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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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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#### [I. SVRI Forum 2017 News & Updates](#)

**New Event at SVRI Forum 2017: Storytelling – Tapping the Power of Narrative:** Telling stories is a powerful way to capture attention, engage an audience and motivate action. Learn the craft of storytelling at the Storytelling Workshop being held at SVRI Forum 2017 on Friday 22 September, 10:00 – 13:00pm. Facilitated by the Goodman's Centre's Director, Andy Goodman, it is an opportunity not to be missed. Entrance is free for all conference participants. For more information on Andy and the Goodman Centre visit: <http://www.thegoodmancenter.com/>

**Guest speakers:** The SVRI Forum 2017 is a global go-to event that provides a platform for showcasing research and innovation in the field enabling participants to learn and share about new and tested interventions on prevention and response to sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse and maltreatment. This week, we are excited to introducing to you one of our guest speakers, **Dr. Joaquín Molina**.

Dr. Joaquín Molina, a Cuban national, obtained a degree in stomatology in 1977 from the *Instituto Superior de Ciencias Médicas* in Havana, Cuba. In 1988, he obtained a master's degree as a Specialist in Public Health Theory and Administration from the School of Public Health of the same institution and a certificate in epidemiology from Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary. From 1989 to 1990 he studied under the PAHO Training Program in International Health.

Dr. Molina began his professional career in 1977 as a stomatologist, later becoming Municipal Director in Las Tunas Province, Cuba. In 1981, he was appointed as professor in the *Instituto Superior de Ciencias Médicas*. From 1984 to 1989, he worked for the Cuban's Ministry of Public Health in the National Stomatology Bureau and subsequently, as Coordinator of International Technical Cooperation.

He began his collaboration with PAHO/WHO in January 1991, working as a consultant for the Program on Health Services in Washington, D.C. From July 1991 to 2003 he served as Consultant on Health Systems and Services Development in Nicaragua and Mexico, and in 2003 and 2004, as acting Representative in Mexico. In 2005 Dr. Molina was appointed Representative in Guatemala, and in 2009, Representative in Panama. Since March 2012 he has been Representative in Brazil.

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

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

## II. SVRI Member's Request

**HTPs & Faith Survey:** A Consortium of the *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*, an international alliance examining the contribution of faith groups to community health and well-being, is in the process of conducting a DFID-funded study investigating best practices around engaging with faith leaders on harmful traditional/cultural practices. As part of this study, an anonymous electronic survey is being done with those involved with faith leaders and/or addressing harmful traditional/cultural practices.

**If you are working with faith, faith communities or faith leaders, and/or involved in addressing harmful traditional/cultural practices, we hereby invite you to complete the survey found at the link below. It will take a maximum of 15 minutes.** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVRI\\_URDR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVRI_URDR)

Thank you!

## III. 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 relationships between violence in childhood and educational outcomes: A global systematic review and meta-analysis. Fry D, Fang X, Elliott S, Casey T, Zheng X, Li J, Florian L, McCluskey G. \*Child Abuse Negl.\* S0145-2134, ePub, 2017:](#) This study shows how different forms of violence in childhood contribute to inequalities in education-for both boys and girls and that an increased investment in prevention is needed in order to meet the global Sustainable Development Goals of ending violence, raising learning outcomes and creating safe, non-violence and inclusive learning environments. [Source: PubMed].

[Healthcare system responses to intimate partner violence in low and middle-income countries: evidence is growing and the challenges become clearer. Taft A, Colombini M. \*BMC Med.\* 15\(1\), e127, 2017:](#) This study emphasises the importance of studying the processes of adaptation, integration and coordination in the context of the wider healthcare system responses to intimate partner violence. [Source: Safetylit].

[Effects of harsh parenting and positive parenting practices on youth aggressive behaviour: the moderating role of early pubertal timing.](#) Chen FR, Raine A. *Aggressive Behav.* ePub, 2017: This study examines support for early pubertal timing as susceptibility to the environmental influences in relation to aggressive behaviour. [Source: Safetylit].

[Improving the healthcare response to domestic violence and abuse in sexual health clinics: feasibility study of a training, support and referral intervention.](#) Sohal A.H, Pathak N, Blake S, Apea V, Berry J, Bailey J, Griffiths C, Feder G. *BMJ Journals*, ePub, 2017: This study seeks to determine the feasibility of an evidence-based complex domestic violence and abuse training intervention in female sexual health walk-in services. [Source: safetylit].

[The relationships between harsh physical punishment and child maltreatment in childhood and intimate partner violence in adulthood.](#) Afifi T.O, Mota N, Sareen J, MacMillan H.L. *BMC Public Health.* ePub, 2017: This study examines if whether harsh physical punishment is associated with an increased likelihood of more severe childhood maltreatment (i.e., physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect, and exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)) in childhood and perpetration or victimization of IPV in adulthood. [Source: NCBI].

#### IV. Online Publications and Resources

[The impact of the call to action on protection from gender-based violence in emergencies.](#) *International Rescue Committee*, 2017: This report assesses the global impact of the call to action on protection from gender-based violence (GBV) in emergencies in the four years since its launch in 2013. The review highlights key findings, identifies gaps in the initiative, and proposes recommendations for further action to sustain the catalytic changes that have maximized the impact of efforts to strengthen GBV programs and advocacy in place prior to 2013. [Source: IRC].

[Online misogyny, harassment and hate crimes.](#) *Palgrave Studies in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity book series (PSCYBER).* *Sexual Violence in a Digital Age*, 153-193, 2017: Online sexual harassment is a persistent and pervasive problem that inhibits online equality and freedom. It includes offensive, humiliating or intimidating conduct that is unwanted or unwelcome and of a sexual nature. This chapter explores the nature, extent and scope of online sexual harassment. [Source: SAMRC].

[Violence affecting children online resources:](#) This webpage provides outputs of the Multi Country Study on the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children, led by Innocenti and national partners in Peru, Zimbabwe, Viet Nam and Italy. It further builds national research capacity across the four countries. [Source: UNICEF-IRC].

#### V. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

[Reminder: Nominations for the Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research closes on 28 July 2017:](#) The award will be given to a young female researcher in order to recognize and honour outstanding achievement in the field of gender equity and the empowerment of women and girls. The 2017 Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research will be conferred to the winner in September at a high-level ICRW event in New York City, USA. Nominations must be made by a third-party.

[Call for papers: Social media and violence:](#) Violence and Gender journal is seeking high-quality review articles and original articles on topics related to social media and violence, such as: role of

social media in violence targeting adolescents and young adults, social media and intimate partner violence, social media as a tool to prevent violence, social media as a catalyst for violence, and social media and terrorism. Deadline: 30 September 2017 [Source: Violence and Gender].

## VI. Advocacy and Awareness Raising

[Call for participation: Global gag rule: what impact will it have where you live](#): Since becoming president, Donald Trump has significantly expanded a policy known as the “global gag” rule, which bans foreign aid to international healthcare providers with even the remotest links to abortion provision and advice. The Guardian is running a project that looks at the impact of Trump’s expanded global gag and they want to involve their readers. Over the next month they will run a series of articles exploring how it is affecting countries around the world. [Source: The Guardian].

## VII. News

[Chile takes steps to legalize abortion in certain cases, The Guardian, 19 July 2017](#): After fraught debate, Chile’s senate votes to legalize abortion when a woman’s life is in danger, when a fetus is unviable and when a pregnancy results from rape.

[U.N. gender adviser: for women in peacekeeping, slow but growing inclusion, Newsdeeply, 18 July 2017](#): Worldwide, women are vastly underrepresented in official peacekeeping and peace-building efforts. While they face significant roadblocks, there are also signs of real progress, says Claire Hutchinson, a senior gender adviser at the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping.

[Family planning gets \\$2.5 billion boost at London summit, News Deeply, 12 July 2017](#): Under the shadow of Donald Trump’s proposed funding cuts, governments and NGOs have renewed their commitment to make family planning available to 120 million more women and girls by 2020.

[Family planning in war zones: Make aid feminist, Huffington post, 10 July 2017](#): Making family planning an adequately funded and normal part of aid may save lives of women in war zones but could also open up choices that women in the rest of the world take for granted. The basic right to be able to control your own fertility, to choose when to be pregnant, should be one that all women have access to.

## VIII. Events

[Webinar: Early Evidence from the Gender and Adolescence – Global Evidence \(GAGE\) Program, 25 July 2017](#): This webinar will present key lessons from the GAGE program, a nine-year (2015-2024) UK government-funded program that is designed to generate evidence on programs and policies to help adolescent girls in the Global South reach their full potential. The webinar will take place at 10am ET. [YouthPower Learning Team].

[International workshop on qualitative methods in evaluation of public health programs. 22-28 October, Accra, Ghana](#): USAID’s MEASURE Evaluation Project is pleased to invite English speaking professionals to this international workshop. The course is designed for mid-level health professionals, administrators, program managers, and other professionals involved in the implementation and evaluation of public health programs. The course provides intensive, hands-on training in qualitative research methods in evaluation with an emphasis on moving beyond basic concepts to explore important considerations of qualitative methods in the context of rigorous evaluation. The total course fee is USD 2,485 inclusive of the workshop tuition, accommodation, partial board (breakfast daily and lunch on days when the workshop is in session), and round-trip

airport transfers. Applications must be submitted to University of Ghana by 31 August 2017. [Source: Measure Evaluation].

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

#### IX. Vacancies

[International Finance Project Manager](#) / The Bretton Woods Project / London, UK / Closing date: 26 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director, Advocacy](#) / IPPF / Flexible / Closing date: 27 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Research Intern](#) / The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network / Home based / Closing date: 28 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[VAWG \(Violence against Women and Girls\) Commissioning and Strategy Manager](#) / Islington Council / London, UK / Closing date: 30 July 2017. [Source: AVA Newsletter].

[Gender Cohort Coordinator](#) / CARE / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Deputy Director, Gender Equality](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Technical Advisor for Emergencies](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / 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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