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This SVRI Update contains a variety of sexual violence related research and resources. If you would like to have your sexual violence related resources included in the Update, please send your materials to svri@mrc.ac.za. For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit www.svri.org. Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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I. SVRI member request: Child protection in emergencies learning needs assessment

All over the world, children are facing the devastating effects of war, natural disasters and massive disease outbreaks. But they are not alone. Thousands of aid workers, human rights defenders, child protection specialists and others are in the field with them, by their side. Fighting for their rights. Many more are working around the world to advocate for them, to ensure their voices are heard at the highest levels. Others are building the training, education and standards so vital to support the sector. There is so much more to be done to help those children - and the people who defend their rights daily. You can help. The Child Protection Working Group is requesting 8 to 10 minutes of your time to complete this survey. The survey is available

in **English:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cpwgsvri0415> and **French:** https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRENCH_SVRI. Surveys are requested to be completed by 24 April 2015.

[Source: Linksbridge SPC].

II. 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, 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: 60percent].

[Understanding disparities in service seeking following forcible versus drug- or alcohol facilitated/incapacitated rape. Walsh K, Zinzow H.M, Badour C.L, Ruggiero K.J, Kilpatrick D.G, Resnick H.S. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This article examines explanatory mechanisms in the pathway from rape type (FR vs. DAFR/IR) to disparities in post-rape service seeking (medical, rape crisis, criminal justice). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape-related cognitive distortions: Preliminary findings on the role of early maladaptive schemas. Sigre-Leirós V, Carvalho J, Nobre P.J. Int. J. Law Psychiatry, ePub, 2015:](#) This article investigates a potential relationship between Early Maladaptive Schemas (EMSs) and cognitive distortions in rapists. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Factors contributing to sexual violence at selected schools for learners with mild intellectual disability in South Africa. Nyokangi D, Phasha N. J. Appl. Res. Intellect. Disabil, ePub, 2015:](#) This paper reports part of the findings of a study which exposed sexual violence in schools for learners with mild intellectual disability in South Africa. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual risk behavior, sexual violence, and HIV in persons with severe mental illness in Uganda: Hospital-based cross-sectional study and national comparison data. Lundberg P, Nakasujja N, Musisi S, Thorson A.E, Cantor-Graae E, Allebeck P. Am. J. Public Health, ePub, 2015:](#) This article investigates prevalence of past-year sexual risk behavior and sexual violence exposure in persons with severe mental illness (SMI) in Uganda, and compared results to general population estimates. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Police officers' perceptions of interviews in cases of sexual offences and murder involving children and adult victims. Oxburgh G, Ost J, Morris P, Cherryman J. Police Pract. Res, 16\(1\): 36-50, 2015:](#) This paper examines 90 UK police officers' perceptions of characteristics of interviews with suspects of rape and murder involving child and adult victims. [Source: SafetyLit].

[School-based education programmes for the prevention of child sexual abuse. Walsh K, Zwi K, Woolfenden S, Shlonsky A. Cochrane Database Syst. Rev, 4: CD004380, 2015:](#) This article systematically assesses evidence of the effectiveness of school-based education programmes for the prevention of child sexual abuse. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual violence experienced in the sport context by a representative sample of Quebec adolescents. Parent S, Lavoie F, Thibodeau M.È, Hébert M, Blais M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This is the first study to report the prevalence of sexual violence perpetrated by

a sport coach within a representative sample of the general population of adolescents aged between 14 and 17 years. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The association of military and premilitary sexual trauma with risk for suicide ideation, plans, and attempts. Bryan C.J, Bryan A.O, Clemans T.A. Psychiatry Res, ePub, 2015:](#) The current study investigates the association of military sexual trauma with suicide risk among 464 U.S. military personnel and veterans enrolled in college classes. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Understanding the relationships among white and African American women's sexual objectification experiences, physical safety anxiety, and psychological distress. Watson L.B, Marszalek J.M, Dispenza F, Davids C.M. Sex Roles, 72\(3-4\): 91-104, 2015:](#) This article explores the relationships among sexual objectification experiences, physical safety concerns (i.e., perceived risk of crime, fear of crime, and fear of rape), and overall psychological distress. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Adolescent girls and young women: Key populations for HIV epidemic control. Dellar R.C, Dlamini S, Karim Q.A. Journal of the International AIDS Society, 18\(Suppl 1\):19408, 2015:](#) The objective of this review is to provide an overview of the state-of-the-science of HIV prevention in young women and adolescent girls to inform policy and research direction. [Source: 60percent].

[Delivering integrative restoration-yoga nidra meditation \(iRest®\) to women with sexual trauma at a veteran's medical center: A pilot study. Pence PG, Katz LS, Huffman C, Cojucar G. Int. J. Yoga Therap, 24: 53-62, 2014:](#) This pilot study examines iRest, a form of guided mindfulness meditation, and its ability to reduce symptoms associated with sexual trauma, including military sexual trauma (MST), in a sample of women seeking psychotherapy services at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Review of the evidence on knowledge translation and exchange in the violence against women field: State of knowledge. ANROWS Landscapes Series, 2015:](#) This paper addresses work covered in ANROWS research project 5.1 "State of knowledge on knowledge translation and exchange within the violence against women field" by the Parenting Research Centre. An ANROWS Compass paper is also available as part of this project. [Source: ANROWS].

[Sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality. European Parliament, 2014](#) (pdf): The objective of this briefing paper is to provide background information drawn from the international literature on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality in relation to the report of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee. [Source: WUNRN].

[Representation of children in child abuse and neglect proceedings. Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2014:](#) This publication examines US State laws that specify when a State court must provide legal representation for a child involved in child abuse and neglect

proceedings and whether that representative must be an attorney, guardian ad litem, or a court-appointed special advocate. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Call for papers: Sexual violence against men and boys in conflict - Reflections from theorists, practitioners and activists. Editors: Marysia Zalewski, Paula Drumond, Elisabeth Prügl and Maria Stern. This collection will cover a number of issues and approaches (empirical, conceptual, theoretical and critical) and we are currently looking to complete the wide range of chapters. The editors are interested in hearing about any potential contributions (of around 6000 words), though of particular interest are contributions on - 'Visual Imagery', 'Popular Culture', 'Masculinity and Human Nature', 'Biology and Sexual Violence', 'Critical Historical Overview of Sexual Violence against Men and Boys' and 'Critical Policy and Legal Approaches'. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Marysia Zalewski at m.zalewski@abdn.ac.uk and Paula Drumond at: paula.drumond@graduateinstitute.ch. Submissions are due 4 May 2015. [Source: The Graduate Institute Geneva].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Call for blogs: How are young feminists from around the world raising awareness about gender-based violence?](#) Feminist activists have been using the months of April and May to raise awareness about sexual assault. Young Feminist Activism (YFA) would like to hear how young feminists from around the world work to raise awareness about the various ways in which gender-based violence affects young women, trans and gender non-conforming youth in offline and online spaces as well as at the intersections of real-world and web-based realities. Submissions close: 1 May 2015. [Source: AWID].

VI. News

[Fear of deportation may be keeping Latino victims of domestic violence, sexual assault from seeking help, Huffington Post, 21 April 2015:](#) A new study of the Latino community's views on domestic violence and sexual assault found that, as in surveys of the population as a whole, many believe Latino victims don't come forward because they fear losing their children or facing more violence.

[From slavery to self reliance: A story of Dalit women in South India, Inter Press Service News Agency, 21 April 2015:](#) Huligeamma, a Dalit woman in her mid-forties, bends over a sewing machine, carefully running the needle over the hem of a shirt. Sitting nearby is Roopa, her 22-year-old daughter, who reads an amusing message on her cell phone and laughs heartily.

[The Med: One final danger in a migrant's odyssey, IRIN News, 20 April 2015:](#) Before reaching the coast of Libya, where the majority of boats depart, many have endured kidnappings, detention, rape and torture along the way.

[Pupil pregnancies: Why we should care, The Mercury, 20 April 2015](#): Most people care about education and childbearing because both affect the wellbeing and prospects of women. Economists, policymakers and politicians care because education and childbearing shape economic development and population growth, and these are key focus areas in South Africa's Vision 2030 National Development Plan.

[1 in 3 teen boys sexually assaulted tries suicide, study finds, MedlinePlus, 17 April 2015](#): Teen boys who have been a victim of sexual assault are likelier to attempt suicide, a new study says. University at Buffalo researchers analysed data from more than 31,000 American teens, aged 14 to 18, who took part in surveys in 2009 and 2011.

[Sexual violence in conflict “the contemporary moral issue” says United Nations, Inter Press Service News Agency, 17 April 2015](#): Impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in war must end, said Zainab Hawa Bangura, the Special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on sexual violence in conflict, who presented to the U.N. Security Council the Secretary-General's 2015 report on the issue on April 15.

VII. Events

[Webinar: From foundations to the future - A prevention approach to sexual and domestic violence, 7 May 2015](#): Join Prevention Institute's Annie Lyles along with special guests for this introductory web conference reviewing the fundamentals of a public health approach to preventing violence. This web conference will also focus on five norms that make sexual and domestic violence more likely to occur and share strategies to effectively shift norms and prevent violence. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Symposium: Gender violence, poverty and young people, 12 May 2015, London, United Kingdom](#). This one day symposium will appeal to academics, practitioners and policymakers across disciplines and sectors whose work has a concern with gender, violence and young people in the Global South. It will share contemporary research and address key questions about the effects of violence on young subjectivities, the role of institutions in constraining or expanding opportunities to counter violence, and the research approaches and agendas needed to support and strengthen post 2015 interventions in policy and practice. A number of the presenters will be building on their chapters for the new book *Gender Violence in Poverty Contexts: The Educational Challenge* (ed. Parkes). [Source: UCL Institute of Education].

[Training course: 2015 Sexuality Leadership Development, 12 – 25 July 2015, Lagos, Nigeria](#). This fellowship addresses contemporary sexuality issues and emerging best practice in policy and programming for sexual well-being in Africa. The curriculum focuses on sexuality, sexual health and rights, sexual diversity, pleasure, HIV/AIDS and vulnerabilities, gender and violence against women. Submissions close: 29 May 2015. [Source: Africa Sexuality Resource Centre].

[5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators, 2 – 4 September 2015, Cape Town, South Africa](#). This conference will bring together researchers, practitioners,

policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions. Register online. [Source: HST Bulletin].

VIII. Vacancies

[Director, Family, Gender and Life Course \(FGL\)](#) / PAHO/WHO / Washington D.C., USA / Closing date: May 8, 2015. [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[Senior Research Officer \(Project Management\)](#) / ANROWS / Sydney, Australia / Closing date: May 7, 2015. [Source: ANROWS].

[Executive Assistant](#) (part-time 30.4 hours per week or 0.8FTE) / ANROWS / Sydney, Australia / Closing date: May 7, 2015. [Source: ANROWS].

[Volunteer Translators](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault / Global / Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Coordinator, Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Sexual Violence-Adolescent Girls' Legal Defense Fund Program Manager](#) / Equality Now / USA / Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Women's Human Rights Campaigner](#) / Amnesty International / USA / Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[PR & Social Media Coordinator](#) / Global Fund for Women / USA / Closing Date: Open until filled.

[Adolescent Girls Empowerment Specialist](#) / International Rescue Committee / Sierra Leone / Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to promote research on sexual violence and generate empirical data to ensure sexual violence is recognized as a priority public health problem. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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