

## Newsletter #3 – February 2023

The intersection of violence, abuse and mental health worldwide needs more research attention.

### FREE half day online meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> March – [register now!](#)

Our second half day online meeting will share the latest evidence on understanding and addressing the relationship between gender-based violence and mental ill-health. We're excited to host two fantastic keynote speeches.

[Dr Ameeta Kalokhe](#), Assistant Professor of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, will discuss her work on primary prevention of intimate partner violence in India.

[Professor Karen Devries](#), Professor of Social Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, will present her work on the links between violence against women and children, and mental health.

We will also host several short talks by **Early Career Researchers** – you! Please email [Roxanne.1.keynejad@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Roxanne.1.keynejad@kcl.ac.uk) if you would like to speak for 10-15 minutes on your work.

### International Marce Society conference (09/2022)

iVAMHN member Diksha Sapkota presented [research](#) piloting a perinatal intervention for women experiencing domestic abuse in Nepal at the London Marce conference. **#Marce22** on [Twitter!](#)



### International Association for Women's Mental Health conference (11/2022)

iVAMHN members Hajara B. Huma, Oliva Nalwadda, Mathew Mutiso, Roxanne Keynejad and Síofra Peeren presented research findings from Gambia, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and a global review at the IAWMH meeting in Maastricht, Holland, in November. See **#iawmh2022** on [Twitter!](#)



## Research Update:

Members of our parent network, VAMHN, published a [realist review](#) of psychosocial interventions to improve the mental health of women survivors of intimate partner violence survivors.

*The Lancet Psychiatry* published a [Commission](#) on intimate partner violence (IPV) and mental health.

A [study](#) published in *The Lancet* using the WHO Global Database on Prevalence of Violence Against Women found a lifetime global prevalence of physical and/or sexual IPV of 27% and past-year prevalence of 13%. Prevalence was higher among younger women and in low-income countries.

A new [review article](#) summarises what is known about the relationship between domestic violence and abuse and mental health during COVID-19.

Harise Stein publishes a monthly newsletter summarising the latest research on different forms of abuse. The archive is [online](#), where you can sign up to receive them to your inbox.

## MSc Scholarships: for nationals of sub-Saharan African countries

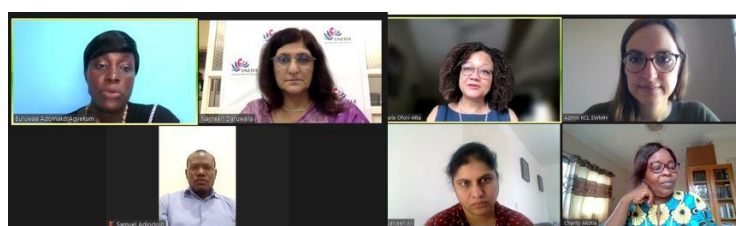
[Applications](#) are open for three scholarships to study at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine – application deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.

## Online resources: VAMHN webinars and newsletters

Our parent network, VAMHN has a huge range of free webinar recordings on its [website](#), including expert discussions of violence, abuse and mental health, and recordings of its Early Career Researcher Lunchtime Seminar Series. The [Newsletter Archive](#) also provides a valuable summary of latest resources, developments, and opportunities in the field.

## Social Media: We're on Twitter!

We're on Twitter. Follow us [here](#) – we promise to follow you back!



## **Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2023, iVAMHN**

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**Please share our newsletter with anyone who might be interested.**