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This SVRI Update contains a variety of sexual violence related research and resources. If you would like to have your sexual violence related resources included in the Update, please send your materials to [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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#### [I. SVRI member request: women in aid survey](#)

Rosalia Gitau (UN OCHA) and seventeen other women met together in Conakry on December 5<sup>th</sup>. They represented diverse nationalities, positions, fields, religions, ages – but all shared their profession as humanitarians. And, as they discovered during the course of the meeting, all shared significant challenges as women in the humanitarian field. Everyone expressed having, at some moment in their career, been discriminated against, harassed, confronted with sexual violence in or around the workplace.

Are they 18 isolated cases? How many women in the humanitarian field have similar experiences and concerns? How systematic is this? There is a surprising lack of data about gender issues within the humanitarian system. This is why Rosalia and colleagues need your participation in this quick, 15-minute survey, whether or not you have faced these issues yourself. This is not an academic study but an evaluation of experiences as women in the humanitarian field. The objective is to use these results to advocate about gender policy in the humanitarian workspace.

Access the survey in [English](#) and [French](#). If you have any questions, please email [women.in.aid@gmail.com](mailto:women.in.aid@gmail.com).

## II. 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.***

[Sexual violence and general functioning among formerly abducted girls in Northern Uganda: the mediating roles of stigma and community relations - the WAYS study. Amone-P'Olak K, Lekhutlile T.M, Ovuga E, Abbott R.A, Meiser-Stedman R, Stewart D.G, Jones P.B. BMC Public Health, 16\(1\): 64, 2016](#): This study aims to illuminate the path from sexual violence to poor functioning. The prevalence of sexual violence among formerly abducted girls in Northern Uganda was assessed as well as the extent to which stigma and community relations explain the association between sexual violence and general functioning. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Review of the empirical and clinical support for group therapy specific to sexual abusers. Jennings J. L, Deming A. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2015](#): This review compiles 48 empirical studies and 55 clinical/practice articles specific to group therapy with sex offenders. This is due to the fact that group therapy has always been the predominant modality in sex offender-specific treatment. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape against Brazilian women: characteristics of victims and sex offenders. Souto R.Q, Araújo F.K, Xavier A.F, Cavalcanti A.L. Iran. J. Public Health, 44\(12\): 1613-1619, 2015](#): Violence against women is a serious contemporary social problem which affects mainly young women. This study aims to evaluate sexual violence against women in Campina Grande, Brazil. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The role of fathers in reducing dating violence victimization and sexual risk behaviors among a national sample of Black adolescents. Alleyne-Green, B. Grinnell-Davis, C. Clark, T. T. Cryer-Coupet, Q. R. Children and Youth Services Review, 55: 48–55, 2015](#): This article uses Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) to explore the impact of father-figures' involvement on reducing both dating violence and sexual risk among a national sample of Black American youth well as the possible mediating effect of dating violence on the relationship between father figure involvement and sexual risk behaviours. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[I know it was every week, but I can't be sure if it was every day: domestic violence and women with learning disabilities. McCarthy M, Hunt S, Milne-Skillman K. J. Appl. Res. Intellect. Disabil. ePub, 2016](#): This study interviews 15 women with learning disabilities who had experienced domestic violence about their experiences, the impact of the violence on them and their children, their coping strategies and help seeking behaviour. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Experience of intimate partner violence as a predictor of sexually transmitted infections among married women in Nigeria. Sigbeku O.A, Fawole O.I, Ogunniyan T.B. Ann. Ib. Postgrad. Med. 13\(1\): 6-16, 2015](#): Intimate partner violence (IPV) is an important public health issue that is associated with adverse sexual and reproductive health outcomes

including sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This study determines the association between IPV and STIs among married women in Nigeria. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Prevalence and characteristics of sexual violence against men with disabilities. Mitra M, Mouradian V. E, Fox M. H, Pratt, C. American Journal of Preventive Medicine, In press, ePub, 2015](#): The purpose of this study is to document the prevalence of lifetime and past-year sexual violence against men with disabilities in the U.S and to compare these estimates with those of men without disabilities and women with and without disabilities. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Man enough? Masculine discrepancy stress and intimate partner violence. Reidy, D. E. Berke, D. S. Gentile, B. Zeichner, A. Personality and Individual Differences, 68: 160–164, 2014](#): In this study, the authors assess the effect of masculine discrepancy stress, a form of distress arising from perceived failure to conform to socially-prescribed masculine gender role norms, on intimate partner violence. [Source: ScienceDirect].

### III. Online publications and resources

[Grantmaking with a gender lens: five practice case studies. Baykara H, Khan A, Lever E et al. European Foundation Centre, 2015](#): This booklet is an EFC thematic network's first collaborative piece of work. It presents collected case studies on foundation grantmaking programmes where using a gender lens made a real difference to the people concerned. Criminal justice, climate change, migration, labour rights, workers' health and disability are the foundation programme areas discussed. [Source: WUNRN].

[Key findings from 'Sexual violence victimization and associations with health in a community sample of Hispanic women'. Basile K.C, Smith S.G, Walters M.L, Fowler D.N, Hawk K, Hamburger M.E. National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2015 \(Pdf.\)](#): This research translation summarises key findings to build upon our understanding of the impacts of sexual violence on 'Latin@' women and can inform our sexual violence prevention and response strategies. [Source: NSVRC].

[Linking the roads: working with youth who experience homelessness and sexual violence. NSVRC, 2014 \(Pdf\)](#): This guide focuses on adapting advocacy skills to help young people who experience homelessness and sexual violence build resiliency and lessen their traumas. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

### IV. Advocacy and awareness raising

[International Women's Day 2016: 8 March, AWID news and resources, 03 February 2016](#): The 2016 theme for International Women's Day is "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality". The United Nations observance on 8 March will reflect on how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals. It will also focus on gender equality, women's empowerment and women's human rights. [Source: AWID].

[Suffolk Constabulary: Sexual Violence Awareness Week, 01– 07 February 2016](#): Suffolk

Police are supporting the inaugural Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week that takes place across the UK from 1– 7 February 2016. It is aimed at raising awareness of sexual abuse and sexual violence and how to prevent it. This year the topic of conversation is ‘it’s not okay’. [Source:

#### V. Research opportunities, awards, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: Perpetrator interventions research stream](#). New funding is available for research on interventions and responses to perpetrators of domestic, family and sexual violence. More information on this funding can be retrieved [online](#). Applications are open from 01 February 2016 to 28 April 2016. [Source: ANROWS].

[South African NRF Awards 2016: Call for nominations](#). The National Research Foundation requests for nominations in the following categories: lifetime achievement, champion of research capacity development and transformation at South African Higher Education Institutions, Hamilton Naki award, Excellence in science engagement, Research excellence for the next generation researchers, Research excellence for early career/ emerging researchers. Deadline for nominations: 31 March 2016. [Source: SAMRC].

#### VI. News

[Combatting illicit financial flows \(IFFs\): why we need a gender lens, AWID news and resources, 03 February 2016](#): Combatting IFFs is deeply linked to contesting corporate power nationally and internationally. Having an accountable and regulated financial system globally can contribute to redress the unequal distribution of wealth and power that is in the hands of just a few. Ultimately it is a question of economic, social and gender justice.

[Forced virginity-testing is unlawful and offensive, and will not prevent HIV-AIDS, Daily Maverick, 02 February 2016](#): The South African Minister of the Department of Social Development and president of the ANC women’s league, Bathabile Dlamini, shares her perspectives on the bursary scheme for girls provided they remain virgins.

[How India's women are using martial arts to fight back against sexual violence, International Business Times, 01 February 2016](#): Sexual violence is a major problem in India. Following the gang rape and murder of the student, Jyoti Singh, in 2012 in Delhi, an increasing number of women and girls have signed up to martial arts and self-defence classes.

[The state we’re in: ending sexism in nationality laws, Inter Press Service News Agency, 25 January 2016](#): Everyone has the right to be born with a nationality – safe, fearless and free – and secure in their human right to equally transfer, acquire, change or retain it. There is no reason why over 50 countries should still have sexist nationality and citizenship laws, which largely discriminate against women, potentially putting them and their families in danger and denying them the rights, benefits and services that everyone should enjoy.

[Impunity for sexual violence in Burma’s Kachin conflict, Human Rights Watch, 21 January 2016](#): Widespread sexual violence perpetrated by Burmese soldiers has been a hallmark of the culture of abuse and impunity in Burma’s decades-long civil wars with its ethnic groups.

Despite greater openness since 2011, when Burma's political reform process started and greater engagement by Western countries, the army continues to shield its soldiers from prosecution for crimes committed throughout war zones in the country's north and east..

[In Croatia, wartime rape survivors start testing a new law, Women's eNews, 21 January 2016](#): Most survivors who applied for compensation, including legal aid, medical insurance and rehabilitation, are still waiting for the decision. Implementation of the new law is slower than many would like and will determine how many more survivors will come forward.

[Belief-based social innovation: gender-lens' next frontier, Stanford Social Innovation Review - Human Rights, 8 December 2015](#): Philanthropists and for-profit investors alike today are apt to talk of using a gender lens when screening opportunities to fund social change. When my husband and I (Emily) began our foundation—the [Imago Dei Fund](#)—in 2009, I gravitated immediately to the idea of empowering women and girls. Little did we know then that it would grow into a powerful movement changing the face of philanthropy.

## VII. Events

[Sexual violence as a weapon of war: a panel discussion, 16 February 2016, Montreal, Canada](#): The discussion will debate the challenges linked to the sexual violence faced by women in conflict zones. The moderator will be Kyle Matthews, the Senior Deputy Director of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University. The event is free. See more details [online](#). [Source: Concordia University].

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

## VIII. Vacancies

[Coordination Assistant for the International Human Rights Training Program](#) / Equitas / Montreal and Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Canada / Closing date: 05 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications and Fundraising Intern](#) / Irise International / Jinja, Uganda / Closing date: 08 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Network Coordinator](#) / EuroNGOs / Brussels, Belgium / Closing date: 10 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project International Programme Manager \(Maternity Cover\)](#) / ActionAid / Global/ Closing date: 10 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Policy and Advocacy Officer \(Global\)](#) / Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 10 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Deputy Finance Coordinator](#) / Promundo-US / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 10 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer](#) / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Consultant to Develop Learning, Monitoring & Evaluation Framework](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Deputy Regional Director – Head of Office](#) / Amnesty International / Peru / Closing date: 14 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Consultancy](#) / UNICEF / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 15 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Justice & Women's Rights Director](#) / Oxfam / Oxford, UK / Closing date: 19 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Regional Representative](#) / medica mondiale / Burundi / Closing date: 19 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Initiative Director, Women & Children, European Refugee Crisis](#) / International Rescue Committee / Serbia / Closing date: 29 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Somalia / Closing date: 03 March 2016. [Source: IRC].

[Director of Programs](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region / New York, USA / Closing date: 15 March 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Manager of Development](#) / Rise Up / Oakland, USA / Closing date: 22 March 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Specialist](#) / Worldreader / Barcelona, Spain / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Co-Director \(Maternity Leave Cover\)](#) / FRIDA / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Finance Officer](#) / FRIDA / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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

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