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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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[**A systematic review of childhood maltreatment assessments in population-representative surveys since 1990. Hovdestad W, Campeau A, Potter D, Tonmyr L. PLOS ONE, DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0123366, 2015:**](#) This article aims to inform researchers of the existence and nature of population-representative surveys relevant to understanding links between childhood maltreatment and health; to evaluate the assessment of childhood maltreatment in this body of work. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

[**Sexual assault perpetrators' justifications for their actions: Relationships to rape supportive attitudes, incident characteristics, and future perpetration. Wegner R, Abbey A, Pierce J, Pegram S.E, Woerner J. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015:**](#) This article examines the relationships between rape supportive attitudes, sexual assault incident characteristics, and the post-assault justifications of 183 men sampled from the community who self-reported committing at least one act of sexual aggression. [SafetyLit].

[Bystander action in situations of dating and sexual aggression: A mixed methodological study of high school youth. Edwards K.M, Rodenhizer-Stämpfli K.A, Eckstein R.P. J. Youth Adolesc, ePub, 2015:](#) This study examines bystander action in situations of dating and sexual aggression using a mixed methodological design. [SafetyLit].

[Childhood physical and sexual abuse history and leukocyte telomere length among women in middle adulthood. Mason S.M, Prescott J, Tworoger S.S, DeVivo I, Rich-Edwards J.W. PLoS One, 10\(6\): e0124493, 2015:](#) This article explores the association between childhood abuse victimization and leukocyte telomere length among 1,135 participants in the Nurses' Health Study II (NHSII). [SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual abuse by representatives of the Roman Catholic Church: A prevalence estimate among the Dutch population. Langeland W, Hoogendoorn A.W, Mager D, Smit J.H, Draijer N. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015:](#) This article finds that although sexual abuse of minors by representatives of the RCC was a structural problem during a period that the Church was highly influential in the Netherlands, the estimated prevalence of the phenomenon is only a fraction of the prevalence rate of non-familial CSA. [SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual violence and consistent, effective contraception use among young, sexually active urban women. Nelson D.B, Lepore S.J, Mastrogiannis D.S. Behav. Sci. \(Basel\), 5\(2\): 230-246, 2015:](#) This article describes the role of childhood sexual and physical violence and current interpersonal violence on the risk of unintended pregnancy among young, urban, sexually active women. [SafetyLit].

[A qualitative analysis of factors influencing middle school students' use of skills taught by a violence prevention curriculum. Farrell A.D, Mehari K.R, Kramer-Kuhn A.M, Mays S.A, Sullivan T.N. J. School Psychol, 53\(3\): 179-194, 2015:](#) This article investigates factors that influenced the use of skills taught in a school-based universal violence prevention program. [SafetyLit].

[Children who are exposed to intimate partner violence: Interviewing mothers to understand its impact on children. Izaguirre A, Calvete E. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015:](#) This research assesses the impact of intimate partner violence on children's emotional and behavioural problems through their mothers' narratives. [SafetyLit].

II. Online publications and resources

[Good School Toolkit. Raising Voices, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Makerere University:](#) This Toolkit is a methodology created to help educators and students explore what makes a healthy, vibrant, and positive school and guide them through a process to create their vision. It deliberately focuses on ideas and activities that do not require dedicated financial resources—just commitment and perseverance to create something extraordinary. [Source: LSHTM].

[Sexual health, human rights and the law. World Health Organization, 2015:](#) Drawing from a review of public health evidence and extensive research into human rights law at

international, regional and national levels, the report shows how states in different parts of the world can and do support sexual health through legal and other mechanisms that are consistent with human rights standards and their own human rights obligations. [Source: 60percent].

[What is child welfare? A guide for disaster preparedness and response professionals. Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2015](#): In preparing and responding to the safety and well-being of children and families during all phases of disaster, child welfare and disaster preparedness and response (DPR) professionals work most effectively in partnership. This guide provides an overview of child welfare, describes how DPR and child welfare professionals can support one another's efforts, and lists resources for more information. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway].

[Understanding the effects of maltreatment on brain development. Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2015](#): This issue brief provides basic information on brain development and the effects of abuse and neglect on that development. The information is designed to help professionals understand the emotional, mental, and behavioural impact of early abuse and neglect in children who come to the attention of the child welfare system. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway].

III. Websites and projects

[Early childhood development - HEART topic guides](#): This topic guide focuses on early childhood development (ECD), which has become a priority for research, policy and programming, at national and global level, with increasing recognition of the interconnections between a nation's development goals and the quality of services for all young girls and boys, and their families. [Source: Gain].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: New pathways for fathers and families](#). The Department of Health and Human Services is announcing its intent to competitively award demonstration projects that support activities promoting responsible fatherhood as enacted by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-291). This initiative is designed to help fathers establish or strengthen positive parental interaction by providing activities that develop and improve relationship, communication and parenting skills, and contribute to the financial well-being of their children by providing job training and other employment services. Applications close: 7 July 2015. [Source: Friendsnrc].

V. News

[Congolese troops must be disarmed if rapes are to stop, says Denis Mukwege, The Guardian, 17 June 2015](#): Dr Denis Mukwege said soldiers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) should be stripped of their weapons and replaced by new recruits who have never committed sexual violence or fought for a violent militia.

[Why the most important man in a girl's life is her father, Huffington Post, 16 June 2015:](#)

Research from around the world is piling up to show that fathers matter. It's proven that when men are engaged in prenatal visits, it's more likely that mothers will deliver their children with a skilled birth attendant, survive childbirth, seek better care after the babies are born, and breastfeed.

[Older persons are still subjected to abuse and violence on a daily basis, UN rights experts warns, UN News Centre, 12 June 2015:](#)

Older persons have rights and must be able to live free from abuse and violence and with dignity and respect, a group of United Nations human rights experts said today, speaking ahead of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which will be marked on Monday 15 June.

[It felt like love \(but it was coercive control\), Huffington Post, The Blog, 10 June 2015:](#)

Coercive control is a strategy some people use to dominate their intimate partners and get their way. It usually includes some combination of isolation, degradation, micromanagement, manipulation, stalking, physical abuse, sexual coercion, threats, and punishment.

[Domestic violence more severe against women with disabilities, research shows, The Guardian, 10 June 2015:](#)

Tackling domestic violence may have finally found its place on the national agenda, but disability advocates say the discussion has so far “obscured” and “excluded” the experience of victims living with a disability.

[Witness: Regretting marrying off a young daughter – Ali's story, Human Rights Watch, 9 June 2015:](#)

Ali Ahmad and his wife, Noorjann, are illiterate: “We can barely sign our names.” But they believe in the power of education – Ali works long hours as a rickshaw driver while his wife labours at home, and they spend a week's wages each month to send their two younger daughters to school.

VI. Events

[Academy on Violence and Abuse: 2015 Global Scientific Summit, 5 – 7 November 2015, Jacksonville, USA.](#)

This meeting provides a forum to better understand how clinicians, educators, researchers and advocates are addressing the complex challenges of addressing violence and abuse within the health care setting, and across the lifespan. The paper submission deadline is 1 July 2015. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

[13th AWID International Forum on Women's Rights and Development, 5 - 8 May 2016, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.](#)

Contribute to the 2016 Forum by submitting a proposal to organise a session. This invitation is for those who believe in futures free from gendered oppressions, the realization of full rights for people and planet, and self-determination from the body to the nation! Proposal submission closes: 26 June 2015. [Source: AWID].

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

VII. Vacancies

[Short-term Trainer and Consultant in Project Development](#) / medica mondiale / Liberia / Closing date: 21 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Chief Executive Officer](#) / Womankind Worldwide / United Kingdom / Closing date: 21 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Capacity Building Officer Consultancy](#) / The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) / Kenya / Closing date: 26 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project Coordinator/Faculty Research Assistant](#) (part time) / Oregon State University / USA / Closing date: 30 June 2015. [Source: Oregon State University].

[Project Coordinator, Gender and Security Programme – Africa](#) / DCAF / Switzerland with frequent travel to Africa / Closing date: 30 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[AWID Website Coordinator](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 5 July 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Start-up Volunteer \(Gender Mainstreaming\)](#) / Myanmar / CUSO International / Closing date: 6 July 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programs Administration Manager](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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

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