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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 Forum 2017 News and Updates](#)

Schematic programme now available on our website: We are pleased to announce that the SVRI Forum 2017 schematic programme is now available [online](#). This will assist you in selecting sessions you would like to attend at the conference and to arrange your diary ahead of the conference. Please note that there will be Spanish, English and Portuguese translation available in Gávea meeting room and Ipanema meeting room.

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

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

[II. SVRI Member's request](#)

Survey on development of global minimum standards on prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) in emergencies

As part of its mandate to provide guidance on prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) in emergencies, the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) has recently announced the formation of

a new reference group to help coordinate a process to investigate the utility and feasibility of a **comprehensive set of commonly agreed-upon minimum standards for GBV prevention and response in emergencies** actors working on specialized GBV programming. As part of the effort to investigate and chart the way forward for development of global minimum standards, the Task Team is seeking feedback via a survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GlobalGBVStandards>. Please take 10 minutes to fill out the survey. All responses are strictly anonymous unless you choose to share your contact information.

Thank you for your valuable feedback.

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 unhealthy divide: How the secular-faith binary potentially limits GBV prevention and response. Le Roux E, Loots L. ePub, 2017](#): This article explores how perceptions of the secular-faith binary are understood to impact gender based violence prevention and response efforts. [Source: Stellenbosch University].

[Gender, violence and resilience among Ugandan adolescents. Namy S, Carlson C, Norcini-Pala A, Faris D, Knight L, Allen E, Devries K, Naker D. Child Abuse & Neglect. 70, 303-314, 2017](#): This study explores dimensions of resilience among adolescents in Uganda – and examines associations between violence from different perpetrators and resilience, and further tests whether sex moderates these relationships. [Source: Raising Voices].

["When I'd dealt with my issues, I was ready to give back": peer leader's perspectives of support groups for women abused by intimate partners. Tutty L.M, Ogden C, Wyllie K, Silverstone A. J. Aggression Maltreat. Trauma. 26\(2\), 155-174, 2017](#): This article describes how peer leaders perceive the impact of support groups for women experiencing intimate partner violence and their response to the intervention. [Source: Safetylit].

[A systematic review of interventions for women parenting in the context of intimate partner violence. Austin A.E, Shanahan M.E, Barrios Y.V, Macy R.J. Trauma, Violence & Abuse. ePub, 2017](#): This study examines approaches and effects of interventions designed to address aspects of parenting among women affected by intimate partner violence. [Source: ANROWS].

[Interventions to improve the response of professionals to children exposed to domestic violence and abuse: a systematic review. Turner W, Broad J, Drinkwater J, Firth A, Hester M, Stanley N, Szilassy E, Feder G. Child Abuse Rev. 26\(1\), 19-39, 2017](#): In this article, authors report educational and structural or whole-system interventions that aim to improve professionals' understanding of, and response to, domestic violence and abuse survivors and their children. [Source: Safetylit].

[Intimate partner violence and the experience of early motherhood: A cross-sectional analysis of factors associated with a poor experience of motherhood. Hooker L, Samaraweera N, Agius P, Taft A. Midwifery. 34, 88-94, 2017](#): This study examines the relationship between intimate partner violence and other factors associated with the experience of early motherhood. [Source: ANROWS].

[Is firearm threat in intimate relationships associated with posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms among women? Sullivan T.P, Weiss N.H. Violence and Gender. 4\(2\), 31-36, 2017](#): This study

documents the prevalence of firearm threat in a community sample of female intimate partner violence (IPV) victims, and identifies the extent to which threat with a firearm, independent of other forms of IPV, is related to women's posttraumatic stress disorder symptom severity. [Source: Violence and Gender].

IV. Online Publications and Resources

[It's her fault: Sexual violence in Sudan. Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa. 2017:](#) This report examines the scale and types of sexual violence perpetrated in Sudan, including concrete recommendations for a programme of action and legal reform. Receive full report by completing the [online form](#). [Source: SIHA].

[The clinical handbook: Health care for children subjected to violence or sexual abuse. UNICEF Cambodia. 2017:](#) This handbook is intended as a guide for medical practitioners to ensure a quality response to child victims of violence and sexual abuse. [Source: Together for Girls].

['Advocating for change for adolescents'. A practical toolkit for young people to advocate for improved adolescent health and well-being. Women Deliver and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. 2017:](#) This toolkit provides guidance to youth networks on the design, implementation, and monitoring of an effective national advocacy action roadmap on adolescent health and wellbeing. [Source: Women Deliver].

[Technical assistance guidance: Serving male-identified survivors of intimate partner violence. Stiles E, Ortiz I, Keene C. National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. 2017:](#) This guide supports advocates seeking to build capacity to recognize and respond to survivors across the gender spectrum, while honouring the gender analysis that helps us understand the root causes of violence and oppression. [Source: NRCDV]

V. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

[Call for proposals: 2017 online child sexual exploitation:](#) The Fund to End Violence against Children is looking to fund organisations at the country, regional and global levels whose work seeks to achieve the intended impact of preventing violence against children online, with a particular focus on child sexual exploitation. Applications can be submitted [online](#) from 17 July to 30 September 2017. [Source: World Health Organization].

[Call for applications: Kering Foundation Awards:](#) The Kering Foundation and MakeSense are launching the Kering Foundation Awards to support entrepreneurs combatting violence against women in France, Italy, the UK, the USA and Mexico. Any social enterprise that benefit to women affected by or at risk of violence against women (i.e. domestic violence, sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, trafficking, etc.), is eligible to apply. Applications close: 30 September 2017. [Source: MakeSense].

VI. Advocacy and Awareness Raising

[AWID call for contributions: Remembering women human rights defenders no longer with us:](#) On 29 November 2017, AWID is launching their 5th edition of Online WHRD Tribute. This ongoing exhibit commemorates Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) from around the world who have passed away, disappeared or have been murdered for their activism. AWID especially encourages contributions from historically excluded groups such as young women, disabled women, sex

workers, LGBTQI persons, and indigenous women. Deadline: 29 September 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

VII. News

[Gay relationships are still criminalised in 72 countries, report finds, The Guardian, 27 July 2017](#): Fifty years after homosexuality was decriminalised in England and Wales, 72 other countries and territories worldwide continue to criminalise same-sex relationships, including 45 in which sexual relationships between women are outlawed.

[Nearly half of all murdered women are killed by romantic partners, The Atlantic, 20 July 2017](#): Over half of the killings of American women are related to intimate partner violence, with the vast majority of the victims dying at the hands of a current or former romantic partner, according to a new report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today.

[Health system strategies for improving maternal and new-born care in humanitarian emergencies, Women Deliver, 13 June 2017](#): Every day, more than 800 women die from preventable complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. In countries such as Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria, famine afflicts over 20 million people as drought conditions and political turmoil worsen. In these fragile settings, Management Sciences for Health (MSH) uses three key strategies to improve the health of women and children. These are discussed [here](#).

VIII. Events

[Webinar: A safe place to call home – Transforming the physical/built environment for sexual and domestic violence prevention, 16 August 2017](#): In this interactive web conference, presenters will continue to build on the [THRIVE framework](#) to explore the role sexual and domestic violence prevention practitioners can play in helping design spaces that promote safety. Guests will share why they are focused on place-based efforts for sexual and domestic violence prevention and what they are specifically doing in communities. [Source: Prevent Connect]

[Women Deliver Global Conference, 3-6 June 2019, Vancouver, Canada](#): This is the world's largest gathering on the health, rights and wellbeing of women and girls. This will serve as a fuelling station for advocates working to achieve a more gender equal world. In the summer of 2019, over 6,000 world leaders, influencers, advocates, academics, activists, and journalists will flock to Vancouver with dreams of accelerating progress girls and women everywhere. [Source: Together For Girls].

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

IX. Vacancies

[Gender Media Officer](#) / Oxfam International / Flexible - based in major city in South or Southeast Asia / Closing date: 31 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Coordinator, Program Evaluation and Planning \(Consultant\)](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault / New York, USA / Closing date: 31 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director of Research, Knowledge and Advocacy](#) / Mama Cash / Amsterdam, Netherlands / Closing date: 7 August 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Gender Advisor](#) / CARE / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: 7 August 2017. [Source: CARE].

[Country Director](#) / CARE / Harare, Zimbabwe / Closing date: 8 August 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications Consultant](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / Tegucigalpa, Honduras / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women's Protection and Empowerment Technical Advisor](#) / International Rescue Committee / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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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