



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: AWID survey request

Complete AWID's Subscriber Survey by October 12th and enter to win a free trip to the 2016 Forum! Please take a few minutes to complete our Member and Subscriber Survey, your feedback is valuable to us. In recognition of your time and contribution, AWID will enter your name in a draw for two chances to attend, fully funded, AWID's upcoming 13th International Forum on Women's Rights and Development, to be held in May 2016 in South America. The survey can be accessed online at: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Calls-for-Participation2/Complete-AWID-s-Subscriber-Survey-by-October-12th-and-enter-to-win-a-free-trip-to-the-2016-Forum> [Source: AWID].

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Fraternity culture and college rape, BBC News, 1 October 2014](#): The BBC Pop Up team has spent September living in a house on the edge of the Boulder campus of the University of

Colorado. The issue of sexual assaults at US colleges was raised repeatedly by students we met.

[Lack of accountability fuels gender-based violence in India, Inter Press Service News Agency, 30 September 2014](#): Conflict and a lack of accountability, particularly across India's northern, eastern and central states where armed insurgencies and tribal clashes are a part of daily life for over 40 million women, fuel the fire of sexual violence.

[Myanmar activists demand law to ban violence against women, Reuters, 30 September 2014](#): Women's groups say existing laws, which date back to the British occupation in the 19th century, are outdated, unclear and poorly enforced. They demand the swift submission and approval of the Anti-Violence against Women Law that is now being drafted.

[Changing harmful social norms to combat gender-based violence, PsychCentral, 24 September 2014](#): A new study discusses the challenge of developing effective strategies to change traditional, but inequitable and harmful community norms that can lead to gender-based violence.

[Press release: Global film industry perpetuates discrimination against women, UN Women News, 22 September 2014](#): The first-ever global study on female characters in popular films, launched today, reveals deep-seated discrimination and pervasive stereotyping of women and girls by the international film industry.

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Rate it: Do you think social media does enough on VAW?](#) You've seen the Take Back the Tech **report card** (<https://www.takebackthetech.net/files/2014-reportcard-en.pdf>) on social media and violence against women. To localise this report card, find out the most popular social media platform in your region and ask your friends, family and wider community to grade that site by filling in the blank. It's your turn to do the grading. Talk back to these sites. Rate their work and Take Back the Tech. [Source: Gain].

IV. Websites

[The Institute for Sexual Health](#): This Institute is a force of compassionate activism, dedicated to helping people and society move towards sexual health by advancing human rights over sexual entitlement and sexual oppression. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

V. Online publications/resources

[Key findings from a systematic review of primary prevention strategies for sexual violence perpetration. National Sexual Violence Resource Center 2014](#): This guide discusses the 2014 research article "A systematic review of primary prevention strategies for sexual violence perpetration" by Sarah DeGue et al. It summarises the methods and discusses key findings of the systematic review. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Addressing violence against women - From evidence to action](#): On September 30, a panel discussion on violence against women was held at PAHO/WHO. This event aimed to deepen knowledge of the subject area and to exchange information about promising efforts, while considering the implications of the 2014 resolution WHA67.15 to Member States' to prevent and respond to violence against children and violence against women. The live recording and materials/presentations are available online. [Source: WHO/PAHO].

[Rising up, moving on: Women writing our lives. Nisaa Institute for Women's Development, 2014](#) (pdf): This publication aims to make visible women's voices and experience. It aims to inspire other women facing violence to seek support and find ways to overcome the abuse they experience. [Source: WUNRN].

[Country profile: FGM in Mali. 28 Too Many, 2014](#): This Country Profile shows that FGM in Mali has not decreased in prevalence in the last 20 years. The estimated prevalence of FGM in women and girls (15-49 years) in 2013 was 91.4%. [Source: 28 Too Many].

[Gendering the Ebola outbreak: Connecting the missing dots. Urgent Action Fund Africa, 2014](#) (pdf): This report looks at the gendered dimension of the Ebola virus and explores the invisible and undervalued realm of the care economy and the realities of the lives of female headed household during this outbreak. [Source: Urgent Action Fund Africa].

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.

[Gender norms, poverty, and armed conflict in Cote d'Ivoire: Engaging men in women's social and economic programming. Falb K.L, Annan J, King E, Hopkins J, Kpebo D, and Gupta J. Health Education Research, ePub, 2014](#): This article uses qualitative data from a recently completed intervention to examine the relationships between gender roles in the context of armed conflict and how it corresponds to women's empowerment and intimate partner violence. [Source: IRC].

[An exploratory study of domains of parenting concern among mothers who are childhood sexual abuse survivors. Allbaugh L.J, Wright M.O, Seltmann L.A. J. Child Sex. Abuse, ePub, 2014](#): This study conducts an exploratory factor analysis and initial validation of Ruscio's (2001) parenting attitudes questionnaire (PAQ), which assesses parenting concerns among CSA survivors. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Juvenile sexual homicide offenders: Thirty-year follow-up investigation. Khachatryan N, Heide K.M, Hummel E.V, Chan H.C. Int. J. Offender Ther. Comp. Criminol, ePub, 2014](#): This article follows up 30 years later on a sample of eight adolescent sexual homicide offenders who were convicted of murder and sentenced to adult prison. [Source: SafetyLit].

[How attorneys question children about the dynamics of sexual abuse and disclosure in criminal trials. Stolzenberg S.N, Lyon T.D. Psychol. Public Policy Law, 20: 19-30, 2014](#): This

article describes how attorneys ask child witnesses in sexual abuse cases (N = 72, 6 -16 years of age) about their prior conversations, both with suspects and with disclosure recipients. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Frequent factors for women and children subjected to sexual assaults presenting at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi. Khan M, Aziz S, Qamar N, Memon J.Q. J. Pak. Med. Assoc, 64: 649-652, 2014](#): This article determines the frequent factors in women and children subjected to sexual assaults seeking medical care at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Interviewing therapists about working with sexual assault survivors: Researcher and therapist perspectives. Ullman S.E. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2014](#): This article provides an account of the author's experience interviewing clinicians about their work with sexual assault survivors and clinicians' experiences working with this population. [Source: SafetyLit].

["Catching flies with honey": The management of conflict in sexual assault response teams. Moylan C.A, Lindhorst T. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This study qualitatively explores the strategies used to manage conflict and variations in the use of strategies between professions. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Challenge and opportunity in evaluating a diffusion-based active bystanding prevention program: Green Dot in high schools. Cook-Craig P.G, Coker A.L, Clear E.R, Garcia L.S, Bush H.M, Brancato C.J, Williams C.M, Fisher B.S. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2014](#): The authors in this article present their proposed plan to rigorously evaluate a randomised intervention trial of the Green Dot bystander program as it is implemented in high schools across Kentucky. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Reexamining issues of conceptualisation and willing consent: The hidden role of coercion in experiences of sexual acquiescence. Conroy N.E, Krishnakumar A, Leone J.M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article problematises the literature's conceptualisation of sexual compliance, predominantly defined as willing participation in, and consent to, unwanted sexual activity in the absence of immediate partner pressure. [Source: SafetyLit].

[There are no "innocent victims": The influence of just world beliefs and prior victimisation on rape myth acceptance. Vonderhaar R.L, Carmody D.C. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article explores the relationship between prior sexual assault victimisation experiences, belief in a just world, and acceptance of rape myths. [Source: SafetyLit].

VII. Events

[X IASSCS Conference: Literacies and sexualities in cultural, fictional, real, and virtual worlds - Past, present, future perfect? Dublin, Ireland, 17-20 June 2015](#). This conference will investigate the politics, nature, roles and effects of sexual (and gender) literacy in the cultural, fictional, real and virtual worlds. Abstract submission is now open until 10 November 2014. [Source: IASSCS].

[APSAC's 23rd Annual National Colloquium, 22 – 25 July 2015, Boston, USA](#). The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) is now accepting abstract submissions. APSAC is soliciting abstracts for training, research and poster presentations. You do not need to be a member to submit your program abstract. Applications close: 22 October 2014. [Source: Child Maltreatment Research].

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

VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Funding opportunity: ANROWS Research Priorities Grants](#). The Research Priorities Grants provides funding for research that will assist Australia to further develop the evidence base about violence against women and their children and, ultimately, help reduce the incidence and impacts. The ANROWS Research Priorities 2014-15 comprise of project and topic titles for each of the project types to be included in the ANROWS Research Program 2014-16. Applications close: 22 October 2014. [Source: ANROWS].

[Funding opportunity: ICPD Small Grants 2014 - Middle East and North Africa](#). 2014 marks the twentieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). 2015 is the year the successor to the Millennium Development Goals will be negotiated and adopted. The outcome of these processes will greatly impact future Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) policy, funding and programming priorities at global level and at national level. Applications close: 12 October 2014. [Source: AWID].

[Call for contributions: Stopping violence before it starts](#). Contribute to the special edition of SA Crime Quarterly on understanding primary prevention in South Africa. Authors who are interested in contributing to the special edition, or who would like to discuss ideas for their contribution to this edition, must indicate their interest by sending an abstract or inquiry to the editors by no later than 15 October 2014. The deadline for articles is 15 January 2015. [Source: ISS].

IX. Vacancies

[Service Delivery Specialist](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Technical Advisor, Gender and Rural Livelihoods](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Women's Protection and Empowerment](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA or London, UK / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Director: Ethics, D2](#) / United Nations / New York, USA / Closing date: November 25, 2014. [Source: UN].

[Executive Director](#) / CERA / Downtown Toronto, Canada / Closing date: October 7, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Speakers Bureau Manager](#) / Peace is Loud / New York, USA / Closing date: October 10, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Balkans Team Volunteer \(0838\)](#) / Amnesty International / London, UK / Closing date: October 9, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Campaigns Programme Director \(0829\)](#) / Amnesty International / London, UK / Closing date: October 12, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communication for Development Specialist](#) / UNICEF / New Delhi, India / Closing date: October 13, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[UN Women: Coordination Adviser](#) / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: October 14, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[UN Women Director, Regional Office for Arab States](#) / UN Women / Cairo, Egypt / Closing date: October 6, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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