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:
[Summaries directly taken or adapted from source]

I. GENTLE REMINDER: SVRI Forum 2017 Call for abstracts

SVRI Forum 2017, 18-21 September 2017, Rio, Brazil: This is a gentle reminder to our members to submit abstracts for the SVRI Forum 2017 themed “Partnerships for policy action” to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 18-21 September 2017. SVRI Forum 2017 offers a platform for like-minded people to meet and share the latest research findings on the prevention and response to sexual and other forms of violence.

The call for abstracts closes 01 February 2017.

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II. SVRI Member request

Call for Proposals: consultancy - Evaluation of Trócaire’s 5-year Gender-Based Violence Programme: Trócaire’s programme in Sierra Leone seeks to increase rights awareness, improve women’s access to justice, and increase their economic empowerment in order to reduce the levels of physical, emotional, economic, and sexual violence perpetrated against women. Trócaire implements through local partners, allowing the programme to approach this objective in multiple innovative and context sensitive ways. The overall goal of the programme is ‘To contribute to the reduction of violence against girls and women, and protection of their rights in Sierra Leone’.
Trócaire invites consultants to submit proposals for the evaluation of its 5th Gender Based Violence programmes.

Prospective consultants should submit current CVs and proposal to Ella Syl-MacFoy at ella.macfoy@trocaire.org and Michael Solis at michael.solis@trocaire.org by 17:00 on Friday November 11th. Queries and further information on the TOR may also be submitted to the addresses above.

III. 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.

What do domestic violence and sexual assault service providers need to know about survivors to deliver services? Macy R.J, Martin S.L, Nwabuzor Ogbonnaya I, Rizo C.F. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2016: In this study, the authors investigate perspectives of 80 program directors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault agencies regarding whether gathering specific information at intake is helpful in determining survivors’ needs for five service areas: legal advocacy, medical advocacy, support group, counselling, and shelter. [Source: Safetylit].

Gendered pathways from child sexual abuse to sexual aggression victimization and perpetration in adolescence and young adulthood. Krahé B, Berger A. Child Abuse Negl. ePub, 2016: This study examines the pathways from child sexual abuse to sexual assault victimization and perpetration in adolescence and early adulthood, considering risky sexual behaviour and lowered sexual self-esteem as mediator variables. [Source: Safetylit].

Effects of child sexual abuse on the parenting of male survivors. Wark J, Vis J.A. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2016: This literature review finds that the parenting experiences of male survivors are characterized by self-perceptions as adequate parents, deficient parenting as measured by standardized instruments, conceptualization of parenting as an intergenerational legacy and potential healing experience, fear of becoming an abuser, and physical and emotional distance from their children. [Source: Safetylit].

Setting an agenda to address intimate partner violence among young men who have sex with men: a conceptual model and review. Kubicek K. Trauma Violence Abuse. ePub, 2016: This framework allows for the identification of known correlates for IPV as well as factors that may be unique to young men who have sex with men or other sexual minority populations. [Source: Safetylit].

Relationship between sexual abuse in childhood and the occurrence of mental illness in adulthood: a matched case-control study in Nigeria. Okeafor C.U, Okeafor I.N, Tobin-West C.I. Sex Abuse. ePub, 2016: This study examines the relationship between exposure to childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and the occurrence of mental illness in adulthood in Nigeria. [Safetylit].

'Changing the World': The Africa Regional Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Network. Undie C, Birungi H, Askew I. BMC Proceedings. 9(Suppl 4):A1, 2015: This volume of extended abstracts summarizes network partner presentations delivered during a meeting at Washington, DC, USA in 2013. The presentations centered on each partner’s interventions and main results, coupled with the effectiveness of partners’ endeavours in responding to the needs of survivors. [Source: Biomedcentral].
Advocacy interventions to reduce or eliminate violence and promote the physical and psychosocial well-being of women who experience intimate partner abuse. Rivas C, Ramsay J, Sadowski L, Davidson L, Dunne D, Eldridge S, Hegarty K, Taft A, Feder G. Cochrane Database of Systematic. 12, 2015: This article assesses the effects of advocacy interventions within or outside healthcare settings in women who have experienced intimate partner abuse. [Source: Cochrane Library].

SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP). Oxman A, Hanney S. Health Research Policy and Systems, 7 (Supplementary 1), 2009: This series of articles has been written for people responsible for making decisions about health policies and programmes and for those who support these decision makers. [Source: Biomedcentral].

IV. Online publications and resources

A guide to sexual and gender-based violence legal protection in acute emergencies. War Child Canada. 2016: This guide helps to build the evidence base on a replicable model, or set of practices, for survivor-centred SGBV legal protection services in emergency settings; expand understanding of positive practices and lessons learned; and help humanitarian actors gain the competencies needed to uphold their SGBV responsibilities. [Source: WUNRN].


Evaluation of the effect of El Halev IMPACT programs on participants. Dank M, Ziv Y. 2015: This study was examines the effect of IMPACT, the association's flagship program for women. IMPACT is a workshop-based program made up of a series of sessions and aimed at empowering women and preventing gender-related violence. [Source: El Halev].

Gender based violence in Malawi: A literature review to inform the national response. Settergren M.M.S, Sapuwa H. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Project. 2015: This report described the nature and prevalence of gender based violence in Malawi and explores existing research and gaps in the country in relation to GBV. [Source: Health Policy Project].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Funding opportunity: Call for submissions – South Asia Women’s Fund: SAWF invites women’s rights activists and artists to submit visual designs which reflect the work of a women’s fund in Asia. The winning submission will receive a grant of $500. The winning design will be incorporated in to the new image of the Fund – in its logo, website design, business cards, letterhead and other communication material. Deadline for submission: 20 November 2016. [Source: SAWF].

Fellowship opportunity: 2017 Oak Human Rights Fellowship: This call for nominations welcomes applicants from the disciplines of film and/or photography who have been subjected to, or are at risk of experiencing, human rights violations as a result of their artistic expression; or those who have used their art to foster greater awareness of particular human rights violations. Application deadline: 02 December 2016. [Source: Colby College].

VI. News

Sexual violence in conflict – how do we stop it? Thomson Reuters Foundation News, 02 November
The issue of sexual violence in conflict was high on the political agenda a couple of years ago (at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict) but now there is relative silence whilst reports of horrific abuses, such as ISIS enslaving Yazidi women and girls and the sexual exploitation of women and girl refugees coming to Europe, show no such sign of abating.

Violence against women harms us all: will measuring the pain help prevent it? The Guardian, 28 October 2016: Despite the recognition that violence against women (VAW) is a global health emergency – one in three women and girls experience violence at least once in their life from the age of 15 – it has not inspired action by governments.

Nigeria: Govt sets 2030 target to end violence against children, All Africa, 25 October 2016: The Federal Government has stressed that a Year of Action is insufficient to tackle the menace of Violence against Children (VAC) in the country and to commemorate the Presidential Year of Action, President Muhammadu Buhari has launched the National Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) campaign to end VAC by 2030.

VII. Events

Webinar: GBV Prevention Network on Violence against women prevention and response, 04 November 2016: the conversations of this webinar will be on the key ingredients for quality violence against women prevention and response programming. This webinar is part of an ongoing VAW social media campaign. #VAWFree @GBVnet. Join the webinar at 3:00pm EAT. [Source: GBV Prevention Network].

Webinar: Very Different Voices - Celebrating the diversity of perspective in sexual violence prevention, 22 November 2016: The past 30 years have been witness to a multitude of watershed moments in understanding and responding to sexual violence. In Very Different Voices, Prescott and Wilson present a unique diversity in thinking and practice regarding challenges in good practice. Register online. [Source: NEARI Press].

15th ISPCAN European regional conference on child abuse and neglect, 01-04 October 2017, The Hague, Netherlands: You are invited to the conference themed 'Multi-disciplinary interagency approaches to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect'. The conference will bring together different stakeholders to investigate science-based approaches to preventing violence against children. Call for abstracts due 31 January 2017. [Source: Dublin Institute of Technology].

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

VIII. Vacancies

Short-term consultant - Tushirike Wote project / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 04 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Development/Communications Director / Lambi Fund of Haiti / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 07 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Operations Officer / World Bank Group / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 10 November 2016. [Source: WBG].

Monitoring and Evaluation Manager / Norwegian Refugee Council / Thessaloniki, Greece / Closing date: 13 November 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].
Senior Programme Design and Assessment Officer (maternity cover) / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 14 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Child Protection Manager / Danish Refugee Council / Baghdad, Iraq / Closing date: 14 November 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

Gender Situation Analysis Consultant / Girl Effect / London, UK / Closing date: 15 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Programme Officer / UN Women / Gulu, Uganda / Closing date: 15 November 2016. [Source: UNDP].

Child Protection Officer / UNICEF / Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Closing date: 18 November 2016. [Source: UNICEF].

Partnerships and Development Manager / Urgent Action Fund Africa / Africa / Closing date: 20 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Senior Programme Officer / WHO / Brazzaville, Congo / Closing date: 22 November 2016. [Source: WHO].

Associate Director, Institutional Giving / American Jewish World Service / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Consultancy: Gender-Based Violence Field Researcher / International Center for Research on Women / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ICRW].

WPE Adolescent Girls Emergency Specialist / International Rescue Committee / Nigeria / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Technical Advisor, Gender Health Unit / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Wellbeing Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Mali / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Senior Non-Key Expert on Gender Analysis / CIDEAL Foundation / Beirut, Lebanon / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

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

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