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I. Journal articles

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Differential impacts of an intimate partner violence prevention program based on child marriage status in rural Côte d’Ivoire. Falb K.L, Annan J, Kpebo D et al. Journal of Adolescent Health, ePub, 2015: Little is known about whether effectiveness of intimate partner violence prevention programming varies for women who were married as child brides, given their additional social vulnerabilities. This subanalysis seeks to assess treatment heterogeneity based on child marriage status for an intervention seeking to reduce intimate partner violence. [Source: IRC].
Challenges of bystander intervention in male-dominated professional sport lessons from the Australian Football League. Corboz J, Flood M and Dyson S. Violence against Women, ePub, 2015: This article contributes to this gap by examining data from research with professional male athletes from the Australian Football League. [Source: ANROWS].

Caring for women who have experienced female genital cutting. Little C.M. MCN Am J Matern Child Nurs, (5):291-7, 2015: This article provides an overview of the current issues related to FGC/M and addresses important cultural considerations for nurses caring for women with FGC/M. Nurses are in a unique position to provide holistic, culturally competent care in a respectful, nonjudgmental atmosphere. Nurses have a role in educating women with FGC/M about the complications and care, as education is necessary in the challenge to eradicate the practice of FGC/M. [Source: MedAdvocates].

Caring for women who have experienced female genital cutting. Little C.M. MCN Am J Matern Child Nurs, (5):291-7, 2015: This article explores the socialization of Lebanese men's attitudes toward gender equality to understand violence against women in Middle Eastern countries. [Source: SafetyLit].


Adverse childhood experiences and sexual victimization in adulthood. Ports K.A, Ford D.C, Merrick M.T. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015: In the present paper, the authors explore the relationship between adverse childhood experiences, including child sexual abuse, and sexual victimization in adulthood. [Source: SafetyLit].

Social determinants of child abuse: evidence of factors associated with maternal abuse from the Egypt demographic and health survey. Antai D, Braithwaite P, Clerk G. J. Inj. Violence Res, 8(1): ePub, 2015: This article identifies determinants of child abuse include exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV), justifying wife beating, exposure to generational IPV, and such factors as younger age of the women, male sex, partners’ lower education, poverty, residence in urban areas, younger children, and residence in households with 3 - 5 children. [Source: SafetyLit].
II. Online publications and resources


Beyond access: Toolkit for integrating gender-based violence prevention and response into education projects. USAID, 2015: This toolkit was developed for USAID technical and program officers working on education to increase understanding of GBV in the education context and strengthen integration of a GBV response into projects and activities. [Source: WUNRN].

Policy paper: Litigation (im)possible? Holding companies accountable for sexual and gender-based violence in the context of extractive industries. Von Gall A. European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, 2015: This paper highlights the possibilities for holding companies accountable before criminal or civil courts for sexual violence committed in the context of their activities in the extractive industries. [Source: AWID].

Implementing trauma-informed systems of care in health settings: The WITH study. State of knowledge paper. ANROWS, Landscapes Issue 10, 2015: This paper examines the available literature on trauma-informed frameworks, models and guidelines that guide organisations to improve service provision to survivors of sexual violence with mental health problems. [Source: ANROWS].

Care for victims of sexual violence, an organization pushed to its limits: The case of Médecins Sans Frontières. Duroch F and Schulte-Hillen C. International Review of the Red Cross, 96 (894): 601 – 624, 2014: An overview of MSF’s experience and related reflection aims to share with the reader, on the one hand, the complexity of the issue, and on the other, the need to continue fighting for the provision of adequate medical care for victims of sexual violence, which despite the limitations is feasible. [Source: MSF].
Steps to engaging young children in research, Volume 1: The guide. Education Research Centre, University of Brighton, 2014: The Researcher Toolkit and Researcher Resource have been developed to support researchers to include young children in research; particularly children aged 5-8 years of age. While it has been designed to support those who are seeking to include young children in research for the first time it is hoped that the broad range of methods described will also be of value for more seasoned researchers. [Source: Communication Initiative].

III. Funding and research opportunities

Funding opportunity: AmplifyChange Opportunity Grant. This Opportunity Grant is intended to help groups try out new ideas, implement their plans or make the most of circumstances where there may be a good chance to bring about some sort of positive change. Applications are welcome from groups that support and lead the engagement of young people and girls to shape, implement, monitor and ensure accountability for the new global goals. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Source: AmplifyChange].

Funding opportunity: ESTHER Ireland Startup Grant Programme. Small grants of up to €6000 are available to Irish health institutions wishing to conduct projects that build partnerships with institutions in the Global South, in order to help strengthen the knowledge and skills of health professionals. These small grants are specifically intended to support the early development of such partnerships, including conceptualisation and initial meetings or exchange visits to help develop shared vision. Closing date: 30 November 2015. [Source: The Irish Forum for Global Health].

Call for contributions: G&D issue on violence against women and girls. The July 2016 issue of Gender & Development will address Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). G&D is the world’s only international journal of gender and development, published by Oxfam and Routledge/Taylor and Francis. For more on submitting your article for this journal, please visit the website. Submissions close: 15 October 2015. [Source: AWID].

IV. News

SA lacks clear strategies to reduce serious violent crime, Institute for Security Studies, 29 September 2015: The increase in serious violent crime shows a failure of police strategy, but the South African Police Service (SAPS) can’t shoulder the burden alone, says the Institute for Security Studies (ISS).
Justice Department announces $26 million in grants to develop and strengthen criminal justice and community partnerships to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating and stalking, Justice News, 28 September 2015: Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates today announced 44 awards totaling over $26 million in funding through the Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women’s Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. These 44 recipients will create and enhance collaborative partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, and community organizations that respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The awards were announced at the Justice Department’s Second Annual Violence Reduction Network (VRN) Summit in Detroit, Michigan.

Papua New Guinea helpline flourishes as country deals with endemic violence, The Guardian, 26 September 2015: Papua New Guinea’s first free telephone counselling line has received nearly 250 calls in its first month of operations, as the country struggles to deal with “extreme” levels of domestic and sexual violence.

UN adopts new Global Goals, charting sustainable development for people and planet by 2030, UN News Centre, 25 September 2015: The 193-Member United Nations General Assembly today formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, along with a set of bold new Global Goals, which Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon hailed as a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world.

New York teens often isolated in adult prisons, Women’s eNews, 21 September 2015: With different wants and needs from older women in jail and prison, "there are no benefits to putting kids in adult prisons," says one advocate of the two states in the country that prosecute 16- and 17-year-olds in the justice system as adults.

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

Huffington Post Blog: Leniency or amnesty for victims of campus sexual violence? The role of religion, 25 September 2015: Schools around the country are struggling to address what some say is an epidemic of sexual violence. The U.S. Department of Education, members of both houses of Congress, and well as many academics and non-profit leaders, have been involved in crafting guidelines for college and universities to use in creating a safe environment on campus.
DFID's blogs on empowering girls: Strategies. The Department of International Development (DFID) United Kingdom (UK) Girl Summit 2014 has focused attention on both the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child early and forced marriage (CEFM), with the intent of uniting individuals, organisations, and governments to end the practices. A group of bloggers gathered by DFID presents a range of perspectives and approaches. [Source: Communication Initiative].

VI. Events

Postgraduate conference: Masculinities, violence and (post) conflict, 14 January 2016, Belfast, Northern Ireland. The Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) and the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE) at Ulster University invite proposals for a one-day postgraduate conference on 'Masculinities, violence and (post-) conflict'. This student led event will offer academic presentations, peer discussion, networking opportunities and expert feedback in a supportive environment. Applications close: 15 November 2015. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

Inaugural ANROWS National Research Conference, 23 – 25 February 2016, Melbourne, Australia. The Conference will showcase current ANROWS and Australian research, demonstrating how research is informing policy and practice in addressing violence against women. The programme will consist of research presentations, case studies of research to policy and practice, and other knowledge translation and exchange activities. This will be a unique opportunity to share and learn how ANROWS research is shaping policy and practice on violence against women, through collaboration between researchers, policy makers, practitioners and survivors. [Source: ANROWS].

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

VII. Vacancies


End of Project Evaluation Consultant / ActionAid / Global / Closing date: 7 October 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Programs Director / International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission / New York, USA with extensive travel / Closing date: 14 October 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].


Independent Final Evaluation Consultant / Women for Women International / South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo / Closing date: 18 October 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Representative / Ford Foundation / Bogotá, Colombia / Closing date: 13 November 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Program Associate / The Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: 24 November 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Senior Policy & Outreach Advisor / The George Washington University / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: GWU].

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Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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