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I. [Journal articles](#)

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[A systematic review and meta-analysis of intimate partner violence during pregnancy and selected birth outcomes. Hill A, Pallitto C.C, McCleary-Sills J, Garcia-Moreno C. Int J Gynecol Obstet. 2016:](#) This study explores the association between intimate partner violence and selected adverse birth outcomes. [Source: ICRW].

[Disability and risk of recent sexual violence in the United States. Basile K.C, Breiding M.J, Smith S.G. American Journal of Public Health, 106 \(5\), 928-933, 2016:](#) This article examines the relative prevalence of recent (past 12 months) penetrative and nonpenetrative sexual violence comparing men and women with and without a disability. Subscription required. [Source: Prevent Connect]

[Policy approaches to advancing health equity. Hall M. Graffunder C. Metzler M. J Public Health Manag Pract. 2016:](#) This article describes how selected current policies and policy areas that have a health equity orientation are being used with the aim of reducing health disparities and to illustrate contemporary approaches that can be applied broadly to a variety of program areas to advance health equity. [Source: Prevent Connect].

[Co-occurrence of intimate partner violence and child sexual abuse: prevalence, risk factors and related issues. Bidarra Z.S, Lessard G, Dumont A. Child Abuse Negl. 55: 10-21, 2016:](#) This article examines the existing knowledge about intimate partner violence and interfamilial child sexual abuse. The article also highlights a greater risk for children to be victims of sexual abuse or other

maltreatment when exposed to intimate partner violence. [Source: Safetylit].

[To tell or not to tell. Carretta C.M, Burgess A.W, DeMarco R. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2016:](#) The underreporting of rape is well known; however, there is less information on women who fail to disclose to anyone. This online study suggests that 24% of 242 women who were non-disclosing compared with those who had disclosed were significantly less likely to seek treatment for emotional injuries.

[Tested at last: how DNA evidence in untested rape kits can identify offenders and serial sexual assaults. Campbell R, Feeney H, Pierce S.J, Sharma D.B, Fehler-Cabral G. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub, 2016:](#) This study highlights the tests of a sample of 900 previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits from Detroit, Michigan, and documents the DNA forensic testing outcomes associated with those kits in order to inform policy and practice regarding rape kit testing. [Source: Safetylit].

[Rape perpetrators on trial: the effect of sexual assault-related schemas on attributions of blame. Stuart S.M, McKimmie B.M, Masser B.M. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub, 2016:](#) This research aims to build on the existing hierarchical schema model by systematically examining the influence of perpetrator stereotypes. [Source: Safetylit].

[Children's reporting about sexual versus physical abuse: patterns of reporting, avoidance and denial. Azad A. Leander L. Psychiatry Psychol. Law. 22\(6\): 890-902, 2015:](#) This study analyses the reporting patterns of 22 sexually abused children and 23 physically abused children (all cases had been verified). [Source: Safetylit].

II. Online publications and resources

[Taking action to address child marriage: the role of different sectors-an overview. ICRW and Girls Not Brides, 2016:](#) This report identifies concrete ways in which child marriage prevention and response efforts can be tailored for programming within and across sectors. [Source: ICRW].

[Preventing child abuse and neglect: a technical package for policy, norm, and programmatic activities. Fortson B.L, Klevens J, Merrick M.T, Gilbert L.K, Alexander S.P. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2016 \(pdf\):](#) This technical package is a collection of strategies that represent the best available evidence to prevent or reduce public health problems like violence. The package supports CDC's Essentials for Childhood framework and highlights 5 strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect. [Source: Prevent Connect].

[South African National Sex Worker HIV Plan 2016-2019. SANAC, 2016 \(pdf\):](#) Provision of prevention and treatment interventions for sex workers is a key goal for the country as a whole in order to address the HIV epidemic and related mortality and morbidity. This document contains a three year plan to address this situation. The Plan aims to reach 70 000 sex workers over the next three years using a peer educator led approach. [Source: Health Systems plan].

III. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[SVRI Blog: Sikhula ndawonye – developing an early parenting intervention for women with infants <12 months of age:](#) Promoting responsive and sensitive parenting is protective against harsh parenting. Research shows us that there are strong associations between harsh parenting and reduced positive parenting and in turn later child aggression and violence. Read this blog [Online](#).

[SVRI Blog: Wartime rape and the need for reparations](#): The phrases ‘wartime rape’ and ‘rape as a weapon of war’ have received much traction in recent years. This is owed to a growing awareness of the enormity of sexual violence that is routinely perpetrated during civil and international armed conflicts, coupled with the discovery that this phenomenon is not simply an inevitable by-product of war, but rather a deliberate and strategic tool used by combatants. Read more [Online](#).

[WITM Toolkit](#): AWID offers the WITM Toolkit to support individuals and organizations who want to conduct their own research on funding trends for a particular region, issue or population by adapting AWID’s research methodology. [Source: AWID].

IV. News

[Addressing sexual violence central to Mali peace process, UN envoy says, UN News Centre, 18 April 2016](#): Concluding her first visit to Mali, a United Nations envoy-Zainab Hawa Bangura has stressed the need to make the issue of sexual violence in conflict a central consideration of the ongoing peace process in the African country.

[Sexual violence: a tragic and taboo scar of South Sudan’s conflict, ICRC, 15 April 2016](#): An unwanted pregnancy. Exposure to HIV. Physical pain. Psychological scarring. The risk of social isolation. Lower likelihood of marriage. Perhaps worst of all, forced marriage with the perpetrator. Countless conflict-related rapes have occurred across South Sudan in the last year alone in locations where fighting has taken place.

[Bringing sexual violence out of the shadows, Medical Express, 14 April 2016](#): For countries in South Asia that have endured conflict, acknowledging the violence and the suffering of victims is an important step in overcoming past grievances. Yet the blight of sexual violence in the region remains taboo, limiting restitution for victims and allowing perpetrators to avoid punishment.

[Temple tantrums, IPS news, 05 April 2016](#): Women comprise nearly half of India’s 1.2 billion population, yet gender bias and patriarchal mindsets continue to plague them well into the 21st century. Even holy places — temples and mosques — it seems aren’t free from discriminating against the fair sex.

V. Events

[Webinar by PreventConnect: shared roots-sexual and domestic violence prevention strategies in support of social justice, 04 May 2016](#): During this webinar, participants will learn from practitioners already engaged in prevention of sexual and domestic violence; and explore opportunities and the value added by aligning sexual and domestic violence prevention with today’s social justice movements, and including sexual and domestic violence prevention in these movements. [Source: PreventConnect].

[Lessons from the PEPFAR Gender-Based Violence Initiative in three countries, Washington D.C., United States, 10 May 2016](#): Please join the PEPFAR Gender and Adolescent Girls Technical Working Group and AIDSFree as they share lessons from the three-year, \$55 million Gender-based Violence Initiative (GBVI). [Source: JSI].

[Webinar by AIDSFree: Social protection, economic empowerment, and ART adherence among adolescents living with HIV, 19 May 2016](#): Two international researchers will share their preliminary results emerging from studies in South Africa and Uganda, detailing different pathways that uncover the connections between economic opportunities, “cash + care” social protection, and HIV

treatment outcomes among adolescents living with HIV. Register [Online](#). [Source: PAHO].

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

VI. Vacancies

[Consultant BRIDGE Training & Research](#) / UN Women / Dhaka, Bangladesh / Closing date: 24 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project Development Specialist \(Primary Health Care\)](#) / USAID/Southern Africa Health Office (HO) Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: 29 April 2016.

[Senior Gender Advisor](#) / KIT Gender / Closing date: 30 April 2016. [Source: WISAT].

[Program Advisor](#) / Together For Girls / Washington DC., USA / Closing date: 01 May 2016. [Source: PAHO].

[Malawi Mapping Consultancy](#) / Girl Effect / London, UK & Malawi / Closing date: 08 May 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women Human Rights Defenders \(WHRD\) Manager \(Maternity Cover\)](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 08 May 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Part-time Coordinator \(Maternity Cover\)](#) / Gender and Development Network / London, UK / Closing date: 09 May 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Part-Time Communications Assistant](#) / ESCR-Net / New York, USA / Closing date: 09 May 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women's Protection & Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Closing date: 19 May 2016. [Source: IRC].

[Executive Coordinator](#) / Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 31 May 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Latin America & the Caribbean Summer 2016 Legal Intern](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York / Closing date: 11 June 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Technical Advisor, Women's Protection and Empowerment](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, US / Closing date: 30 June 2016. [Source: IRC].

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

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