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- I. Journal articles

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[Rape in the Icelandic sagas: An insight in the perceptions about sexual assaults on women in the Old Norse world. Ljungqvist F.C. J. Fam. Hist, 40\(4\): 431-447, 2015:](#) This article examines the perceptions of rape and other sexual assaults against women in the Old Norse world based on the medieval Icelandic saga literature. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Measuring physical violence and rape against Somali women using the neighborhood method. Parcesepe A, Stark L, Roberts L, Boothby N. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015:](#) This article estimates prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV) among female Somalis in Ethiopian refugee camps and host communities, compare prevalence in camps and communities, and compare prevalence in flight and in camp. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Caregiver perceptions about mental health services after child sexual abuse. Fong H.F, Bennett C.E, Mondestin V, Scribano P.V, Mollen C, Wood J.N. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015:](#) This article explores caregiver perceptions about mental health services (MHS) after child sexual abuse (CSA) and to explore factors that affected whether their children linked to services. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Intimate partner violence victimization in the cyber and real world: examining the extent of cyber aggression experiences and its association with in-person dating violence. Marganski A, Melander L. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This study explores the extent of cyber aggression victimization in intimate relationships and its co-occurrence with in-person experiences of psychological, physical, and sexual partner violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Commercial sexual exploitation of children and the emergence of safe harbor legislation: Implications for policy and practice. Shields R.T, Letourneau E.J. Curr. Psychiatry Rep, 17\(3\): 11, 2015:](#) The purpose of this paper is to review the underlying rationale of Safe Harbor laws, examine specific policy responses currently enacted by the states, and consider the effects of policy variations. Directions for future research and policy are addressed. [Source: SafetyLit].

[High-frequency intimate partner violence during pregnancy, postnatal depression and suicidal tendencies in Harare, Zimbabwe. Shamu S, Zarowsky C, Roelens K, Temmerman M and Abrahams N. Gen Hosp Psychiatry, ePub, 2015:](#) This study investigated the association of postnatal depression (PND) and suicidal ideation with emotional, physical and sexual IPV experienced by women during pregnancy. [Source: ResearchGate].

[Special Supplement on the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights of Women living with HIV. Journal of the International AIDS Society, 18\(5\), 2015 \(pdf\):](#) The contributions in this Supplement from researchers, clinicians, programme managers, policy makers, and women living with HIV demands an important appreciation that the field of sexual and reproductive health and human rights for women living with HIV is complex on many levels, and women living with HIV form a very diverse community. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

II. Online publications and resources

[Children and clinical research: Ethical issues. Nuffield Council on Bioethics, 2015 \(pdf\):](#) In this report, authors tackle an issue that has represented a major challenge for those concerned with the health and healthcare of children and young people: how can we ethically undertake the research needed to ensure their healthcare services are safe and effective, given that research often involves burdens and risks? [Source: SAMRC].

[Burkina Faso: Key country statistics. 28 Too Many, 2015:](#) In Burkina Faso, the estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 72.5% (MICS 2006). This appears to have decreased by 4.1% from 76.6% in 2003 (DHS 2003). [Source: 28 Too Many].

[Transforming masculinities towards gender justice: Foundational knowledge for action. Regional Learning Community for East and Southeast Asia \(RLC\), 2013:](#) This report seeks to inspire members of the RLC to become more effective activists and advocates for gender

justice through reading, thinking, learning, dialoguing, and discussing about injustices, inequalities, and oppression. [Source: Partners for Prevention].

III. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Blog: Can fashion and art help prevent gender-based violence? Voices: Perspectives on development, World Bank, 3 December 2015](#): Why is the World Bank sponsoring a fashion show in India and an art show in Bangladesh? The answer is simple, we're trying to find new approaches – creative approaches – to prevent gender-based violence (GBV).

[Science isn't broken: It's just a hell of a lot harder than we give it credit for. FiveThirtyEight Science, 19 August 2015](#): If you follow the headlines, your confidence in science may have taken a hit lately. Peer review? More like self-review. An investigation in November uncovered a scam in which researchers were rubber-stamping their own work, circumventing peer review at five high-profile publishers. [Source: SAMRC].

IV. News

[UN champions prevention as best hope for eliminating violence against women, UN News Centre, 9 December 2015](#): On a December evening in 2012, a 23-year-old physiotherapy student was beaten and brutally raped by five men and a youth on board an off-duty bus in the Indian capital, New Delhi. The injuries she sustained were so severe that she succumbed to them 13 days later, setting off protests in India and around the world for ending the scourge of violence against women.

["Veil isn't the solution; the political will to end harassment is", TNS, 6 December 2015](#): Iranian feminist scholar, Dr. Homa Hoodfar talks about the veil and the need for understanding the complexities of the ancient tradition.

[Ugandan marchers press need to stop violence against women, Voice of America, 5 December 2015](#): A heavy turnout Saturday by Ugandan law enforcement and civil society organizations for Kampala's "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" march helped spread the message of solidarity in stopping violence against women.

[17 Facts about sexual violence and sex work, The World Post, 4 December 2015](#): In recognition of 16 Days of Activism, and in anticipation of December 17, the [International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers](#), here are seventeen things everyone should know about sexual violence and sex work.

V. Research and funding opportunities

[Call for papers: Ciencia E Tecnica Vitivinicola - A science and technology journal](#). Ciência e Técnica aims to publish high quality pioneer researches in all fields of science and technologies worldwide. Research papers are expected to provide the much needed inspiration for the birth of new ideas, which in turn breathes new life into products, industries, etc. The journal also intends to advance knowledge about a comprehensive range of life sciences and technologies. Its main purposes are to offer a multidisciplinary forum to scholars and experts from different fields and to bridge the gap between them, within and across all aspects of sciences. [Source: Ciencia E Tecnica].

[U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons - 2016 Grant program competition](#). The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) announces an open competition for FY 2016 grant programs to combat trafficking in persons outside of the United States. Nongovernmental organizations, public international organizations, U.S.-based and foreign non-profits, institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations are invited to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI). Submissions close: 28 December 2015. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. Events

[Webinar: Promoting sex-wise parenting: supporting parents to promote sexual health and safety at home and in the community, 15 December 2015](#). This webinar will offer a presentation on human sexuality and psychosexual development, and explore how professionals can integrate this material into efforts with families and communities to promote sexual health and safety and prevent child sexual abuse. Built around two foundational beliefs that 1) human sexuality components are woefully lacking in many child sexual abuse prevention initiatives, and 2) parents play a critical role in promoting the sexual health and safety of their children, in their home and in the community. [Source: NEARI Press].

[Events on the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, 17 December 2015, Turkey](#). The Red Umbrella Sexual Health and Human Rights Association and partner organizations are organizing a series of events to mark 17 December, the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers. [Source: AWID].

[Call for entries: 2016 Dart Awards](#). Entries are now accepted for the annual Dart Awards for Excellence in Coverage of Trauma, and Dart Centre wants your help in recognising thoughtful, hard-hitting reporting on violence and tragedy produced this year. The Dart Awards are a team prize, recognising that effective trauma reporting demands a special commitment from news organizations. Winners are honored in a public ceremony at Columbia University Journalism School. The deadline for entries is 27 January 2016. [Source: Dart Centre].

[13th AWID International Forum: Feminist futures: building collective power for rights and justice, 5 – 8 May 2016, Costa do Sauípe, Bahia – Brazil](#). The 13th AWID International Forum will be a historic global gathering of women's rights and social justice activists and movements. A collective space to break silos and join together as we re-imagine and co-create our futures. See programme highlights online. [Source: AWID].

For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm>

VII. Vacancies

[Consultancy: GBV Assessment in 7 Conflict Affected Governorates in Iraq](#) / UNFPA / Erbil, Dohuk, Suleymania, Kirkuk, Baghdad, Diyala, Najaf and Kerbala, Iraq / Closing date: 15 December 2015. [Source: UNFPA].

[Consultancy - Study on Women's Care Work](#) / Oxfam / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: 17 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Community Outreach Coordinator Consultancy](#) / Womanity Foundation / MENA region / Closing date: 20 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Graduate Research Internship](#) / The Center for Economic and Social Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: 8 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Female evaluation team to develop and conduct final evaluation of project in Liberia](#) / Liberia / medica mondiale / Closing date: 13 January 2016. [Source: medica mondiale].

[Program Officer, International Partnerships](#) / International Women's Health Coalition / New York or Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 15 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[External Evaluation of Social Mobilisation programme](#) / Orchid Project / Senegal / Closing date: 17 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Juba, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women Protection and Empowerment Protection Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Burundi / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses. The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to promote research on sexual violence and generate empirical data to ensure sexual violence is recognized as a priority public health problem. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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