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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. New SVRI publication

Promoting innovation in gender based violence prevention: Supporting research through the Sexual Violence Research Initiative Grant and the SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Awards, SVRI, 2017: This brief highlight the work of the SVRI, more specifically the work funded through the SVRI grant and the SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Awards.


To support the prevention of violence against women and girls, the World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative will award 10 teams from around the world with funds to support research and innovation to help address this global epidemic. Join us live on 18 April at 2:30 pm ET, sign up here.
Follow the event on Twitter with #GBVSolutions @TheSVRI @WBG_Gender

III. SVRI Forum 2017 early registration closes 1 July 2017

SVRI Forum 2017 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 18-21 September. With the recent launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – the 17 goals which the 193 UN member states have committed to achieving over the next 15 years – SVRI Forum 2017 is a timely space to discuss and share strategies for achieving SDG targets aimed at ending all forms of violence against women and girls. Early registration is now open closing on 1 July 2017.

Follow the event on Twitter with #SVRIForum2017 #SDGs @TheSVRI

IV. 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.

Pharmacy provision of sexual and reproductive health commodities to young people: a systematic literature review and synthesis of the evidence. Gonsalves L, Hindin M. J. Contraception. 95, 339–363, 2017: This research offers review of peer-reviewed literature on youth access to, use of and quality of care of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) commodities through pharmacies. [Source: International Consortium for Emergency Contraception].

Typologies of child sexual abuse: an analysis of multiple abuse acts among a large sample of Danish treatment-seeking survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Shevlin M, Murphy S, Elklit A, Murphy J, Hyland P. Psychol. Trauma. ePub, 2017: This study employs latent class analysis to identify homogeneous groups of adult Child Sexual Assault (CSA) survivors characterized by similar typologies of sexual trauma within a large sample of Danish, treatment-seeking survivors of CSA and incest. [Source: Safetylit].

Scaling up a multifaceted violence prevention package: county-level impact of the North Carolina Youth Violence Prevention Center. Smokowski PR, Cotter KL, Guo S, Evans C, Robertson B. J. Soc. Social Work Res. 8(1), 19-44, 2017: This study assesses the impact of a package of evidence-based violence prevention programs, implemented as part of the North Carolina Youth Violence Prevention Center, on county-level violence indicators. [Source: Safetylit].


Parenting programs for the prevention of child physical abuse recurrence: A systematic review and
meta-analysis. Vlahovicova K, Melendez-Torres G.J, Leijten P, Knerr W, Gardner F. Clin Child Fam Psychol Rev, 2017: This systematic review updates prior reviews and overcomes some of the methodological issues they encountered by pooling trial-level data from a well-defined scope of trials of parenting interventions aimed at preventing the re-abuse of children by parents with substantiated or suspected physical abuse history. [Source: Springer Link].

An examination of the gender inclusiveness of current theories of sexual violence in adulthood: Recognizing male victims, female perpetrators, and same-sex violence. Turchik J.A, Hebenstreit C.L, Judson S.S. Trauma Violence & Abuse, 17(2), 149–169, 2016: This research examines evidence of how a gender-specific conceptualization of sexual violence aids in obscuring assault experiences that are not male to female and how this impacts victim of such violence. [Source: PubMed].

V. Online publications and resources

#WhatWomenWant: a transformative framework for women, girls and gender equality in the context of HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights. UNAIDS Update, 2017: The report is based on six months of consultations with adolescent girls and young women around the world. It calls for sustained investment in women-led partnerships and civil society in order to advance gender equality and meet the ambitious targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals. [Source: HST].

Adolescence research methods briefs. UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti, 2017: These briefs aim to assist a wide range of professionals and stakeholders who conduct, commission or interpret research findings to make decisions about programming, policy and advocacy. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti].

VI. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Call for papers: International Journal of Qualitative Methods: This journal publishes papers that report methodological advances, innovations, and insights in qualitative or mixed methods studies; it also publishes funded full studies using qualitative or mixed-methods. Submit your manuscript online. [Source: SAGE Publishing].

Call for papers: Global Journal of Medicine and Public Health: This is a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal published bimonthly dedicated to increasing the depth of current research across disciplines with the aim of improving current research. They welcome papers from both academicians and practitioners on academic research. For all communication regarding submission and acceptance of the papers send an email to gjmedph@gmail.com. [Source: Global Journal of Medicine and Public Health].

VII. Advocacy and awareness raising

Blog post: Where are the geographers? The need for inter-disciplinary approaches to CSE: In this blogpost, Jenny Lloyd argues that the field of child sexual exploitation research could benefit from the perspective geographers bring, including how the dynamics of place create or mitigate sexual risk.

VIII. News

From Elle to Game of Thrones, why is culture obsessed with rape? The Guardian, 10 April 2017: Fictional depictions of sexual violence are everywhere on film, TV and the stage, but do they take the
The United States is withdrawing all of its funding from the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) after claiming without evidence that the agency supports coercive abortions in China. UNFPA, which does not provide support for abortions anywhere, says that U.S. funds actually helped it to prevent some 295,000 unsafe abortions in 2016 by supporting voluntary family planning. IPS takes a look at one of the other ways the UNFPA is working to reduce abortions, by addressing gender-biased sex selection.

Equaldx collated 11 maps to show the state of LGBT rights across the world. These maps highlight where homosexuality is legalized, countries where same sex couples can adopt children, age of consent and many other issues.

This event is organized by the What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme. During this event, participants will learn more about a research project, exploring the relationship between women’s economic empowerment (WEE) and violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Nepal, Pakistan and Myanmar. Please let Samantha Willan Samantha.willan@mrc.ac.za know if you wish to attend and she will send you the necessary link.

This webinar will consider impact evaluation estimation when program participation is non-randomly determined by the observed and unobserved, frustrating straightforward estimation of impact by simple comparison of average outcomes between samples of participants and non-participants. [Source: Measure Evaluation].

The conference goal is to focus on the Global South where people are often disproportionately challenged by double and triple jeopardies (e.g., being both socially marginalized because of race, gender, ability or class, while at the same time experiencing climate change, armed conflict, and structural inequality). Early bird registration closes on 16 April 2017. [Source: Resilience Research Centre].

This conference seeks to explore how cultural works shaped, supplemented, intervened in, or challenged public discourses about sexual violence in conflict zones and ways in which creative works are able to expose gaps, challenge biases, and illuminate ambiguities within official human rights narratives. There is an early-bird fee for the full conference of €60 (€35 with a valid student ID) for all registrations received before 31 April 2017. [Source: Maynooth University].

For more events visit: [http://www.svri.org/event-calendar](http://www.svri.org/event-calendar)

International research consultant on gender equality and women’s rights perspectives / UN Women / Myanmar / Closing date: 18 April 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].
Program Officer – Field Operations / Oxfam Canada / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 19 April 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Consultancy: organisational capability resource development / IWDA / Home based / Closing date: 25 April 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Digital and Marketing Specialist / The International Women’s Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: 30 April 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].


Senior National Partnership Officer / Girls Not Brides / London, UK / Closing date: 4 May 2017. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Policy and Advocacy Officer / Girls Not Brides / London, UK with occasional travel as needed / Closing date: 4 May 2017. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

Senior Program Director / MADRE / New York, USA / Closing date: Open Until Filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Legal Fellow, U.S. Legal Program / The Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: Open Until Filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women’s Protection and Empowerment Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Uganda / 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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