



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 member requests

1) Join a global VAWG conversation!

Raising Voices is taking some time this year to listen and learn from activists working to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls across the global South. We are keen to learn what you and other activists think and feel about connecting and collaborating with others across the global South – and your hopes, visions and struggles as someone working on VAWG.

As part of this community consultation, we developed a survey that we are disseminating widely to colleagues like yourself across the global South in multiple languages. We warmly invite you to join the conversation by taking 15 minutes to share your thoughts and experiences through the simple, confidential survey. The survey is available in English (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQZ8H23>), Spanish (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQGYNWZ>), French (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJCRKXV>), Arabic (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FHRKB2H>) and Kiswahili (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D87SYG5>). Please contact:

vawactivism@raisingvoices.org with any questions or read more about the work and how you can get involved at <http://raisingvoices.org/influence/networks-alliances/>. Please forward this email and kind request to any and all other VAWG prevention activists and Networks that you know!

2) E4p stakeholder survey

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), and the World Bank have launched the joint initiative, "Evidence for Peace: Evaluating to Improve Results in Countries Impacted by Conflict, Fragility and Violence (E4P)" with the goal to enhance the evidence base on development approaches to peace- and state-building challenges and link this with the policy design and management process to achieve better outcomes.

This short stakeholder survey will contribute to the initiative's stocktaking work to identify gaps in the current evidence base and to shape priority evaluation questions moving forward. The results will be analysed along with information collected through other stocktaking activities (gap map and portfolio review) and presented in a scoping report that will be made publicly available. Please complete this short online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/evidence4peace>. Thank you in advance for your response!

II. Sexual violence in the news

[It's time to fulfil the promise to end violence against women, UN Women, 30 October](#)

2014: UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka has devoted her life to issues of human rights, equality and social justice and previously served as Deputy President of South Africa. In this message, she stresses that violence against women can and must end by addressing its root cause – gender inequality.

[Iran hangs woman despite international uproar, Al Jazeera, 26 October 2014](#)

2014: Iran has executed a 26-year-old woman convicted for killing a man who she said tried to sexually abuse her. Reyhaneh Jabbari was arrested in 2007 for the murder of Morteza Abdolali Sarbandi, a former employee of Iran's Ministry of Intelligence.

[The fight against exploitation of underage domestic workers in Madagascar, AWID, 17](#)

October 2014: AWID interviewed Noro Ravaozanany, President of the Conseil National des Femmes de Madagascar (National Women's Council of Madagascar) to identify the issues and challenges related to the fight against underage domestic labour in Madagascar.

[The necessity of a gendered approach to HIV/AIDS, Girls' Globe, 17 October 2014](#)

2014: Malilapa Mate says that if you had seen her five months ago, she wouldn't be the vivacious, smiling young mother she is today. When the twenty-one year old became pregnant two years ago, there was a problem—she had no husband. Without the security of marriage she faced discrimination and harassment in her community.

[Domestic violence cases spike after immigration law amendment, Canadian Council of Muslim Women, 16 October 2014](#): The October 2012 amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act was designed to deter immigration fraud; however, the proposed changes had earlier alarmed stakeholders who feared that these changes could compromise the safety of immigrant women.

III. Websites

[The Irish Forum for Global Health](#): This independent network of people from different backgrounds continues to welcome individuals, nationally and internationally, interested in and committed to promoting global health related education, research and advocacy. [Source: IFGH].

IV. Online publications/resources

[Sexuality, gender roles, and domestic violence in South Asia. Khan M.E, Townsend J.W and Pelto P.J \(eds\). Population Council, 2014](#) (pdf): The chapters in this book, which present detailed studies from India and Bangladesh, add further depth to our understanding of sexuality, HIV/AIDS, and gender relations. [Source: Monash University].

[Guidance for gender based violence \(GBV\) monitoring and mitigation within non-GBV focused sectoral programming. Bloom S, Levy J, Karim N et. al. CARE, 2014](#): This document aims to address the increasing demand for clear guidance on how to practically and ethically monitor and mitigate gender-based violence (GBV) within non-emergency, international development programming, in which GBV is not a specific programmatic component. [Source: CARE].

[End sex trafficking: Reports. Canadian Women's Foundation](#): The Canadian Women's Foundation launched the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada to develop a long-term strategy to help end sex trafficking in Canada. All reports can be accessed online. [Source: WUNRN].

V. 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.

[Two week open access - Violence and Gender](#). Violence and Gender is the only peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the understanding, prediction, and prevention of acts of violence. To enable the widest distribution of this critical information, for the next two weeks, beginning 30 October, free access will be provided to all articles in the most recent issue. [Source: Mary Ann Liebert, Inc].

[VOICE-C participant narratives of rape: What they mean for female-initiated HIV prevention products. Hartmann M.A, Montgomery E.T, Stadler J, Laborde N, van der Straten A. AIDS Res. Hum. Retroviruses, 30: A86, 2014](#): This article examines socio-cultural

barriers and facilitators to HIV prevention product use within a Johannesburg site. [Source: SafetyLit].

"Sexting" and its relation to sexual activity and sexual risk behaviour in a national survey of adolescents. Ybarra M.L, Mitchell K.J. J. Adolesc. Health, ePub, 2014: This article explores the relation between "sexting" (sending and sharing sexual photos online, via text messaging, and in person) with sexual risk behaviours and psychosocial challenge in adolescence. [Source: SafetyLit].

Cell phone internet access, online sexual solicitation, partner seeking, and sexual risk behaviour among adolescents. Rice E, Winetrobe H, Holloway I.W, Montoya J, Plant A, Kordic T. Arch. Sex. Behav, ePub, 2014: This article assesses relationships between specific sexual risk behaviours (online sexual solicitation, seeking partners online, sex with internet-met partners, condom use) and frequency of internet use, internet access points, and demographics. [Source: SafetyLit].

The role of ethnicity, sexual attitudes, and sexual behaviour in sexual revictimisation during the transition to emerging adulthood. Rinehart J.K, Yeater E.A, Musci R.J, Letourneau E.J, Lenberg K.L. Child Maltreat, ePub, 2014: This study utilises path analysis to explore the relationships among ethnicity, sexual attitudes, number of lifetime sexual partners, CSA, and severity of ASA in emerging adult women. [Source: SafetyLit].

Victimisation and perpetration of unwanted sexual activities among high school students: Frequency and correlates. Williams C.M, Cook-Craig P.G, Bush H.M, Clear E.R, Lewis A.M, Garcia L.S, Coker A.L, Fisher B.S. Violence Against Women, 20: 1239-1257, 2014: This article reports the frequency of perpetration and victimization of unwanted sexual activities (threatened to end relationship or other pressures to engage in sexual activities, threatened or actual physical force, and facilitated by drugs or alcohol) in a large, statewide sample of high school males and females. [Source: SafetyLit].

'We desperately need some help here' - The experience of legal experts with sexual assault and evidence collection in rural communities. Annan S.L. Rural remote health, 14: 2659, 2014: This article describes experiences of legal providers from rural communities, who assist victims of sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

Does the organised sexual murderer better delay and avoid detection? Beauregard E, Martineau M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014: This article examines the effect of sexual murderers' organized behaviours on their ability to both delay and/or avoid police detection. [Source: SafetyLit].

Linking community protective factors to intimate partner violence perpetration. Whitaker M.P. Violence Against Women, 20: 1338-1359, 2014: This study explores how community factors moderate men's individual risk for physical and psychological intimate partner violence (IPV) perpetration. [Source: SafetyLit].

VI. Events

[**2nd MenEngage Global Symposium 2014, 10 – 13 November 2014, New Delhi, India**](#). This Symposium brings together academics and practitioners from a broad range of disciplines, civil society organisations working with men and boys and grassroots organisations working on a broad range of issues pertaining to gender equality. The Symposium programme is now available online. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[**Webinar: HIV, gender, sexual and reproductive health rights, and the post-2015 development agenda, 10 November 2014**](#): This webinar hosted by Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) will help connect the dots and offer greater clarity in the complex three-year design process towards the post-2015 development agenda. Featured speakers will present an overview of the process thus far and insight on how -sexual and reproductive health rights, gender and HIV fit into this new global blueprint for sustainable development. Key issues, challenges and opportunities for engagement will be discussed. Register online. [Source: AWID].

[**Webinar: The basics of motivational interviewing, 18 November 2014**](#). This webinar provides an overview of the foundation and beginning skills in motivational interviewing (MI). Importantly, it also covers recent changes made to MI and first presented by the authors in September 2011. MI is a client-centred counselling method for exploring how and why a person might change, and is based upon a guiding style. Its principles and techniques match those known to produce positive outcomes with sexual abusers. MI can be very useful for motivating people who are ambivalent about change and ambivalent about engaging in treatment. Register online. [Source: NEARI Press].

[**Webinar: Exposing the realities of combatting sexual harassment, 19 November 2014**](#). The Women's Learning Partnership (WLP) will bring together activists from India, Egypt, Malaysia and United States to share with you the realities of combatting sexual harassment in their own communities through art, public protest, journalism, campaigns. The panellists will reveal the challenges and barriers —along with the breakthroughs— they face while striving to transform their societies into safer places for women. Register online. [Source: AWID].

[**Institute for Human Development Inaugural Conference 2015, 12 – 14 February 2015, Nairobi, Kenya**](#). This conference presents opportunities for participants to learn about some of the most recent advances in the science of early human development and about innovations in the design and evaluation of community-based programmes and services delivered in low-resource regions of the world. Abstract submissions close: 21 November 2014. [Source: Glasgow University].

[**Mason Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict-Research Conference, 2 – 3 April 2015, Arlington, USA**](#). We invite your participation in the 3rd annual Mason Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict Conference to be held at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. Abstract submissions close: 1 December 2014. [Source: AWID].

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

VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Call for applications: Research team on "The dynamics and the drivers of rape in Sudan"](#)

This call is from the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA). This particular research paper is part of a project that is being implemented to address the massive gap in prevention and response to sexual violence in Sudan. The research will focus on the dynamics and the drivers of sexual violence against women and girls in the North Darfur as well as the drivers of sexual violence in and around Greater Khartoum. Applications close: 16 November 2014. [Source: AWID].

VIII. Vacancies

[Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping Officer P3](#) / World Food Programme / Bangui, Central African Republic / Closing date: November 18, 2014. [Source: WFP].

[Consultancy](#) / ActionAid / Global / Closing date: November 7, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Assistant Country Director, Program Support](#) / CARE Canada / Chad / Closing date: November 16, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Gender Expert Consultancy](#) / UNICEF / Home-based / Closing date: November 6, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer - Women's Rights Program \(WRP\)](#) / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Associate for Advocacy & Communications](#) / Women's Learning Partnership / Washington, DC, USA / Closing date: December 31, 2014. [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 or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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