

Select publications on Violence Against Girls, Boys and Women

The following is a partial list of UNICEF publications of particular relevance for colleagues attending the SVRI Forum 2022.

1. Magnitude and characteristics



Hidden in Plain Sight: A statistical analysis of violence against children

This report is the largest compilation of data on the subject of violence against children with global figures and data from 190 countries.



A Familiar Face: Violence in the lives of children and adolescents

This report presents an overview of current data on violent discipline, exposure to intimate partner violence, violence at school, violent deaths among adolescents and sexual violence in childhood and adolescence.



A Profile of Child Marriage and Early Unions in Latin America and the Caribbean

This publication provides a profile of child marriage and early unions in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing in particular on informal unions and "visiting relationships."



Responsible representation and reporting of violence against women and violence against children

With UN Women and UNFPA

These guidelines promote responsible and effective representation and reporting of violence against women and violence against children for public advocacy purposes, including media coverage and awareness-raising campaigns.



Remote evaluations of violence against women and girls interventions: a rapid scoping review of tools, ethics and safety

This scoping review examines remote evaluations of violence against women and girls (VAWG) interventions to describe the landscape of remote data collection (RDC) methods, reflect on safety and ethical considerations, and offer best practices for RDC in VAWG research.

2. Intersections across forms of violence



Gender Dimensions of Violence Against Children and Adolescents

This paper examines how and why UNICEF and international partners should pay greater attention to gender dimensions of violence against children and adolescents.



The Co-Occurrence of Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Children: A Systematic Review on Associated Factors in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

With the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

This systematic literature review identified 33 studies that provided findings for co-occurring intimate partner violence (IPV) and violence against children (VAC) in 24 low- and middle-income countries. Results indicate a significant association between IPV and VAC, with all pooled odds ratios (ORs) showing a significant positive association between the two.



What are promising and/or effective interventions that seek to prevent and/or respond to intimate partner violence against women and child maltreatment?

With the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

This systematic review included studies that reported on both intimate partner violence and violent discipline outcomes across a wide range of settings, including: home visitation programmes, early childhood interventions (e.g. Nurse Family Practice), parenting programmes, health care settings (e.g. primary health care, sexual reproductive health settings, paediatrics), community-based programmes and school-based programmes. (Forthcoming)

(Intersections across forms of violence)



Ending Violence Against Women and Children in Asia and the Pacific: Opportunities and challenges for collaborative and integrative approaches

With UN Women and UNFPA

This report provides a synthesis of findings from four country studies (Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Vietnam) exploring opportunities to bridge policies, programmes and services addressing violence against women and violence against children.



Co-occurring violent discipline of children and intimate partner violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean: a systematic search and secondary analysis of national datasets

This study aimed to determine how many Latin American and Caribbean countries had national data on co-occurring intimate partner violence (IPV) and violent discipline in the same household, how estimates compared and whether violent discipline was significantly associated with IPV.

3. Preventing and responding to violence



Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Children and Adolescents: Theory of Change

This document presents an overarching, multisectoral theory of change to guide UNICEF's work on preventing and responding to violence against girls, boys and adolescents.



Designing Parenting Programmes for Violence Prevention: A Guidance Note

This Guidance Note was developed to support UNICEF and their partners implement parenting interventions for violence prevention, and includes an explicit focus on addressing the gender norms that underpin violence.



Girls' rights for an equal future: Renewing commitments in Latin America and the Caribbean

This publication collects the voices and experiences of girls in the region, taking into account their diversity and multiple intersecting identities.



Action to End Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A review of the evidence

This evidence review documents what we know about the extent, nature and consequences of child sexual abuse and exploitation for children in different contexts. It outlines evidence of effective interventions and strategies to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse and exploitation. (Summary version also available).



In the Spotlight - Caribbean Newsletter (Inaugural issue)

The Caribbean Regional Spotlight Initiative Newsletter highlights messages from lead partners, and shares progress and lessons from the programmes. (Additional issues available).



Actions to End Violence Against Children in Schools: UNICEF Review of Programme Interventions Illustrating Actions to Address Violence Against Children in and around Schools 2018-2020

This review of programme interventions illustrates UNICEF actions to address violence against children in and around schools in 28 countries in seven geographical regions.



Social and Behaviour Change to Address Violence Against Children: School Edition

With Drexel University

This publication is designed to help programme designers plan, monitor and evaluate social and behaviour change programmes to address violence against children (VAC) in and around schools.



Interventions to Reduce Violence Against Children in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

This Evidence and Gap Map Research Brief is based on a systematic review that identifies existing evidence and gaps on interventions addressing violence against children in low- and middle-income countries.



Violence Against Children in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Systematic Review of the Evidence

With the University of Edinburgh

This study systematically reviews the prevalence, drivers and consequences of violence against children, as well as the evaluated interventions that seek to prevent violence in the 36 countries and territories of the region.



4. Humanitarian and migratory contexts



Working with Adolescent Girl GBV Survivors on the Move

With VOICE and in the framework of R4V

This training manual is designed for service providers in Latin America and the Caribbean working with adolescent women experiencing or at-risk of experiencing gender-based violence (GBV). (Also available in Spanish and Portuguese).



“Migrating is like being born again” Migrant, displaced, and refugee girls and adolescent girls in Latin America and the Caribbean

With HIAS

This is a situational diagnostic report that documents the needs and challenges experienced by girls and female adolescents on the move in nine countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. (Also available in Spanish).



Measuring gender-based violence risk mitigation in humanitarian settings: results from a comprehensive desk review and systematic mapping

With Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI)

This paper systematically documents measurement approaches used in the monitoring and evaluation of GBV risk mitigation activities, categorises the types of available literature, identifies existing tools and knowledge gaps within the humanitarian sector.



Promising practices for the monitoring and evaluation of gender-based violence risk mitigation interventions in humanitarian response: a multi-methods study

With Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

This article outlines promising practices and aims to increase understanding of how to monitor and evaluate GBV risk mitigation interventions in humanitarian settings.



Measuring Gender-Based Violence Risk Mitigation in Humanitarian Settings

With Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

This project website, which represents a collaboration between UNICEF and HHI, includes a number of resources and tools to support humanitarian practitioners to strengthen GBV risk mitigation.



Modelo de atención psicosocial remota para las niñas y adolescentes migrantes y refugiadas sobrevivientes de violencia de género

With HIAS and in the framework of R4V

This document presents a model of psychosocial support for girls and female adolescents that can be delivered remotely. It was designed and implemented in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Only available in Spanish).

5. Technology-facilitated violence



Framing the future: How the Model National Response framework is supporting national efforts to end child sexual exploitation and abuse online

With WeProtect Global Alliance

This review covers good practices and lessons learned from 42 countries on coordinated, comprehensive and multi-stakeholder national responses to online child sexual exploitation and abuse.



Legislating for the digital age: Global guide on improving legislative frameworks to protect children from online sexual exploitation and abuse

This document provides guidance on how to strengthen legislative frameworks to protect children from online sexual exploitation and abuse in accordance with international and regional conventions.



Ending Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: Lessons learned and promising practices in low- and middle-income countries

This report takes stock of UNICEF's work to address online child sexual exploitation and abuse in 29 countries around the world.



Children's Disclosures of Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse – Data Insight 2

With INTERPOL and ECPAT International

Disrupting Harm is a multi-country research project to understand online child sexual exploitation and abuse. Disrupting Harm aims to advance the global Child Online Protection agenda by generating comprehensive national and regional evidence on children's experiences of online child sexual exploitation and abuse and provides an assessment of how national protection systems are responding to this new crime.

6. COVID-19-related publications



Violence against children during the COVID-19 pandemic

With the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and others

This paper, published in the WHO Bulletin, summarizes the links between the pandemic and violence against children and draws on the WHO's INSPIRE framework to illustrate how the pandemic affected prevention and response efforts.



Research on Violence Against Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance to inform ethical data collection and evidence generation

This publication addresses key questions on generating VAC evidence that arose during the pandemic and includes a decision tree to guide those considering conducting research and data collection on VAC during emergencies.



Children and COVID-19 Research Library Quarterly Digest

This digest highlights 13 newly curated research papers on the topic of COVID-19 and violence against children, selected based on criteria such as relevance to children's rights; a diversity of research methodology; and insights from low- and middle-income countries.



"At the root of COVID grew a more complicated situation": A Qualitative Analysis of the Guatemalan Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response System during the COVID-19 Pandemic

With Washington University in St. Louis

Drawing on the perspectives of 18 service providers working across various GBV-related sectors in Guatemala, this study explored how the Guatemalan GBV prevention and response system operated during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Not just hotlines and mobile phones: GBV service provision during COVID-19

This short discussion note for gender-based violence (GBV) specialists explores low-tech ways to reach women and girls at risk of violence.



Moving Beyond the Numbers: What the COVID-19 pandemic means for the safety of women and girls

This article illustrates some of the limitations of the statistics that have been widely publicized in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provides additional contextual information to better understand the risks women and girls are facing.



Modelling the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on violent discipline against children

With the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and others

This study, published in Child Abuse and Neglect, estimated the anticipated effect of COVID-19 on violent discipline at home using multivariable predictive regression models.



"The pandemic made us stop and think about who we are and what we want:" Using intersectionality to understand migrant and refugee women's experiences of gender-based violence during COVID-19

With Washington University in St. Louis

This qualitative study uses the lens of intersectionality to understand migrant and refugee women's experiences of gender-based violence and access to and quality of support services in Italy during the first year of COVID-19.

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