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#### I. 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.*

[Awareness of a rape crisis center and knowledge about sexual violence among high school Adolescents. Lee S.H, Stark A.K, O'Riordan M.A, Lazebnik R. J. \*Pediatr. Adolesc. Gynecol\*, 28: 53-56, 2015](#): This article examines awareness among adolescents of a local rape crisis center as well as their knowledge about sexual violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

[SHARE: A milestone in joint programming for HIV and intimate partner violence. Jewkes R.K. \*The Lancet, Comment\*, 3\(1\): e2–e3, 2015](#): In the *Lancet Global Health*, Jennifer Wagman and colleagues report findings of their SHARE study in Rakai, Uganda—the first behavioural intervention to reduce both HIV incidence and intimate partner violence reported in women. [Source: 60percent].

[Lancet Series 2014: HIV and sex workers](#). This Series of seven papers aims to investigate the complex issues faced by sex workers worldwide, and calls for the decriminalisation of sex work, in the global effort to tackle the HIV/AIDS epidemic. [Source: 60percent].

[Exploring alcohol policy approaches to prevent sexual violence perpetration. Lippy C and DeGue S. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2014](#): The current review explores one potential opportunity for preventing sexual violence perpetration at the community level: alcohol policy. [Source: CDC].

[Examining the scientific validity of rape trauma syndrome. O'Donohue W, Carlson G.C, Benuto L.T, Bennett N.M. Psychiatry Psychol. Law, 21\(6\): 858-876, 2014](#): In this article, authors comprehensively evaluated RTS and determined that it is vague and imprecise, its evidential status is questionable, it is inconsistent with the most common sequelae of trauma, it ignores important mediating variables and it may not be culturally sensitive. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A review of the literature relating to rape victim blaming: an analysis of the impact of observer and victim characteristics on attribution of blame in rape cases. van der Bruggen M, Grubb A. Aggress. Violent Behav, 19\(5\): 523-531, 2014](#): The current paper explores this distinction by examining the victim characteristics of gender, sexuality, degree of resistance exhibited, and victim-perpetrator relationship, as well as the observer characteristics of gender, professional status, gender role attitudes, and rape myth acceptance in relation to rape victim blame. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Abuse characteristics and individual differences related to disclosing childhood sexual, physical, and emotional abuse and witnessed domestic violence. Bottoms B.L, Peter-Hagene L.C, Epstein M.A, Wiley T.R, Reynolds C.E, Rudnicki A.G. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This study surveys 1,679 women undergraduates to understand disclosure of childhood sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, and, for the first time, witnessed domestic violence, which many consider to be emotionally abusive. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual abuse and intimate partner violence in a clinical sample of men: The mediating roles of adult attachment and anger management. Brassard A, Darveau V, Pélouquin K, Lussier Y, Shaver P.R. J. Aggression Maltreat. Trauma, 23\(7\): 683-704, 2014](#): This article examines the association between men's experience of childhood sexual abuse and later perpetration of intimate partner violence, considering the roles of attachment insecurity and poor anger regulation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Counterintuitive expert psychological evidence in child sexual abuse trials in New Zealand. Seymour F, Blackwell S, Calvert S, McLean B. Psychiatry Psychol. Law, 21\(4\): 511-522, 2014](#): In this article, the authors discuss what is meant by the term counterintuitive evidence, why such evidence has been deemed helpful and the types of counterintuitive evidence currently given by psychologist expert witnesses in the New Zealand courts. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Stepping Stones and Creating Futures intervention: Shortened interrupted time series evaluation of a behavioural and structural health promotion and violence prevention intervention for young people in informal settlements in Durban, South Africa. Jewkes R, Gibbs A, Jama-Shai N et al. BMC Public Health, 14:1325, 2014](#) (provisional pdf): The findings of this study are positive for an exploratory study and indicate that the Creating Futures/

Stepping Stones intervention has potential for impact in these difficult areas with young men and women. [Source: 60percent].

## II. Online publications and resources

[Violence against women and girls resource guide. Global Women's Institute at George Washington University, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank Group, 2014](#): The purpose of this guide is to provide the reader with basic information on the characteristics and consequences of VAWG, including the operational implications that VAWG can have in several priority sectors of the IDB and WBG. [Source: Oxfam].

[Multisectoral responses to gender-based violence in Mozambique. Pathfinder, 2015](#): This technical brief explores Pathfinder's experience pioneering a multisectoral approach to GBV prevention and response across two projects in Mozambique, and outlines key lessons learned and next steps. [Source: Pathfinder].

[Global status report on violence prevention 2014. World Health Organization, 2014](#): This report reflects data from 133 countries to assess national efforts to address interpersonal violence, namely child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner and sexual violence, and elder abuse. [Source: AWID].

[Remedies for forced marriage - A handbook for lawyers. The International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights, 2014](#): This handbook brings together expert commentaries by lawyers and activists working on the issue of forced marriages and interference with choice in marriage in four different countries: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom. [Source: AWID].

[Delhi Declaration and Call to Action. MenEngage Global Symposium in New Delhi, India, November 10-13, 2014](#): This Symposium reflected the full complexity and diversity of gender justice issues. It challenged us to reflect, think strategically, reach out across socially-constructed boundaries, and strengthen partnerships. There are gaps. As an outcome of this historic event, the Delhi Declaration and Call to Action were established. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[Estimating the size of the sex worker population in South Africa, 2013. Impact Consulting, 2013](#): This survey marks a new chapter in South Africa's response to HIV and AIDS. It will provide the government and other stakeholders with data to make evidence-based decisions on how to create an enabling environment for the provision and accessibility of preventive services for sex workers in South Africa. [Source: 60percent].

## III. Websites

[Shirakat](#): This non-governmental organization works on human rights and women's rights in Pakistan. The organisation is governed by a board of directors including development professionals, gender and human rights activists and behavioural change communication specialists. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

**[Stop Family Violence](#)**: This one-stop online resource provides information on family violence. Stop Family Violence is presented by Canada's Family Violence Initiative, which brings together 15 federal government departments and agencies to prevent and respond to family violence. [Source: Public Health Agency of Canada].

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

**[Fellowship opportunity: Security Council Monitor Fellowship](#)**: The SCM Research Fellow is the project lead for PeaceWomen's Security Council Monitor project, which provides comprehensive and up to date information on all Security Council debates and other action addressing issues of Women Peace and Security. Closing date: January 16, 2015. [Source: AWID].

**[Scholarship opportunity: Professional Development Scholarships](#)**. The Office for Victims of Crime is pleased to announce the availability of professional development scholarships to those who work with victims of crime. The program provides up to \$1,000 for individuals, \$1,500 for individuals traveling from outside the contiguous United States, and up to \$5,000 for multidisciplinary teams of victim service professionals seeking education opportunities. Applications must be submitted at least 60 calendar days prior to events. [Source: EVAWI].

#### **V. News**

**[Iraq: Yezidi women and girls face harrowing sexual violence, Amnesty International, 23 December 2014](#)**: Torture, including rape and other forms of sexual violence, suffered by women and girls from Iraq's Yezidi minority who were abducted by the armed group calling itself the Islamic State (IS), highlights the savagery of IS rule, said Amnesty International in a new briefing today.

**[Girls banding together say no to child marriage, PassBlue, 22 December 2014](#)**: Sujata Behera, a 17-year-old Dalit at the bottom of India's caste system, did the unthinkable last year. Just two weeks before her upcoming marriage, she told her parents, who live in a remote village in the eastern Indian state of Odisha, that she had decided not to go ahead with the wedding.

**[Abused kids die as authorities fail to protect, The Associated Press, 18 December 2014](#)**: At least 786 children died of abuse or neglect in the U.S. in a six-year span in plain view of child protection authorities — many of them beaten, starved or left alone to drown while agencies had good reason to know they were in danger.

**[Women's bodies were the ultimate battleground of war-torn 2014, Huffington Post, 18 December 2014](#)**: When we speak of international women's rights, it's tempting to think of them as a destination -- a large, glittering city that we travel towards, hoping one day to arrive there and find that all has changed in our favour.

**[UN: WHO condemns 'virginity tests', Human Rights Watch, 2 December 2014:](#)**

Governments should immediately carry out a new United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation to end degrading, discriminatory, and unscientific "virginity testing" of women and girls, Human Rights Watch said.

## **VI. Events**

**[Webinar: The impact of pornography on children, youth and culture, 20 January 2015:](#)** This workshop discusses the differences in definitions and the research that shows impact. It also highlights the importance of framing this as a public health issue and actions that can be taken to counter any harm from pornography and the porn industry. [Source: NEARI Press].

**[In their boots: Staff perspectives on violence behind bars in Johannesburg, 28 January 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa.](#)** On the basis of innovative methodology, "In their boots" provides rare insight and tackles questions critical to making the Department of Correctional Services facilities safer for inmates and officials. Contact: [pnare@justdetention.org](mailto:pnare@justdetention.org) for more information. [Source: Just Detention International].

**[Online course: International women's health & human rights, 30 January – 2 April 2015.](#)**

This course provides an overview of women's health and human rights, beginning in infancy and childhood, then moving through adolescence, reproductive years and aging. We consider economic, social, political and human rights factors, and the challenges women face in maintaining health and managing their lives in the face of societal pressures and obstacles. [Source: AWID].

**[Webinar: Engaging men - Triumphs, troubles and tools, 4 February 2015](#)** (pdf): This Webinar will serve as a virtual workshop designed to generate dialogue about the current proliferation of "engaging men" work. Participants are encouraged to bring questions – especially if your organization has run into successes or challenges when engaging men. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

**[Re-visiting the continuum of sexual violence in the 21st century, 13 February 2015, Adelaide, Australia.](#)** ANROWS invites you to this public lecture by Professor Liz Kelly CBE, Co-Chair of the End Violence Against Women Coalition UK and Professor of Sexualised Violence, London Metropolitan University. In this lecture, Professor Kelly revisits the continuum of violence to highlight its continuing significance today. RSVP via Eventbrite essential. [Source: ANROWS].

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

## **VII. Vacancies**

**[Chief of Staff at the Assistant Secretary General level](#)** / World Food Programme / Rome, Italy / Closing date: January 17, 2015. [Source: UN].

[Senior Officer – Gender Based Violence \(GBV\)](#) / European Institute for Gender Equality / Vilnius, Lithuania / Closing date: January 18, 2015.

[Translation consultant](#) / AWID / Anywhere in the world with access to internet / Closing date: January 30, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Office Manager](#) / Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) / New York City, NY / Closing date: January 21, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Executive Director](#) / Kaleidoscope Trust / London, UK / Closing date: February 6, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender in Emergencies Advisor](#) / CARE / South Sudan / Closing date: January 22, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Teen Talk Program Youth Health Educator/Peer Support Worker](#) / Klinik Community Health Centre / Manitoba, Canada / Closing date: January 21, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Officer](#) / Women and Health Alliance International / Paris, France / Closing date: January 31, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Manager](#) / Radio Nisaa / Arab World, preferably Palestine / Closing date: January 31, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Director](#) / Wellspring Advisors / New York City, NY / Closing date: January 31, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer, Program Learning and Evaluation](#) / International Women's Health Coalition / New York, NY / Closing date: January 26, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Safeguarding Advisor](#) / Oxfam GB / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: January 30, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Advocacy & Communications Interns](#) / Make Every Women Count / Home-based / Closing date: January 23, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Technical Advisor, Education](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York (London-based applicants will also be considered) / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Development Writer](#) / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco or New York / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Women's Protection and Empowerment Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Juba, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Senior Women's Protection and Empowerment Manager\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Women's Protection and Empowerment Health Integration Manager\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Ganyiel, Payinjar County, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Emergency Women's Protection and Empowerment Manager- Koch\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Koch County, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Emergency Women's Protection and Empowerment Manager- Nyal\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Nyal, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Program Associate\*\*](#) / Girl Rising / New York, NY / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*ENGAGE Project Director\*\*](#) / Girl Rising / New York City, NY / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Global Religions Program Director\*\*](#) / Arcus Foundation / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Manager of the Office of the President\*\*](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, NY / Closing date: On a rolling basis. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Programme Coordinator\*\*](#) / Médecins du Monde / Port au Prince, Haiti / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Médecins du Monde].

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

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