



Dear SVRI List 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.

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[I. SVRI members' requests](#)

1. [Invitation to participate: Gender-based violence area of responsibility advocacy and policy task team](#): You are kindly invited to take part in the [GBV Area of Responsibility's](#) (GBV AoR) newly reinvigorated advocacy and policy task team. GBV AoR works to ensure the recognition that GBV response and prevention is lifesaving, and that GBV programming is the responsibility of all humanitarian actors and needs to be addressed with adequate, comprehensive and coordinated action in humanitarian emergencies from the outset.

Policy and advocacy focused agencies, or personnel within agencies, are invited to join the first GBV AoR Advocacy and Policy Task Team meeting, to be held on Monday 19th June at 8am Eastern Daylight Time/1pm GMT/2pm CEST/3pm EEST/4pm EAT/7pm ICT/ 10pm AEST). Those wishing to take part should email Danielle.Spencer@ActionAid.org.uk, and include their skype name, at least by Sunday 18th June.

2. [Invitation to join a Community of Practice on Adolescent and Youth SRHR](#): You are kindly invited to join the newly established Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) Community of Practice. This exciting new virtual initiative forms part of the Regional SRHR Fund, established in 2010 by Ford Foundation and Hivos to facilitate regional cooperation and coordination on SRHR issues in Southern Africa. The Community of Practice consists of different Learning Hubs

which will be available on the Sex Rights Africa Network website.

Two Learning Hubs have been launched. Please join the Hub/s you are interested in by clicking on the links below:

- [Learning Hub on Child, Early and Forced Marriage](http://eepurl.com/cQHJ9L) (<http://eepurl.com/cQHJ9L>)
- [Learning Hub on Youth as Researchers](http://eepurl.com/cQHs59) (<http://eepurl.com/cQHs59>)

Alternatively, send an email at communities@hivos.org requesting membership and you will be added to the relevant Hub/s.

II. SVRI Forum 2017 – Introducing guest speakers

The SVRI Forum 2017 bring together over 450 researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence. This year, the event features 5 keynote speakers, and this week we are pleased to introducing to you, **Dr Emma Fulu**.

Dr Emma Fulu is the Founder and Director of [The Equality Institute](#), which works to advance all forms of equality and prevent violence against women through scientific research, innovation and creative communications. She has a PhD from the University of Melbourne and 15 years of experience leading large-scale research and primary prevention projects on violence against women across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Previously, Emma was based in South Africa as Technical Lead of the DFID-funded £25 million global program [What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls](#). Before that she led the ground-breaking [United Nations Multi-Country Study on Men and Violence in Asia and the Pacific](#). Emma presents and publishes widely on the issue of violence against women. She is the author of the book *Domestic Violence in Asia: Globalization, gender and Islam in the Maldives* and blogs for the [Huffington Post UK](#). The mother of three young children, Emma lives in Melbourne, Australia and also writes about motherhood and feminism in her personal blog, [I Am Not Superwoman](#).

Read more about SVRI Forum 2017 [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

III. SVRI Grant – New reports and publications

[The Benefits of Early Book Sharing \(BEBS\) for child cognitive and socio-emotional development in South Africa: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial. Dowdall N, Cooper P.J, Tomlinson M, Skeen S, Gardner F, Murray L. *Trials*. ePub, 2017:](#) In this study, researchers conduct a randomised controlled trial to evaluate a parenting intervention for caregivers of children aged between 23 and 27 months, designed to promote child cognitive and socioemotional development in Khayelitsha, a low-income peri-urban township in South Africa.

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.

[Prevalence and associated risk factors of violence against conflict-affected female adolescents: a multi-country, cross-sectional study. Stark L, Asghar K, Yu G, Bora C, Baysa A.A, Falb K.L. *J Glob Health*. ePub, 2017:](#) In this article, the authors broaden the limited evidence base on violence against adolescent girls in emergencies by estimating prevalence and predictors of violence among

adolescents' girls in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ethiopia. [Source: CPC Learning Network].

[Caregiver parenting and gender attitudes: Associations with violence against adolescent girls in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\). Falb K.L, Asghar K, Laird B, Tanner S, Graybill E, Mallinga P, Stark L. Child Abuse & Neglect. 69, 278–284, 2017:](#) This study examines whether gendered and parental attitudes of caregivers in South Kivu, DRC, are associated with their adolescent experiences of violence. [Source: CPC Learning Network].

[How narratives of fear shape girls' participation in community life in two conflict-affected populations. Sommer M, Munoz-Laboy M, Salamea E.W, Arp J, Falb K.L, Rudahindwa N, Stark L. Violence against women. ePub, 2017:](#) In this study, the authors examine spaces of perceived safety and risk for girls living in two conflict-affected populations: camps in Ethiopia hosting primarily South Sudanese and Sudanese refugees and communities in eastern DRC. [Source: CPC Learning Network].

[Zambian Peer Educators for HIV Self-Testing \(ZEST\) study: rationale and design of a cluster randomised trial of HIV self-testing among female sex workers in Zambia. Oldenburg C.E, Ortblad K.F, Chanda M.M, Mwanda K, Nicodemus W, Sikaundi R, Fullem A, Barresi L.G, Harling G, Bärnighausen T. BMJ Open, 2017:](#) In this article, the authors describe the rationale and design of a cluster randomised trial designed to inform implementation and scale-up of HIV self-testing programmes for female sex workers in Zambia. [Source: Health Systems Trust].

[A randomized controlled trial examination of a remote parenting intervention: engagement and effects on parenting behaviour and child abuse potential. Baggett K, Davis B, Feil E, Sheeber L, Landry S, Leve C, Johnson U. Child Maltreat. ePub, 2017:](#) This study examines engagement and outcomes among mothers at heightened risk for child abuse, who were enrolled in a randomized controlled, intent-to-treat trial of an Internet adaptation of an evidence-based infant parenting intervention. [Source: Safetylit].

[Gender equality and human rights approaches to female genital mutilation: a review of international human rights norms and standards. Khosla R, Banerjee J, Chou D, Say L, Fried S.T. Reprod Health. ePub, 2017:](#) In this paper, based on foundational research for the development of WHO's guidelines, authors situate the practice of FGM as a rights violation in the context of international and national policy and efforts, and explore the role of health providers in upholding health-related human rights of women at girls who are survivors, or who are at risk. [Source: PubMed].

[Randomised controlled trial of a livestock productive asset transfer programme to improve economic and health outcomes and reduce intimate partner violence in a post conflict setting. Glass N, Perrin NA, Kohli A, Campbell J, Remy M.M. BMJ Glob Health. ePub, 2017:](#) This study evaluates the effectiveness of an innovative livestock productive asset transfer intervention-Pigs for Peace (PFP)-on economic, health and women's empowerment outcomes with participants in households in 10 villages in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. [Source: PubMed].

V. Online publications and resources

[Preventing intimate partner violence across the lifespan: A technical package of programs, policies, and practices. Niolon P.H, Kearns M, Dills J, Rambo K, Irving S, Armstead T.L, Gilbert L. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. 2017:](#) This technical package represents a select group of strategies based on the best available evidence to help communities and states sharpen their focus on prevention activities with the greatest potential to prevent intimate partner violence and its consequences across the lifespan. [Source: ANROWS].

[A 'how to' guide to measuring women's empowerment. Lombardini S, Bowman K, Garwood R. Oxfam. 2017](#): This tool aims to provide a context-specific composite index for the measurement of women's empowerment. While the framework itself remains constant, the specific characteristics and relevant indicators of empowerment are defined differently in each evaluation to enable users to build a context specific composite index. [Source: WUNRN].

[Reflections on research with survivors of female genital mutilation. Glover J, Liebling H. Psychology of Women Section Review.19\(1\), 2017](#): This article offers a reflexive account of conducting research with survivors of female genital mutilation (FGM). It explores the challenges encountered throughout the research process including recruitment, researcher position, and power dynamics. The article also reflects on issues of countertransference between the researcher and the participants, their impact, and their management. The considerations are important for those engaging in clinical work with survivors of FGM. [Source: Coventry University].

VI. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[African call for good practices: elimination and prevention of and response to violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities](#): The Making it Work initiative coordinated by Handicap International has an open call for good practices on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls with disabilities, focusing on Africa. Read the guidelines, available in [English](#) and [French](#), for eligibility and further details on this call. Deadline: 16 June 2017. [Source: Women's Refugee Commission].

[Call for Applications: Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2018-2019](#): The U.S. Embassy in Sudan is seeking candidates for the "Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2018-2019" which brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals with leadership potential to the United States for a year of non-degree graduate-level academic study, leadership development, and professional collaboration with U.S. counterparts. Deadline: 30 July 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Call for proposals: Grand Challenges Canada – Stars in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health](#): The Grand Challenges Canada, funded by the Government of Canada, is seeking bold ideas with big impact from the best and brightest talent, for products, services and implementation models that could transform how persistent challenges in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) are addressed in low- and middle-income countries. Successful proposals will be awarded seed grants of up to CAD \$100,000 for up to 12– 18 months to develop and test the proposed innovation. See eligibility criteria [online](#). Deadline: 3 August 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

VII. News

[Closing gender gap at work can open doors to incredible benefits, UN report shows, Un News, 14 June 2017](#): Reducing gender disparities at workplaces by 25 per cent by 2025 could inject nearly \$5.8 trillion into the global economy and boost tax revenues, a new report released on 14 June 2017 by the United Nations International Labour Organization (ILO) has revealed.

[Why do men harass women on the street? A new UN Study offers an explanation, Un Dispatch, 7 June 2017](#): A first-of-its kind multi-country survey on attitudes of men and women on gender equality across the Middle East and North Africa reveals distressing data on the routine harassment of women on the street.

[Violence against women and extremism are intrinsically linked: overlooking this puts rights at risk,](#)

[AWID News and Analysis, 7 June 2017](#): Countering and preventing violent extremism is a top priority for the international community today. And, notably, international actors are increasingly eager to engage local religious groups in the belief that they are well-placed in communities to provide alternative peaceful visions for would-be extremist supporters.

VIII. Events

[Webinar: Achieving economic empowerment for rural women – An integrated approach, 20 June 2017](#): This webinar will explore the themes of climate resilient sustainable agriculture and unpaid care work: how these are all interlinked and their impact on the realization of women's economic empowerment. [Source: ActionAid UK].

[Webinar: Honour and prestige – The influence of social norms on child marriage and intimate partner violence in Karnataka, India, 22 June 2017](#): This webinar draws on the preliminary findings of two STRIVE evaluation studies: Samata and Samvedana+ implemented by the Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT). These projects aim to reduce rates of girl school drop-out and child marriage and to decrease female sex workers experience of intimate partner violence. [Source: What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme].

[2017 Girl Up Leadership Summit, 16-19 July 2017, Washington DC, USA](#): This three days Summit offers an opportunity to participants from around the world to participate in leadership training, learning from influential speakers, engage in skills-based workshops, and leading an official lobby day on Capitol Hill. The Summit strives to empower, educate and embolden the potential of every girl there. [Source: What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme].

[8th milestones of a global campaign for violence prevention meeting, Ottawa, Canada, 19-20 October 2017](#): The Canadian Government and the Public Health Agency of Canada is hosting the 8th Milestones meeting: Translating Sustainable Development Goal violence prevention targets into national and local action. The meeting is strictly by invitation only, and places are limited. To receive a formal invitation, please [register](#). Draft agenda available [online](#). [Source: What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme].

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

IX. Vacancies

[Learning, Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant](#) / Astraea Foundation / Kenya / Closing date: 16 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Coordinator, Country Programs Branch](#) / Care Australia / Canberra, Australia / Closing date: 19 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communication and Networking Officer](#) / The Asia Safe Abortion Partnership / Home Office / Closing date: 20 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Protection / Child Protection Assistant](#) / Danish Refugee Council / Anbar, Iraq / Closing date: 22 June 2017. [Funds for NGOs].

[National Professional English Language Teacher](#) / UN Women / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 25 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project manager - Safeguarding and organisational development](#) / Oak Foundation / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 25 June 2017. [Source: Child to Child].

[Regional Child Protection Specialist](#) / Plan International / Amman, Jordan / Closing date: 26 June 2017. [Source: Plan International].

[Chief, Child Protection](#) / UNICEF / Yangon, Myanmar / Closing date: 27 June 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Regional Gender Coordinator – MENA](#) / Oxfam / Tunis, Tunisia / Closing date: 29 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender-Based Violence Program Coordinator](#) / WAHA International / Iraq / Closing date: 30 June 2017. [Source: WAHA International].

[Gender Consultant for Gender, Social Inclusion and Conflict Mitigation Assessment and Strategy Development](#) / Banyan Global / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender, Youth and Food Security Specialist](#) / Banyan Global / The Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director of Capacity Building](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York (preferred); Nairobi, Kenya; or Bogota, Colombia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[State Legislative Counsel](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [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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