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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.

[The health-systems response to violence against women. García-Moreno C, Hegarty K, Flavia A et al. *The Lancet*, 385 \(9977\): 1567–1579, 2015](#): In this Series paper, the authors review the evidence for clinical interventions and discuss components of a comprehensive health-system approach that helps health-care providers to identify and support women subjected to intimate partner or sexual violence. [Source: WUNRN].

[Resolving negative affect and restoring meaning: Responses to deflection produced by unwanted sexual experiences. Boyle K.M and McKinzie A.E. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, ePub, 2015](#): This study examines the affective, cognitive, and identity processes involved in how women make sense of their unwanted sexual experiences. [Source: University of Georgia].

[Social psychological processes that facilitate sexual assault within the fraternity party subculture. Boyle K.M. *Sociology Compass*, 9\(5\): 386–399, 2015](#): This essay takes a social

psychological approach to connect individual-level attitudes, (sub)culture, and behaviour to explain the heightened prevalence of sexual victimization within the fraternity party subculture. [Source: University of Georgia].

[Knowledge and attitude towards rape and child sexual abuse - a community-based cross-sectional study in Rural Tanzania. Abeid M, Muganyizi P, Massawe S, Mpembeni R, Darj E, Axemo P. BMC Public Health, 15: e428, 2015](#): This article community knowledge of and attitudes towards rape and child sexual abuse, and assess associations between knowledge and attitudes and socio-demographic characteristics. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A national survey of child advocacy centre directors regarding knowledge of assessment, treatment referral, and training needs in physical and sexual abuse. Wherry J.N, Huey C.C, Medford E.A. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 24: 280-299, 2015](#): This article surveys child advocacy centre directors about trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder; referral criteria for treatment of abuse victims; evidence-based treatments for abused children; reliable, valid, and normed measures helpful in assessment; and training needs. [Source: SafetyLit].

Commercial sexual exploitation of children and state child welfare systems. Bounds D, Julion W.A, Delaney K.R. Policy Polit. Nurs. Pract, ePub, 2015: This article delineates the protection, practice, and policy implications that evolve when CSEC falls under a state child welfare system. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Mediators of sexual revictimisation risk in adult sexual assault victims. Ullman S.E, Vasquez A.L. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 24: 300-314, 2015](#): This article examines sexual risk behaviours and sexual refusal assertiveness in relationship to child sexual abuse, emotion dysregulation, and adult sexual revictimisation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Pathways to help: Adolescent sexual assault victims' disclosure and help-seeking experiences. Campbell R, Greeson M.R, Fehler-Cabral G, Kennedy AC. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015](#): This article describes experiences of adolescent sexual assault victims who sought postassault help from the medical and legal system to understand young survivors' disclosure and help-seeking processes. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A critical discourse analysis of provincial policies impacting shelter service delivery to women exposed to violence. Burnett C, Ford-Gilboe M, Berman H, Ward-Griffin C, Wathen N. Policy Polit. Nurs. Pract, ePub, 2015](#): This article illuminates the complexity of the Ontario system and its impact on women, shelters, and the community and highlight how specific types of social policies and various social system subsystems and structures, and system configuration, shape the day to day reality of shelter service delivery and impact outcomes for abused women and their children. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual abuse, attachments in childhood and adulthood, and coercive sexual behaviours in community males: Main effects and a moderating function for attachment. Langton CM, Murad Z, Humbert B. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines associations between self-reported coercive sexual behaviour against adult females, childhood

sexual abuse (CSA), and child-parent attachment styles, as well as attachment with adult romantic partners, were examined among adult community males. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Connections between online harassment and offline violence among youth in Central Thailand. Ojanen TT, Boonmongkon P, Samakkeekarom R, Samoh N, Cholratana M, Guadamuz T.E. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015](#): Increasing evidence indicates that face-to-face (offline) youth violence and online harassment are closely interlinked, but evidence from Asian countries remains limited. This article assesses the associations between offline violence and online harassment among youth in Central Thailand. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Precursors to rape: Pressuring behaviours and rape proclivity. Strain M.L, Hockett J.M, Saucier D.A. Violence Vict, 30: 322-341, 2015](#): In this study, the authors develop a measure assessing personal and normative attitudes toward two types of behaviours that are symptomatic of rape culture. [Source: SafetyLit].

II. Online publications and resources

[Resposta Multisectorial à Violência Baseada No Género em Moçambique. Pathfinder, 2015](#): This Portuguese translation of a Pathfinder technical brief explores implementation of a multisectoral approach to GBV prevention and response across two projects in Mozambique, and outlines key lessons learned and next steps. Available in multiple languages. [Source: Pathfinder].

[Trauma among girls in the juvenile justice system. National Institute of Corrections, 2015](#): This review suggests that trauma-informed and gender-responsive programming and intervention models are needed in order to address girls' needs and to prevent retraumatization of girls in the juvenile justice system. [Source: National Institute of Corrections].

[Status of women in the States. IWPR, 2015](#). This third release in IWPR's series analyses data related to women's health and safety, including health behaviours, mortality from chronic disease, access to reproductive health care, and exposure to violence. [Source: Institute for Women's Policy Research].

[Guidelines for producing statistics on violence against women: Statistical Surveys. United Nations, 2014](#) (pdf): These Guidelines respond to the need to provide methodological advice regarding selection of topics, sources of data, relevant statistical classifications, outputs, wording of questions and all other issues relevant for national statistical offices to conduct statistical surveys on violence against women. [Source: AWID].

[Catalyzing personal and social change around gender, sexuality, and HIV: Impact evaluation of puntos de encuentro's communication strategy in Nicaragua. Puntos de Encuentro, CIDS/UNAN León and Path Horizons Program, 2008](#) (pdf): This report presents the results of the SDSI impact study, an inter-institutional evaluation exploring the intervention's impact on a representative group of young people, on collective processes, and on the local environment. [Source: Puntos de Encuentro].

III. Websites

[Girls Not Brides Resource Centre](#): This resource centre contains valuable tools, resources and materials to support your work on child marriage.

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Internship opportunity: ICRH research internship programme](#). ICRH offers research internship opportunities to postgraduates considering a career in reproductive health research. The program aims at exposing junior researchers to the various aspects of research with a focus on themes such as sexually transmitted infections, maternal and child health, sexual violence and family planning. Applications close: 15 June 2015. [Source: ICRH].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Women's World Summit Foundation call to action and prevention kit](#): The Women's World Summit Foundation is happy to share the 2015 call to action and prevention kit. Register online to participate in the 19 Days campaign and to share your activities to prevent and end violence against children and youth - an idea whose time has come. The WWSF Children-Youth Section will accompany you during this year's campaign activities and provides you with the **2015 Kit** revised information and ideas for Action. The main theme for this year is "prevention of bullying". The world is waiting for your contribution to transform our often violent culture into a culture of non-violence and peace. [Source: WWSF].

I. News

[Colombia: Help for victims of sexual violence, International Committee of the Red Cross, 13 May 2015](#): In Medellin, Colombia, cases of sexual violence against women are common and this situation is exacerbated by the presence of armed groups in neighbourhoods.

[Experts launch 'Code Blue,' demand end to UN immunity for peacekeeper sex abuse, Aids Free World, 13 May 2015](#): Speaking just steps from UN headquarters today, celebrated experts Ms. Graça Machel, Lt. Gen. Roméo Dallaire, Ms. Theo Sowa, and Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury joined international advocacy organization AIDS-Free World to launch Code Blue, a campaign to end immunity for sexual exploitation and abuse by UN peacekeepers.

[Help at last for Sri Lanka war widows, IRIN News, 13 May 2015](#): Almost six years after Sri Lanka's bloody civil conflict came to an end, an underreported legacy of the fighting is finally being acknowledged: the extraordinarily high number of war widows struggling to make ends meet.

[Despite DNA, the rapist got away, The New York Times, 8 May 2015](#): Natasha, 14, had just gotten off the school bus after ninth-grade basketball practice one evening and was walking home on a quiet street beside a creek. When she heard footsteps behind her, she thought it was one of her classmates.

[New research shows need to challenge violence supportive attitudes among youth, Our Watch, 8 May 2015:](#) One in four young men believe that controlling and violent behaviours are signs of male strength. One third of these are categorised as being on the trajectory towards potential perpetration of violence against women and girls, the remainder are comfortable with coercive and disrespectful behaviour.

VII. Events

[Course: Inspiring Community Activism, 13-16 July 2015 in Kampala, Uganda.](#) In this Raising Voices course, participants will learn how to strengthen their work with female and male community members of all ages—inspiring and supporting them to lead their own process of change. The course comes with Technical Assistance to support participants to integrate what is learned into the organization’s current programming. Applications for this course will be accepted from May 7 -25, 2015. For more information please email: learningcenter@raisingvoices.org. [Source: Raising Voices].

[7th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights, 8 – 12 February 2016, Accra, Ghana.](#) The conference is part of a long-term process of building and fostering regional dialogue on sexual and reproductive health and rights that leads to concrete actions and enhance stakeholders' ability to influence policy and programming in favour of a sexually- healthy continent. The theme of the conference is "Realizing demographic dividend in Africa: The critical importance of adolescents and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights." Abstract submission closes: 1 August 2015. [Source: AFSHR].

[13th AWID International Forum on Women’s Rights and Development, 5 – 8 May, Salvador, Brazil.](#) The 2016 AWID Forum is a space for progressive feminist voices and our allies to imagine futures free from gendered oppressions, racial, ethnic, and economic injustice, environmental degradation, and war and violence, to renew solidarities and advance concrete joint action agendas. It is a space for all who believe in the values of dignity, rights and justice for people and the planet to join in a creative disruption of the dominance and oppression that has sought to silence alternatives. Session proposals close: 26 June 2015. [Source: WUNRN].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Director of Programmes](#) / The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault / Denver, USA / Closing date: May 25, 2015. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Director, Reproductive Health and Research, including HRP](#) / World Health Organization / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: June 6, 2015. [Source: IBP Initiative].

[Lecturers in Gender Violence \(2 vacancies\)](#) / London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine / London, UK / Closing date: June 7, 2015.

[Prevention Coordinator/Engaging Men and Boys](#) / Texas Council on Family Violence / Austin, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Program Officer for Women Peace Makers](#) / Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies / San Diego, California / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Job Newsletter].

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

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