Dear SVRI List Members

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. For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit www.svri.org. Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our Facebook page.

Today’s SVRI Update includes the following: [Summaries directly taken or adapted from source]

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I. SVRI survey request

The SVRI, the Population Council and SGBV Networks Project are doing a quick mini-survey on networks. We would be very grateful if you could spend a little time sharing your thoughts on networks with us via the online survey. Copy: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YDB39GT into your browser to begin the survey.

II. SVRI members’ requests

1) Women Enabled International survey request WEI invites you, your organization, and other allies working for the rights of women and girls with disabilities worldwide to participate in the: ‘WEI’s Survey and Mapping Project of Advocates and Organizations Working for the Human Rights of Women and Girls with Disabilities’

Through generous support from an anonymous donor, WEI has launched this project to foster greater understanding of human rights advocates, both from within and outside the women’s rights and disability rights movements, on the rights of women and girls with
disabilities. Take the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RQN52KT. Please visit WEI’s website for more information and updates on this project at: http://womenenabled.org/. [Source: WUNRN].

2) ANROWS survey request

The ANROWS team warmly invites you to participate in their 2015 stakeholder survey. This survey will evaluate ANROWS’s publications, services, and stakeholder and communication strategies. It also offers the opportunity for comments and suggestions to guide the continuing evolution of these services, products and strategies to ensure they meet our stakeholders’ needs and expectations.

Your views are important to and the survey helps ANROWS assess how they are performing and identify ways to improve the delivery of products and services. Please take 10-15 minutes of your time to complete this survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPVT6M6. The information you provide in this survey is anonymous, private and confidential. The survey will close on Tuesday 8 September at midnight. [Source: ANROWS].

III. 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.*

**Knowledge, attitude and practice among healthcare staffs in the Emergency Department, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia towards rape victims In One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC).** Chew KIS, Noredelina MIN, Ida ZIZ. Med. J. Malaysia, 70(3): 162-168, 2015: This article explores knowledge, attitude and practice of rape management in OSCC among four groups of healthcare providers in the emergency department of Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia. [Source: SafetyLit].


**The effects of question repetition on responses when prosecutors and defense attorneys question children alleging sexual abuse in court.** Andrews S.J, Lamb M.E, Lyon T.D. Law Hum. Behav, ePub, 2015: This article describes the effects of repeated questions on 6- to 12-year-olds’ testimony in child sexual abuse cases. [Source: SafetyLit].
Analysis of sexual assault evidence: Statistical classification of condoms by ambient mass spectrometry. Mirabelli M.F, Ila D.R, Sindona G, Tagarelli A. J. Mass Spectrom, 50(5): 749-755, 2015: In this article, desorption electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (DESI-MS) and easy ambient sonic-spray ionization mass spectrometry (EASI-MS) are employed in the forensic analysis of chemical compounds found in condoms and relative traces, and their analytical performances are compared. [Source: SafetyLit].


IV. Online publications and resources

At the crossroads: Women’s rights after 2015. Womankind, 2015: This policy briefing has been developed following a survey and in-depth interviews with 13 of Womankind Worldwide’s partner organisations. [Source: WUNRN].

Information series on sexual and reproductive health and rights harmful practices, especially forced marriage and female genital mutilation. United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (pdf): This information series looks at harmful practices that put women’s and adolescents’ sexual and reproductive health and rights at risk. [Source: WUNRN].

Sex trafficking and Safe Harbor resource pack. The Advocates for Human Rights: The goal of this resource packet is to facilitate the movement of combating sex trafficking by providing accessible, consistent information about sex trafficking and the Safe Harbor law. Materials include a PowerPoint presentation, supplemental handouts, and resources for specific systems professionals. [Source: The Advocates for Human Rights].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding
**Funding opportunity: ASCENT Consortium.** AVA is proud to be part of the ASCENT Consortium, funded by London Councils, working to end violence against women and girls (VAWG) in London. As part of this work, support is offered to a small number of organisations each year. If you are a VAWG organisation in the UK and think you could benefit from this, please contact info@avaproject.org.uk. Applications close: 7 September 2015. [Source: AVA]

VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

**Podcast: Building a movement to end violence against women, Prevent-Connect, 2015:** At the 2015 National Sexual Assault Conference, Move to End Violence is sponsoring a mini-track on ‘Building a movement to end violence against women’. In this video, Nicole Matthews, Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition, Kelly Miller, Executive Director of Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, and Trina Greene-Browne, Outreach & Engagement Manager, at Move to End Violence describe their workshops. [Source: Prevent-Connect]

VII. News

**Sexual violence helpline opens in PNG, Radio New Zealand News, 20 August 2015:** Victims of sexual violence in Papua New Guinea have now got access to a hotline that they can call for help 12 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in the country.

**Sexual assaults against aid workers: It’s time to take a stand, The Guardian, 19 August 2015:** There is a problem of sexual violence in the humanitarian community. It is something that is whispered about at parties, in meetings and in our accommodation. Everyone has a story, knows someone who has a story, or has heard of someone who has a story. It extends across many conflict zones and many organisations.

**Using technology to counter gender-based violence in Cambodia, Deutsche Welle, 19 August 2015:** As the risks of abuse and violence against women morph with societal changes in Cambodia, technology and social media are helping those in need to stay one step ahead. Joanna Mayhew reports from Phnom Penh.

**How Isis has established a bureaucracy of rape, The Guardian, 16 August 2015:** One year on from the summit to end sexual violence in conflict, convened by Angelina Jolie and William Hague in London, the self-proclaimed Islamic State has developed a complex bureaucracy of sex slavery that makes a mockery of the summit’s goal to bring about an end to the use of rape and sexual violence in war.

**New research from the Population Council shows child marriage can be delayed, Population Council Press Release, 12 August 2015:** Today the Population Council released new evidence on what works to delay the age of marriage for extremely vulnerable girls in sub-Saharan Africa. Researchers also shared rarely available data on the cost of interventions that were tested, and issued recommendations for policymakers, donors, and organizations concerned about child marriage.
VIII. Events

**Webinar: Violence against Indian women - National baseline study (NBS), 16 September 2015.** The national baseline study on violence against Indian women is part of the National Institute of Justice’s (NIJ) Program of Research Examining Violence Against American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) women living in Indian communities and Alaskan villages. This webinar will look at the goals, tasks, methodologies and benefits of this study. Register online. [Source: WUNRN].

**18th Annual Joint Conference: Preventing sexual violence through assessment, treatment and safe management, 13 – 15 April 2016, Marlborough, USA.** This MASOC / MATSA conference is designed for professionals to share new ideas, refresh current practices, network with other providers, and welcome new professionals to the specialized field of sexual abuse/offense. Workshop proposals close: 9 October 2015. [Source: MASOC].

For more events visit: [http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm](http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm)

IX. Vacancies

**Trainee for ICRC’s Response to Sexual Violence / International Committee of the Red Cross / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 28 August 2015.** [Source: ICRC].

**Advocacy & Communications Interns / Make Every Woman Count / Global / Closing date: 28 August 2015.** [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**Program Officer / Wellspring Advisors / New York, USA / Closing date: 7 September 2015.** [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**Gender Specialists (2 positions) / Management Systems International / Pakistan / Closing date: Open until filled.** [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**Program Director Women's Protection and Empowerment / International Rescue Committee / Kinshasa, DRC / Closing date: Open until filled.** [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)
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