



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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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

**I. Reminder: SVRI Grant 2015**

**II. Journal articles**

**III. Online publications and resources**

**IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding**

**V. News**

**VI. Events**

**VII. Vacancies**

**I. Reminder: SVRI Grant 2015**

The SVRI Grant 2015 aims to support research or research related activities that will strengthen the evidence base for the prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries. **Applications close on Monday, 9 February 2015**. Please note that late applications will not be accepted. The full RFP is available at: <http://www.svri.org/RFPsvriGrant2015.pdf>.

Visit <http://www.svri.org/SVRIGrantGuidelines2015.pdf> here for SVRI Grant 2015 Guidelines.

**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.*

[A linguistic analysis of grooming strategies of online child sex offenders: Implications for our understanding of predatory sexual behaviour in an increasingly computer-mediated world. Black P.J, Wollis M, Woodworth M, Hancock J.T. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015:](#) This article considers the similarities and differences in the grooming process in online

environments by analysing the language used by online offenders when communicating with their victims. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood abuse and early menarche among Peruvian women. Barrios Y.V, Sanchez S.E, Nicolaidis C, Garcia P.J, Gelaye B, Zhong Q, Williams M.A. J. Adolesc. Health, 56: 197-202, 2015](#): This article examines the association between childhood abuse and early menarche among pregnant women in Lima, Peru. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Media coverage of violence against women in India: A systematic study of a high profile rape case. Phillips M, Mostofian F, Jetly R, Puthukudy N, Madden K, Bhandari M. BMC Womens Health, 15: 3, 2015](#): This article systematically reviews professional online media sources used to inform the timing, breadth of coverage, opinions and consistency in the depiction of events surrounding the Delhi gang-rape. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A gendered lifestyle-routine activity approach to explaining stalking victimization in Canada. Reyns B.W, Henson B, Fisher B.S, Fox K.A, Nobles M.R. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This article estimates a lifestyle-routine activity theoretical perspective to identify risk factors for victimization. Gender-based theoretical models is also estimated to assess the possible moderating effects of gender on the relationship between lifestyle-routine activity concepts and victimization risk. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Challenges facing families of sexually abusive youth: What prevents service engagement? Yoder J.R, Brown S. Vict. Offender, 10\(1\): 29-50, 2015](#): In collaboration with a state sex offender management board, this qualitative study analyses the perspectives of approved treatment providers (N = 19) on factors that deter family engagement. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Mental health, sexual violence and the work of Sexual Assault Referral Centres \(SARCs\) in England. Brooker C and Durmaz E. Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, ePub, 2015](#): This article reports that not all services undertake a mental health risk assessment as the NHS England guidance instructs. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Forty years of forensic interviewing of children suspected of sexual abuse, 1974-2014: Historical benchmarks. Faller K.C. Soc. Sci. \(Basel\), 4\(1\): 34-65, 2014](#): This article describes the evolution of forensic interviewing as a method to determine whether or not a child has been sexually abused, focusing primarily on the United States. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The Australian Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse: Dreaming of child safe organisations? Budiselik W, Crawford F, Chung D. Soc. Sci. \(Basel\), 3\(3\): 565-583, 2014](#): This article examines the background to the Government's announcement, the Commission's terms of reference and some of its settings, and literature on the nature of royal commissions across time and place. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Examining the prevalence, bidirectionality, and co-occurrence of sexual intimate partner violence among women during pregnancy and postpartum. Flanagan J.C, Jaquier V, Gordon K.C, Moore T.M, Stuart G.L. Partner Abuse, 5\(4\): 407-4, 2014](#): This longitudinal study examines the prevalence of women's sexual intimate partner violence perpetration,

the extent to which women experienced both sexual IPV victimization and perpetration, and the overlap between women's experiences of sexual IPV with psychological and physical IPV victimization and perpetration.

### III. Online publications and resources

**[The Right\(s\) evidence sex work, violence and HIV in Asia: A multi-country qualitative study. Bhattacharjya M, Fulu E and Murthy L with Seshu M.S, Cabassi J and Vallejo-](#)**

**[Mestres M. UNFPA and UNDP, 2015](#)**: This study aims to better understand female, male and transgender sex workers' experiences of violence, the factors that increase or decrease their vulnerability to violence and how violence relates to risk of HIV transmission. [Source: SAMRC].

**[Capacity assessment of mental health services for rape victims in acute health-care settings: A rapid appraisal of services in the Western Cape Province. Gevers A and Abrahams N. Medical Research Council and the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, 2015](#)**

: This PEPFAR-funded project conducts a rapid appraisal of mental-health services for rape victims in the period of taking PEP at three sexual assault services in the Western Cape. [Source: SAMRC].

**[Congolese women: What happened to the promise to protect? Hersh, M. Refugees International, 2015](#)**

: This report assesses the impact of public attention to sexual violence in the DRC to understand what has been achieved and what has contributed to that success. [Source: UN Women].

**[Sexuality, gender roles, and domestic violence in South Asia. Khan M.E, Townsend J.W and Pelto P.J. Population Council, 2014](#)**

(pdf): The papers assembled in this volume contribute to our knowledge, and show that issues related to masculinity, gender inequities, and domestic violence are highly complex and changing. [Source: Population Council].

**[National research agenda to reduce violence against women and their children. Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety, 2014](#)**

: This agenda is a major step forward in building an evidence base of knowledge that can be used to improve policy and practice in this area. It will be central to building a shared understanding of research priorities between practitioners, research organisations and policy makers across Australia. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Assessment of human trafficking in artisanal mining towns in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Kelly J, Greenberg N, Sabet D and Fulp J. USAID, 2014](#)**

: This report provides an empirically-based understanding of the nature and scale of labour and sex trafficking of men, women and children in eastern DRC mining communities; identifies recommendations for USAID programmatic interventions; and recommends evaluation activities and research questions related to the recommended programmatic interventions. [Source: UN Women].

[Abused and abducted: The plight of female migrants from the Horn of Africa in Yemen. Mixed Migration Series: Explaining people on the move. Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat, 2014](#) (pdf): This series provides insight into why women and girls from the Horn of Africa migrate; who they are and their experience during the journey and on arrival in Yemen. [Source: UN Women].

[Ethical research involving children. Anderson D, Fitzgerald R, Graham A et al. Innocenti Publications, 2013](#): This compendium is part of an international project entitled Ethical Research Involving Children. The project has been motivated by a shared international concern that the human dignity of children is honoured, and that their rights and well-being are respected in all research, regardless of context. [Source: UNICEF].

[Ethical principles, dilemmas and risks in collecting data on violence against children. A review of available literature. Technical Working Group on Data Collection on Violence against Children Child Protection Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group. United Nations Children's Fund, 2012](#): This literature review is a contribution to the foundations for the development of such ethical guidelines. It aims to capture current thinking around ethical issues and provide empirical support to guide recommendations for ethical research practice and decision-making in collecting data on violence against children. [Source: UNICEF].

#### **IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding**

[Call for papers: Gender and Development - The Post-2015 Development Agenda](#) (pdf). The March 2016 issue of the international journal Gender & Development will focus on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, from a gender equality and women's rights perspective. This issue hopes to explore these and other issues, to inform and empower the work of development and humanitarian practitioners and policymakers supporting gender justice and women's rights. Submit your proposed idea by 15 March 2015. [Source: WUNRN].

[Fellowship opportunity: Dart Asia Pacific Fellowship](#). Online applications are now open for the 2015 Fellowship, a five-day seminar programme for veteran journalists, editors and freelancers based in Asia or the Pacific who wish to deepen their knowledge of emotional trauma and improve coverage of violence, conflict and tragedy. Applications close 9 February 2015. [Source: Dart Digest].

[Funding opportunity: Federal funding alert, 10\(1\), 2015](#): This resource reports on current government and private funding opportunities available on domestic violence, sexual violence and victim services. [Source: VAWnet].

[Funding opportunity: 2015 Competitive grant solicitation for non-governmental organisations](#). The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) announces a Request for Statements of Interest (SOIs) to combat trafficking in persons in the following countries: Madagascar, Tanzania, Burma, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand,

Egypt, Lebanon, Bangladesh, India, Bolivia, and Mexico, as well as one or more Global projects. Applications close: 2 March 2015. [Source: WUNRN].

## V. News

**[Feature: Sexual violence in conflict far from being rooted out, defenseWeb/UN News Centre, 5 February 2015](#)**: Positive developments across the United Nations system aside, the task of protecting civilians has become more onerous as conflicts become increasingly vicious, with the brutalisation of women a deplorable and persisting trend, according to a senior UN relief official.

**[When it comes to sexual assault, #TheresNoPerfectVictim, Huffington Post – Women, 4 February 2015](#)**: There is no such thing as a perfect rape victim. People who report their experiences of sexual assault are subjected to constant questioning and scrutiny -- as if there is a certain way "real victims" should behave after being raped.

**[To stop violence, start at home, New York Times – The Opinion Pages, 3 February 2015](#)**: The pattern is striking. Men who are eventually arrested for violent acts often began with attacks against their girlfriends and wives. In many cases, the charges of domestic violence were not taken seriously or were dismissed.

**[Report: Somali minorities vulnerable to sexual violence, Voice of America, 2 February 2015](#)**: A new report says Somali women and girls from minority clans are more vulnerable to sexual violence due to poverty, marginalization and discriminatory attitudes.

## VI. Events

**[Webinar: Bridging knowledge in child sexual abuse prevention - Promising practices in indigenous communities, 18 February 2015](#)**. In this web conference, speakers will highlight Indigenous communities and the work community members are doing to end child sexual abuse. Register online. [Source: PreventConnect].

**[3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV \(ASSHH\), 6 – 9 July 2015, Stellenbosch, South Africa](#)**. Due to popular interest, the deadline for the submission of abstracts and symposia/roundtable proposals has been extended until 13 March 2015. This conference is of interest to researchers, advocates, policy makers, programme managers, community workers and practitioners, and will provide opportunities for discussion of cutting edge issues. [Source: National Institute for Medical Research].

## VII. Vacancies

**[Associate Director](#)** (pdf) / New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: February 27, 2015 / Email: [jmcperson@nycasa.org](mailto:jmcperson@nycasa.org). [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Policy Coordinator](#) (pdf) / New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: February 27, 2015 / Email: [jmcpherson@nyscasa.org](mailto:jmcpherson@nyscasa.org). [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Outreach Coordinator for PREA](#) (pdf) / New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: February 27, 2015 / Email: [jmcpherson@nyscasa.org](mailto:jmcpherson@nyscasa.org). [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Safe Abortion Program Officer](#) / IPPF/WHR / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Officer, Access to Justice Programme](#) / Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: February 20, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Officer \(Research & Training\)](#) / Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: February 20, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Executive Director](#) / Gender Links / Johannesburg, South Africa / Closing date: February 22, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Clinical Fellow/Supervising Attorney, International Human Rights Clinic, Duke University School of Law](#) / Duke Law / Durham, USA / Closing date: March 16, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Executive Director](#) / Center for Women's Global Leadership / New Brunswick, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[CSBR Coordinator](#) / Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies / Surabaya, Indonesia / Closing date: February 10, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Major Gifts Officer](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / Bay Area, CA, USA / Closing date: March 1, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Internship summer/autumn 2015](#) / Women's International League for Peace and Freedom / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: March 6, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Specialists, Arab Women's Enterprise Fund \(AWEF\)](#) / Gender Resources Inc. / Middle East / 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](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

To unsubscribe from the list, email [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

Join us on social media:



Please circulate these resources widely.