



Dear SVRI List Members

Recently, survivors from all corners of the world have been sharing their experiences of sexual violence, assault and harassment on social media platforms through the #MeToo movement. Engaging in the movement can place an emotional burden on survivors and other who engage it. It is therefore, important to take care of ourselves. If you find the #MeToo posts on social media overwhelming, log out, turn off notifications, take a walk, seek professional help, read [guidelines on surviving vicarious trauma](#), [tips for survivors on consuming media](#), the Bustle [article on how to practice self-care](#).

To all the survivors of sexual violence: We hear you. We believe you. We see you. #MeToo #UsToo

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[I. Journal Articles](#)

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[Latent class analysis of violence against adolescents and psychosocial outcomes in refugee settings in Uganda and Rwanda. Meyer S.R, Yu G, Hermosilla S, Stark L. Global Mental Health. 4, e19, 1-12, 2017:](#) This study uses the latent class analysis to identify classes of violence exposure (including exposure to witnessing household violence, verbal abuse, physical violence and sexual violence). [Source: Columbia University].

[Cyber violence: What do we know and where do we go from here? Peterson J, Densley J. Aggress. Violent Behav. 34, 193-200, 2017:](#) This paper reviews the existing literature on the relationship between social media and violence, including prevalence rates, typologies, and the overlap between cyber and in-person violence. [Source: Safetylit].

[A literature review: qualitative studies of women parenting during abuse. Brooks A.N, McFarlane J. Nurs. Forum. ePub, 2017:](#) This literature review of women's experiences while parenting during abuse reveals the utilization of parenting strategies to parent their child(ren) effectively in the most difficult and traumatic of circumstances. [Source: Safetylit].

['Yeah, I've grown; I can't go out anymore': differences in perceived risks between girls and boys entering adolescence. Mmari K, Moreau C, Gibbs S.E, De Meyer S, Michielsen K, Kabiru C.W, Bello B, Fatusi A, Lou C, Zuo X, Yu C, Al-Attar G.S.T, El-Gibaly O. Cult Health Sex. ePub, 2017:](#) This analysis is based on data from the Global Early Adolescent Study, which aims to understand the factors that predispose young people aged 10-14 years to positive or negative health trajectories. [Source: PubMed]

[Using qualitative methods to validate and contextualize quantitative findings: A case study of research on sexual behavior and gender-based violence among young Swazi women. Ruarka A, Fielding-Miller R. Glob Health Sci Pract. 4\(3\), 373–383, 2016:](#) This study describes the challenges of collecting and interpreting data on sexual behavior and gender-based violence. [Source: PubMed].

[Advancing the study of violence against women using mixed methods: Integrating qualitative methods into a quantitative research program. Testa M, Livingston J.A, Van Zile-Tamsen C. Violence Against Women. 17\(2\), 236–250, 2011:](#) In this study, authors describe the mixed methods approach and provide recommendations for integrating qualitative data into quantitative research on violence against women. [Source: PubMed].

II. Online Publications and Resources

[The Coalition of Feminists for Social Change \(COFEM\) paper series:](#) During the SVRI Forum 2017, COFEM launched the Feminist Perspectives on Addressing Violence against Women and Girls paper series. The papers are as follows:

[Paper 1:](#) How a lack of accountability undermines work to address violence against women and girls

[Paper 2:](#) Reframing language of 'GBV' away from feminist underpinnings

[Paper 3:](#) Finding the balance between scientific and social change goals, approaches and methods

[Paper 4:](#) Funding: Whose priorities?

[Paper 5:](#) Eclipsed: When a broad protection agenda obscures the needs of women and girls

[Global report 2017: Ending violence in childhood. Know Violence in Childhood. New Delhi, India. 2017:](#) This report presents the latest evidence on the causes and consequences of violence in childhood, and demonstrates how such violence can be prevented. [Source: Know Violence in Childhood].

[The state of conflict and violence in Asia. The Asia Foundation. 2017:](#) This report describes the levels and impacts of violence, particularly violence against women, in 14 Asian countries. [Source: ANROWS].

[University- and campus-based prevention of sexual and domestic violence: an XY collection. 2017:](#) This XY collections offers key reports and guides for action on how universities can work to prevent sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, and other forms of violence on campus and among staff and students. [Source: Prevent Connect].

[Advocating for change for adolescents! A practical toolkit for young people to advocate for improved adolescent health and well-being. Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health \(the Partnership\) and Women Deliver. 2017:](#) The purpose of this toolkit is to guide the design,

implementation and monitoring of an effective national advocacy action roadmap to bring about positive policy-specific changes to improve the health and well-being of adolescents. [Source: WUNRN].

[Toolkit: Very Young Adolescent \(VYA\) Sexual and Reproductive Health Resource Library. K4Health](#): This toolkit is for program managers, educators, health workers, advocates, researchers and policy makers committed to making a difference in the lives of very young adolescents (girls and boys between the ages of 10-14). The toolkit offers resources which address the unique developmental, cognitive, and social opportunities and challenges facing this age group. [Source: K4Health].

[Handbook for National Observatory on Gender Based on Violence ONV Colombia. Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social. Rivillas J.C, del Pilar Cardona Gómez G, Ortiz M.J, Girón S.L. Bogotá D.C., Colombia. 2016](#): This Spanish report discusses knowledge translation in data, indicators and evidence on gender based violence-related research, prevention and social innovation policies as challenges of public health. [Source: Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social].

[Effectiveness of a community-based SGBV prevention model in emergency settings in Uganda: Testing the 'Zero Tolerance Village Alliance' intervention. Undie C, Birungi H, Obare F, Odwe G, Namwebya J, Orikushaba P, Ayebale P, Onen W, Nicholson F, Francis R.C, Netshabako P, Katahoire A, Kazungu D.A.L, Kusasira D, Mirghani Z, Karugaba J. Nairobi, Kenya: Population Council. 2016](#): This study assesses the effectiveness of implementing a community-based sexual and gender-based violence prevention model in emergency settings. [Source: The Drum Beat].

[Positive youth development measurement toolkit: A practical guide for implementers of youth programs. Hinson L, Kapungu C, Jessee C, Skinner M, Bardini M, Evans-Whipp T. Washington, DC: YouthPower Learning, Making Cents International. 2016](#): In this toolkit, authors provide implementers of youth programming a variety of references, resources, and tools on how to use a positive youth development approach for evaluating youth-focused programming. [Source: ICRW].

III. [Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding](#)

[Calls for papers: Future perspectives on masculinities – «Walk like a man, die like a man?» Teaching gender beyond gendered stereotypes](#): AtGender Teaching with Gender Book Series Volume 15, Routledge publication 2019 invite contributions that explore and advance developments in theories and practices of teaching that focus on democratic, non-hegemonic masculinities and their everyday practices. The editors ask how processes of unmasking masculinities and teaching democratic ways of becoming a boy/man can be investigated as individual and societal challenges. [Source: Men Engage Connect].

IV. [Websites](#)

[Social Institutions and Gender Index](#): The OECD Development Centre's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) is a cross-country measure of discrimination against women in social institutions (formal and informal laws, social norms, and practices) across 160 countries. Through its 160 country profiles, country classifications and unique database, the SIGI provides a strong evidence base to more effectively address the discriminatory social institutions that hold back progress on gender equality and women's empowerment! [Source: SIGI].

V. [Blogs](#)

[Four Takeaways from Global Forum on Preventing Violence Against Women, Barbara Rodriguez, Chen Tingting and Xian Warner, 19 October 2017](#): In this blog, authors share their four key takeaways from the SVRI Forum 2017 as follows: (1) Violence against women is preventable; (2) Intimate partner violence (IPV) and violence against children are linked; (3) Mental health issues are associated with both IPV experience and perpetration; (4) Violence against women is political.

[A passion stirred, Lightwell Mpofo, 18 October 2017](#): In this blog post, the Being Heard young researcher, Lightwell Mpofo, shares his experience of lessons learned from the SVRI Forum 2017. This includes learning how other countries tackle the prevalence of sexual violence.

[When over 500 minds converge to prevent gender-based violence, Amber Peterman and Alina Potts, 10 October 2017](#): Late last month, over 500 researchers, policymakers, donors and activists descended on the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the 5th bi-annual Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, the largest global gathering focusing on gender-based violence (GBV) in low- and middle-income countries. This blog highlights new research findings that were shared during the Forum.

[Thoughts from the very bottom of the food chain: Talking to adolescent refugee sex workers, Sanni Bundgaard, 9 October 2017](#): This blog discusses the experiences of adolescent refugee girls living in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya who have become sex workers to survive.

VI. News

[Sexual harassment 101: w=What everyone needs to know, The Guardian, 16 October 2017](#): The Harvey Weinstein revelations have highlighted a surprising ignorance about an issue that affects every workplace. So how common is it, why don't more women report it – and what should be done? This news bulletin discusses sexual harassment in depth.

[France proposes new law against harassment, sexual violence, ABC News, 16 October 2017](#): On 16 October, the French government proposed a bill focusing on sexual harassment and sexual violence against minors, aiming to eventually make harassment against women in French streets an offense that will be punished with fines.

[More women killed in gender violence than armed conflicts in parts of Asia – expert, Thomson Reuters Foundation news, 13 October 2017](#): Gender-based violence is emerging as one of the deadliest forms of violence in Asia and it has killed more women than armed conflicts in some parts of the region, an expert on conflict said on Friday, calling for more attention to the issue.

VII. Events

[Luncheon launch of COMPASS research: Empowering and protecting adolescent girls in emergencies, 30 October 2017, Washington DC, USA](#): In this event, the International Rescue Committee will share the main findings of research and programming on empowering and protecting adolescent girls in humanitarian settings from gender-based violence (GBV). Please RSVP to Janine Kossen at janine.kossen@rescue.org by Wednesday October 25. [Source: IRC].

[International conference on sexual assault, domestic violence and gender bias, 3-5 April 2018, Illinois, USA](#): End Violence Against Women International is now accepting proposals to be displayed

at this conference which promotes innovative techniques, unique approaches, and promising practices in responding to gender-based violence. Abstracts must be submitted to Cheri@evawintl.org by Friday, December 1, 2017. [Source: EVAW International].

[2018 International social and behaviour change communication summit, 16-20 April 2018, Bali, 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. And, it is designed to wrestle with the profound issues of social justice and agenda setting that affect these decisions. Abstracts are being accepted on or before 27 November 2017. [Source: The Drum Beat].

[National Sexual Assault Conference, 29-31 August 2018, California, USA](#): The theme for this conference is “Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation.” It will be co-hosted with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). The call for proposals will be released in 2017, and registration will open in April 2018. [Source: CALCASA].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Program Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation](#) / Oxfam Canada / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 23 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[National Consultant](#) / UN Women / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 25 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Consultant Research on Girl-Led Organising](#) / Mama Cash / Flexible / Closing date: 25 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Consultancy - Researchers for GBV Project Design, Monitoring and Evaluation](#) / UNDP / Flexible / Closing date: 26 October 2017. [Source: UNDP].

[Intern kNOwVAWdata with Gender Team](#) / UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 1 November 2017. [Source: UNFPA APRO].

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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