Dear SVRI 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. SVRI member’s request

The Swedish Migration Agency is requesting for recommendations for relevant guidelines, best-practices, research etc. relating to the mainstreaming of GBV prevention and mitigation safeguards in asylum processes. Specifically, asylum processes relevant to the case of Sweden, i.e. where these are managed by a national competent authority with responsibility both for status adjudication but also practical aspects such as housing. They are currently looking at IASC and GPC standards.

Materials should be submitted by sending an email to Karl Engman at karl.engman@migrationsverket.se

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.
The importance of contextual factors in carrying out childhood violence surveys: a case study from Indonesia. Ramble L, Ramly A.A, Nuryana M, Dunne M.P. Child Indicators Research. 2017: the authors in this study, examine Indonesia’s experience in conducting a national prevalence survey on violence against children (physical, emotional, sexual violence) in 2013. [Source: UNICEF Indonesia].

"It happens to girls all the time": examining sexual assault survivors' reasons for not using campus supports. Holland K.J, Cortina L.M. Am. J. Community Psychol. ePub, 2017: This study uses a mixed methodological approach to examine why survivors did not use three key campus supports—the Title IX Office, the sexual assault center, and housing staff—and if these reasons differed across the three supports. [Safetylit].

Deciding where to turn: a qualitative investigation of college students' help seeking decisions after sexual assault. DeLoveh H.L, Cattaneo L.B. Am. J. Community Psychol. ePub, 2017: This study uses grounded theory to explore how sexual assault survivors make decisions about help-seeking. [Source: Safetylit].

Social distancing of college students toward individuals who experienced sexual violence. Afe T, Ogunsemi O. Violence and Gender. 4(1), 17-24, 2017: This study investigates social distancing toward victims of sexual violence among college students in Lagos, Nigeria. [Source: Violence and Gender].

Sexual perpetration history predicting men's empathy with a rapist. Osman S.L, Orth R.L. 4(1), 25-26, 2017: This study examines empathy with a hypothetical rapist based on type of sexual perpetration experience (i.e., none, nonrape perpetrators, rapists who do not admit to "rape," and rapists who admit to "rape"). [Source: Gender and Violence].

Intimate partner violence and the overlap of perpetration and victimization: Considering the influence of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse in childhood. Richards T.N, Tillyer M.S, Wright E.M. Child Abuse Negl. 67, 240-248, 2017: This study examines the independent relationship of childhood maltreatment type (emotional, sexual, physical) on intimate partner violence victimization and perpetration. [Source: PubMed].

Exploring couples' processes of change in the context of SASAI, a violence against women and HIV prevention intervention in Uganda. Starmann E, Collumbien M, Kyegombe N, Devries K, Michau L, Musuva T, Watts C, Heise L. Prev Sci. 18(2), 233-244, 2017: This study aims to provide a better understanding of how couples' involvement with SASAI—a violence against women and HIV-related community mobilisation intervention developed by Raising Voices in Uganda—influenced processes of change in relationships. [Source: STRIVE].

Getting men in the room: perceptions of effective strategies to initiate men's involvement in gender-based violence prevention in a global sample. Casey E.A, Leek C, Tolman R.M, Allen C.T, Carlson J.M. Cult Health Sex. 1-17, 2017: This study examines the perceived relevance and effectiveness of men's engagement strategies from the perspective of men around the world who have organised or attended gender-based violence prevention events. [Source: PubMed].

III. Online publications and resources

Lee A, Mwaikambo L, Jayarajan N. Making content meaningful: A guide to adapting existing global health content for different audiences. Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, 2016: The intended users of this guide are program managers and implementers working in the health and development sectors who are interested in taking
advantage of openly accessible health content—without having to develop content from scratch—to better serve their clients and communities. [Source: K4Health].

Global Guidance on Addressing School-Related Gender-Based Violence. UNESCO and UN Women, 2016: This publication introduces approaches, methodologies, tools and resources that have shown positive results in preventing and responding to school-related gender-based violence. [Source: UN Women].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Funding opportunity: Lesbian Health Fund – Improving the health of lesbians and other sexual minority women: The Lesbian Health Fund (LHF), a program of GLMA, is currently accepting applications for the Spring LHF Grant Cycle. The mission of the Lesbian Health Fund is to improve the health of lesbians and other sexual minority women (SMW) and their families through research. Deadline: 1 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

Call for applications: MENTOR-VIP: Applications for the 11th cycle of MENTOR-VIP are now open. MENTOR-VIP is designed to assist junior violence and injury prevention practitioners develop specific skills through structured collaboration with a more experienced person who has volunteered to act as a mentor. The programme provides a mechanism to match demand for technical guidance from some people with offers received from others to provide technical support. Deadline: 5 May 2017 [Source: WHO].

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

Blog post: Reducing 'Gender' to 'Women' is Problematic, 9 March 2017: In this blog post, SayedMahdi Mosawi reflects on the 2017 International Women’s Day within the Afghanistan context. [Source: Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit].

VI. News

UN chief warns that women’s rights are under attack worldwide, The Huffington post, 14 March 2017: According to Time, Guterres warned that women around the world are facing “new assaults on their safety and dignity.” He did not name any specific governments or groups, but he spoke of “challenges that arise from violent extremism, human rights violations, xenophobia and other threats.” The speech appeared to be aimed at President Donald Trump and his proposed refugee and immigrant ban, as well as extremist group ISIS and Russia’s recent legislation decriminalizing domestic violence.

Angelina Jolie urges greater efforts to prosecute rape in conflict, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 13 March 2017: Jolie teamed up with former British Foreign Secretary William Hague to launch a global initiative aimed at ending sexual violence in conflict, tackling impunity and improving support for survivors.

Gender disparity at UN: Three out of 71, Zero out of nine, IPS News, 8 March 2017: The United Nations has frequently been accused of vociferously preaching gender empowerment and women’s rights to the outside world — but failing miserably to practice what it preaches in its own political backyard.
VII. Events

Webinar: Making content meaningful: How to adapt existing global health content for different audiences, 28 March 2017: This webinar highlights the Knowledge for Health (K4Health) Project’s content adaptation guide, Making Content Meaningful. The guide outlines a framework with key steps and questions for consideration, accompanied by activity sheets and illustrative examples to guide users in making informed decisions in the content adaptation process. This webinar is for anyone working in the health and development sectors interested in taking advantage of openly accessible health content—without having to develop content from scratch—to better serve their clients and communities. [Source: K4Health].

Webinar: What do we know about HIV stigma and rights-based prevention? 29 March 2017: Stigma undermines effective HIV prevention and treatment: this is universally acknowledged. But what can be done to reduce stigma and its impact on HIV infection? To answer this question, Dr Anne Stangl presents two systematic reviews of the evidence on: (1) interventions to reduce stigma ; (2) human rights-based interventions to prevent HIV. [Source: STRIVE].

VIII. Vacancies

Peacebuilding Intern / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 17 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Senior Programme Finance and Operations Officer / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 17 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

New York City Anti-Violence Project Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Leadership Academy Consultant / The New York City Anti-Violence Project / New York, USA / Closing date: 20 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Programme Assistant / UNICEF / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: 28 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Secretary General / Arterial Network / Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire / Closing date: 5 April 2017. [Source: Arterial Network].

Deputy Chief of Party, Ushindi Project / IMA World Health / Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo / Closing Date: 8 April 2017 [Source: IMA World Health].

ERT Women’s Protection and Empowerment Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Team Lead, Gender and Agriculture Specialist / Banyan Global / Southern Africa / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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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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