



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 request: Request for contacts

Izaan Degenaar is in the process of completing a Masters degree in Psychology through the University of Johannesburg. She has chosen to do her research dissertation on the lived experiences of male sex workers. If you are aware of a suitable person or organisation to contact who works with male sex workers or groups in the Johannesburg area, please let Izaan know at: idegenaar@uj.ac.za.

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Rapes now at their highest ever level, ONS figures reveal, The Telegraph, 16 October 2014:](#)

Rapes recorded by police in England and Wales are now at their highest ever level, official figures reveal. Office for National Statistics figures also showed violent crime recorded by the police has jumped by 11 per cent.

[Criminalising HIV transmission stigmatises HIV rather than shows concern for rape, Daily Maverick, 14 October 2014:](#) Charging an HIV positive rapist with attempted murder for

exposing his victim to the condition is counter-productive. The investigation and prosecution of the rape is more important.

[Asia-Pacific networks stand together to address school-related gender-based violence on the international day of the girl child, UNESCO Bangkok Office, 10 October 2014](#): or many children in Asia-Pacific, school is not a safe space for learning, but a place where they are forced to deal with threats of bullying, harassment, assault and even rape.

[Sex work becomes cheaper and riskier, Health-e News, 2 October 2014](#): Stagnating economic growth has affected the sex work industry as sex workers in Mpumalanga report charging less for work that some say has become more dangerous.

[How marital contracts can protect women's rights in Zanzibar, IPP Media, 16 September 2014](#): Media Women's Association (TAMWA)-Zanzibar, has encouraged married couples in the Isles to use marital contracts in a bid to safeguard the rights of women from oppressive subsections and the proved existing weaknesses in Zanzibar's laws including the Kadhis' Courts Act, 1985.

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Huffington Post blog: She is a girl, yes, but she is not helpless... she is a survivor, not ours to save... she is her own advocate, 16 October 2014](#). On Friday last week, Malala Yousafzai, became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize, alongside her co-winner, the Indian children's right activist Kailash Satyarthi. Saturday then marked the International Day of the Girl Child. The confluence of these two moments was highly significant. [Source: SAMRC].

[Users of the world, unite! The challenges and opportunities of Social Media. Kaplan A.M and Haenlein M. Business Horizons, 53\(1\): 59–68, 2010](#): This article describes the concept of Social Media, and discuss how it differs from related concepts. It provides a classification of Social Media and presents 10 pieces of advice for companies which decide to utilise Social Media. [Source: ScienceDirect].

IV. Websites

[Children's Bureau Express - Methamphetamine and trauma resource webpages](#): Resources on these webpages focus on trauma and its impact on the children and families involved in the child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and court systems. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

V. Online publications/resources

[Gender and ICTs. IT for Change, 2014](#): IT for Change was commissioned by BRIDGE, IDS in 2013 to prepare a policy brief on Gender and ICTs for DFID. The final policy brief, submitted in February 2014, provides a broad brush-stroke analysis of the depth and breadth of the

implications of information society change for gender equality and women's empowerment, and identifies future directions for policy and programming. [Source: WUNRN].

[Gender matters: Overcoming gender-related barriers to prevent new HIV infections among children and keep their mothers alive. UNAIDS, 2014](#) (pdf): This report assesses gender-related barriers posing significant obstacles to the uptake of services that prevent new HIV infections among children and keep mothers alive. [Source: 60percent].

[A girl's right to learn without fear: Working to end gender-based violence at school. Plan Canada and the University of Toronto, 2013](#) (pdf): This report focuses on one major barrier to girls completing their education: the prevalence of gender-based violence in and around schools. It was originally commissioned by Plan Canada in 2012 and draws upon considerable expertise based in Canadian academic and civil society circles. [Source: WUNRN].

[White Paper series on well-being. Children's Bureau Express](#): This series is intended to further the national dialogue on the topic of well-being and how incorporating and emphasizing well-being in child welfare can result in better outcomes for children and families and the overall child welfare system. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

VI. 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.

[Preventing and reducing violence against women: Innovation in community-level studies. Taft A, Small R. BMC Med, 12: 155, 2014](#): This article focuses on the beneficial and abusive detrimental uses of power rather than commencing with the central issue of gender inequality. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Men's perceptions of an acquaintance rape: The role of relationship length, victim resistance, and gender role attitudes. Angelone D.J, Mitchell D, Grossi L. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article examines whether the length of relationship between the victim and perpetrator, level of victim resistance, and observers' gender role attitudes play a role in observers' perceptions of an alleged sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual harassment victimization and perpetration among high school students. Clear E.R, Coker A.L, Cook-Craig P.G, Bush H.M, Garcia L.S, Williams C.M, Lewis A.M, Fisher B.S. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2014](#): This article examines prevalence rates of sexual harassment occurring during the past 12 months by victimization and perpetration among adolescents. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Understanding how advocates can affect sexual assault victim engagement in the criminal justice process. Patterson D, Tringali B. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This study finds multiple components of advocacy services that may address common barriers to victim participation in the criminal justice process. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The role of sexual violence in creating and maintaining economic insecurity among asset-poor women of color. Loya R.M. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2014](#): This article argues that economic instability and sexual violence reinforce each other through the devastating psychological consequences of sexual assault diminishing work performance and disrupting income, creating economic instability, particularly for the asset-poor. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Child-witnessed domestic violence and its adverse effects on brain development: A call for societal self-examination and awareness. Tsavoussis A, Stawicki S.P, Stoicea N, Papadimos T.J. Front. Public Health, 2: 178, 2014](#): In this focused perspective authors discuss the psychosocially induced biological alterations (midbrain, cerebral cortex, limbic system, corpus callosum, cerebellum, and the hypothalamic, pituitary, and adrenal axis) that are related to maladaptation (especially post-traumatic stress disorder) in the context of child-witnessed domestic violence, and provide evidence for these physical alterations to the brain. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape prevention through empowerment of adolescent girls. Sarnquist C, Omondi B, Sinclair J et al. Pediatrics, ePub, 2014](#): This study evaluated the efficacy of an empowerment and self-defense intervention for adolescent girls to decrease the incidence of sexual assault and harassment in Nairobi's large informal settlements. [Source: No Means No Worldwide].

[Sexual violence against females and its impact on their sexual function. Mohammed G.F and Hashish R.K.H. Egyptian Journal of Forensic Sciences, ePub, 2014](#): This article evaluates the magnitude of sexual violence (prevalence, scene, pattern, assailants, and contributing factors), and to evaluate its impact on female sexual function. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Women's functioning following an intervention for partner violence: New knowledge for clinical practice from a 7-year study. Koci A.F, McFarlane J, Cesario S, et al. Issues Ment Health Nurs, 35\(10\): 745-55, 2014](#): To learn the impact of interventions of safe shelter and justice services on improved mental health and behaviour functioning, 300 abused women are interviewed every 4 months in this 7-year prospective study. [Source: MedAdvocates].

[A self-defense program reduces the incidence of sexual assault in Kenyan adolescent girls. Sinclair J, Sinclair L, Otieno E, Mulinge M, Kappahn C, Golden N.H. J Adolesc Health, 53\(3\):374-80, 2013](#): This article determines the effect of a standardized 6-week self-defense program on the incidence of sexual assault in adolescent high school girls in an urban slum in Nairobi, Kenya. [Source: No Means No Worldwide].

VII. Events

[Healthy childhoods can prevent violence: Evidence from programmes that work, 3 November 2014, Pretoria, South Africa](#). The ISS and SVRI are delighted to invite you to join us at a seminar where Professors Lynne Murray and Peter Cooper will speak about the outcomes of two parenting programmes tested in South Africa. RSVP to Helen Chanda at hchanda@issafrika.org. [Source: ISS].

[IV ICSOR 2014: Rape, survivors, policies and support systems, a European challenge, 20 – 22 November 2014, Lisbon, Portugal](#)

This biennial event is an opportunity to join professionals from different fields and backgrounds from all over the world to discuss and reflect about the praxis, to share good practices and find new approaches centred on the survivors needs. Register online. [Source: WUNRN].

[Preventing sexual violence through assessment, treatment and safe management, 17th joint annual conference sponsored by MASOC and MATSA, 8 – 10 April 2015, Marlborough, USA](#)

This conference is designed for professionals to share new ideas, refresh current practices, network with other providers, and welcome new professionals to the specialized field of sexual abuse/offense. Workshop proposal deadline extended until 31 October 2014. [Source: NEARI News].

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

VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Fellowship opportunity: Berkman Center Fellowship](#): The Berkman Center invites applications from individuals from around the globe working on a broad range of opportunities and challenges related to Internet and society, which may overlap with ongoing work at Berkman or will expose new opportunities and approaches. The Center encourages applications from a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, innovators, engineers, artists, and others committed to understanding and advancing the public interest who come from -- and have interest in -- countries industrialised or developing, with ideas, projects, or activities in all phases on a spectrum from incubation to reflection. [Source: WISAT].

IX. Vacancies

[Junior Professional Officer - Technical Officer \(Violence against Women\)](#) / World Health Organization / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: November 9, 2014. [Source: WHO].

[Prevention Programme Design and Evaluation Consultant](#) / UNDP - Partners for Prevention (P4P) / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: October 23, 2014. [Source: P4P].

[Program Intern](#) / MADRE / New York, USA / Closing date: November 15, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[MADRE Development Director](#) / MADRE / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Advisor](#) / USAID / Arlington, USA / Closing date: October 24, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Consultants](#) / IT for Change / Kazakhstan, South Korea, Philippines, and a Pacific country / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Regional Policy and Advocacy Advisor \(Post 2015\)](#) / VSO / Nairobi, Kenya or Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: October 23, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Director of Policy, Research, Advocacy and Campaigns](#) / ActionAid / Johannesburg, South Africa, Nairobi, Kenya or London, UK / Closing date: October 18, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Director of Programme Development Quality and Impact](#) / ActionAid / Johannesburg, South Africa, Nairobi, Kenya or London, UK / Closing date: October 18, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Justice Project Manager](#) / Oxfam-Quebec / Amman, Jordan / Closing date: October 27, 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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