Dear SVRI List Members

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 members’ requests

1) Survey request: Home - The Child Recovery and Reintegration Network

The Child Recovery and Reintegration Network’s Home project has concluded, however Family for Every Child, Retrak, and the International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking, University of Bedfordshire have partnered to promote and facilitate learning on Recovery and Reintegration approaches that improve outcomes for children and adolescents affected by child sexual exploitation.

In order to build on the successes of the Home project they are asking for your input. The team has partnered with Office/Bureau to administer a brief survey about your experiences on the childrecovery.info website. Your contributions will help to launch a new global learning network that better meets the needs of the practitioners and policymakers working on Recovery and Reintegration from Child Sexual Exploitation.
To begin the survey, please visit: https://officebureau.typeform.com/to/gyjWLH. All questions are optional and your responses are anonymous and will not be shared with any third parties. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. [Source: Family for Every Child, Retrak, and the International Centre].

2) Request for participation: MenEngage Alliance

White Ribbon is participating in a project led by St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, Ont., Canada to improve its ability to reach out to ordinary men and learn about their experiences, and they need your help to learn how to do that! If you identify as male and are 18 or older with a valid email address, please consider helping!

- What do I need to do? There are several ways you can participate in this project, from answering a single question to helping us make sense of what we learn. It can all be done online, and you can chose how much – or how little – you do!
- Will you know who I am? The only contact information we need from you is a working email address, and that is just so that we can send you the link to the website and send you a small token of our appreciation. Your answers and opinions will be kept separate from your email address, and we will never ask you for a name or other identifying information.
- Will I receive anything for my time? In exchange for your time, we will send you a small token of our appreciation in the form of a gift card (between $5 and $20, depending on your level of involvement).
- What is the timeline? The first phase of the project will run from June 26th – July 11th. The second phase will happen in August, and finally, participants in Toronto, Ont. and Tacoma, Wash. will also have the opportunity to participate in a third, in-person session that will be held in September.
- Who is doing this? We are a team of researchers and community activists representing several organizations across Canada and the U.S., including St. Michael’s Hospital, the University of Toronto, and the White Ribbon Campaign in Toronto, Ont.

For more information about this project or to participate, please send an email to Aysha Butt at butta@smh.ca or Alisa Velonis at velonisa@smh.ca. [Source: MenEngage].

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.

Latin American and Caribbean countries’ baseline clinical and policy guidelines for responding to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women. Stewart D.E, Aviles R, Guedes A et al. BMC Public Health, 15:665, 2015: This project was undertaken to determine the 2013 baseline national policies and clinical guidelines on intimate partner violence and sexual violence within the Latin American and Caribbean region to identify strengths and gaps requiring action. [Source: PAHO/WHO].
This article estimates the health and economic benefits of reducing the prevalence of intimate partner violence in the 2008 Australian female adult population. [Source: ANROWS].

Mechanisms underpinning interventions to reduce sexual violence in armed conflict: A realist-informed systematic review. Spangaro J, Adogu C, Zwi A.B et al. Conflict and Health, 9:19, 2015: This study employs a realist review of the literature on interventions with the aim of identifying the mechanisms at work across the range of types of intervention. [Source: ANROWS].

Ordered rape: A principal-agent analysis of wartime sexual violence in the DR Congo. Schneider G, Banholzer L, Albarracin L. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015: Policy makers and academics often contend that organisational anarchy permits soldiers to perpetrate sexual violence. This article challenges this argument and maintain, based on a principal-agent framework, that opportunistic military commanders can order their soldiers to rape through the use of sanctions and rewards. [Source: SafetyLit].


The link between ADHD and the risk of sexual victimization among college women: Expanding the lifestyles/routine activities framework. Snyder J.A. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015: This article examines attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as a potential risk factor in the prediction of sexual victimization among college women and as an extension of the lifestyles/routine activities framework. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

**Intimate partner violence and women with disabilities. Ellis M. Southern Illinois University Carbondale OpenSIUC, Research Papers, Spring 3-25-2015:** This paper serves as an investigation into ways of helping improve the quality of life in women with disabilities who experience intimate partner violence. [Source: ANROWS].

**Fearless: Standing with women and girls to end violence. ActionAid, 2015:** This report shines a light on the enduring global outrage of violence against women and children, which persists in spite of numerous global human rights commitments and growing political attention to its elimination. [Source: AWID].

**Lessons learned from selected national initiatives to end child marriage. Girls Not Brides, 2015 (pdf):** While it is still too early to tell the impact of national initiatives, there are some common themes emerging. It is hoped that the lessons learned and practical examples captured in this report will be useful to a range of actors working to develop, strengthen and implement national strategies and initiatives to address child marriage, and will prompt further discussion in this area. [Source: WUNRN].

**Surviving the streets of New York: Experiences of LGBTQ youth, YMSM, and YWSW engaged in survival sex. Urban Institute, 2015 (pdf):** This report aims to describe and quantify these youths’ experiences and characteristics to gain a better understanding of their engagement in survival sex and how the support networks and systems in their lives have both helped them and let them down. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

**Funding opportunity: Sustainability support through ASCENT.** Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) is proud to be part of the ASCENT Consortium, funded by London Councils, working to end violence against women and girls (VAWG) in London. As part of this work AVA is able to offer one to one support to a small number of organisations each year. You need to be a VAWG organisation based in London not previously provided support to under the ASCENT programme. Applications close: 10 August 2015. For more information, contact: info@avaproject.org.uk. [Source: AVA].

V. Websites

**Female genital mutilation legal guidance:** This Legal Guidance is prepared by the Crown Prosecution Service. It provides guidance to prosecutors and paralegal staff in relation to many criminal offences and procedural issues. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

**16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign:** “From peace in the home to peace in the world” 2014 analytical summary. Center for Women’s Global Leadership,
In 2014, the Center for Women’s Global Leadership tracked the participation of 739 organizations in a total of 93 countries across the globe. [Source: WUNRN].

VII. News

Croatia's wartime rape law raises hope and doubt, Women's eNews, 23 July 2015: A long-overdue law guaranteeing reparations for wartime rape that passed on May 29 is cause for celebration. But the challenges in drafting and passing it could portend difficulty in widespread implementation, set to begin this fall.

Smuggled migrants 'subjected to sexual violence', Sky News, 23 July 2015: Ermias Ghermay and his gangs are responsible for smuggling thousands of people across the Sahara to the Libyan coast. There they dispatch them to Europe on rickety boats, having extorted thousands of dollars from them along the way. Here are three accounts from a Sicilian prosecutor's report of what it is like to fall into the group's grip.

Nobel prize winners demand better health care for victims of sexual violence in Colombia, Fox News Latino, 22 July 2015: Six Nobel Prize winners, led by America's Jody Williams, wrote a letter supporting the action being taken by five organizations demanding that victims of sexual violence in Colombia be guaranteed access to the health care they need, the NGO Women's Link Worldwide said Tuesday.

Surely it's too late for outrage when a child is dead? Daily Maverick, 16 July 2015: Why are we expressing outrage so late, when children have died? Should we not be expressing outrage when members of our society use physical force, at any time and in any place, to control the behaviour of their children?

Cybercrime: protecting children from online abuse and exploitation, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 9 July 2015: Fast-paced technological innovation and widespread accessibility of information and communication technology (ICT) have transformed societies around the world.

VIII. Events

Webinar: Special enrollment period for survivors - How the Affordable Care Act can help patients experiencing domestic and interpersonal violence, 28 July 2015. Join this free webinar to hear key steps and strategies for how to help clients enroll in healthcare and understand the domestic violence provisions in the Affordable Care Act. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

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

IX. Vacancies


Senior Research Officer (Diversity Data) / ANROWS / Sydney, Australia / Closing date: 30 July 2015. [Source: ANROWS].

Junior Professional Officer (JPO) - ICT for Development Officer / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: 2 August 2015. [Source: EmpowerWomen.org Newsletter].

AWID Women Human Rights Defenders – Program Coordinator / AWID / Global / Closing date: 2 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Policy Officer / Equinet / Brussles, Belgium / Closing date: 2 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Manager, Programme Development & Delivery / Girl Hub / London, UK with 20% travel / Closing date: 12 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Coordinator / Elevate Children Funders Group / Location negotiable / Closing date: 19 August 2015. [Source: Elevate Children Funders Group].
mailto:ariel.carroll@elevatechildren.org

Communications Intern – WILPF / Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) / Geneva, Switzerland / 1 September 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Gender Specialist / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: 16 September 2015. [Source: IRC].

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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