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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.

Today's SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. SVRI member request: Request for applications - New partner sought in South Africa

The **International HIV/AIDS Alliance** (<http://www.aidsalliance.org>) is a unique global alliance of 40 national civil society organisations led by community leaders, activists, programme managers, policy specialists and civil society practitioners and advocates. To support their global strategy, the Alliance has developed a region-specific strategy re-establishing the Alliance in Southern Africa following an in-depth review of the HIV response in the region.

The Alliance is now seeking a second Linking Organisation [LO] in South Africa. The Alliance partnership with their current LO, The Aids Consortium, will continue but - as in some other countries - the Alliance is looking for an additional partner to accelerate progress around the priority focus of tackling Gender and GBV, particularly among specific key population groups and women and girls given the impact of this on the HIV epidemic in Southern Africa. It is anticipated that applicants will have significant expertise and experience in this area. For more information on the RFA, benefits and criteria of becoming an LO, please email SAGBVLO@aidalliance.org or Claire Mathonsi at: cmathonsi@aidalliance.org. Applications close on 22nd September 2014. [Source: IHAA].

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Women fearful in South Sudan camps, IRIN News, 9 September 2014](#): Julie Francis's self-imposed curfew starts when the sun sets. The widowed mother of four has been living at the UN base outside Malakal since December, one of more than 17,000 people who have fled there to escape episodic fighting in South Sudan's Upper Nile State capital. But the overcrowded camp is not without its own dangers, especially for women and girls.

[New anti-discrimination law could worsen situation for Georgia's LGBT community, Inter Press Service News Agency, 8 September 2014](#): Georgia's LGBT community is sceptical that recently-introduced anti-discrimination legislation hailed by some rights groups as a bold step forward for the former Soviet state will improve their lives any time soon.

[Australia: National move to end violence against women and children, Herald Sun, 5 September 2014](#): Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and his predecessor, Dame Quentin Bryce, have joined forces for a national initiative to reduce violence against women and children.

[Human rights and gender equality vague in Post-2015 Agenda, Inter Press Service News Agency, 4 September 2014](#): With the United Nations' post-2015 development agenda currently under discussion, civil society actors in Europe are calling for a firmer stance on human rights and gender equality, including control of assets by women.

[Nepal: NWC drafts bill to criminalise dowry-related violence, Republica, 10 August 2014](#): In a bid to establish dowry system and violence against women due to dowry as a social crime, the National Women Commission (NWC) has drafted a bill on controlling dowry (crime and punishment).

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Launch - Global Innovation Competition to Make All Voices Count](#): This year on the International Day of Democracy, Making All Voices Count, a global initiative that aims to foster and support new ideas to enable better citizen engagement and government responsiveness, will launch its second annual Global Innovation Competition (GIC). Applications for the GIC open on 15 September 2014 and close on 15 October 2014. [Source: AWID].

IV. Websites

[Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety](#): This independent, non-profit organisation works to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children. [Source: ANROWS].

[The Breathe Network](#): This Network is a resource and referral network connecting survivors of sexual violence to trauma-informed, sliding-scale, holistic healing arts practitioners. The network educates healing arts practitioners in trauma-sensitive care and empowers future healers through scholarship opportunities to train in the healing arts. [Source: The Breathe Network].

[Global Health and Human Rights Database](#): This free online Database of law from around the world relates to health and human rights. The database offers an interactive, searchable, and fully indexed website of case law, national constitutions and international instruments. [Source: GSDRC Bulletin].

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network - Resources for school personnel](#): This webpage provides valuable resources for educators, administrators, school staff, parents, and students on trauma and school crises. [Source: NCTSN].

[VAWnet Special Collection on intimate partner homicide prevention](#): This Special Collection explores the most tragic consequence of domestic violence and offers a variety of tools and information towards its prevention. [Source: NRCDV]

[Women's Empowerment and Leadership Development for Democratisation](#): This programme's mission is to support women's empowerment and to boost capacity to challenge inequality worldwide by nurturing sustainable women's leadership. [Source: AWID].

V. Online publications/resources

[Hidden in plain sight: A statistical analysis of violence against children. UNICEF, 2014](#) (pdf): This report makes use of available evidence to describe what is currently known about global patterns of violence against children, using data compiled from a selection of sources. [Source: SAMRC].

["The power these men have over us". Sexual exploitation and abuse by African Union forces in Somalia. Human Rights Watch, 2014](#): This 71-page report documents the sexual exploitation and abuse of Somali women and girls on two AMISOM bases in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, since 2013. [Source: AWID].

[Administrative data sources on GBV in the EU: Online mapping tool. European Institute for Gender Equality, 2014](#): This mapping tool provides information on the current status of the main administrative data sources and statistical products containing data on GBV at EU-level (data collected in 2013). [Source: WUNRN].

[Confronting commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors in the United States: A guide for providers of victim and support services. Institute of Medicine and National Research Council, 2014](#): This guide offers a concise and focused perspective on the problem and emerging solutions for providers of victim and support services for children and adolescents. These service providers include policy makers, leaders, practitioners, organisations, and programmes at the local, state, and federal levels. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

[Outside the circle. Plan, 2013](#): This research conducted by Plan provides in-depth information on the negative attitudes, discrimination and violence that children with disabilities face across West Africa. The report also analyses the different approaches that have been used to ensure that children with disabilities have the opportunity to access their right to education and protection. [Source: The Communication Initiative].

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.

[Responsive parenting: A strategy to prevent violence. Early Childhood Matters, 2014:](#) This edition of the Bernard van Leer Foundation's biannual journal, Early Childhood Matters, addresses the theme of responsive parenting, and, in particular, the potential for responsive parenting programmes to reduce the incidence of violence against young children. Articles examine the state of research, experiences in adapting parenting programmes to new cultural contexts, and the experiences of particular projects. [Source: The Communication Initiative].

[Agenda: Empowering women for gender equity:](#) Agenda Journal has recently published its 100th issue. The new special issue guest edited by Amanda Gouws and Shireen Hassim is titled 'Who's Afraid of Feminism? South African democracy at 20'. For a limited time, this new special issue is free to read online. [Source: Routledge Gender Studies].

[An evaluation of the efficacy of a Triple P-Positive Parenting Program podcast series. Morawska A, Tometzki H and Sanders M.R. Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics, 35\(2\): 128-137, 2014:](#) This article evaluates the efficacy of a brief radio series that provided parenting advice based on the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program. [Source: Children's Bureau Express].

[Disparate plasma cortisol concentrations in sexually abused female children from Johannesburg, South Africa. Muller D, Errington S.L, Szabo C.P, Pitts N, Jacklin L. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2014:](#) This article examines evidence of divergent cortisol responses in a stratified clinical group of children following sexual abuse. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Predictors of unwanted exposure to online pornography and online sexual solicitation of youth. Chang F.C, Chiu C.H, Miao N.F, Chen P.H, Lee C.M, Chiang J.T. J. Health Psychol, ePub, 2014:](#) This article explores factors associated with the unwanted exposure to online pornography and unwanted online sexual solicitation victimization and perpetration of youth in Taiwan. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Young Australian adults' beliefs about alcohol's role in sexual aggression and victimisation. Starfelt L.C, Young R.M, Palk G.R, White K.M. Cult. Health Sex, ePub, 2014:](#) This article explores the specific beliefs that people hold about how alcohol facilitates sexual aggression and victimisation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Brief report: Parent-adolescent child concordance in social norms related to gender equity in marriage - findings from rural India. Raj A, Ghule M, Battala M, Dasgupta A, Ritter J, Nair S, Saggurti N, Silverman J.G, Balaiah D. J. Adolesc, 37: 1181-1184, 2014:](#) This article assesses parent-adolescent child concordance on social norms related to gender equity in marriage in rural Maharashtra, India. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Bullying prevalence across contexts: a meta-analysis measuring cyber and traditional bullying. Modecki K.L, Minchin J, Harbaugh A.G, Guerra N.G, Runions K.C. J. Adolesc. Health, ePub, 2014:](#) The authors in this article offer a review of the literature and identify 80 studies that reported

corresponding prevalence rates for cyber and traditional bullying and/or aggression in adolescents. [Source: SafetyLit].

VII. Events

[Webinar: Selling social change - Exploring what works in making the case for prevention, 18 September 2014](#) (pdf). In this webinar, the PreventIPV Council and allies will share key preliminary findings from insights gained into what works, and what is needed, in order to best make the case for prevention. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Webinar: Using trauma assessment tools to guide practice - Applications of the CANS-Trauma and FANS-Trauma, 25 September 2014](#). This webinar series will provide an overview of the CANS-Trauma and FANS-Trauma tools in relation to trauma-informed assessment; treatment and service planning; and caregiver/family engagement. The use of these assessment strategies will be discussed in a range of service settings including mental health and child welfare, and applications to trauma-informed treatment planning, sequencing, and goal setting will also be addressed. [Source: NCTSN].

[International Conference on Disability and Diversity, 18-19 May 2015, Waikiki, Hawaii](#). The Pacific Rim International Conference, considered one of the most 'diverse gatherings' in the world, encourages and respects voices from "diverse" perspective across numerous areas. The call for proposals will be launched on 23 September 2014. [Source: AWID].

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

VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Fellowship opportunity: Ochberg Fellowship](#). This Fellowship, now in its 16th year, is the Dart Center's flagship program for senior and mid-career journalists who wish to deepen their knowledge of emotional trauma and psychological injury, and improve reporting on violence, conflict and tragedy. The application deadline is 1 October 2014. [Source: Dart Center].

[Internship opportunity: Research Psychology Masters students](#) (pdf). The University of South Africa is offering students the opportunity to work within the Institute's core programmes, the Violence, Injury and Peace Research Unit (VIPRU) and Masculinity, Tradition and Social Change Programme. The UNISA ISHS invites you to apply for one of the 12 month internship placement positions for 2015, which may be based in Johannesburg (Lenasia) or in Cape Town (Parow). Applications close: 15 September 2014. [Source: SAMRC].

[Research opportunity: UNAIDS applied research services on inter-linkages between gender based violence and HIV](#). The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to select a suitable research institution to build the capacity of selected community based organizations on the link between gender based violence and HIV; evidence based programme and policy development; monitoring and evaluation (M&E). Applications close: 12 September 2014. [Source: 60percent].

[Funding opportunity: Firelight Foundation](#). The core of Firelight's work is about supporting communities to mobilise local action and resources to transform the lives of marginalised children

and their families. Firelight identifies potential grantees through open calls for proposals and by tapping local networks in Africa. Eligibility criteria available online. [Source: Firelight Foundation].

[Funding opportunity: Grand Challenges Explorations](#). This programme fosters innovation in global health research. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$100 million to encourage scientists worldwide to expand the pipeline of ideas to fight our greatest health challenges. Applications are submitted online, and winning grants are chosen approximately 5 months from the submission deadline. [Source: The Irish Forum for Global Health].

IX. Vacancies

[Regional Researcher – Central America](#) / Amnesty International / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: October 5, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Deputy Regional Director – Campaigns](#) / Amnesty International / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: September 21, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Deputy Regional Director – Research](#) / Amnesty International / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: September 21, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Regional Researcher](#) / Amnesty International / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: October 5, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[The Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative \(SADI\) Publications Specialist](#) / Iowa CASA / Des Moines, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

[Executive Director](#) / The Harpswell Foundation / From any U.S. location / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[International Researcher](#) / ActionAid / Home-based / Closing date: September 20, 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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