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I. 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.

[Violence against women and girls: how far have we come? The Lancet – Editorial, 386\(10008\): 2029, 2015](#): A year ago, *The Lancet* published a Series on violence against women and girls ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Nov 25. The day marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based

Violence, which this year, for the first time, has prevention as its theme. [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[Sexualized war violence. Knowledge construction and knowledge gaps. Bringedal Houge A. Aggression and Violent Behavior, 25 \(Part A\): 79–87, 2015](#): This qualitative literature review provides an overview of the proliferating research field that research on sexualized war violence has become. [Source: University of Oslo Norway].

[Re-presentations of defendant perpetrators in sexual war violence cases before international and military criminal courts. Bringedal Houge A. Br J Criminol, ePub, 2015](#): In this article, the author explores primary court actors' narratives about defendant perpetrators and identifies and discusses how aetiology is understood, re-presented and constructed from the individual actor perspective that criminal court proceedings necessitate. [Source: University of Oslo Norway].

[Blogging about sexual assault: A thematic analysis. Fawcett H and Shrestha L. The Journal of Forensic Practice, 18\(1\), 2015](#): This paper examines the role of blogging (writing online weblogs) in facilitating healing following sexual assault. [Source: ANROWS].

[Estimating the impact of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief on HIV treatment and prevention programmes in Africa. Heaton L.M, Bouey P.D, Fu J et al. Sex Transm Infect, 91:615-620, 2015](#): This article evaluates the impact of antiretroviral treatment, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and voluntary medical male circumcision programmes on survival, mortality, new infections and the number of orphans from 2004 to 2013 in 16 PEPFAR countries in Africa. [Source: BMJ Publishing Group].

Systematic review of structural interventions for intimate partner violence in low- and middle-income countries: organizing evidence for prevention. Bourey C, Williams W, Bernstein E and Stephenson R. BMC Public Health, 15:1165, 2015: Applying the concept of structural interventions to IPV, the authors systematically reviewed the quantitative impact of such interventions for prevention of male-to-female IPV in LMIC in order to (a) highlight current opportunities for IPV research and programming and (b) demonstrate how structural interventions may provide an organizing framework through which to build an evidence base for IPV prevention. [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[Age and intimate partner violence: An analysis of global trends among women experiencing victimization in 30 developing countries. Peterman A, Bleck, J and Palermo T. Journal of Adolescent Health 57: 624-630, 2015](#): This analysis provides new descriptive

evidence on age and duration into partnership of women's first intimate partner violence (IPV) victimization. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti].

[Rape of older people in the United Kingdom: Challenging the 'real-rape' stereotype. Bows H and Westmarland N. British Journal of Criminology Advance Access, 2015](#)(pdf): The findings of this article challenges the dominant real-rape stereotypes and have implications for future research, policy and practice. [Source: University of Durham].

[Exploring domestic violence and social distress in Australian-Indian migrants through community theatre. O'Connor M and Colucci E. Transcultural Psychiatry, ePub, 2015](#) (pdf): This article captures the voices of women living in the community as they describe how domestic violence contributes to their emotional difficulties. [Source: Queen Mary University of London].

[Domestic violence in low-middle income countries: Consequences and prevention. Colucci E and Hassan G. Current Opinions in Psychiatry, 27:5, 350-357, 2014](#): This review describes current literature on prevention of domestic/family violence against children and women in low and middle income countries (LMICs). [Source: Queen Mary University of London].

[Violence against women and suicide in the context of migration. Colucci E and Heredia Montesinos, A. Suicidology Online 4, 81-91, 2013](#) (pdf): This article reviews literature about suicide and domestic violence among ethnic minorities, immigrants and refugees to examine the relationship between the two. [Source: Queen Mary University of London].

II. Online publications and resources

[Media representations of violence against women and their children: State of knowledge paper. Sutherland G, McCormack A, Pirkis J, Eastaer P, Holland K and Vaughan C. ANROWS Landscapes, 15/2015](#): This paper provides an overview of the best available contemporary evidence on the way news and information media portray violence against women. [Source: ANROWS].

[We want to learn about good love: Findings from a qualitative study assessing the links between comprehensive sexuality education and violence against women and girls. Holden J, Bell, E and Schauerhammer V. Plan International and Social Development Direct, 2015](#) (pdf): Drawing on global evidence on comprehensive sexuality education interventions and primary and secondary research in Cambodia and Uganda, this report explores the

extent to which comprehensive sexuality education may be a key mechanism to promote gender equality, shift harmful social norms and prevent VAWG. [Source: AWID].

[**New directions in child abuse and neglect research. Institute Of Medicine and National Research Council of the National Academies, 2014**](#): This report concludes that while there has been great progress in child abuse and neglect research, a coordinated, national research infrastructure with high-level federal support needs to be established and implemented immediately. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

[**Violence against women and girls: Resource Guide. World Bank Group, Global Women's Institute and Inter-American Development Bank, 2015**](#): This Resource Guide provides the reader with basic information on the characteristics and consequences of VAWG, including the operational implications that VAWG can have in several priority sectors of the Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank Group. It recommends strategies for integrating VAWG into policies and legislation, as well as sector programs and projects. [Source: World Bank Group].

III. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[**Join the #16Days Campaign #GBVTeachin!**](#) From 25 November – 10 December 2015, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign "Teach-ins" are a series of several, continuous tweets from a single source that revolve around social justice topics. Linked together with a unique hashtag, teach-ins are essentially tweetable lectures that are meant to educate a wide, general audience. [Source: AWID].

IV. News

[**Women suffer psychological problems after living under Taliban, Intern Press Service News Agency, 26 November 2015**](#): "My two sons were killed by Taliban militants mercilessly three years ago. My husband died a natural death two year back. Now, I am begging to raise my two grandsons," Gul Pari, 50, told IPS.

[**WHO launches toolkit to help countries respond to sexual violence, WHO media centre, 25 November 2015**](#): The Organization, together with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, is launching a toolkit to help countries strengthen the medico-legal response to sexual violence.

[Rights groups call to end sexual violence, impunity in conflict, The Irrawaddy, 25](#)

[November 2015](#): Women remain vulnerable in Burma's militarized zones, two leading rights groups warned on Wednesday, presenting newly documented cases of sexual violence in conflict to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

[DREAMS initiative for adolescent girls and young women in South Africa, UNAIDS, 17](#)

[November 2015](#): Adolescent girls and young women must be empowered to provide the leadership that is needed to reduce new HIV infections in the highest burden countries in eastern and southern Africa. This is the message that Luiz Loures, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, shared during the launch of an international initiative in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 November that aims to keep adolescent girls and young women free from HIV.

V. Research and funding opportunities

[Fellowship opportunity: The Five College Women's Studies Research Center](#). Applications for Research Associates in 2016-2017 is now open. Located in a geographic area with one of the largest concentrations of scholars dedicated to feminist scholarship and teaching in the world, the Center encourages engaged, critical feminist scholarship from diverse perspectives. Scholars come to the Center from around the world, seeking a supportive environment to carry out their research. Given an office with access to extensive consortium resources, associates gather regularly to discuss their research with each other and interested local faculty in a variety of settings. Applications close: 15 February 2016. [Source: Women-east-west].

[Fellowship opportunity: 2016 Oak Human Rights Fellowship](#). This is a reminder of the December 4th deadline for completed applications for the Oak Human Rights Fellowship. If you wish to apply or to forward information to a deserving candidate, you can find the relevant information and materials on the website. [Source: Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights].

VI. Events

[Webinar: Gender based violence, health and HIV: Intersections and implications for clinicians, 1 December 2015](#). On World AIDS Day, this webinar will briefly outline the intersection of gender based violence and HIV, and describe how providers, particularly those in STI testing and reproductive health settings, can respond to violence and support

survivors at risk for contracting or recently diagnosed with HIV. The speakers will also be introducing new patient education and provider training tools for HIV testing and care settings that will soon be available through the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

16 Days Against Gender-Based Violence signature event: Ending gender-based violence in post-conflict societies, 2 December, Washington, DC, USA. Please join this USAID and Promundo signature event on December 2. RSVP to Cathy Kaplan ckaplan@usaid.gov with name, email and organization. [Source: Promundo].

[Gender-Based Violence Summit, 3 December 2015, Bangkok, Thailand](#). You are cordially invited to a one-day regional event, hosted by FHI 360, the US Embassy in Thailand, USAID Asia Regional Mission in Thailand, and UNDP. This Summit will examine GBV services across populations, discuss how to achieve the specific Sustainable Development Goal targets on GBV in Asia and the Pacific, address intersections and gaps between types of violence, and highlight the role of donors in breaking down silos. [Source: UNDP]

[How to use a Response-Based Approach with survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and sexual exploitation, 8 December 2015, London, UK](#). In this course, participants will gain knowledge about a response-based therapy as well as how to effectively use response-based techniques with survivors of abuse. Participants will learn skills to appropriately challenge self-blame attitudes, and which encourages survivors to recognise their own resistance to violence and to support a positive view of themselves. [Source: AVA].

[Online training: Voices of Our Future, 25 January 2016](#). Are you are a lead change maker, ready for your next step, and interested in joining a group of your peers for a challenging and exciting journey? This upgraded and enhanced 8 week will help you learn to use digital tools to increase your knowledge, build movements online, and gain confidence to be an inspired leader. Applications close: 31 December 2015. [Source: AWID].

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

VII. Vacancies

[Translation Consultants \(English to French\)](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 4 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Translation Consultants \(English to Portuguese\)](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 4 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Associate, Monitoring & Evaluation](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 6 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Advocacy & Communications Interns](#) / Make Every Woman Count / Global / Closing date: 11 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director of Advocacy](#) / CREA / New Delhi, Nairobi, or New York / Closing date: 15 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Coordinator, Resource Development, Proposals and Acquisitions](#) / CREA / New Delhi, India / Closing date: 15 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Coordinator, Resource Development, Online, Events & Corporate Collaboration / CREA / New Delhi, India / Closing date: 15 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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

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