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Today's SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. Sexual violence in the news

[Northern Ireland Assembly votes to criminalise the purchase of sexual services, CARE, 20 October 2014](#): In a landmark move late this evening the Northern Ireland Assembly voted to make it a criminal offence to purchase sexual services in the province.

[Trafficking in human beings 2010-2014: Eradicating the slave trade, European Commission press release, 17 October 2014](#): During the years 2010-2012, EU Member States registered 30 146 victims of trafficking in human beings. Behind this number are human tragedies, broken hopes and destroyed plans for a better life. During the same period, 8 551 prosecutions against traffickers were reported across the EU.

[Child marriage robs a girl of her future. Can it be stamped out in Bangladesh? The Australian, 18 October 2014](#): He says marriage has improved his life; she says it has clipped her wings and trebled her chores. Ashar Dul and Ruksana's relationship tussles are much like any other newlyweds', except the handsome Bangladeshi couple were just 18 and 15 when they married six months ago.

[No justice, no peace for northern Mali, IRIN News, 13 October 2014](#): People in the north were exposed to forced disappearances, torture, summary executions and sexual abuse, with most of the offences committed after March 2012 when Islamist extremists occupied large parts of territory.

II. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog: Schools must take new steps to end violence on campus, 20 October 2014](#): After years of hard work, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act is law and its campus safety provisions, sometimes called Campus SaVE, have final regulations requiring colleges and universities to take new steps to end sexual violence. [Source: WUNRN].

III. Websites

[Culture of Respect](#): This independent, non-profit organisation strengthens schools by providing them with a framework to assess and improve efforts to eliminate rape and sexual assault from their campuses. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Prevention Institute](#): This Institute brings cutting-edge research, practice, and analysis to today's pressing health and safety concerns. Determined to achieve health and safety for all, to improve community environments equitably, and to serve as a focal point for primary prevention practice, the Institute asks what can be done in the first place, before people get sick or injured. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

IV. Online publications/resources

[Children in danger: Act to end violence against children. UNICEF, 2014](#): This report reveals that the vast majority of children are killed outside warzones and that physical, sexual and emotional abuse is widespread with millions of children unsafe in their homes, schools and communities. [Source: WUNRN].

[Gender, violence and peace: A post-2015 development agenda. Conciliation Resources and Saferworld, 2014](#): This report sets out a vision for including gender, violence and peace in the post-2015 framework. A gender, violence and peace approach to post-2015 includes but also goes beyond a focus on women's empowerment. Inter alia, it means paying attention to the links between gender and violence and prioritising inclusive decision-making. [Source: WUNRN].

[The Intervention Initiative. University of the West of England, 2014](#): The Intervention Initiative is a free evidence-based educational programme for the prevention of sexual coercion and domestic abuse in university settings in England. The programme works through empowering students to act as pro-social citizens. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[US documentary: Private violence, 2013](#): The most common question asked of domestic violence victims is, "Why didn't you leave?" Private Violence introduces us to two women whose stories illustrate the complexities and problems inherent in that question and encourages us to re-evaluate the discourse about domestic violence. [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.

Relational caring: The use of the Victim Impact Statement by sexually assaulted women. Miller K.L. Violence and Victims, 29(5): 797-813(17), 2014: This article investigates VIS use by sexually assaulted women through interviews with Canadian victims, victim services workers, and feminist advocates. [Source: University of Toronto].

The role of psychopathy and exposure to violence in rape myth acceptance. Debowska A, Boduszek D, Dhingra K, Kola S, Meller-Prunsk A. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014: This study specifies and tests a structural model to examine the relationships between four psychopathy dimensions, childhood exposure to violence, and rape myth acceptance while controlling for gender, age, sample type and relationship status. [Source: SafetyLit].

Longitudinal associations among bully, homophobic teasing, and sexual violence perpetration among middle school students. Espelage D.L, Basile K.C, De La Rue L, Hamburger M.E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014: This article tests the Bully-Sexual Violence Pathway theory, which posits that adolescent bullies who also participate in homophobic name-calling toward peers are more likely to perpetrate sexual harassment over time. [Source: SafetyLit].

Criteria to be assessed by the Cuban courts to evaluate the veracity of testimonies submitted by sexually abused children between three and six years of age. Tejera Y.S, Denis W.V. Rev. Crim, 56(1): 35-50, 2014: This article establishes psychosocial criteria to be considered in assessing the veracity of testimonies by children from three to six years old who have fallen victim to sexual abuse are determined. [Source: SafetyLit].

Effects of cognitive processing therapy on PTSD-related negative cognitions in veterans with military sexual trauma. Holliday R, Link-Malcolm J, Morris E.E, Surís A. Mil. Med, 179: 1077-1082, 2014: This article aims to further understanding of how PTSD and related negative cognitions can be addressed and changed within military sexual trauma. [Source: SafetyLit].

Childhood behaviour problems predict crime and violence in late adolescence: Brazilian and British birth cohort studies. Murray J, Menezes A.M, Hickman M, Maughan B, Gallo E.A, Matijasevich A, Gonçalves H, Anselmi L, Assunção M.C, Barros F.C, Victora C.G. Soc. Psychiatry Psychiatr. Epidemiol, ePub, 2014: This study examines prevalence rates and associations between conduct problems and hyperactivity and crime and violence in Brazil and Britain. [Source: SafetyLit].

Intimate partner violence among Hong Kong young adults: Prevalence, risk factors, and associated health problems. Zhang H, Wong W.C, Ip P, Fan S, Yip P.S. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014: This article aims to estimate the prevalence, risk factors, and possible health

consequences of intimate partner violence among young adults in Hong Kong. [Source: SafetyLit].

VI. Events

[14th International MaleSurvivor Conference, 31 October – 2 November 2014, Newark, USA.](#) This conference has developed a world-renowned reputation as one of largest professional conferences with a singular focus on male victimization issues. Join hundreds of survivors, mental health professionals, researchers, law enforcement and legal professionals, and many others for workshops, presentations, and discussions on a wide range of topics. Register online. [Source: MaleSurvivor].

[Webinar: Understanding and addressing the links between multiple forms of violence, 20 November 2014.](#) This webinar highlights key content from this resource including the latest research on the connections between different forms of violence and how these connections affect communities. Join the waiting list for a space online. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[CREA's Feminist leadership, movement building, and rights institute, 1-6 December 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh.](#) This institute offers mid-level women leaders in NGOs an opportunity to enhance their conceptual understanding as well as build their skills to do effective activism and advocacy on human rights. Applications close: 28 October 2014. [Source: AWID].

[Women's leadership institute on peace and security, 20 - 25 January 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.](#) This weeklong course designed to build transformative leadership of activists in fragile and conflict-affected areas. The Institute, a first of its kind will apply a feminist, intersectional and inter movement lens and strategies to strengthen women's voices in conflict affected situations and transformation to peace. Applications are due on or before 22 November 2014. [Source: WUNRN].

[Course - 2015 MA Gender, Violence and Conflict, Sussex University, United Kingdom.](#) Sussex has a strong reputation for critical research in gender studies, nationally and internationally, and runs the well-established Sussex Centre for Gender Studies. This research and teaching brings together perspectives from Anthropology, Sociology, International Relations and International Development and looks at questions of power, politics, violence, representation and identity. Scholarships available. [Source: SAMRC].

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

VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Call for papers: LGBTQ Policy Journal at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.](#) This student-run, nonpartisan publication is currently accepting submissions for its fifth volume, which will be published in the spring of 2015. The editorial team is seeking commentaries,

research, reviews, art, and other content on a diverse array of policies that affect LGBTQ people and communities. Submissions close: 31 October 2014. [Source: AWID].

Funding opportunity: Hivos' Social Innovation Award: This Award is meant to encourage new solutions for social change by supporting innovative ideas and practices that expand and defend freedom or create productive ecosystems that sustain human progress. This year's Award has two categories: A prize for a promising innovative idea that needs support to develop into a prototype; and a prize for a proven innovative approach that needs support to scale up and increase impact. Submissions close: 9 November 2014. [Source: AWID].

VIII. Vacancies

Program Officer, Initiative for Adolescent Girls Rights / NoVo Foundation / New York, USA / Closing date: November 30, 2014 / Contact: jobs@novofoundation.org. [Source: NoVo Foundation].

Women's Rights Program Officer / ActionAid / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: October 31, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Northern Caucasus / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Project Manager – Violence and Prevention Project / Native Women's Association of Canada / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: October 27, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Consultant - Research and Advocacy Coordinator -Technical Expert / International Alert / Nairobi, Kenya with travel to Somalia / Closing date: November 2, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Field Coordinator, Yida / International Rescue Committee / South Sudan / Closing date: November 14, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Development Coordinator / Women's Refugee Commission / New York, USA / Closing date: October 31, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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