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

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I. Journal articles

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[Children's exposure to violence: The underlying effect of posttraumatic stress symptoms on behavior problems. Yoon S, Steigerwald S, Holmes M.R, Perzynski A.T. J. Trauma. Stress, ePub, 2016](#): The authors of this study investigated whether witnessing violence and violence victimization were associated with children's internalizing and externalizing behaviour problems. They further, examined the mediating role of posttraumatic stress (PTS) symptoms in these relationships. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Proposed pathways to problematic drinking via PTSD symptoms, emotion dysregulation, and dissociative tendencies following child/adolescent sexual abuse. Klanecky A.K, McChargue D.E, Tuliao A.P. J. Addict. Dis, ePub, 2016](#): This study examined the relationship between early sexual abuse and college problem drinking using an integration of self-medication and vulnerability-stress models. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Bad men, good men, bystanders: Who is the rapist? Messner M.A. Sage journals, \(30\)1, 57-66, 2016](#): This research provides an outline of a shifting pedigree of perspectives on rape and anti-rape activism, with a focus on how these shifts both constrained and enabled men's participation in anti-rape work. [Source: Google Scholar].

[Sexual violence in the digital age: The scope and limits of criminal law. Henry N and Powell A. Social and Legal Studies International Journal, ePub 2016:](#) Digital technologies exposes people to sexual violence in various ways. They are used as tools to perpetrate or extend the harm of a sexual assault, extend control and abuse in a domestic violence situation, or distribute sexual or intimate images of another without their consent. The authors of this paper focus on the scope and limitations of criminal legislation for responding to varied but interconnected gendered harms. [Source: Academic.edu].

[Gender-based violence in 140 characters or fewer: A #BigData case study of Twitter. Purohit, H et al. First Monday \[S.I.\], 21: 1 – 4, 2016:](#) In this study, authors examine big (social) data consisting of nearly 14 million tweets collected from Twitter over a period of 10 months to analyze public opinion regarding GBV, highlighting the nature of tweeting practices by geographical location and gender. [Source: Wright State University].

[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. J. Ethn. Cult. Divers. Soc. Work, 24\(1\): 1-17, 2015:](#) This study sought to add knowledge and information on the circumstances of sexual violence victimization and associated negative health experiences among Hispanic women. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Tip of the iceberg: Reporting and gender-based violence in developing countries. Palermo, T. Bleck, J. Peterman, A. American Journal of Epidemiology, 179 5\): 602-612, 2014:](#) This article provides bounds for underestimation of reporting of GBV to formal and informal sources conditional on having experienced GBV and characterize differences between women who report and those who do not report. [Source: Oxford journals].

[Firearm ownership and the murder of women in the United States: Evidence That the state-level firearm ownership rate is associated with the nonstranger femicide rate. Siegel M.B and Rothman E.F. Violence and Gender, ePub, 2016:](#) This study expands upon previous work by using a new and improved proxy for state-level firearm ownership and controlling for state-specific factors that could potentially confound the association between firearm ownership and homicide rates. [Source: LiebertPub].

II. Online publications and resources

[Social norms. Heise L and Manji K. GSDRC Professional Development Reading Pack no. 31, 2016:](#) This reading pack is designed to help practitioners begin to understand these distinctions and thereby capitalise on evolving theory on how to transform and measure shifts in social norms. [Source: SAMRC].

[Violence against women and girls. Fulu E. GSDRC Professional Development Reading Pack no. 32, 2016:](#) The eight readings selected for this pack illustrate core elements of the challenges in addressing this complex and deeply rooted problem, including: stronger enforcement of laws and policies to prohibit VAWG; improved access to comprehensive support for survivors; more holistic and longer term investment in prevention, including shifting discriminatory social norms and engaging men and boys; and further evidence about

what works to prevent VAWG, cost-effectiveness and how efforts can be taken to scale. [Source: SAMRC].

[Prosecuting sexual violence in conflict: A medical approach. Ferdowsian H, Mishori R and Naimer K. Angle Journal, 2016](#): This article offers a medical perspective on prosecuting sexual violence in conflict. In order to achieve this, the authors suggest that clinicians and healthcare workers need to take on a new role in providing forensic medical evidence, and working with legal advisors and law enforcement to end a culture of impunity. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

[The world's women 2015: Trends and statistics. Chapter 6: Violence against women. United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division, 2015](#): The World's Women 2015 comprises eight chapters covering critical areas of policy concern: population and families, health, education, work, power and decision-making, violence against women, environment, and poverty. In each area, a life-cycle approach is introduced to reveal the experiences of women and men during different periods of life—from childhood and the formative years, through the working and reproductive stages, to older ages. [Source: WUNRN].

[Criminalizing sexual violence against women in intimate relationships: State obligations under human rights law. Randall M and Venkatesh V. 109 AJIL Unbound 189, 2015](#): In this article, the authors argue that international law requires the criminalization of marital rape. They point to the ways in which international human rights accords; and other international instruments can assist efforts to end legal impunities for the sexual violation of women in intimate relationships. [Source: Google Scholar].

[On ending sexual violence, or civilising war. Boesten J. International Development Institute, Working Paper 2, 2015](#): This paper uses the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, held in London in June 2014, as a window into the current wave of calls for action against wartime rape. [Source: Academic.edu].

[Book: Clamor for justice – Sexual violence, armed conflict and violent land dispossession. Gutiérrez L.M and Guerra A.C. Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Acción Psicosocial, 2015 \(Pdf\)](#): This book offers the particularity of the voices, experiences and perceptions of women victims of sexual violence. Their ideas, the alliances they forge, their creative strategizing to wrest justice from legal systems that have never treated them or the crimes committed against them seriously. [Source: WUNRN].

[Adverse childhood experiences reported by adults – Five states, 2009. CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\), 59\(49\): 1609-16132010, 2010](#): This report describes the results of that analysis, which indicated that, overall, 59.4% of respondents reported having at least one ACE, and 8.7% reported five or more ACEs. [Source: Friendsnrc].

III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: Howard G. Buffett Fund for Women Journalists](#). This funding initiative enables the International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF) to dramatically expand its support for women journalists. The fund is established with a \$4 million gift from the

Howard G. Buffett Foundation to support projects including educational opportunities, investigative reporting and media development initiatives. Online applications are open from 12 January 2016 to 17 February 2016. [Source: WUNRN].

[Call for papers: Where's the evidence? Anti-trafficking review](#). This special issue call for full article and debate submissions. For the article submissions, the review seeks to critically explore the question of evidence in both the characterisation of human trafficking and in evaluating the merit of anti-trafficking work. The word count is 4,000 - 6,000 words, including footnotes, author bio and abstract. The submission for the debate invites authors to defend or reject the following proposition: 'Global trafficking prevalence data advances the fight against trafficking in persons.' The word count is 800 - 1000 words, including footnotes and author bio. Submissions close: 01 July 2016. [Source: GAATW].

[Call for papers: Kasma ISI Journal](#). Revista Kasma is a peer reviewed International Semi-annual Journal published by the self-finances independent department of Enfermedades Infecciosas y Tropicales, Maracaibo in Venezuela. The editorial main scope is to elect pioneer scientific research papers in any field which meet a high standard to promote the journal reputation and scientific reliance in international databases. Submit online. [Source: Kasma Journal].

IV. News

[26th AU Summit: Women's rights beyond promises and paper tigers, ISS Today, 27 January 2016](#): Halfway through the AU's African women's decade, the continent has yet to see the progress needed. The central question remains unchanged: what will the AU do to make good on its promises regarding women's rights?

[UAA shows 'The Hunting Ground' film for sexual violence awareness, The Northern Light, 24 January 2016](#): Recently, sexual assault has been a major concern for college campuses across the US. In response to this the UAA broadcasted the documentary-styled film which evoked emotions to many and made them aware of the sexual violence incidents that were unknown. More information about the film is available [online](#).

[Tanzania: Girls struggle to avoid forced marriage, yearn to learn, Inter Press Service News Agency, 21 January 2016](#): Maria was barely 16 when her father removed her from school to marry her off to a man 20 years older than she was just so that the family could receive eleven cows as her dowry.

[Protect women farmworkers \(many immigrants\) from sexual violence and exploitation, The New York Times Opinion Pages, 19 January 2016](#): Some 400,000 women, mostly immigrants, work in agriculture, toiling in fields, nurseries and packing plants. These jobs are low paying which exposes them to sexual violence and exploitation by the employers. It is suggested that documentation and legal employment for these women would empower them to report those who rape and harass them.

V. Events

[Webinar: #Powerinprevention - Ending child sexual abuse web conference series, 23 February 2016](#): This webinar provides an opportunity to view presentations on your computer screen and hear presenters through your telephone. It offers an opportunity to expand your ideas for meaningful collective action to end child sexual abuse. See programme highlights [online](#). [Source: PreventConnect].

[First South African national conference on violence, 15-17 August 2016, Johannesburg, South Africa](#): This conference will bring together researchers, interventionists, community agencies, and policy makers to focus on the science, community partnerships and policy formulations required for significant violence reduction and peace promotion in South Africa. Abstracts are due: 31 March 2016. [Source: What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls].

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

VI. Vacancies

[Gender Specialist](#) / Uniterra / Colombo, Sri Lanka / Closing date: 31 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Specialist](#) / Uniterra / Tacloban City, The Philippines / Closing date: 31 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Legal Fellowship](#) / Minority Rights Group International / London, UK / Closing date: 31 January 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Advisor](#) / Oxfam / Juba, South Sudan / Closing date: 01 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Fellowships](#) / Global Health Corps / Various locations in USA and Africa / Closing date: 02 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Part-time Prevention & Research Fellow \(ARISE\)](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: 02 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Campus Sexual Assault Coordinator](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: 08 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Prevention Coordinator](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: 08 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer](#) / Promundo-US / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 09 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Chief of Celade - Population Division, D1](#) / Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean -UN/ Santiago, Chile / Apply between 21 December 2015 and 18 February 2016. [Source: TalentOutReach].

[Part-time Development Assistant](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Volunteer Coordinator Program Manager](#) / Karenni Social Development Center / Nai Soi, Thailand / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Advisor](#) / WUSC / Jamaica / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Part-time Development Assistant](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer](#) / ESCR-Net / New York, USA / Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Technical Advisor, Women's Protection & Empowerment](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled, [Source: IRC].

[SGBV Technical Advisor](#) / IMA World Health / Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IMA World Health]

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

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