



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.

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#### **I. SVRI member requests**

##### **1) Survey request: What does young feminist organizing look like?**

Do you work with a young women-led or trans youth organization, group or collective? Does your organization's work focus on promoting young women's/trans rights, gender equality, empowerment, social justice, environmental issues or development? Don't delay! If you complete the online survey by April 28th, you will be eligible to win a fully-funded trip to the next AWID Forum taking place in May 2016 in Brazil. Complete the survey online at: <http://www.awid.org/eng/Get-Involved/Calls-for-Participation2/What-does-young-feminist-organizing-look-like2>. [Source: AWID].

##### **2) Nominations: Human rights defenders from Africa to participate in regional consultations with the UN Special Rapporteur**

The purpose of the regional consultations is to give the Special Rapporteur the opportunity to meet with defenders from Africa, to assess effectiveness of the protection mechanisms, collect testimonies and learn about new challenges, threats and opportunities for defenders

and other relevant actors. In addition to consolidating with defenders on the ground and increasing the visibility of the mandate, the regional consultations should contribute to the identification of issues and priorities for thematic reports and/or country visits. Closing date: 13 April 2015. More details are available online. [Source: AWID].

## 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.***

**[When nurses are also patients: Intimate partner violence and the health system as an enabler of women's health and agency in Johannesburg. Sprague C, Woollett N, Parpart J et al. Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice, ePub, 2015](#)**: This article explores agency as a practical and theoretical construct through qualitative research among 20 nurses with direct or indirect experiences of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Johannesburg. [Source: ResearchGate].

**[Aspects of abuse: Commercial sexual exploitation of children. Jimenez M, Jackson A.M, Deye K. Curr. Probl. Pediatr. Adolesc. Health Care, ePub, 2015](#)**: This article educates healthcare providers on how vulnerable children may become sexually exploited, the health consequences involved with sexual exploitation, how to better identify possible victims, and the medical evaluation of a victim of sexual exploitation. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Impact of interviewers' supportive comments and children's reluctance to cooperate during sexual abuse disclosure. Lewy J, Cyr M, Dion J. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015](#)**: This article explores whether differences exist between interviewers' supportive and non-supportive comments as well as children's cooperative and reluctant statements during investigative interviews conducted prior to or after NICHD Protocol training. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Posttraumatic stress avoidance symptoms as mediators in the development of alcohol use disorders after exposure to childhood sexual abuse in a Swiss community sample. Müller M, Vandeleur C, Rodgers S, Rossler W, Castelao E, Preisig M, Ajdacic-Gross V. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015](#)**: This study examines the role of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms of re-experience, avoidance, and hyperarousal in the relationship between different types of trauma and alcohol use disorders (AUD). [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Non-homicidal and homicidal sexual offenders: Prevalence of maladaptive personality traits and paraphilic behaviors. Chan H.C, Beauregard E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#)**: This study aims to examine the psychopathological profile of non-homicidal sexual offenders (NHSOs) and homicidal sexual offenders (HSOs). [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Gender role attitudes and male adolescent dating violence perpetration: Normative beliefs as moderators. Reyes H.L, Foshee V.A, Niolon P.H, Reidy D.E, Hall J.E. J. Youth Adolesc, ePub, 2015](#)**: This article examines the longitudinal association between gender role attitudes and physical dating violence perpetration among adolescent boys and examines

whether injunctive and descriptive normative beliefs moderate the association. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood maltreatment and revictimisation in a homeless population. Edalati H, Krausz M, Schütz C.G. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This article investigates the effects of specific types (emotional, physical, and sexual) and cumulative experience of childhood maltreatment on adult revictimisation, and whether gender moderates these relationships. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Bully/victims: A longitudinal, population-based cohort study of their mental health. Lereya S.T, Copeland W.E, Zammit S, Wolke D. Eur. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry, ePub, 2015](#): This article suggests that children who are involved in bullying behaviour as either bully/victims or victims at either primary or secondary school are at increased risk of mental health problems in late adolescence regardless of the stability of victimisation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Effect of an intervention on attitudes towards domestic violence among Iranian girls. Ekhtiari Y.S, Shojaeizadeh D, Foroushani A.R, Ghofranipour F, Ahmadi B. J. Pak. Med. Assoc, 64: 987-992, 2014](#): This article evaluates the effect of an intervention based on the Precede-Proceed Model on attitudes towards prevention of Domestic Violence among Iranian girls. [Source: SafetyLit].

### III. Online publications and resources

[Safe from the Start project](#): This project is an innovative, early intervention and evidence based project initiated by The Salvation Army. The research demonstrates that children being exposed to violence in the early years can suffer severe effects on brain development and increases the risk of adopting violent behaviour, addictions to alcohol and drugs and mental health issues later in life. Resource kit can be ordered online. [Source: The Salvation Army].

[Counterterrorism measures and their effects on the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Women Peacemakers Program, 2015](#): This policy brief highlights the impact of counterterrorism measures on women's organisations, in particular women working for the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda. [Source: AWID].

[Sex trafficking of minors: What schools need to know to recognize and respond to the trafficking of students. The National Center for Homeless Education, 2015](#): This brief provides educators with an overview of the issue of minor sex trafficking and suggests specific steps that schools can take to respond to signs of trafficking among its students. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

[Women and health: A lifecycle of health risks. UN Women, 2015](#): This infographic shows how women and children can face a number of health risks, some even before they are

born. It creatively offers a glance at the intersecting factors impacting on the lives of women and children. [Source: WUNRN].

#### IV. Websites

**[Safe Start National Resource Center](#)**: This resource supports those working or interested in the field of Children Exposed to Violence (CEV). It helps by raising awareness, effective community action, and moving from evidence to action to prevent and reduce the impact of violence on children and their families. [Source: The Salvation Army].

#### V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

**[Funding opportunity: South Asia Women's Fund \(SAWF\) 2015](#)**. SAWF has issued a call for applications for 2015-2016 to provide funding for women-led interventions in the South Asian countries of Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Closing date: 1 May 2015. [Source: AWID].

#### VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2015: Helping your child heal - Parenting a child who has experienced maltreatment**. Child Welfare Information Gateway has produced a series of factsheets for families that explores the many factors affecting how children react to maltreatment experiences and how parents can help children recover:

- **[Parenting a child who has been sexually abused: A guide for foster and adoptive parents](#)**: discusses child sexual abuse, behaviours associated with prior sexual abuse, and how sexual abuse affects how children trust others. The factsheet also discusses how families can establish guidelines so that children and youth feel safe. Resources for seeking help also are included.
- **[Parenting a child who has experienced abuse or neglect](#)** defines child abuse and neglect, explains the effects of maltreatment, offers tips for how parents can help their children build resiliency and heal, and points to resources for support.
- **[Parenting a child who has experienced trauma](#)** discusses the nature of trauma, especially abuse or neglect, the effects of trauma on children and youth, and ways to help a child who has experienced trauma. <http://listserve.icfi.com/t/610574/2807745/42295/0/>

For more information specific to preventing and responding to child abuse and neglect, visit the 2015 National Child Abuse Prevention Month website at: [https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/?utm\\_source=Gateway&utm\\_medium=Listserv&utm\\_campaign=NCAPM15](https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/?utm_source=Gateway&utm_medium=Listserv&utm_campaign=NCAPM15). [Source: Friendsnrc].

#### VII. News

**[Responding to domestic and sexual violence, Sydney Morning Herald, 9 April 2015](#)**: Recent tragedies in our territory and around Australia have thrown a light on how the community responds to family and sexual violence. It is very pleasing to hear the debate and note the appetite for change. But in looking at what can be done, we should acknowledge reforms in

the past two decades, particularly in the ACT, which in many respects has been a cutting edge jurisdiction in its response to family and sexual violence.

**[We can't end rape stigma by forcing all victims to identify themselves, The Guardian, 8 April 2015](#)**: In a perfect world, there would be no stigma to being a victim of sexual violence. Sexual assault survivors could come forward and talk about their stories without fear of retribution, shaming or harassment. Reporters could print the names of those assaulted, knowing that the victims' safety would remain intact. But we do not live in a perfect – or even near-perfect – world. And if we want rape victims to be able to tell their stories in the media, we must protect their anonymity.

**[Botched rape investigation in Phoenix leads to major lawsuit settlement, Al Jazeera America, 8 April 2015](#)**: Officials agreed Wednesday to pay \$3.5 million to settle a lawsuit that alleged metro Phoenix's sheriff botched the investigation into the rape of a 13-year-old girl and failed to arrest the suspect who then went on to sexually attack her again.

**[DR Congo: UN welcomes 'milestone' declaration aimed at combating rape in war, UN News Centre, 31 March 2015](#)**: The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Hawa Bangura, today called the signing of a landmark declaration by military commanders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) a “milestone” on the road to ending conflict related sexual violence.

**[Algeria passes law banning violence against women, Al Arabiya News, 6 March 2015](#)**: Algeria's parliament passed a law on Thursday criminalizing violence against women, in a move criticized by both Islamist lawmakers as well as Amnesty.

## **VIII. Events**

**[Stopping violence before it starts, 15 April 2015, Pretoria, South Africa](#)**: This event seminar will launch a special edition of the Institute for Security Studies journal, South African Crime Quarterly on the prevention of violence in South Africa. It will be webcast live. To access the webcast visit the ISS homepage on 15 April 2015 from 10h45 SAST. [Source: ISS].

**[Safety 2016: 12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, 18 - 21 September 2016, Tampere, Finland](#)**. Safety 2016 is hosted by the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO). The Conference will bring together hundreds of researchers, practitioners and advocates from around the world and will cover a range of topics within injury prevention and safety promotion. Abstract submissions open 1 May 2015. [Source: WHO].

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

## **IX. Vacancies**

**[Regional Activism and Youth Coordinator](#)** / Amnesty International / Mexico / Closing date: April 14, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Resident Gender Advisor](#) / The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs / Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Closing date: April 18, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences](#) [HRC res. 23/25] / United Nations / Global / Closing date: April 30, 2015. [Source: UN OHCHR].

[Programme Officer, Issues Affecting Women Programme \(IAW\)](#) / OAK Foundation / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: April 30, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Research Assistantship](#) / Raising Voices / Kampala, Uganda / Closing date: Availability for Assistantship required between May and August 2015. [Source: Raising Voices].

[Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist](#) / CUSO International / Jamaica / Closing date: May 19, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Start-Up Volunteers](#) / CUSO International / Managua, Nicaragua / Closing date: May 29, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Executive Director](#) / Verity Rape Crisis Centre / Santa Rosa, USA / Closing date: May 31, 2015. [Source: RAINNet].

[WPE Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Bukavu, South Kivu, with frequent travel to North Kivu and Katanga provinces, as well as Kinshasa, DRC / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[PR and Social Media Coordinator](#) / Global Fund for Women / New York or San Francisco, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Gender Advisor - CINHS](#) / Gender Resources Inc. / Kabul, Afghanistan / 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)

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