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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.

Today’s SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. SVRI and IC’s Call for Evidence: Global review of participatory SV consultation/ research addressing involving children and young people

We are working in partnership with The International Centre (IC): researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking (University of Bedfordshire) in undertaking an international review of evidence relating to participatory methodologies used in research and consultation relating to sexual violence involving children and young people. We would therefore appreciate receiving information about documents and/or related materials on participatory work with children and young people in research or consultation on sexual violence (or related subjects). This may include journal articles, conference papers or presentations, research reports, project reports, evaluations, websites and existing guides or toolkits. Please email relevant materials to Dr Silvie Bovarnick/ Silvie.bovarnack@beds.ac.uk by 30th April 2017.

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.*

Disclosure bias for group versus individual reporting of violence amongst conflict-affected adolescent girls in DRC and Ethiopia. Stark L, Sommer M, Davis K, Asghar K, Baysa A.A, Abdela G,
Tanner S, Falb K. PLoS ONE. 12(4), 2017: Methodologies to measure gender-based violence (GBV) have received inadequate attention, especially in humanitarian contexts where vulnerabilities to violence are exacerbated. This paper compares the results from individual audio computer-assisted self-administered (ACASI) survey interviews with results from participatory social mapping activities, employed with the same sample in two different post-conflict contexts. [Source: Columbia University].

International consultation on long-term global health research priorities, research capacity and research uptake in developing countries. McConalogue D, Kinn S, Mulligan J, McNeil M. Health Res Policy Syst. 15(24), 2017: This study aims to elicit views on the long-term future global health research priorities, areas likely to be less important over time, how to improve research uptake in low-income countries, and how to build research capacity in low-income countries. [Source: Safetylit].


“I wasn’t a priority, I wasn’t a victim”: Challenges in help seeking for transgender survivors of intimate partner violence. Guadalupe-Diaz X.L, Jasinski J. 23(6), 2017: This study seeks to understand the distinct help-seeking barriers that gay and lesbian victims of intimate partner violence face. [Source: SAGE Journals].

Trading sex for security: Unemployment and the unequal HIV burden among young women in developing nations. Austin K.F, Choi M.M, Berndt V. Journal of International Sociology. Published first online, 24 February 2017: This article considers the role of unemployment in predicting the female HIV burden among 15- to 24-year-olds using regression analyses. [Source: HST].

What does not work in adolescent sexual and reproductive health: A review of evidence on interventions commonly accepted as best practices. Chandra-Moulia V, Lane C, Wong S. Global Health: Science and Practice. 3(3), 333-340, 2015: This review explores adolescent sexual and reproductive health programmes that are effective, gaps and recommendations to improve such programmes. [Source: International Consortium for Emergency Contraception].

III. Online publications and resources

Brief: Community-based tools to prevent intimate partner violence. The Global Women's Institute and World Bank Group, 2017: This report highlights examples of effective community mobilization interventions to prevent intimate partner violence (IPV), and underscores the basic components and steps that must be considered to adapt successful interventions to different contexts. [Source: WHO].

Country profile: FGM in Egypt. 28 Too Many, 2017: With female genital mutilation (FGM) prevalence of 87.2% among all women aged 15-49 in a population of nearly 95 million, Egypt has the greatest number of women and girls who have experienced FGM of any country in the world. This country profile seeks to understand issues relating to FGM in the wider framework of gender equality and social change. [Source: 28 Too Many].
National survey on the drivers and consequences of child marriage in Tanzania. Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children of Tanzania, 2017: This study analyses the causes and drivers of child marriage across Tanzania, exploring differences between regions. It further seeks to understand the effect and consequences of child marriage on the girl child and her family. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Call for proposals: Mentoring youth to be champions of gender equality and women’s empowerment: The African Union is pleased to announce the call for the submission of project proposals to energize the African Women’s movement, and mentoring young women and men leaders and professionals, both in Africa and the Diaspora to be champions on gender equality and women’s empowerment. Closing date: 15 April 2017. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Funding opportunity: PhD studentship (1+3, +3) on exiting commercial sexual exploitation: Applications are invited for a fully-funded PhD studentship investigating the social and psychological factors that shape the opportunities for women involved in commercial sexual exploitation to exit prostitution. Because of the nature of this research, only female candidates can be considered. Closing date: 26 April 2017. [Source: WHO].

Call for applications: South African National Research Foundation – Knowledge, interchange and collaboration: This call was initiated to internationalise South Africa’s research platform, enhancing networking within the global science system in fostering collaboration in order to improve the quality of research outputs by researchers. The investment in support for travel and participation in scientific events are focused in four categories: travel grants for individual researchers, visiting foreign researchers, Africa interaction and support for local scientific events. Closing date: 26 April 2017. [Source: SAMRC].

Funding opportunity: Mama Cash’s 2017 Grantmaking - Women’s, girls’ & trans groups: Mama Cash’s 2017 grant-making window is now open. It intends to support 15 new ambitious feminist and women’s rights organisations and initiatives led by and for women, girls and trans people. Mama Cash is receiving Letters of Interest from applicants who are not current grantee-partners. Closing date: 15 May 2017. [Source: Mama Cash].

E-course on managing gender-based violence programmes in emergencies: UNFPA is excited to launch the new and updated version of their free online course on "Managing Gender-Based Violence Programmes in Emergencies". The course targets new or emerging gender-based violence (GBV) specialists as well as humanitarian or development practitioners - and others - who want to increase their knowledge around GBV prevention and response in emergencies. Join the course online. [Source: UNFPA].

Call for articles: RISE Learning Network: RISE 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. The article types may include book reviews, scholarly articles, literature reviews, editorials, interviews, reflections on organisational practices, learning from conferences. The articles can be in English or Spanish. [Source: RISE Learning Network].

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

Campaign: Break the circle – Gender violence is a world problem: UNI Equal Opportunities
Department is launching a new chapter of Break the Circle! Campaign, against gender violence. This time the campaign is focused on a specific aspect of violence at work: sexual harassment. The aim of this campaign is to discuss and reflect on the necessary elements for work violence to exist, and detect ways in which organizations provoke its presence. See more details online. [Source: AWID e-resource].

VI. News

Yes, you have a role to play in preventing sexual violence (in all its forms), Huffington Post, 3 April 2017: Whether you have been an advocate for decades or have only recently been inspired by the powerful stories of survivors coming forward, in a society where sexual violence is normalized there are daily opportunities to interrupt rape culture.

Sexual abuse may cause early puberty in girls: Study, Medline Plus, 31 March 2017: It's common for parents to worry that their kids are growing up too fast. But in certain cases, early puberty in girls may be linked to sexual abuse, a small study suggests.

Technology-facilitated abuse: the new breed of domestic violence, The Conversation, 27 March 2017: Domestic violence is a serious national issue in Australia and globally. It is an inherently gendered crime. Research consistently shows the overwhelming majority of offenders are male and the victims are female.

Employers must address all aspects of gender-based violence in workplace – UN Women chief, UN News, 16 March 2017: To prevent violence against women, institutions must take responsibility for addressing the issue at the macro-level by setting standards and putting in place preventive measures, said the UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka.

VII. Events

Webinar: Measuring change in social norms contributing to female genital cutting - Tostan's CG3Y project, 13 April 2017: Tostan has empowered African communities to bring about sustainable development and positive social transformation based on respect for human rights. During the Generational Change in Three Years (GC3Y) project, Tostan’s Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning Department (MERL) put an emphasis on measuring change in social norms contributing to the harmful practice of female genital cutting. This webinar will focus on the methodology used and will discuss the results obtained to date. [Source: SaME_LSHTM].

Training course: Transformative leadership for gender equality and women’s rights, 3-7 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland: This course, offered by the UN Women Training Centre, seeks to strengthen leaders’ and managers’ use of gender-inclusive and transformative leadership principles and practices to address institutional gender biases and promote commitments to gender equality and women’s rights. Registration close: 19 May 2017. [Source: AWID e-resource].

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

VIII. Vacancies


Service provider, Final evaluation of Partners for Prevention Regional Joint Programme on

Human Resources Manager / Association for Women’s Rights in Development / Flexible / Closing date: 30 April 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Policy and Advocacy Officer / Girls Not Brides / Global / Closing date: 4 May 2017. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Senior Development Officer, Institutional Giving / The Women’s Refugee Commission / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women’s Empowerment, Agriculture and Food Security Program Manager / Banyan Global / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women’s Protection and Empowerment Program Manager / International Rescue Committee / Yemen / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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

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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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