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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.

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I. 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.

Somos hermanas del mismo dolor (we are sisters of the same pain): intimate partner sexual violence narratives among Mexican immigrant women in the United States. Kim T, Draucker C.B, Bradway C, Grisso J.A, Sommers M.S. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2016: In this study, the authors use narrative analysis methods to explore how nine Mexican immigrant women in the North-Eastern United States described their experiences of intimate partner sexual violence, and how these stories were embedded within narratives of transition and movement across borders. [Source: SafetyLit].

Preliminary validation of the Sex Trafficking Attitudes Scale. Houston-Kolnik J.D, Todd N.R, Wilson M. Violence Against Women. 1-23, 2016: This study presents the Sex Trafficking Attitudes Scale (STAS), assessing cognitive, behavioral, and affective attitudes toward the sex trafficking of women and girls. [Source: Sage Journals].

Associations between sexual behaviour norm beliefs in relationships and intimate partner rape Judgments. Lynch K.R, Jewell J.A, Golding J.M, Kembel H.B. Violence against women. ePub, 2016: This research investigates the associations between sexual behaviour norm beliefs, acceptance of partner rape, judgments that non-consensual partner sex is "wrong not rape," and decisions if non-
consensual partner sex should be charged as rape. [Source: Safetylit].

Rape myths, rape scripts, and common rape experiences of college women: Differences in perceptions of women who have been raped. Hockett J.M, Saucier D.A, Badke C. Violence Against Women. 22(3); 307–323, 2016: In this article, two studies varying a perpetrator’s coercive tactics examine rape perceptions using vignettes reflecting rape myths, rape scripts, or many college women’s common rape experiences. [Source: Sage Journals].


The girl is mine: Reframing intimate partner violence and sex work as intersectional spaces of Gender-Based Violence. Thaller J, Cimino A.N. Violence Against Women. 1-20, 2016: The authors of this article propose a more systemic approach to understanding and researching intimate partner violence and sex work, and provide examples of research already moving in this direction. [Source: Sage Journals].

II. Online publications and resources

Evidence Brief 3: Faith communities are key actors in empowering and protecting girls and addressing gender-based violence. JLIF&LC. 2016: This report suggests five key actions in support of World Humanitarian Summit commitments based on the evidence reviewed regarding local faith communities and faith-based organisations. [Source: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities].

WHO guidelines on the management of health complications from female genital mutilation. World Health Organization. 2016: This document offers recommendations to help health workers provide better care to the more than 200 million girls and women worldwide living with and affected by female genital mutilation. [Source: WHO].

PreventConnect campus resource guide for sexual and interpersonal violence prevention. 2016: This guide is a collection of key resources in campus prevention and is intended for all prevention audiences, but in particular state coalitions and rape crisis centers to help expand and enhance their own prevention efforts with campus communities. [Source: Prevent Connect].

Promising practices and model programs: Trauma-informed approaches to working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence and other trauma. Phillips H, Lyon L, Fabri M, Warshaw C. National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health. 2015: In this report the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH) efforts to identify, assess, and share information on evidence-based and promising trauma-informed practices relevant to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. [Source: Against Violence and Abuse].

Women, violence and conflict in Pakistan. International Crisis Group, 2015: This report describes the prevalence of violence against women in Pakistan. It further discusses recommendations on how to reduce the violence and enhance gender equity. [Source: ICG].

III. Websites and projects

News Deeply: Women and Girls Hub: This website is produced by News Deeply, in partnership with
the Gates Foundation. The website is an independent news and information platform covering issues that impact female populations in developing world. [Source: Women and Girls Hub].

**Project: My masculinity helps**: This project presents African American men and boys as natural helpers, educators, and allies in the prevention of sexual violence, both to serve as a model for male and African American communities and to present a counter-narrative to often inaccurate and misleading portrayals of African American masculinity. [Source: Prevent Connect].

## III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

**2017 International research scholars program**: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), The Wellcome Trust and The Gulbenkian Foundation, are jointly holding a competition to award grants to outstanding early career scientists working outside the United States and other G7 countries. This International Research Scholars program aims to provide support for promising international scientists and to bring them into an eco-system that can foster their work and allow them to better understand and address biomedical issues of global relevance. Application deadline: 30 June 2016. [Source: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation].

## IV. Advocacy and awareness-raising

**Blog: SVRI Grant and SVRI WBG Development Marketplace for Innovation on GBV Prevention**: The SVRI provides an on-granting for projects in low and middle income countries. In 2016, the SVRI partnered with the World Bank Group on an open call aimed at preventing gender-based violence in low and middle income countries. Read our blog on SVRI grant and SVRI WBG Development Marketplace for Innovation in GBV prevention [here](#).

**Blog on Evidence: A Humanitarian Priority?**: This blog post offers a reflection Dr. Alastair Ager, JLIF&LC Resilience Hub Co-Chair, on the World Humanitarian Summit. [Source: JLIF&LC].

**Blog: StatsSA-Violent crime remains high and occurs at home and among friends**: It its third report, Stats SA explores selected contact crimes – murder, assault and sexual offences – and the effect these crimes have on victims and their relatives. Read the blog on StatsSA [here](#). [Source: SafetySpaces].

## VI. News

**A draft bill that seeks to end violence against women is deafeningly silent on marital rape, Huffington Post, 18 May 2016**: The Women and Child Development Ministry unveiled the draft of the National Policy for Women, 2016 on 18 May. The draft, which was prepared by the Vajpayee government in 2001, had been lying in the cold storage since then. Consequently, it didn’t make for a consummate plan to battle the economic discrimination, physical violence and social prejudices that women face on this day and time.

**Men need to step up to combat female genital mutilation, activists say, Huffpost impact, 17 May 2016**: Female genital mutilation (FGM) will never end until men also throw their weight behind efforts to eradicate the potentially deadly practice, says Nigerian law student and anti-FGM activist Kelechukwu Nwachukwu.

**Abuse is abuse — Even if he doesn’t hit you, Huffpost Women, 16 May 2016**: The author of this news bulletin discusses various forms of abuse faced by women. This includes sexual, emotional and psychological abuse.
Shaping the way Europe prevents violence against women, Science Daily, 11 May 2016: English researchers are shaping the way Europe collects data on and carries out research about violence against women. Violence against women is the most common violation of women's human rights in Europe and remains widespread in all member States of the Council of Europe, with devastating consequences for women, societies and economies, say researchers.

5 phrases that can help protect your child from sexual abuse, Parent.Co, 02 May 2016: the author of this news bulletin reflects on how individuals can add to a culture of child sexual abuse, or dismantle it through the phrases that are often shared with children. She further shares five phrases that can help prevent children from abuse.

VII. Events

Webinar: Mobilising communities to end violence against women; Findings from the SASA! Study-Learning Lab, 24 May 2016: This webinar presents analyses from the SASA! Study, a cluster randomised trial of a community mobilisation intervention to prevent violence against women (VAW) and reduce HIV risk in Kampala, Uganda. Register online. [Source: STRIVE].

WEBINAR: Smart design and effective execution of girl-centred programmes, 25 May 2016: A key element of girl-centred programmes is knowing who and where the most excluded girls are. This hour-long webinar will cover what matters in protective asset-building program design and implementation once program staff have discovered who matters. Register online. [Source: Health Systems Trust].

Full launch: Optimus study on child abuse, violence and neglect, 1 and 2 June 2016, Pretoria and Cape Town, South Africa: UBS Optimus Foundation commissioned a three year national prevalence and incidence study on child sexual abuse and maltreatment in South Africa. The report on the findings of this study will be presented in Pretoria and Cape Town. Further inquiries on this event should be email to Nuraan Samuels at nuraan@cjcp.org.za. [Source: SafetySpaces].

Fourth global symposium on health systems research, 14-18 November 2016, Vancouver, Canada: The Global symposium on health systems research is hosted every two years by the Health Systems Global bringing together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. The call for abstracts is open, click here for further details. [Source: WUNRN].

For more events visit: http://www.svri.org/event-calendar

VIII. Vacancies

Gender Equality Researcher Consultant / UNHCR / Global / Closing date: 26 May 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Senior Finance Officer / What works to prevent violence against Women & Girls / Gender & Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council / Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: 27 May 2016. [Source: SAMRC].

Research Uptake Manager / What works to prevent violence against Women & Girls / Gender & Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council / Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: 27 May 2016. [Source: SAMRC].
Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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