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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.

[Reframing conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence: Bringing gender analysis back in. Davies S.E and True J. Security Dialogue, ePub, 2015](#): This article brings back structural gender inequality as a causal explanation for SGBV. In order to better understand and prevent SGBV, the authors propose a critical knowledge base that identifies causal patterns of gendered violence by building on existing indicators of gender discrimination. [Source: Griffith University].

[Soul pain: The hidden toll of working with survivors of physical and sexual violence. Jirek S.L. SAGE Open, July-September: 1-13, 2015 \(pdf\)](#): This study extends prior research on vicarious

traumatization and emotion management by exploring a deeper, more life-altering effect of working with traumatised clients—namely, “soul pain.” [Source: ANROWS].

[Characteristics of trafficked adults and children with severe mental illness: A historical cohort study. Oram S, Khonodoker M, Abas M, Broadbent M, Howard L. The Lancet Psychiatry, ePub, 2015:](#) This article investigates the sociodemographic and clinical characteristics of trafficked people with severe mental illness. [Source: King’s College London].

[Symptoms of PTSD in a sample of female victims of sexual violence in post-earthquake Haiti. Rahill G.J, Joshi M, Lescano C and Holbert D. J Affect Disord, ePub, 2015:](#) As a first step in categorising the consequences of non-intimate partner/stranger sexual violence on females in Haiti, this study undertakes 2 focus groups of 16 female residents of Cité Soleil who survived the earthquake and its aftershocks, along with ensuing hurricanes and cholera. [Source: University of South Florida].

[Men’s violence against women and men are inter-related: Recommendations for simultaneous intervention. Fleming P.J, Gruskin S., Rojo F and Dworkin S.L. Social Sciences and Medicine, ePub, 2015:](#) Drawing upon theories that explain the drivers of violence, this article examines how gender norms, including norms and social constructions of masculinity, are at the root of most physical violence perpetration by men against women and against other men. [Source: ANROWS].

[Changing the hidden curriculum of campus rape prevention and education: Women's self defense as a key protective factor for a public health model of prevention. McCaughey M, Cermele J. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2015:](#) This article reviews previous research on effective resistance to sexual assault, showing that self-defense is a well-established protective factor in a public health model of sexual assault prevention. [Source: SafetyLit].

[HIV and childhood sexual violence: Implications for sexual risk behaviors and HIV testing in Tanzania. Chiang L.F, Chen J, Gladden M.R, Mercy J.A, Kwesigabo G, Mrisho F, Dahlberg L.L, Nyunt M.Z, Brookmeyer K.A and Vagi K. AIDS Educ. Prev, 27\(5\): 474-487, 2015:](#) This study suggests that victims of childhood sexual violence could benefit from targeted interventions to mitigate impacts of violence and prevent HIV. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual violence in America: Public funding and social priority. Waechter R, Ma V. Am. J. Public Health, ePub, 2015:](#) This article compares lifetime risk, annual incidence, and annual economic burden of sexual violence with other major public health issues in the United States: cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Stigma among survivors of sexual violence in Congo: Scale development and psychometrics. Murray S.M, Robinette K.L, Bolton P, Cetinoglu T, Murray L.K, Annan J, Bass J.K. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This study seeks to create a contextually relevant measure of SV-related stigma for women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and assess its psychometrics and validity. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Language of sexual violence in Haiti: Perceptions of victims, community-level workers, and health care providers. Joshi M, Rahill G.J, Lescano C and Jean F. J Health Care Poor Underserved, 25\(4\):1623-40, 2014:](#) This exploratory study investigates language/terminology for NPSV, victims and perpetrators, and health effects of NPSV on victims, in four focus groups: Health care providers, community advocates and victims. [Source: University of South Florida].

II. Online publications and resources

[Call to Action on protection from gender-based violence in emergencies: Road map 2016-2020. Call to Action, 2015:](#) This Road Map is an operational framework established to ensure that pledges are translated into concrete and targeted actions on the ground. [Source: SAMRC].

[Women, weapons, and war: A gendered critique of multilateral instruments. Acheson R. Reaching Critical Will, 2015:](#) This paper provides a gendered critique of several multilateral instruments in order to address problems with categorising women as a vulnerable group, undermining women's participation and gender diversity in disarmament, reinforcing violent masculinities, and perpetuating structures of patriarchal militarism. It offers several concrete recommendations for states and other actors to change our framing, implement existing tools holistically, and develop stronger norms, standards, and laws to advance gender diversity, disarmament, and peace. [Source: AWID].

[Sexual assault and domestic violence in the context of co-occurrence and re-victimisation: State of knowledge paper. ANROWS Landscape, Issue 13, 2015:](#) This state of knowledge paper examines the intersection between sexual assault and domestic violence, focusing on two forms of concurrent victimisation: re-victimisation (when a woman, over her lifetime, experiences both sexual assault and domestic violence) and intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV). [Source: ANROWS].

[What violence means to us: Women with disabilities speak. Inclusive Friends and Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme, 2015](#) (pdf): This research study, carried out in four conflict-affected local government areas in Plateau State of Nigeria, addresses need to protect and promote the rights of women and people with disabilities. [Source: AWID].

III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Request for proposals: SVRI and World Bank Development Marketplace on innovations to prevent GBV in low and middle income settings \(in memory of Hannah Graham\).](#) The SVRI and the World Bank Group are requesting proposals for research and interventions or related activities that will contribute to the prevention of gender-based violence in low and middle income countries. Grants of up to USD150,000, no longer than 12 months in duration may be awarded. Deadline for applications is 9th December 2015. Only applications made online at: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/> will be accepted. For more details read the SVRI WBDM Guidelines – in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) Applications will be accepted in English, French and Spanish. Visit: <http://www.svri.org/> for more information.

IV. News

[High-level Review on Women, Peace and Security: 15 years of Security Council resolution 1325, UN Women In Focus, 2015](#): Fifteen years ago, in October 2000, the United Nations Security Council adopted the historic resolution 1325 (2000), drawing attention to the differential impact of armed conflict on women, their exclusion from conflict prevention and resolution, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, and the inextricable links between gender equality and international peace and security.

[Sexual assault in intimate relationships still vastly underreported and stigmatised, research shows, ABC News, 29 October 2015](#): Women who are sexually assaulted in their intimate relationships are less likely to seek help than other domestic violence victims, new research has found.

[Women share their experiences of rejecting men's sexual advances - and how they reacted, The Independent, 26 October 2015](#): Women have been sharing stories about the abuse they have faced after rejecting sexual advances from men. The accounts have been compiled on the When Women Refuse blog.

[UNHCR concern over testimonies of abuse and sexual violence against refugee and migrant women and children on the move in Europe, UNHCR Press Release, 23 October 2015](#): UNHCR is concerned by credible testimonies it has received of abuse of refugee and migrant women and children on the move in Europe. So far this year, over 644,000 refugees and migrants have arrived in Europe by sea. Of these, some 34 per cent are women and children. In addition to the reported risks and abuse they face during the journey before arriving on Europe's shores, women and children are also confronted with numerous risks in their onward movement through Europe.

[West Papuan women left isolated and beset by violence under Indonesian rule, AWID News and Analysis, 23 October 2015](#): While the independence struggle of West Papuans slowly gains more visibility due to a courageous network of civilian journalists on the ground, it is the stories and struggles of women that are often silenced.

V. Events

[Researching gender-based violence: Methods and meaning, 15 – 19 February 2016, London, United Kingdom](#). This course by London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women. Fees payable by: 18 January 2016. Apply online. [Source: LSHTM].

[First Annual Emotion and Criminal Justice Conference, 18 February 2016, Leicester, United Kingdom](#). This conference aims to bring together a range of scholars and practitioners with a passion for debate and interest in the developing field of emotion and criminal justice. The exciting schedule draws upon national and international research and offers important additions to the debates about emotions in this sector. [Source: ANROWS].

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

VI. Vacancies

Consultancy (to support initiation of the DFID-funded project to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and adolescent girls in East and Southern Africa). / UNFPA Regional Office for East and Southern Africa / Johannesburg, South Africa / Closing date: Open until filled / For TOR, contact: Celine Mazars at mazars@unfpa.org [Source: SAMRC].

[Consultant: Scoping Study](#) / ARROW / Global / Closing date: 12 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Country Director](#) / Hagar / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 15 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Women's Protection and Empowerment Program Advisor](#) / International Rescue Committee / Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo / Closing date: 28 November 2015. [Source: IRC].

[Global Gender Specialist](#) / Banyan / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender and International Development Intern](#) / Banyan Global / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Executive Director, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice](#) / University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies / San Diego, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[JASS Intern](#) / Just Associates / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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