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**I. Sexual violence in the news**

**[UN human rights experts set out countries' obligations to tackle harmful practices such as FGM and forced marriage, ReliefWeb, 4 November 2014](#)**: For the first time, two UN human rights expert committees have joined forces to issue a comprehensive interpretation of the obligations of States to prevent and eliminate harmful practices inflicted on women and girls, such as female genital mutilation, crimes committed in the name of so-called honour, forced and child marriage, and polygamy.

**[Greater accountability needed to eradicate rampant modern-day slavery for the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, UN OHCHR, 2 December 2014](#)**: "Millions of

people throughout the world, including children, are faced with persistent violations of their fundamental human rights. They are subjected to modern-day slavery, with insufficient political will and resources dedicated to lifting them out of such abhorrent conditions," UN human rights experts today warned.

[Sakharov laureate Denis Mukwege: "Women's bodies have become a true battlefield", European Parliament News, 26 November 2014](#): "Women's bodies have become a true battlefield and rape is being used as a weapon of war," said Congolese gynaecologist Denis Mukwege as he accepted the 2014 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in Strasbourg on Wednesday 26 November. Dr Mukwege was honoured by the European Parliament for dedicating his life to helping thousands of victims of gang rape and brutal sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

[In Kenya, mob strips woman accused of being inappropriately dressed despite #MyDressMyChoice protest, Huffington Post, 18 November 2014](#): A mob of Kenyan men attacked and stripped a woman claiming she was inappropriately dressed just hours after nearly 1,000 people marched through downtown Nairobi to protest the rising wave of such assaults.

[New York initiative to help other cities clear rape-kit backlogs, New York Times, 12 November 2014](#): In 2000, New York had 17,000 untested rape kits, a yearslong accumulation of potential evidence in some of the city's most violent crimes. Over the next four years, in a push to clear the backlog, the city had the kits tested. The result was 49 indictments connected to unsolved cases in Manhattan alone.

## **II. Advocacy and awareness raising**

[The Huairou Commission Community Resilience Campaign](#): This Campaign envisions a holistic, pro-active approach to reducing vulnerabilities to poverty, disasters and climate change, in which organised groups of grassroots women frame resilience in their own terms as improving housing, basic services, food security, livelihoods and protecting the natural environment. [Source: WUNRN].

[Blog: Connecting sexual violence expertise with bullying prevention – A conversation with Ray Knight](#). Ray's relatively new focus on bully prevention grew out of his desire to apply what he has learned in aggression research to a practical prevention project. It is also a great example of how [The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers] members are

using their skills and knowledge to have an impact on prevention in their community. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

### III. Websites

[The Commission for Children and Young People](#): This organisation has been established to promote continuous improvement and innovation in policies and practices relating to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people generally, and in particular those who are vulnerable; and the provision of out of home care services for children. [Source: Children & Youth Research Centre].

### IV. Online publications/resources

[The Lancet Series: Violence against women and girls. The Lancet, 2014](#): The presentations and video from the The Lancet Series launched in London on Friday 21 November is now available for viewing online. [Source: LSHTM].

[A toolkit for monitoring and evaluating children's participation. Save the Children, 2014](#): This toolkit provides a conceptual framework for measuring children's participation, together with guidance on how to undertake monitoring and evaluation and practical tools that can help you gather the information you need. It can be used by organisations working directly with children, by child- and youth-led organisations, and by governments that are committed to fulfilling their obligations to respect children's right to participate. [Source: SAMRC].

[Keeping children safe: Standards for child protection. Tool 1. Keeping Children Safe Coalition, 2011](#) (pdf): These standards can ensure that agencies develop practices that keep children safe from harm. They offer practical guidance to agencies on what they need to put in place to meet their responsibilities to protect children. They also provide a basis for determining local standards and how these will be met and measured. [Source: Children & Youth Research Centre].

[National framework: Creating safe environments for children. Schedule one. Guidelines for building the capacity of child-safe organisations. Community and Disabilities Services Ministers Conference, 2005](#) (pdf): This guide is based on the belief that protecting children from harm requires informed decision-making about whether certain people pose a risk of harm to children in workplace settings. [Source: Children & Youth Research Centre].

[National framework: Creating safe environments for children. Schedule two. An evidence-based guide for risk assessment and decision-making when undertaking background checking. Community and Disabilities Services, Ministers Conference, 2005](#) (pdf): Schedule two provides information to assist organisations to make decisions about the suitability of staff or volunteers to work/volunteer in child-related services. [Source: Children & Youth Research Centre].

## V. Journal articles

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[Effectiveness of an integrated intimate partner violence and HIV prevention intervention in Rakai, Uganda: Analysis of an intervention in an existing cluster randomised cohort. Wagman J.A, Gray R.H, Campbell J.C et al. The Lancet Global Health, ePub, 2014](#): This article assesses whether provision of a combination of IPV prevention and HIV services would reduce IPV and HIV incidence in individuals enrolled in the Rakai Community Cohort Study (RCCS), Rakai, Uganda. [Source: SAMRC].

['Men value their dignity': Securing respect and identity construction in urban informal settlements in South Africa. Gibbs A, Sikweyiya Y and Jewkes R. Glob Health Action, 7: 10, 2014](#): In this paper, the authors explore how young Black South Africans in two urban informal settlements construct respect and a masculine identity. [Source: SAMRC].

[Jobs, food, taxis and journals: Complexities of implementing Stepping Stones and Creating Futures in urban informal settlements in South Africa. Gibbs A, Jewkes R, Mbatha N et al. African Journal of AIDS Research, 13\(2\): 161–167, 2014](#): This paper seeks to refocus debates on structural interventions away from 'assessing' their effectiveness towards understanding processes around. [Source: SAMRC].

[\(How\) Can we reduce violence against women by 50% over the next 30 years? Jewkes R. PLoS Med 11\(11\): e1001761, 2014](#): This article explores ways to secure substantial reductions in violence against women in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: SAMRC].

[Low-fidelity hybrid sexual assault simulation training's effect on the comfort and competency of resident physicians. Auten J.D, Ross E.M, French M.A et al. The Journal of Emergency Medicine, ePub, 2014](#): This article determines the effectiveness of a simulation-based sexual assault response course for resident physicians at an institution without an on-site SANE programme. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Same-sex and race-based disparities in statutory rape arrests. Chaffin M, Chenoweth S, Letourneau E.J. J. Interpers. Violence; ePub, 2014](#): This study tests a liberation hypothesis for statutory rape incidents, specifically that there may be same-sex and race/ethnicity arrest disparities among statutory rape incidents and that these will be greater among statutory rape than among forcible sex crime incidents. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Detained male adolescent offender's emotional, physical and sexual maltreatment profiles and their associations to psychiatric disorders and criminal behaviours. Aebi M, Linhart S, Thun-Hohenstein L, Bessler C, Steinhausen H.C, Plattner B. J. Abnorm. Child Psychol, ePub, 2014](#): This article assesses patterns of emotional, physical and sexual maltreatment in detained male juvenile offenders using latent class analysis (LCA). [Source: SafetyLit].

**Perceptions of interpersonal versus intergroup violence: The case of sexual assault. Droogendyk L, Wright S.C. PLoS One, 9: e112365, 2014**: Using a mock jury paradigm, the authors examine the impact of defining rape as an act of interpersonal violence (personal assault) versus intergroup violence (a "hate crime"), crossed with a manipulation describing the attacker as either an acquaintance or stranger. [Source: SafetyLit]. [http://www.safetylit.org/citations/index.php?fuseaction=citations.viewdetails&citationIds%5B%5D=citjournalarticle\\_467233\\_37](http://www.safetylit.org/citations/index.php?fuseaction=citations.viewdetails&citationIds%5B%5D=citjournalarticle_467233_37)

[Inconsistent retrospective self-reports of childhood sexual abuse and their correlates in the general population. Langeland W, Smit J.H, Merkelbach H, de Vries G, Hoogendoorn A.W, Draijer N. Soc. Psychiatry Psychiatr. Epidemiol, ePub, 2014](#): Epidemiological research on childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and its consequences in adult life mainly relies on retrospective reports. This study explores their consistency and the correlates of inconsistent CSA self-reports in a random population sample. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Shared resilience in a traumatic reality: A new concept for trauma workers exposed personally and professionally to collective disaster. Nuttman-Shwartz O. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2014](#): This article proposes a new concept, shared resilience in a traumatic reality (SRTR), which refers to trauma workers in shared reality situations. [Source: SafetyLit].

## VI. Events

[Webinar: Small children, big cities, 9 December 2014](#). Join the Early Childhood Matters webinar on Small children, big cities. Further to the newly published edition of Early

Childhood Matters - and moderated by its guest editor, John Cary, Curator of TEDCity2.0 - this webinar will feature brief presentations and Q&A opportunities with three authors of articles in this edition. [Source: Bernard Van Leer Foundation].

**[Webinar: Engaging bystanders in sexual violence prevention, 16 December 2014.](#)** This webinar is based upon the free book titled “Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention” written by Joan Tabachnick for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The basic information provided in this webinar will be helpful to anyone concerned about sexual violence or working professionally in this field with either victims/survivors or those who have caused the harm. [Source: NEARI Press].

**[Webinar: Opening doors - Alternative reporting options for law enforcement and VAWA forensic compliance, 14 January 2015.](#)** This webinar will explore a number of community models that have been implemented to improve victims' access to the criminal justice and community response systems. Best practices will be reviewed from across the country, and existing tools and resources will be evaluated. [Source: EVAWI].

**[SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and intersections, 14 – 17 September 2015, Stellenbosch, South Africa.](#)** We are pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts to participate at the SVRI Forum 2015! The Forum will bring together colleagues from around the world, under the theme of innovation and intersections, to present paper and poster presentations, special sessions and workshops, to discuss and network around scientific and practical matters related to the prevention of, and response to sexual and intimate partner violence and child abuse and neglect in a variety of settings among different populations, in low and middle income countries. Submit your abstract by **30 April 2015!** For other important dates visit: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/dates.htm>. See the SVRI Conference Flyer (<http://www.svri.org/SVRIForum2015Flyer.pdf>) online.

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

## **VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships**

**[Fellowship opportunity: African Great Lakes Reporting Initiative.](#)** The International Women's Media Foundation is now accepting applications from women journalists to participate in one of two international reporting fellowships, both tentatively scheduled to take place February 13-23, 2015. Before you begin the online application process, please review the application criteria. The deadline for this first round of applications is 20 December 2014. [Source: WUNRN].

[Scholarship opportunity: 2015-2016 Research Associate Programme](#). The Five College Women's Studies Research Center announces a call for applications and nominations for three categories of Associateships in 2015-2016. Located in an area with one of the largest concentration of scholars dedicated to feminist scholarship and teaching in the world, the Center encourages engaged, critical feminist scholarship from diverse perspectives. Applications close: 1 March 2015. [Source: Women-east-west].

## VIII. Vacancies

[Director](#) / National Center for Injury Prevention and Control / Atlanta, USA / Closing date: January 5, 2015. [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[Consultant - Final evaluation of the South Africa HIV/AIDS Response Fund](#) / Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development / South Africa / Closing date: December 10, 2014. [Source: NGO-Pulse].

[International Advocacy Coordinator](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[President and CEO](#) / Women's Funding Network / San Francisco, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Bilingual Programme Attorney, Womenslaw](#) / National Network to End Domestic Violence / Washington, DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Project Director, Violence against Women and Girls \(VAWG\)](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Emergency Response Team / Women's Protection & Empowerment Unit Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Technical Advisor for Reproductive Health](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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