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I. 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.

[Nature of domestic/family violence and barriers to using services among Indian immigrant women. Colucci E, O'Connor M, Field K et al. Alterstice Revue Internationale de la Reserche](#)

[Interculturelle, 2015](#): This article explores the nature of family violence experiences of Indian women living in Australia and culturally determined barriers to use of service. A partnership was formed to explore this issue through a participatory community theatre approach. [Source: Queen Mary University of London].

[Precollege predictors of incapacitated rape among female students in their first year of college. Carey K.B, Durney S.E, Shepardson R.L, Carey M.P. J. Stud. Alcohol Drugs, 76\(6\): 829-837, 2015](#): This article identifies prospective risk factors associated with experiencing attempted or completed IR during the first year of college. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Negotiating the use of female-initiated HIV prevention methods in a context of gender-based violence: The narrative of rape. Hartmann M, Montgomery E, Stadler J, Laborde N, Magazi B, Mathebula F, van der Straten A. Cult. Health Sex, ePub, 2015](#): Understanding the sociocultural context of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) trials, including gender-based violence, is critical. MTN-003C (VOICE-C), a qualitative sub-study of the larger MTN-003 (VOICE) trial, examines sociocultural barriers and facilitators to PrEP amongst women in Johannesburg. [Source: SafetyLit].

[‘They can’t report abuse, they can’t move out. They are at the mercy of these men’: Exploring connections between intimate partner violence, gender and HIV in South African clinical settings. Sprague C, Hatcher A.M, Woollett N et al. Culture, Health & Sexuality, ePub, 2015](#): This qualitative study captured South African female health provider perspectives of intimate partner violence in female patients, gender norms and consequences for patients' health. [Source: 60percent].

[A qualitative analysis of offenders' modus operandi in sexually exploitative interactions with children online. Kloess J.A, Seymour-Smith S, Hamilton-Giachritsis C.E, Long M.L, Shipley D, Beech A.R. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines the modus operandi of offenders in such interactions, with particular focus on the specific strategies they use to engage victims, including discursive tactics. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Black girls and the \(im\)possibilities of a victim trope: The intersectional failures of legal and advocacy interventions in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors in the United States. - Phillips J. UCLA Law Rev, 62\(6\): 1642-1675, 2015](#): This Comment challenges the use of victim rhetoric in antitrafficking interventions and confronts the absence of racial discourse when devising next-steps. Centering the unique experiences of Black girls reveal the limitations of current narratives and strategies deployed in antitrafficking policies, which include failing to create nonjudgmental services and viable alternatives to sex work for youth. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood physical and sexual abuse and social network patterns on social media: Associations with alcohol use and problems among young adult women.](#) Oshri A, Himelboim I, Kwon J.A, Sutton T.E, Mackillop J. J. *Stud. Alcohol Drugs*, 76(6): 845-851, 2015: This article explores the links between severities of child abuse (physical vs. sexual), and alcohol use versus problems via social media (Facebook) peer connection structures. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual abuse moderates the relationship between obesity and mental health in low income women.](#) Ramirez J.C, Milan S. *Child Maltreat, ePub*, 2015: This article examines whether a history of self-reported childhood sexual abuse (CSA) moderates the relationship between obesity and mental health symptoms (depression, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress disorder) in an ethnically diverse sample of low-income women. [Source: SafetyLit].

II. Online publications and resources

[Violence against Women and Girls Resource Guide: Brief on violence against sexual and gender minority women.](#) World Bank Group, 2015: This Sector Brief provides guidance to help development professionals understand how VAWG affects programming in their sector on gender minority women, and offer suggestions for integrating VAWG prevention and response activities within each sector at the policy, institutional, and community level. [Source: SAMRC].

[Promoting community-led responses to violence against immigrant and refugee women in metropolitan and regional Australia: The ASPIRE project. State of knowledge paper.](#) ANROWS, 2015: This state of knowledge paper examines a broad range of national and international research to present the current knowledge about family violence against immigrant and refugee women. While the paper identifies critical evidence on the topic, it acknowledges that much of the available literature has methodological issues, including incomplete and inconclusive prevalence data; small sample sizes; and conceptualising family violence in ways that are not recognised by immigrant and refugee communities. [Source: ANROWS].

[ANROWS Footprints Issue Four, 2015:](#) In this edition of Footprints the authors highlight the importance of empowerment: how can we empower women and their children who have experienced violence at an individual and systems-based level? [Source: ANROWS].

[White Ribbon Toolbox: Tips on how to build respectful relationships, the alternative to violence towards women.](#) White Ribbon, 2015: This toolbox gives practical tips on how to

treat women equally, communicate respectfully and have a respectful sexual relationship too. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Materials - 1st International Conference on Sexual Violence, 23 October 2015, Zagreb, Croatia](#): This conference was organized in partnership with the Governmental Office for Gender Equality of Republic of Croatia and civil society organization Centre for Education Counselling and Research (CESI). Materials from the conference is available online. [Source: Women's Room – Center for Sexual Rights].

III. Websites and projects

[MenEngage Accountability page](#): This page provides all MenEngage Accountability tools in one place. The page also includes references to the Partnerships and accountability blog, and in the nearby future aims to extend the page with other relevant resources around accountability. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[Seeds Theatre Group Inc](#): Seeds uses theatre and drama as an effective communication tool to address issues that are affecting Papua New Guinea socially, economically and politically. [Source: Seeds Theatre Group Inc].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: AmplifyChange Strategic grants](#). The purpose of a Strategic Grant is to support international organisations to advocate and contribute to policy and strategy development on the priority themes of AmplifyChange at global, regional and country level. Calls for statements of intent is now open. Statements are due: 11 December 2015. [Source: AmplifyChange].

[Funding opportunity: The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention - Building the evidence for community- and policy-level prevention](#). This FOA is a programme announcement with multiple receipt dates (Cycle 1 FY2015, Cycle 2 FY2016). The purpose of this announcement is to fund Youth Violence Prevention Centers to advance the science and practice of youth violence prevention and to reduce youth violence in one or more geographically defined, high-burden communities by implementing and evaluating a community- or policy-level prevention strategy or combination of such strategies. Applications due 17 February 2016. [Source: Friendsnrc].

[Fellowship opportunity: HAYA Research Fellowship](#). This Fellowship is offered as part of the new HAYA research programme in adolescent health and wellbeing. The proposed body of work will be undertaken at the Africa Centre For Population Health, which oversees and

conducts one of Africa's largest population-based prospective cohort studies and is located in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Closing date: 20 November 2015. [Source: University of Glasgow].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Partnerships and accountability blog-series](#): This new blog by the MenEngage Alliance is intended as a place to share experiences from the network and members (you!) about partnership building and accountability with women's rights organisations and other gender justice activists. In the series MenEngage wants to highlight good examples of exchange and cooperation, but also offer a space to reflect on challenges, and think of ways to overcome them. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

VI. News

[MSF in gender-based violence art exhibition, News Day, 16 November 2015](#): International medical and humanitarian organisation, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) on Friday launched an art exhibition dubbed Windows Into My Life at the National Arts Gallery in the capital as part of their psycho-social support therapy to survivors of sexual gender-based violence (SGBV).

[Front-line workers toolkit helps address domestic violence, Sydney Morning Herald, 14 November 2015](#): Front-line workers, including health and education professionals, police and local government officers, will soon be able to access an online resource to help them identify and respond effectively to signs of domestic and family violence.

[The war on campus sexual assault goes digital, New York Times, 13 November 2015](#): As the problem of sexual assault on college campuses has become a hot-button issue for school administrators and federal education regulators, one question keeps coming up: Why don't more students report attacks?

VII. Events

[Launch of the Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action, 1 December 2015, Washington D.C., USA](#). The Guidelines are a practical, field-tested tool for humanitarian actors and crisis-affected communities. They offer step-by-step guidance on essential actions to prevent gender-based violence across all sectors—resulting in safer and more effective programmes that reduce risk, promote resilience and aid recovery. Join the launch by [RSVP](#). [Source: World Bank Group].

[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: Breaking the cycle of violence against women – Strategies, policies and action, 2 December 2015, Washington D.C., USA](#). PAHO and partners invite you to join in person or by livestream to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Livestream at: www.livestream.com/paho and [Spanish](#). RSVP at: zkessamuah@gwmail.gwu.edu. [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[The Sophia Forum Event. Wishing up: Women, violence and HIV in the UK, 25 November 2015, London, United Kingdom](#). As part of the Gender Violence & Health Centre seminar series on the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, this Forum invites participants to network with the people in the sector and give us your views on how services could be improved for women living with HIV. In late November of this year Sophia Forum will celebrate being in existence for 10 years. This is a cause for reflection, celebration and looking forward to the future. [Source: LSHTM].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Chief Officer](#) / Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) - Gender & Health Research Unit, SAMRC / Pretoria, South Africa.

[Senior Associate, Monitoring & Evaluation](#) / Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) / Global / Closing date: 6 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Officer: Advocacy Partnerships](#) / ARROW / Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia / Closing date: 25 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Research and Information Officer](#) / ARC International / Global / Closing date: 26 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Part-Time Communications Officer](#) / ARC International / Global / Closing date: 26 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Gender Equality Advisor](#) / Save the Children / London, UK / Closing date: 29 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Girls' Programming Advisor](#) / Save the Children / London, UK / Closing date: 29 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Officer in the Communications and Advocacy Team](#) / Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 30 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Reporting and Communication Intern](#) / UN Women / Tunis, Tunisia / Closing date: 1 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Head of Programmes](#) / Gender Links / Johannesburg, South Africa / Closing date: 4 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer](#) / Astraea / New York, USA / Closing date: 7 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Technical Advisor, Women's Protection & Empowerment \(USP\)](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Technical Advisor, Women's Protection & Empowerment](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Associate](#) / Foundation for a Just Society / New York, USA / Closing date: 31 December 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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