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Welcome to the first SVRI Update for the year 2017.

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. [Reminder: SVRI Forum 2017 Call for abstracts closes on 1 February 2017](#)

[SVRI Forum 2017: Partnerships for policy action, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on the 18th to 21st September 2017](#): This is a gentle reminder that SVRI Forum 2017 call for abstracts is still open until the **1st of February 2017**. The conference is a timely space to discuss and share strategies for achieving SDG targets aimed at ending all forms of violence against women and girls. It brings together different stakeholders from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence.

The call for abstracts is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

- 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.

[Global research priorities for interpersonal violence prevention: a modified Delphi study. Mikton C.R, Tanaka M, Tomlinson M, Streiner D.L, Tonmyr L, Lee B.X, Fisher J, Hegadoren K, Pim J.E, Wang S.S, MacMillan H. L. Bull World Health Organ. 95\(1\): 36–48, 2017](#): This article aims to establish global

research priorities for interpersonal violence prevention using a systematic approach. [Source: WHO Bulletin].

[Implementation of Audio-Computer Assisted Self-Interview \(ACASI\) among adolescent girls in humanitarian settings: feasibility, acceptability, and lessons learned.](#) Falb K, Tanner S, Asghar K, Souidi S, Mierzwa S, Assazene A, Bakomere T, Mallinga P, Robinette K, Tibebe W, Stark L. *Conflict and Health*. 10(32), 2017: This paper seeks to explore the feasibility and acceptability of using ACASI with adolescent girls and to document the implementation of such an approach in two humanitarian settings: conflict-affected communities in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and refugee camps along the Sudan-Ethiopia border. [Source: International Rescue Committee].

[The effect of gender norms on the association between violence and hope among girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo.](#) Stark L, Asghar K, Meyer S, Yu G, Bakomere T, Poulton C, Falb K. *Global Mental Health*. 4(e1), 2017: This study assesses attitudes toward traditional gender norms as an effect modifier of the relationship between violence exposure and future orientation in displaced girls. [Source: International Rescue Committee].

[Substantiated childhood maltreatment and intimate partner violence victimization in young adulthood: A birth cohort study.](#) Abajobir A.A, Kisely S, Williams G.M, Clavarino A.M, Najman J.M. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. 46(1), 165-179, 2017: This study examines the extent to which childhood experiences of maltreatment increase the risk for intimate partner violence victimization in early adulthood. [Source: PubMed].

[The impact of humanitarian emergencies on the prevalence of violence against children: an evidence-based ecological framework.](#) Rubenstein B.L, Stark L. *Psychol Health Med*. 9:1-9, 2017: In this article, authors use the ecological framework to examine the impact of humanitarian emergencies on interpersonal violence against children. [Source: PubMed].

[Intimate partner violence screening and the comparative effects of screening mode on disclosure of sensitive health behaviours and exposures in clinical settings.](#) Frazier T, Yount K.M. *Public Health*. 143, 52–59, 2017: This study determines whether mode of screening influenced disclosure of intimate partner violence (IPV) in patterns similar to other forms of sensitive information. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in settings affected by armed conflicts in Africa, Asia and the Middle East: systematic review.](#) McAlpine A, Hossain M, Zimmerman C. *BMC International Health and Human Rights*. 16(34), 2016: This systematic review focuses on sexual exploitation in forms of early or forced marriage, forced combatant sexual exploitation and sexual slavery. It further extracts prevalence measures, health outcomes and sexual exploitation terminology definitions. [Source: BMC International Health and Human Rights].

[Gender as a predictor of posttraumatic stress symptoms and externalizing behavior problems in sexually abused children.](#) Gauthier-Duchesne A, Hébert M, Daspe MÈ. *Child Abuse Negl*. 64: 79-88, 2016: This study examines differential outcomes among boy and girl victims of sexual abuse. [Source: Safetylit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Human rights toolkit for women and girls with disability, First Edition.](#) *Women With Disabilities Australia*. 2016: This toolkit discusses key human rights issues facing women and girls with disabilities in Australia and offers Ideas and suggestions of ways women and girls with disability can

get involved in working for change. [Source: WUNRN].

[Adolescent boys and young men: Engaging them as supporters of gender equality and health and understanding their vulnerabilities. Promundo-US and UNFPA. 2016](#): This report highlights the importance of engaging adolescent boys and young men in sexual and reproductive health and rights and in gender equality. [Source: WUNRN].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for Proposals: ARASA Small Grants - Africa Regional Grant on HIV – Removing Legal Barriers \(open to Botswana, Malawi, Kenya and Seychelles\)](#): The overall goal of the Africa Regional Grant on HIV- Removing Legal Barriers is to work with parliamentarians, policy makers, law enforcement officials, cultural leaders, lawyers and the judiciary to strengthen access to services for key populations (men who have sex with men, sex workers and people who use drugs) in 10 countries – Botswana, Cote d’Ivoire, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Submission deadline: 23 January 2017. [Source: ARASA].

[HIF Call for Innovators: Improving monitoring and evaluation of gender based violence](#): The Humanitarian Innovation Fund is currently seeking applications from eligible organisations for its program entitled “Improving Monitoring and Evaluation of Gender Based Violence (GBV)” with an aim to investigate approaches and efforts to best address the significant remaining challenges in this area and stimulate tangible innovations. Application deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: ELRHA].

[Call for applications - Feminist Review Trust Fund](#): The Feminist Review Trust is currently accepting applications from eligible entities for its grants program, representing the diversity of women’s lives globally and supporting the creativity with which women fight the inequalities they face. Application deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

[Call for applications - South Asia Women's Fund](#): South Asia Women's Fund is pleased to announce the first call for proposals for Leading from the South - a special fund created to resource women’s rights activism in the global South, initiated by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The fund will support activism devised, implemented, and led by women’s rights organisations in the global South. Application deadline: 17 February 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog post: Gender under the Rome Statute - Intersex outcast, 9 January 2017](#): The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adheres to sex dualism. As a result, it denies legal protection to intersex victims of gender-based violence. Read more [here](#).

VI. Website

[New SVRI Webpage: Preventing and responding to VAWG in LAC - Lessons learned across the globe. 5-7 December 2016, Panama](#): This webpage contains materials and resources that were presented in a three day meeting at Panama on the 5th to the 7th of December 2016. The meeting was organised by the UN Women in partnership with PAHO, UNFPA and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative which brought together several UN agencies, government officials, civil society organizations, global researchers and other experts in the field of preventing and responding to violence against women and girls to exchange experiences and explore ways to implement effective and promising practices to address VAW in the LAC region.

VII. News

[Sexual violence against female aid workers: How organizations can tackle it, Devex, 4 January 2017](#):

A female aid worker who was raped while working in South Sudan is using her experience to help humanitarian organizations get better at preventing staff from experiencing sexual violence and harassment while at work.

[First Steps in Breaching the Taboo of SGBV Against Children in Africa, News Deelpy, 4 January 2017](#):

Recent research in East and Southern Africa indicates post-rape services are increasingly frequented by girls, some as young as 11. The Population Council's Chi-Chi Undie explains how the region can adapt better to their needs.

[7 Ways to raise awareness of violence against women, Women's eNews, 30 December 2016](#):

In this news bulletin, Professor Patricia MacCorquodale offers ways in which we can raise awareness of violence against women.

VIII. Events

[Webinar: Back to basics and moving beyond: A prevention approach to sexual and domestic violence, 25 January 2017](#): This introductory web conference will provide an overview to the 2017 PreventConnect web conference series and offers an opportunity to review the fundamentals of a public health approach to preventing sexual and domestic violence. [Source: PreventConnect].

[2nd annual Youth Forum – UN Commission on the Status of Women 61, 11-12 March 2017, New York, USA](#):

The Youth Forum is a safe space for young people, particularly young women and girls, to openly, and strategically discuss the challenges and opportunities in their local, national, regional and global contexts in accelerating progress to achieve gender equality and sustainable development. [Source: WUNRN].

IX. Vacancies

[Temporary Grants Administrator](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Closing date: 16 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Executive Assistant](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Closing date: 27 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Vice President for Advocacy and Communications](#) / Promundo-US / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: 3 February 2017. [Source: Promundo-US].

[Asylum Intern](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

[Resource Mobilization Officer](#) / Family Planning Association of Malawi and Global Health Corps / Lilongwe, Malawi / Closing date: open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones Intern](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Boston, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

[Monitoring and Evaluation Officer](#) / Days for Girls with Global Health Corps / Kampala, Uganda / Closing date: open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Emergency Outreach Midwife](#) / International Rescue Committee / Libya / 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 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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