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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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://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 Forum 2017 Abstract mentorship programme closes 1 January 2017!](#)

The SVRI would like to encourage abstract submissions for the SVRI Forum 2017 from new and emerging researchers in the field of sexual violence and other related areas. The [SVRI Abstract Mentoring Programme](#) provides opportunity for research under the age of 35 who are less experienced abstract submitters to receive feedback on their abstracts from more experienced researchers. The program targets researchers from low and middle income countries who have limited access to opportunities for mentoring in research and writing. Submissions due 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

For more information, please email us at [svri.forums@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri.forums@mrc.ac.za)

We look forward to hosting you in Brazil!

#### 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.***

[Associations between alcohol use and intimate partner violence among men who have sex with men. Davis A, Kaighobadi F, Stephenson R, Rael C, Sandfort T. \*LGBT Health\*. 3\(6\), 400-406, 2016](#): This study examines the associations between alcohol use and different types of intimate partner

violence victimization and perpetration among men who have sex with men. [Source: Safetylit].

[Gender differences in the association between childhood sexual abuse and risky sexual behaviours: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Abajobir A.A, Kisely S, Maravilla J.C, Williams G, Najman JM. Child Abuse Negl. ePub, 2016:](#) This meta-analytic review examines the association between childhood sexual abuse and risky sexual behaviours with sub-group analyses by gender. [Source: Safetylit].

[Climate surveys: An inventory of understanding sexual assault and other crimes of interpersonal violence at institutions of higher education. Wood L, Sulley C, Kammer-Kerwick M, Follingstad D, Busch-Armendariz N. Violence Against Women. 1–19, 2016:](#) Sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, sexual harassment, and stalking are complex crimes and have been a major focus of national attention at institutions of higher education. This article describes 10 different climate surveys and outlines the variables measured in each tool. [Source: SAGE publications].

[Childhood sexual abuse and substance abuse: a gender paradox? Tonmyr L, Shields M. Child Abuse Negl. ePub, 2016:](#) This study examines associations between childhood sexual abuse and substance abuse, the role of mental health indicators as mediators in these associations and whether or not associations differ by gender. [Source: Safetylit].

[Lessons learnt from the CERCA Project, a multicomponent intervention to promote adolescent sexual and reproductive health in three Latin America countries: a qualitative post-hoc evaluation. Ivanova O, Pozo K.C, Segura Z.E, Vega B, Chandra-Mouli V, Hindin M.J, Temmerman M, Decat P, De Meyer S, Michielsen K. Eval Program Plann. 58, 98-105, 2016:](#) The Community-Embedded Reproductive Health Care for Adolescents (CERCA) Project was implemented in Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua (2011–2014) to test the effectiveness of interventions preventing teenage pregnancies. This study shares lessons from the project including recommendations for future projects. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Reform of abortion law in Uruguay: Context, process and lessons learned. Wood S, Abracinskas L, Correa S, Pecheny M. Reproductive Health Matters. 10, 2016:](#) This article aims to identify the strategies and facilitating factors that led to the legal reform and the limitations of the law, as well as to view the process through a political and feminist lens that draws attention to the limitations of the outcome from a women's rights perspective. [Source: Reproductive Health Matters].

[Sexual and reproductive health and rights in Latin America: an analysis of trends, commitments and achievements. Richardson E, Birn A. Reproductive Health Matters. 2016:](#) This study analyses the interconnected factors affecting the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV. It further examine the extent to which sexual and reproductive rights have been realized in Latin America since 1994. [Source: Reproductive Health Matters].

### III. Online publications and resources

[Engaging men in public policies for the prevention of violence against women and girls. Aguayo F, Kimelman E, Saavedra P, Kato-Wallace J. UN Women and UNFPA. 2016:](#) This report provides evidence on efforts in the LAC region to prevent and eradicate all forms of VAWG used by men, and to outline effective interventions and highlights progress in the field, as well as the obstacles, lessons learned, and challenges. [Source: End VAW Now].

[A tool for strengthening gender-sensitive national HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health \(SRH\) monitoring and evaluation systems. World Health Organization. 2016:](#) The tool provides step-by-step

guidance to strategic information specialists and monitoring and evaluation officers of HIV and SRH programmes on how to ask the right questions in order to uncover gender inequalities and their influence on health; identify and select gender-sensitive indicators; conduct gender-analysis of SRH and HIV data; and strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems to enable appropriate data collection and gender analysis. [Source: WUNRN].

[“Tell me where I can be safe” The impact of Nigeria’s same sex marriage \(prohibition\) act. Human Rights Watch. 2016](#): This report documents the human rights impact of the same sex marriage (prohibition) act on LGBT individuals and its effects on the activities of non-governmental organizations that provide services to LGBT people. [Source: Human Rights Watch].

[Botswana PEPFAR gender analysis. Ramatala I, Bloom S, Machao G. 2016](#): This report identifies gender-related factors in current programming that pose barriers to preventing new HIV infections, accessing testing services, starting antiretroviral therapy (ART), and adhering to treatment protocols. [Source: Measure Evaluation].

[What we know about ethical research involving children in humanitarian settings: An overview of principles, the literature and case studies. Berman G, Hart J, O’Mathúna D, Mattellone E, Potts A, O’Kane C, Shusterman J, Tanner T. Innocenti Working Papers. 2016](#): This working paper identifies and explores the issues that should be considered when undertaking ethical research involving children in humanitarian settings. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti].

#### IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: DFID’s girls’ education challenge – Leave no girl behind](#): This program aims to support interventions for highly marginalised, adolescent girls who are out of school (either because they have never attended school or have dropped out without gaining a basic education). Closing date: 20 December 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[HAB bulletin – Call for submissions: Gender, peace, and security at 16: Where to from here? Rethinking, regionalizing, and localizing the agenda](#): The Horn of Africa Bulletin seeks contributions that will focus on some of the gaps and issues identified by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), provide practitioner, academic, and policy reflections, and suggest policy options. The issues include programming around masculinity, gendered dynamics and impact of intra-state and inter-state conflicts. Closing date: 30 December 2016. [Source: Pambazuka].

[Global Health Corps fellowships](#): More than 150 global health positions for 2017-2018 fellowship class are now open at the Global Health Corps. Fellows work with high-impact health organizations in yearlong paid positions. They fill critical gaps in their placement organizations as many have non-traditional health backgrounds. Throughout the year, they engage in intensive leadership development and community building, striving to embody our leadership practices as they work to address health inequities across the global health field. Closing date: 18 January 2017. [Source: AWID].

[Funding opportunity: Global fund for women – Initiative to end gender-based violence in the garment industry](#): Global Fund for Women invites organizations seeking to scale innovative strategies and successful interventions to apply for funding. They intend to fund organizations and coalitions (organizations working together to increase potential impact through their collaborative efforts) working to ensure that women workers are free from sexual harassment and sexual violence in places where they work and live. Closing date: 1 February 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

## V. Advocacy and awareness raising

[SVRI blog: Here be monsters, 15 December 2016](#): This blog discusses women's liberation throughout the years. It further emphasizes women's empowerment self-defense in order to reduce gender based violence.

[SVRI blog: The freeze response – How a warrior handles the trauma of sexual assault, 14 December 2016](#): In this blog, Amy Oestreicher shares how she handled the trauma of sexual assault. She highlights that healing is a process and each person experience it differently.

[SVRI blog: What to say and what not to say to a survivor of sexual assault, 13 December 2016](#): Everyone has a place in sexual assault prevention. According to RAINN, an average of 68% of assaults in the last five years were not reported. Together, we can help all survivors come forward to share their stories and heal.

## VI. Awards

[German-African Innovation Incentive award: Strengthening innovative research in Africa](#): The award aims to strengthen innovative research in Africa, bolster its effect locally and at the same time consolidate German-African partnerships. It will be presented to an African researcher and his or her respective German cooperation partner. The award will be granted for an existing achievement and will make it possible to develop a follow-up project with which the partners can advance their research findings with a view to future commercial exploitation. The prize money amounts to 150,000 euros. Deadline: 10 January 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Call for entries: 2017 Dart Awards](#): The awards recognize media coverage that sets a new standard for grappling with the complexity of trauma and its impact on individuals, families and communities. Two cash prizes of \$5,000 will be awarded. Entries due: 30 January 2017. [Source: Dart Center].

## VII. News

[Gender violence is not just a women's issue, The Guardian, 14 December 2016](#): Violence against women is a pandemic but solutions need more than just punishing perpetrators. We must change the mentality driving men to commit these crimes.

[The violence of gender discrimination in nationality laws, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 13 December 2016](#): Upon first glance, gender-based violence (GBV) and laws pertaining to citizenship may seem worlds apart. In fact, there are significant links between women's nationality rights and GBV. During these 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, it is a good time to consider how gender discrimination in nationality laws contributes to violence against women and girls.

[The path to child marriage: What it looks like – and how to block it, Women and Girls Hub, 8 December 2016](#): Researchers in Kenya and Zambia found two direct precursors to early marriage. In doing so, they created a map that shows policymakers and other stakeholders the many ways they can help empower girls to choose a different path.

[India steps up citizen activism to protect women, IPS News, 7 December 2016](#): Delhi Police launched a unique initiative to check spiralling crimes against women in the city, also known dubiously as the "rape capital" of India. It formed a squad of plain clothes officers called "police mitras" (friends of the police) — comprising farmers, homemakers and former Army men — to assist them in the

prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order.

#### VIII. Vacancies

[Operations and Finance Manager](#) / Irise Uganda / Jinja, Uganda / Closing date: 19 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Country Manager](#) / Irise Uganda / Jinja, Uganda / Closing date: 19 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Finance Advisor – International Tax Justice Campaign Project](#) / ActionAid / London, UK / Closing date: 23 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Assistant](#) / World Food Programme / Egypt / Closing date: 28 December 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Finance and Operations Intern](#) / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 2 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Development Officer](#) / International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 8 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer, Civic Engagement and Government \(East Africa\)](#) / Ford Foundation / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: 20 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Team Member](#) / Management Systems International / Indonesia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: The Communication Initiative Network].

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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 increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

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