Dear SVRI List Members

Every week we search the web, online news, other updates for interesting research, resources and happenings related to violence against women and other forms of violence stemming from and driving gender inequality in low and middle-income countries so you don’t have to…here’s what we found...

Today’s SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. SVRI Member’s request

Assist in connecting Imkaan with VAW organizations in the Balkans and Turkey

Imkaan, a Black feminist organization in the UK dedicated to addressing violence against women (VAW) and girls, is currently looking to map existing violence against women services in the Balkans and Turkey, with the aim of setting up a Regional Expert Working Group to lobby/advocate for policy at regional and international levels. They are particularly looking to connect with organizations who work with minoritized women (refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, ethnic minorities, LGBTQ respondents) in these areas. This is an area of work where there are significant gaps in policy as well as praxis.

Should you know of small, grassroots organizations working on VAW in these areas please email their details to Neha Kagal at neha@imkaan.org.uk or nehakagal1@gmail.com

II. New SVRI Publications and Reports

Brief: Can targeting men reduce intimate partner violence? SVRI, Promundo, Living Peace, 2017: Through their study, Promundo US found a lasting reduction in intimate partner violence in communities in the in the Democratic Republic of Congo because of the Living Peace intervention piloted in 2013. Learn more about the study here.
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 prevention of violence in childhood through parenting programmes: a global review. Coore Desai C, Reece J.A, Shakespeare-Pellington S. Psychol Health Med. 22(sup1):166-186. ePub, 2017: This global review examines the evidence from previous systematic reviews on the role of parenting programmes in the prevention of violence against children in both high-income countries and low and middle-income countries. [Source: PubMed].

Child sexual abuse and HIV-related substance use and sexual risk across the life course among males and females. Scheidell J.D, Kumar P.C, Campion T, Quinn K, Beharie N, McGorray S.P, Khan M.R. Journal of Child Sexual Abuse. ePub, 2017: In this article, authors measure associations between child sexual abuse and substance use and sexual risk behaviours during adolescence, young adulthood, and adulthood among males and females. [Source: Taylor & Francis Online].

Physical intimate partner violence and contraceptive behaviours among young women. Kusunoki Y, Barber J.S, Gatny H.H, Melendez R. J Womens Health (Larchmt). ePub, 2017: In this study, authors propose that understanding the link between physical intimate partner violence and contraception is key to preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. [Source: PubMed].


IV. Online Publications and Resources

Estimating costs of marital violence in the Arab region: Operational model. UN ESCWA. 2017: This study presents an economic model to estimate the cost of marital violence in the Arab region. This economic model measures the costs of intimate partner violence by estimating household costs associated with violence, community level costs of service provision, and costs related to women’s loss of productivity in the labour market. [Source: ESCWA Centre for Women].

Status of Arab women report 2017 violence against women: What is at stake? UN ESCWA. 2017: This study focuses on intimate partner violence and particularly on its economic costs. It reviews evidence-based knowledge and provides in-depth understanding of the human rights and
socioeconomic consequences of intimate partner violence in the Arab region. [Source: ESCWA Centre for Women].

What Works evidence review: Preventing violence against women and girls with disabilities in lower- and middle-income countries. Van der Heijden I, Dunkle K. What Works to Prevent Violence: A Global Programme. 2017: This brief discusses the evidence base on preventing violence against women and girls with disabilities in lower and middle-income countries. [Source: SAMRC].

V. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

Call for applications: Short Course on Researching Gender Based Violence - Methods and Meaning: The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is accepting applications for a one week highly rated short course on gender based violence research methods and meaning. The course will take place between 12 - 16 February 2018. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the course is filled. Apply online today! [Source: LSHTM]

Call for trainers: Gender Transformative Approach and Meaningful Youth Participation: AIDSfonds seeks to appoint two groups of 15 trainers, preferred from five African GUSO countries (Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Ghana). They are specifically looking for trainers who want to become specialists in the field of Gender Transformative Approach or Meaningful Youth Participation/Youth Empowerment. Closing date: 16 October 2017. [Source: Sex Rights Africa Network].

Call for papers: Global perspectives on motherhood, mothering and masculinities: Demeter Press is seeking submissions for this edited volume. They welcome varied approaches including but not limited to: feminization of employment and masculinities; Mothering and masculinities among sex workers; Motherhood/Mothering and masculinities. 250-word abstracts plus 50-word biography (with citizen information) should be submitted to Tola Olu Pearce: pearcei@missouri.edu and Andrea Moraes: amoraes@ryerson.ca by 31 October 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

Call for applications: 2018 DHS Fellows Program: The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program is now accepting applications for the 2018 DHS Fellows Program from faculty members at universities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, South Africa, Timor-Leste, and Zimbabwe. The program is designed to increase the capacity of countries to conduct further analysis of DHS data. Applications close: 10 November 2017. [Source: DHS Program].

VI. News

How the world needs to get better for girls, News Deeply, 11 October 2017: On International Day of the Girl Child, we reflect on how much the international community still owes the girls of this world and why we need to make their voices heard.

Macho man, little princess: How gender norms can harm kids everywhere, npr, 21 September 2017: In a set of studies published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, the researchers concluded that between the ages of 10 and 14, children begin to fully embrace and internalize the belief that girls and boys are intrinsically different — and should act accordingly.

Gender inequality in early adolescence must be addressed for health and well-being throughout life, WHO News, 20 September 2017: When children move into early adolescence, they begin to take on new gender roles associated with femininity and masculinity, often reinforcing socially and culturally conventional gender norms related with being women or men.
VII. Events

Faith and Harmful Traditional Practices - Working effectively with faith leaders to challenge harmful traditional practices, 10 November 2017, London, UK: Tearfund invites you to this multi-dimensional event to review and discuss the findings of the DFID funded, JLI SGBV Hub research exploring the role of faith in addressing Harmful Traditional Practices. Please RSVP on or before 26th October by emailing Natalia Lester-Bush at natalia.lester-bush@tearfund.org.

2018 International Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Summit featuring Entertainment Education, 16-20 April 2018, Nusa Dua, Indonesia: This summit is organized to understand better what works in shifting social norms, changing behaviours and in amplifying the voice of those who have most at stake in the success of development efforts. Concept notes for skill building workshops and abstracts for oral and poster presentations, panel presentations and the multimedia video showcase are being accepted until 27 November 2017. See submission guidelines online. [Source: The Drum Beat].

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

VIII. Vacancies

Project Manager / The Joshua Foundation / Arusha, Tanzania / Closing date: 13 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Gender-Based Violence Field Researcher / Banyan Global / Flexible / Closing date: 15 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Youth Engagement Advisor / ActionAid / Flexible / Closing date: 18 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Consultancy Assignment: Gender Based Violence in Emergencies / WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 20 October 2017. [Source: WHO].

Consultancy Assignment: Gender Based Violence in Emergencies / WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research / Cairo, Egypt and Dakar, Senegal or Nairobi, Kenya (TBC) / Closing date: 20 October 2017. [Source: WHO].

Head of Fundraising / ActionAid International (Maternity Cover) / Flexible / Closing date: 22 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Administration Officer / World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts / Brussels / Closing date: 22 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Consultancy assignment: Masculinity and the engagement of men in sexual and reproductive health and rights / WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research / Global / Closing date: 23 October 2017. [Source: WHO].

Consultancy - Fund Raising and grants specialist (research) / UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti / Italy / Closing date: 1 November 2017. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti].
Executive Director / Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice / Netherlands / Closing date: 1 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Development Writer / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Child Survivor Specialist / International Rescue Committee / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Technical Advisor, Reproductive Health / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

ERT Child Protection Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Global / 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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