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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. SVRI Grant – new reports and publications


II. Journal articles

"When they know that you are a sex worker, you will be the last person to be treated": Perceptions and experiences of female sex workers in accessing HIV services in Uganda. Wanyenze R.K, Musinguzi G, Kiguli J, Nuwaha F, Mujisha G, Musinguzi J, Arinaitwe J, Matovu J.K.B. BMC Int Health Hum Rights, 17(1), 11, 2017: This study explores female sex worker’s perspectives of the barriers and opportunities to HIV service access in Uganda. [Source: Makerere University School of Public Health].

Developing "whole school" bystander interventions: the role of school-settings in influencing adolescents’ responses to dating violence and bullying. Storer H.L, Casey E.A, Herrenkohl T.I. Child. Youth Serv. Rev. 74, 87-95, 2017: Bystander intervention programs have been introduced as innovative strategies to empower teens to intervene proactively when they witness bullying and
dating violence (TDV) in their social environments. This study reveals that teens are reluctant to employ bystander behaviours in any capacity. [Source: Safetylit].

**Maternal depression and intimate partner violence exposure: longitudinal analyses of the development of aggressive behaviour in an at-risk sample.** Holmes M.R, Yoon S, Berg K.A. *Aggressive Behav. ePub, 2017:* This study seeks to improve our understanding of the long-term effects of intimate partner violence exposure and maternal depression on the development of children’s overt aggressive behaviour. [Safetylit].

**Child and adolescent sexual abuse in women seeking help for sexual and reproductive mental health problems: prevalence, characteristics, and disclosure.** López S, Faro C, Lopetegui L, Pujol-Ribera E, Monteagudo M, Àvecilla-Palau À, Martínez C, Cobo J, Fernández Ml. J. *Child Sex. Abus. 26(3), 246-269, 2017:* This is a multicentric, descriptive, cross-sectional study of child and adolescent sexual abuse in women over 18 years in 24 primary care sexual and reproductive health centers in Catalonia. [Source: Safetylit].

**The Stepping Stones and Creating Futures intervention to prevent intimate partner violence and HIV-risk behaviours in Durban, South Africa: study protocol for a cluster randomized control trial, and baseline characteristics.** Gibbs A, Washington L, Willan S, Ntini N, Khumalo T, Mbathe N, Sikweyiya Y, Shai N, Chirwa E, Strauss M, Ferrari G, Jewkes R. *BMC Public Health. 17(336), 2017:* This study determines through a cluster randomized control trial (RCT) whether the combined Stepping Stones and Creating Futures interventions are effective in enabling young women and men (18–30) in informal settlements to reduce their exposure/perpetration to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence and strengthen young women and men’s livelihoods. [Source: BMC Public Health.].

**Pathways linking childhood maltreatment and adolescent sexual risk behaviours: The role of attachment security.** Thibodeau M.E, Lavoie F, Hébert M, Blais M. *J Sex Res. 1-12, 2017:* This study examines the relationships between child maltreatment and sexual risk behaviours, and investigates anxious and avoidant attachment as mediators. [Source: PubMed].

### III. Online publications and resources

**Applying theory to practice: CARE’s journey piloting social norms measures for gender programming.** CARE USA. *2017:* This report shares experience and learning on translating social norms theory into practical measurement tools for gender programming in resource-constrained settings, featuring the use of CARE’s Social Norms Analysis Plot (SNAP). [Source: CARE USA].

**Adolescent research briefs.** UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti. *2017:* These briefs aim to improve efforts to collect rigorous evidence for programmes and policies on adolescent health and well-being. They will assist a wide range of professionals and stakeholders who conduct, commission or interpret research findings to make decisions about programming, policy and advocacy. [Source: SAMRC].

**A systematic review of positive youth development programs in low- and middle-income countries.** Alvarado G, Skinner M, Plaut D, Moss C, Kapungu C, Reavley N. *Youth Power Learning, Making Cents International. 2017:* This systematic review provides key insights into applying a positive youth development approach internationally and strengthening the design and effectiveness of youth-focused projects. [Source: ICRW].

**Legislative wins, broken promises: Gaps in implementation of laws on violence against women and girls.** Hughes C. Oxfam research report. *2017:* This multi-country research report examines the
problem of implementation gaps – government failures to fulfil their legislative obligations to address and prevent violence against women and girls. It presents a comparative analysis of shortfalls between government commitments as laid out in laws, and the realities for survivors of violence as they try to access services and justice. [Source: WUNRN].

Communicating your research with social media: A practical guide to using blogs, podcasts, data visualisations and video. Mollett A, Brumley C, Gilson C, William S. Social research methods. 2017: This dynamic, engaging guide empowers you to go beyond bar charts and jargon-filled journal articles to bring your research online and present it in a way that highlights and maximizes its relevance through social media. [Source: SAGE Publishing].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Call for Evidence: Review of participatory tools addressing GBV against women and girls: The Centre for Gender and Global Health Fellows Dr Jenevieve Mannell and Dr Geordan Shannon, and DB Peru are undertaking an international review of evidence relating to participatory methodologies used to engage communities in preventing gender-based violence against women and girls. Please send information about documents and/or related materials on participatory work in research or consultation on gender-based violence on women and girls (or related subjects) to Nicole Minckas at nicole.minckas.16@ucl.ac.uk. Deadline: 22 May 2017. [Source: UCL].

Call for submissions: Full proposals to partner with the kNowVAWdata initiative: UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) would like to thank all institutions that submitted Expressions of Interest to implement our regional initiative to strengthen regional and national capacities to measure violence against women and girls in Asia and the Pacific. For the next stage of the process, they now invite shortlisted institutions to submit a full proposal. In addition, institutions that did not submit an Expression of Interest but that may wish to submit a full proposal are also eligible to apply. Interested institutions should email their full proposals to apro.office@unfpa.org. Closing date: 28 May 2017. [Source: UNFPA].

Call for contributions: Gender & Development – Sexualities: Gender and Development journal is seeking contributions which draw on first-hand experience and research of work in development and humanitarian contexts, especially focusing on the global South/fragile or conflict-affected countries. Please send a paragraph outlining your proposed idea for an article for this issue, in an email (no attachments please) to csweetman@oxfam.org.uk as soon as possible and by 15 June 2017. Commissioned articles will need to be completed for a deadline of 30 September 2017. [Source: AWID].

V. News

Gender-based violence in South Africa, Safer Spaces, 10 May 2017: Gender-based violence (GBV) is a profound and widespread problem in South Africa, impacting on almost every aspect of life. GBV (which disproportionately affects women and girls) is systemic, and deeply entrenched in institutions, cultures and traditions in South Africa. This article explores what GBV is and some of the forms it takes, examine GBV in South Africa, and begin to explore what different actors are doing to respond to GBV.

Only one in four Middle East men backs equality, study suggests, BBC News, 2 May 2017: Only one in four men in the Arab world supports equality for women in some areas, and most still believe a woman’s primary role is at home, a survey suggests.
Fighting for equality carries massive health risks, particularly if you are a woman, AWID News, 10 April 2017: Worldwide, scores of women are fighting for equality and our rights. Too often their lives are at stake. Most women human rights defenders are exposed to extreme violence, they work exhausted, and experience permanent stress, which makes them increasingly vulnerable to physical and mental illnesses. Women human rights organizations need to integrate holistic self-care and wellbeing programs to sustain their work, but minuscule budgets still hinder this for most.

VI. Events

Seminar: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting at the intersection of qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research – Experiences from Africa and Europe, 8-9 June 2017, Brussels, Belgium: This seminar will offer an opportunity to delegates to discuss the added value of research in the campaign towards abandoning Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), the do’s and don’ts and propose recommendations for researching FGM/C. Academics and professionals from Europe and Africa will present papers on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research on FGM/C. [Source: Ghent University].

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

VII. Vacancies

Communications assistant / The International Women’s Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Co-Director, Knowledge Building / Philanthropy Advancing Women’s Human Rights / Remote/virtual office / Closing date: 12 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].


Communications Assistant (Francophone) / African Women Development Fund / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: 19 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women PeaceMakers Program Fellow / University of San Diego’s Kroc School of Peace Studies / San Diego, United States / Closing date: 31 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Special procedure mandate holders to be appointed at the 36 th session of the Human Rights Council / The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council / Closing date: 1 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Project manager / Kering Foundation / Paris, France / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Program Officer: Asia / The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Communications and Outreach Specialist / safe2choose / South Africa / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Director of Capacity Building / The Center for Reproductive Rights / New York (preferred); Nairobi, Kenya; or Bogota, Colombia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].
Directors Capital Campaign / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco, California / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women's Empowerment Program Manager / The Light and Leadership Initiative / Lima, Peru / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Managing Director / The Light and Leadership Initiative / Lima, Peru / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Women's Empowerment Program Manager / The Light and Leadership Initiative / Lima, Peru / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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

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

Northern Triangle Senior Protection Specialist / International Rescue Committee / El Salvador, Guatemala or Honduras / 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. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za.

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