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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. Call for Applications: Young Researcher's Participation in SVRI Forum 2017](#)

This is an invitation to organizations based in Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in a selection process to identify 10 young researchers between the ages of 18-24 to attend the upcoming SVRI Forum 2017 as well as 5 facilitators to support them. The youth should have experience undertaking participatory research with young people affected by violence.

Deadline: 13 March 2017 at 23:59 (South African Time).

Download the call for applications [here](#) and the application form [here](#).

[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.

[Prevalence of past-year sexual assault victimization among undergraduate students: exploring differences by and intersections of gender identity, sexual identity, and race/ethnicity. Coulter R.W, Mair C, Miller E, Blossnich J.R, Matthews D.D, McCauley H.L. Prev. Sci. ePub, 2017:](#) This article explores the independent and interaction effects of sexual identity, gender identity, and race/ethnicity on past-year sexual assault among college students. [Source: Safetylit].

[Screening for child sexual exploitation in online sexual health services: an exploratory study of expert views. Spencer-Hughes V, Syred J, Allison A, Holdsworth G, Baraitser P. J. Med. Internet. Res. 19\(2\), e30, 2017:](#) This study documents expert practitioner views on safeguarding in the context of an online sexual health service. [Source: Safetylit].

[Methods to increase reporting of childhood sexual abuse in surveys: the sensitivity and specificity of face-to-face interviews versus a sealed envelope method in Ugandan primary school children. Barr AL, Knight L, França-Junior I, Allen E, Naker D, Devries K.M. BMC Int Health Hum Rights. 17\(1\), 2017:](#) This study tests the sensitivity and specificity of the face-to-face-interview method by comparing the number of disclosures of forced sex against a more confidential mode of data collection, the sealed-envelope method. [Source: PubMed].

[Association among father involvement, partner violence, and paternal health: UN multi-country cross-sectional study on men and violence. Chan K.L, Emery C.R, Fulu E, Tolman R.M, Ip P. Am J Prev Med. 2017:](#) This study investigates the prevalence of father involvement in delivery and child care, and explores its associations with IPV against women and paternal health in an Asia-Pacific context. [Source: PubMed].

[Estimating the trafficked population: Public health research methodologies may be the answer. Fedina L, DeForge B.R. Journal of Human Trafficking. ePub, 2017:](#) This paper explores public health research methodologies commonly used to estimate hard-to-reach and transient populations and discusses how these methods might be successfully used to estimate the trafficked population. [Source: University of Maryland, Baltimore].

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

[Transactional sex and risk for HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Wamoyi J, Stoebenau K, Bobrova N, Abramsky T, Watts C. J Int AIDS Soc. 19\(1\), 2016:](#) This study assesses the relationship between transactional sex and HIV among men and women in sub-Saharan Africa and summarises the findings through a meta-analysis. [Source: HST].

III. Online publications and resources

[A guide for NGO's and women's human rights activists at the UN and CSW 2017. NGO Committee on the Status of Women/New York. 2017:](#) This NGO guide was compiled to assist build the capacity of NGOs and women's human rights activists to advocate for the rights and empowerment of women and girls. [Source: NGOCSW].

[Sexual assault response teams assessing systems change: A resource for multidisciplinary team](#)

[leadership. Goff E, Haas S, Jerney J, Pejsa L. 2015](#): This report offers an overview of the evaluation process, practice cases that address using surveys and interviews, collecting data, and evaluating a pilot project, and stories from people in the field about how they've used these tools. [Source: Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for proposals: Regional study on the intersections between Violence against Women and Violence against Children](#): In a context where efforts to address VAW and VAC have evolved in distinct streams with occasional tensions between the two communities of practice, the study will set out the existing state of play on policies and programmes on VAW and VAC in the region. This will include an analysis of areas where specialised approaches are required, and those areas where greater convergence is necessary. This will not be a study limited to an academic audience, but rather we hope the recommendations will be used to influence policy and programming. Key recommendations emerging from the regional study will serve as a platform to initiate a proposed VAW-VAC Stakeholder Dialogue to take place in during the 16 Days of Activism' in Nov/Dec 2017. The study will include a number of case studies in 3-5 selected countries, where policies, services and prevention programmes will be analysed in some detail. This will require some light country office support for the institutional service providers eventually selected for this exercise. Deadline: 17 March 2017. [Source: UNICEF].

[UN China call for proposals: Inviting CSOs for gender fund for research and advocacy](#): The themes for this call for proposals include: gender equality and philanthropy, education and gender and China's Two-Child Policy. The recommended grant size for proposals is up to US\$50,000. The exact size of the grant awarded for each project will be assessed and decided based on the capacity of the grantee and exact activities planned under each project. Proposals should be emailed to unwomen.china@unwomen.org by 2 April 2017. [Source: UN].

[EU Call for Proposals: Promoting and protecting child rights in Ghana](#): The European Union (EU) is currently accepting proposals from eligible organizations for a programme entitled "Promoting and Protecting Child Rights in Ghana" with an aim to strengthen local and national child protection systems to protect children from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect. Deadline: 19 April 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Call for papers: Methodological Innovations](#): Methodological Innovations is a peer-reviewed, open access journal. All accepted articles are made available free online. They are published under a Creative Commons license and will be hosted online in perpetuity. There is no charge for submitting a paper to the journal; however publication costs of the journal are covered by article processing charges which are paid by the funder, institution or author of each manuscript upon acceptance. [Source: SAGE Publications].

[RISE Learning Network call for blog posts](#): The RISE Learning Network is inviting contributions from professionals around the world working on projects and programmes that aim at the recovery and reintegration of children affected by sexual exploitation and other forms of violence and abuse. Blog posts can be in English or Spanish. [Source: RISE Learning Network].

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog post: Is a global shift developing to reduce penalties for violence against women? 24 February 2017](#): One in three women globally has experienced violence from a male intimate partner or sexual violence from a non-partner. Such violence is not only a human rights violation, it also creates a

substantial health and economic impact on individuals and societies. In the USA alone, costs of IPV exceed \$5.8 billion annually, and costs of SV exceed \$3 trillion over victims' lifetimes. Policies that prevent IPV and SV are important for health and human rights, as well as development. Accordingly, elimination of such violence was included as part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2030. Unfortunately, despite this suggested indicator of global progress, a worrisome trend is forming regarding a reduction in legal protections against IPV and SV in nations where such laws have existed for decades. [Source: UCSD].

[Blog post: GBV interventions in humanitarian action: A guideline for South Africa? 7 February 2017:](#) Given the lack of political will to reduce GBV in South Africa, the UN guidelines on GBV interventions in humanitarian action may be useful for revitalising support around new and innovative strategies for confronting GBV. [Source: SaferSpaces].

VI. News

[Where are the most difficult places in the world to be gay or transgender? The Guardian, 1 March 2017:](#) Homosexuality is still a crime in 72 countries (pdf). And even countries with no legal barriers, such as the US, record shocking levels of hate crimes – there were 53 transgender murders from 2013 to 2015 and not a single one was prosecuted, for example. Based on the data that is available, here are seven of the countries where LGBT rights are most under threat – but where campaigners are also making the occasional small step of progress.

[Migrating children and women, suffer 'sexual violence, exploitation, abuse and detention' – UN agency, UN News, 28 February 2017:](#) A senior United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) official is calling the routes from sub-Saharan Africa into Libya and across the sea to Europe one of the "world's deadliest and most dangerous for children and women," as the agency reported that nearly half of the women and children interviewed after making the voyage were raped.

[Bangladesh weakens longstanding law against underage marriage, The New York Times, 27 February 2017:](#) Bangladesh's Parliament softened its landmark law against underage marriage, a move that human rights activists say could roll back the country's decades-long campaign to curtail teenage pregnancy and maternal and infant mortality.

VII. Events

[Webinar: How do we connect the dots? Local approaches to preventing multiple forms of violence, 15 March 2017:](#) This web conference will reference the research, while expanding the conversation about local and state strategies that prevent sexual and domestic violence among other forms of violence concurrently. [Source: Prevent Connect].

[Panel discussion at UNCSW: Empowering female health workers, 16 March 2017, New York, USA:](#) Jhpiego and UNICEF are pleased to invite you to a panel discussion and light lunch during the UN Commission on the Status of Women. RSVP [here](#) to join the event. [Source: Jhpiego].

[Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention conference, 17-19 October 2017, Ontario, Canada:](#) This conference will bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners working with children and adults to prevent and address domestic violence and domestic homicide. The conference will identify and address personal and structural risk factors for domestic violence among vulnerable populations, and promising practices for risk assessment, management and safety planning. [Source: Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations].

VIII. Vacancies

[Project Officer – Gender](#) / International Alert / Yangon, Myanmar / Closing date: 3 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Technical Lead and Conflict adviser](#) / International Alert / Maiduguri, Nigeria / Closing date: 5 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Coordinator](#) / International Women’s Development Agency / Australia / Closing date: 6 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[HR Consultant – Development of pre-deployment package](#) / UNICEF / New York, USA / Closing date: 6 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Assistant](#) / UNICEF / Freetown, Sierra Leone / Closing date: 12 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior manager, people and culture \(Parental leave contract\)](#) / International Women’s Development Agency / Australia / Closing date: 13 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Monitoring and Evaluation Manager](#) / Norwegian Refugee Council / Mogadishu, Somalia / Closing date: 14 March 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Media and Communications Officer](#) / Girls Not Brides / London, UK / Closing date: 22 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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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