through Libya residing in Italy; and refugees from Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Somalia, and South Sudan residing in Nairobi and Mombasa, Kenya. [Source: Safetylit].

Ogunbajo, A., Oginni, O. A., Iwugwu, S., Williams, R., Biello, K., Mimiaga, M. J. (2020). Experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV) is associated with psychosocial health problems among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in Nigeria, Africa. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub: This study examines the prevalence of intimate partner violence and its’ association with psychosocial health problems in a large multicity sample of community-recruited gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in Nigeria. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Karmaliani, R., McFarlane, J., Khuwaja, H. M. A., Somani, Y., Shehzad, S., Saeed Ali, T., Asad, N., Chirwa, E. D., Jewkes, R. (2020). Glob. Health Action. Right to Play’s intervention to reduce peer violence among children in public schools in Pakistan: a cluster-randomized controlled trial. 13(1): e1836604: This paper describes an evaluation of an intervention in Pakistan which was found to be effective in preventing peer violence perpetration and victimization. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].

Miller, A. P., Pitpitan, E. V., Nabukalu, D., Nalugoda, F., Nakigozi, G., Kigozi, G., Grabowski, M. K., Kennedy, C. E., Wagman, J. A. (2020). Transactional sex, alcohol use and intimate partner violence against women in the Rakai Region of Uganda. AIDS Behav. ePub: In this study, the authors examine the associations between transactional sex, alcohol use, and physical, verbal and sexual intimate partner violence among women (15–49 years) who participated in the Rakai Community Cohort Study across forty communities in Uganda. [Source: Springer Link].

MEMBER’S REQUEST

My name is Masa Amir and I work with Urgent Action Fund-Africa, a feminist fund that support women’s human rights defenders in Africa. We are currently working on a research focusing on healing justice and we are hoping to link with activists and traditional healers in Africa (specifically in the Democratic Republic of Congo) who use collective healing frameworks in contexts of activism. For more information and submissions, please email Masa Amir masa@uaf-africa.org.

BLOGS

For science communication to be effective it should be evidence based. Gerber A. Jensen E. 27 May 2020: Effective communication of science to stakeholders across society is a more pressing issue than it has perhaps ever been. Highlighting ways in which science communication as an area of research and practice has struggled to function as an integrated discipline, Eric Jensen and Alexander Gerber argue that for science communication to continue to develop and deliver impact it has to become more evidence based. [Source: LSE Impact of Social Sciences Blog]

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Podcast: Countering violent extremism: This podcast explores countering violent extremism policies and whether policymakers have a blind spot when it comes to right-wing extremism. The panel also discuss how the mainstream media reports deadly attacks and whether the social media giants are pulling their weight in preventing violent content spreading.

Research methods podcasts: This podcast series discusses research methods – from design to gathering evidence.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

Report launch event: Sexual violence, trauma, and neglect: This webinar by Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) launched PHR’s new report which documents the atrocities reported by Rohingya survivors through the accounts of doctors, nurses, mental health experts, and other health professionals who provided direct medical services to the Rohingya in Bangladesh.

Hearing the voices of survivors research: This webinar presents findings of the survivor led research on reintegration from child sexual abuse
and exploitation carried out in Nepal, Uganda and Madagascar.

ONLINE RESOURCES


RISE Learning Network. ECPAT France and UYDEL. (2019). Support, safety and acceptance: Children’s experiences of reintegration in Uganda – How girls and boys experience reintegration after sexual exploitation: This research aims to promote and facilitate learning on recovery and reintegration approaches that improve outcomes for children and adolescents affected by sexual exploitation. [Source: RISE Learning Network].

Martsenyuk, T. (2018). Stop suffering: all about gender-based violence against women. Gender in Details, March 6 (in Ukrainian): Despite the considerable efforts made by public organizations and the state to attract attention and combat gender-based violence, this issue in the world in general and in Ukraine in particular remains relevant. The article provides a list of research and projects to combat various forms of gender-based violence. [Source: Gender in detail].

Martsenyuk, T. (2016). The Right for Decent working Conditions or Sexual Harassment Problem in Ukraine, Povaha: Campaign against Sexism, June 27. (in Ukrainian): Ensuring decent working conditions is the key to democratic change in society, recognition of equality and justice as important values of social life. This article discusses sexual harassment in the workplace. [Source: Povaha].

The Global Code of Conduct for Research in Resource-Poor Settings: The conduct provides guidance across all research disciplines and presents clear, short statements in simple language to achieve the highest possible accessibility. Read the document in French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish. [Source: Research Fairness Initiative].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for Applications: The implementation of the Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Project in Nepal, Phase II. For submissions and more information, email: bid.nepal@unfpa.org. Deadline: 11 December 2020.

• **Unite for a Better Life: Adapting an Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Prevention Intervention for a Humanitarian Context, 18 November 2020, 09:00 New York, 17:00 Nairobi, 21:00 Bangkok:** In this Prevention Collaborative webinar, Dr. Vandana Sharma and Samuel Tewolde Gebretsadik present the process of adapting the Unite for a Better Life IPV prevention programme to a humanitarian context and Somali culture, including displacement-related changes in norms. Register [online](#).

• **GenderPro Credential Launch Webinar, 19 November 2020, 10:30am ET:** This is a launch event of the newest component of [GenderPro Initiative](#), the GenderPro Credential Exam. The event will introduce the Credential and include a discussion of lessons learnt from the development of the Initiative and reflections from GenderPro course instructors and former course participants. Register [online](#).

• **How friendly are African governments towards girls? Report launch, 20 November 2020:** The main objective of this launch is to spotlight the situation of girls in Africa and how governments are meeting their obligations to girls’ rights and wellbeing. Register [online](#).

• **Webinar: Addressing domestic violence in religious communities, 26 November 2020, 16:00 – 17:30 SAST:** This webinar will examine past and current approaches to domestic violence in religious communities from around the world to explore their contributions and to

• **Feminist Storytelling Expert, WECF,** Flexible – Closing date: 18 November 2020.

• **Donor Relations Manager to Latin America, Diakonia, Bogota, Colombia (preferably), other locations possible – Closing date: 20 November 2020.**

• **Programme Officer - Grants Management, Women’s Fund Asia, Anywhere in the mandated countries of Women’s Fund Asia – Closing date: 25 November 2020.**

• **Technical Manager, GBV Prevention Network, Raising Voices, Raising Voices Kampala Office, with travels in the region – Closing date: 27 November 2020.**

• **Technical Manager - VAW Influencing, Raising Voices, Raising Voices Kampala Office, with travels in the region – Closing date: 27 November 2020.**

• **Manager - Membership and Constituency Engagement, AWID,** Flexible / Remote (candidates in the Global South are strongly encouraged to apply) – Closing date: 29 November 2020.

• **Programme Officer Women Work and Migration in Asia, GAATW, Bangkok, Thailand (or remote). Closing date: 30 November 2020.**

• **Chief, Economic Empowerment Section, UN Women, New York, USA / Panama City, Panama or Dakar, Senegal** - Closing date: 30 November 2020.

• **Gender Technical Advisor, A360 Amplify, Population Services International, Nairobi, Kenya or Washington, DC, USA – 31 December 2020.**
identify directions for the future. Register online.

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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](https://svri.org/).

Email svri@svri.org by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update.