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.

Today’s SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. GENTLE REMINDER: SVRI and WGB Development Marketplace for innovation in GBV prevention and response closes in two days!


Colleagues are encouraged to apply to this award opportunity to share their gender based violence solutions around the globe. Through this call we will disburse 6 awards of $100,000USD with three awards of a maximum of $150,000USD.

To learn more about last year’s winners and the winning proposals read this article or watch this video.

Send us an email for further information or queries at svri@mrc.ac.za and/or vawg@worldbank.org

II. 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.

Recent physical and sexual violence against adults with severe mental illness: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Khalifeh H, Oram S, Osborn D, Howard L.M, Johnson S. Int. Rev. Psychiatry. ePub, 2016: This article synthesizes evidence on prevalence, odds, and risk factors for recent violence against people with severe mental illness, with a focus on domestic and sexual violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

Addressing intimate partner violence with Latina women: a call for research. Alvarez C, Fedock G. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2016: This brief commentary illustrates the sparse data to inform evidence based interventions for Latina intimate partner violence survivors and is a call for research in order to determine best practices and to move the knowledge base from the vast descriptive base to evidence-based, culturally appropriate and acceptable interventions. [Source: SafetyLit]

Violence against women as a barrier to the realisation of human rights and the effective exercise of citizenship. Manjoo R. Fem. Rev. 112(1): 11-26, 2016: This article focuses on violence against women as a barrier to the realisation of women’s civil, political, economic, social, cultural and developmental rights, as well as the consequences of this for the effective exercise of citizenship. [Safetylit]

Culturally specific interventions for female survivors of gender-based violence. O’Brien J.E, Macy R.J. Aggression and Violent Behaviour, 2016: This article explores the availability of culturally specific GBV interventions and the level of evidence supporting these interventions. [Source: ScienceDirect].


Health at the intersections of precarious documentation status and gender-based partner violence. Parson N, Escobar R, Merced M, Trautwein A. Violence Against Women. 22(1), 17-40, 2016: This article is based on qualitative research investigating Spanish-speaking immigrant women’s experiences of gender-based intimate partner violence and help seeking in New Jersey. [Source: SAGE Journals].

A primer for preventing teen dating violence? The representation of teen dating violence in young adult literature and its implications for prevention. Storer H.L, Strohl K.R. Violence Against Women, 2016: This study investigates the representation of teenage dating violence in young adult literature, a media genre that is marketed to adolescent audiences. [Source: SAGE Journals].

III. Online publications and resources

Strengthening research and action on gender-based violence in Africa. International Center for Research on Women, 2012: This study demonstrates that building the capacity of NGOs to conduct qualitative, action research by pairing researchers with activists is a time-intensive process but one that has positive outcomes for programs and advocacy to combat violence against women. [Source: ICRW].
IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

CEDAW: Call for comments on gender-based violence: The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women is currently updating its General Recommendation No. 19: “25 years of CEDAW General Recommendation No. 19 (1992): Accelerating efforts on gender based violence against women”. At its sixty-fourth session, the Committee invites all interested parties to submit comments in writing on the “Draft update of General Recommendation No. 19” (to be indicated in the subject title) to the following email address: cedaw@ohchr.org. [Source: AWID].

Call for papers on mental health, guns, and gun violence: In light of recent events involving guns and gun violence, Violence and Gender is seeking high quality research on the topic of mental health, guns, and gun violence to be published in early 2017. The issue will provide a broad overview of the current state of affairs on a national and international scale. Deadline for submission: 22 November 2016. [Source: Gender and Violence].

Gates Cambridge Scholarships: The aim of the Gates Cambridge programme is to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others. It is designed for intellectually outstanding postgraduate students with a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others. [Source: Africa Health News].

V. Awards

Media awards: Ending violence against women: EVAW Coalition recently launched the inaugural Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Media Awards to encourage the very best reporting on issues of violence against women and girls. Nominations close: 3 October 2016. [Source: EVAW Coalition].

VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

HerStory Campaign: The campaign is a collaboration between 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations LitWorld and Global G.L.O.W., is a powerful blend of program content and engaged media outreach, lifting up the stories of women and girls to create lasting equitable change in the world. [Source: WUNRN].

One Billion Rising: One Billion Rising is the biggest mass action to end violence against women in human history. The campaign, launched on Valentine’s Day 2012, began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. The campaign seeks to raise consciousness – one where violence will be resisted. [Source: One Billion Rising].

VII. News

Conflicts expose women to violence, but the Arab world is finding ways to fight back, The Conversation, 28 September 2016: We know how to prevent gender-based violence, and that we must respond to survivors’ needs. The challenge is in making it happen.

Vasectomies: turning an ‘act of love’ into a global movement, The Guardian, 22 September 2016: We can’t tackle soaring global populations and massive environmental challenges without getting men involved in family planning, says Patrick Adams.

Women and girls with disabilities need empowerment, not pity, UN experts tell States, UNHR news.
20 August 2016: States too often fail to uphold their obligations with regard to women and girls with disabilities, treating them or allowing them to be treated as helpless objects of pity, subjected to hostility and exclusion, instead of empowering them to enjoy their fundamental human rights and freedoms, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) has said.

VIII. Events

Economic empowerment of women & girls in a sustainable development perspective, 10 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland: The NGO CSW Geneva, in partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), would like to give impetus to Goal 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, through the organisation of a one-day Forum focusing on practical and transformative means to foster the economic empowerment of women and girls. [Source: NGO CSW].

WHO-RHR Webinar: Providing an integrated SRHR/HIV health sector response to violence against women and girls, 17 October 2016: In support of the implementation of the Global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls and against children, WHO convenes this webinar exploring how to provide an integrated SRHR/HIV health sector response to violence against women and girls. [Source: IBP Global].

Seminar: Creating gender and trauma informed approaches for women experiencing homelessness, 19 October 2016, London, UK: AVA and Homeless Link have been working at improving service responses for women who experience homelessness, recognising that many face multiple disadvantages including domestic and sexual violence, substance use, mental ill health and childhood trauma. The event is an opportunity for a cross-sector knowledge exchange to explore best practice, policy and new research in creating trauma informed environments for women. [AVA Project].

Training: In Her Shoes / In Their Shoes Institute, 08 November 2016, Washington D.C, USA: During the training, participants will walk away understanding how to use these tools not only to improve intervention services but how to use them as a catalyst to engage in violence prevention in your community. [Source: WUNRN].

Seminar: Older women – invisible victims of gender based violence and abuse, 23 November 2016, London, UK: This seminar will create a much needed to space to talk about the experience of older victims and survivors and consider how to create services and systems that meet their needs. It will bring together researchers, commissioners, policy makers and practitioners to explore the specific challenges faced by older women in regard to gender based violence and abuse. [Source: AVA project].

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

IX. Vacancies

Health Specialist (Information Management) / UNICEF / Sittwe, Myanmar / Closing date: 03 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer / UNICEF / Islamabad, Pakistan / Closing date: 03 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].
Information Management Officer (Reporting & Monitoring) / UNICEF / Peshawar, Pakistan / Closing date: 03 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Research Coordinator / Wits School of Public Health / Johannesburg, South Africa / Closing date: 05 October 2016. [Source: Africa Health News].

Chief Planning and Monitoring / UNICEF / Bujumbura, Burundi / Closing date: 07 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Gender Advisor / WVI / Jordan / Closing date: 08 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator / Norwegian Refugee Council / Erbil, Iraq / Closing date: 08 October 2016. [Source: NRC].

Monitoring and Evaluation Manager / Norwegian Refugee Council / Greece / Closing date: 09 October 2016. [Source: NRC].

Social Policy Specialist / UNICEF / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 11 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Evaluation Analyst / IDLO / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing date: 11 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Project Officer / Asian Development Bank / Manila, Philippines / Closing date: 11 October 2016. [Funds for NGO].

Programme Manager / World Health Organization / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 12 October 2016. [WHO].

Programme Policy Officer (Cash Based Transfer) / World Food Programme / Ankara, Turkey / Closing date: 14 October 2016. [Source: ICLA].

ICLA Project Manager / Norwegian Refugee Council / Myanmar / Closing date: 16 October 2016. [Source: NRC].

Advocacy and Communications Officer / MSF / Rustenburg, South Africa / Closing date: 20 October 2016. [Source: MSF].

Associate Analyst / International Criminal Court / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing date: 22 October 2016. [Source: ICC].

Global Access Consultant / Norwegian Refugee Council / global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: NRC].

Team Leader / CAMRIS International / Kathmandu, Nepal / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: CAMRIS International].

Protection Working Group Co-Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Jordan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].
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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