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**I. Journal articles**

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[Efficacy of a sexual assault resistance program for university women. Senn C.Y, Eliasziw M, Barata P.C et al. N Engl J Med, 372:2326-2335, 2015](#): This trial assesses whether a new, four-unit, small-group sexual assault resistance program, as compared with access to brochures

on sexual assault, could reduce the 1-year incidence of completed rape among first-year female students at three universities. [Source: University of Windsor].

[Epigenetics and child abuse: modern-day Darwinism - The miraculous ability of the human genome to adapt, and then adapt again. Gershon NB, High PC. Am. J. Med. Genet. C Semin. Med. Genet, ePub, 2015:](#) This review outlines our developing insight into the interplay between our human biology and our changing environment, and explores the growing evidence base for how interventions may prevent and ameliorate damage inflicted by toxic stress in early life. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual violence, weight perception, and eating disorder indicators in college females. Groff Stephens S, Wilke D.J. J. Am. Coll. Health, ePub, 2015:](#) This article examines the relationships between sexual violence experiences, inaccurate body weight perceptions, and the presence of eating disorder (ED) indicators in a sample of female US college students. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Accountability for sexual violence. Friedrich M.J. J. Am. Med. Assoc. JAMA, 314\(15\): 1553, 2015:](#) To better understand the challenges of reporting, investigating, and prosecuting sexual violence cases, investigators from the Human Rights Center at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law conducted interviews between 2011 and 2014 in Kenya, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Uganda, which had all experienced some conflict in recent years. [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, Sommers T, Black V. Cult. Health Sex. 2015, 2015:](#) This qualitative study captures South African female health provider perspectives of intimate partner violence in female patients, gender norms and consequences for patients' health. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Data research on child abuse and neglect without informed consent? Balancing interests under Dutch law. Hoytema van Konijnenburg E.M, Teeuw A.H, Ploem M.C. Eur. J. Pediatr, ePub, 2015:](#) In this paper, authors discuss in which situations and under which conditions personal data of children may be used for a study without obtaining consent. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Prevalence of bullying, discrimination and sexual harassment in surgery in Australasia. Crebbin W, Campbell G, Hillis D.A, Watters D.A. ANZ J. Surg, ePub, 2015:](#) This paper reports

the findings of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Expert Advisory Group to investigate and advise the College on the prevalence of bullying, discrimination and sexual harassment in surgery in Australia and New Zealand. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Elder abuse in a developing area in Bolivia. Carmona-Torres J.M, López-Soto P.J, Coimbra-Roca A.I, Gálvez-Rioja R.M, Goergen T, Rodríguez-Borrego M.A. J. \*Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015\*](#): This study determines the degree of abuse of elder and vulnerable people in the families and communities of Eastern Bolivia. [Source: SafetyLit].

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[Gender, race, and risk: Intersectional risk management in the sale of sex online. Moorman J.D, Harrison K. J. \*Sex Res, ePub, 2015\*](#): Building on intersectionality theory and research exploring risk management in sex work, the authors analysed 600 escort advertisements to explore risk management in web-based sex work. [Source: SafetyLit].

## II. Online publications and resources

[Testing parenting and school-based GBV prevention interventions in East Africa: SVRI Primary Prevention Project. SVRI, 2015](#) (short video): The SVRI Primary Prevention Project is an innovative project that aims to build evidence for primary prevention in East Africa by working with regional partners to develop understanding of primary prevention for SIPV and how to develop evidence based interventions, with a clear theoretical basis. Through this project the SVRI is funding and providing technical assistance to four research teams based in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to adapt and test parenting and / or school based interventions for the prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence in East Africa. More information on the project can be found on the SVRI website at:<http://www.svri.org/primaryprevention.htm>.

[Supporting parenting of children residing in domestic violence shelters. Technical Assistance Guide. Keene C and Ortiz I. National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 2015](#) (pdf): This Technical Assistance Guidance focuses on challenges regarding parenting and discipline of children who reside in these shelters, proposing a variety of recommendations regarding this topic. Resources for further education, training and staff development are included. [Source: WUNRN].

[GBV Prevention Network – Responding to and preventing VAW in conflict and other emergencies](#): One of the best ways to improve response to violence against women (VAW) in emergencies and to reinforce community resilience to crises is to strengthen local actor's capacity and access to resources. With a focus on sub-Saharan Africa, 8 local and national

non-governmental organisations (LNGOs) in the Great Lakes, East and Horn of Africa built capacity in emergency preparedness capacity of LNGOs to address the immediate protection needs of women and survivors of VAW, and in particular survivors of sexual violence, during conflict and other emergencies. To learn more about the Thematic Action group's work, and the After Action Review, visit: <http://preventgbvafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/MacArthur-After-Action-Review-Report-15-07-15.pdf>. [Source: Raising Voices].

[GBV Responders' Network – Completed research](#): In the last four years, International Rescue Committee's Women's Protection and Empowerment Unit has completed research on child survivors of sexual assault, economic and social empowerment, transforming gender biases, and building capacity to better respond to GBV in emergencies. [Source: UN Women].

[Preventing conflict, transforming justice, securing the peace: A Global Study on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. UN Women, 2015](#): The Global Study identifies the gaps and challenges, as well as emerging trends and priorities for action. It requested the Secretary-General to thereafter submit a report based on the findings of this review to the Security Council in October 2015. [Source: UN Women].

[From rejection to redress: Overcoming legacies of conflict-related sexual violence in Northern Uganda. Ladisch V. International Center for Transitional Justice, 2015](#)(pdf): This report aims to capture the main issues that emerged from consultations across greater northern Uganda in April 2015 on the long-term challenges and un-redressed justice needs of children born as a result of conflict-related sexual violence and of their mothers; and offer policy recommendations on how these unmet justice needs could be addressed. [Source: UN Women].

[Handbook on effective prosecution responses to violence against women and girls. Criminal Justice Handbook Series. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 2014](#)(pdf): Drawing upon the recommendations and guidance contained in the updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures, UNODC, in cooperation with the Thailand Institute of Justice, has drafted this Handbook with a view to assisting prosecutors in their duty to uphold the rule of law, firmly protecting human rights and serving their community with impartiality and fairness in cases involving violence against women and girls. [Source: WUNRN].

### III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for papers: Gender-based and sexual violence](#): barriers to sexual and reproductive health and rights. In the May/June 2016 issue of the journal, we are hoping to gather a wide diversity of articles on how violence can be conceptualised, comprehended and measured. We want to look at the impact of violence on sexual and reproductive health and rights, and what effective and successful regulatory frameworks and interventions exist to address and prevent violence at all levels, from personal to institutional. Submissions close: 31 November 2015. [Source: AWID].

[Funding opportunity: The Humanitarian Innovation Fund \(HIF\)](#): Managed by ELRHA, the HIF supports organisations and individuals to identify, nurture and share innovative and scalable solutions to the challenges facing effective humanitarian assistance. The HIF is pleased to announce that its 10th call for applications is open. Listen to the webinar explaining the application process step-by-step at: <https://vimeo.com/142976416>. Applications close: 15 November 2015. [Source: HIF].

[Funding opportunity: The Other Foundation](#). This call is inviting applications for grants from any individual or organisation in thirteen eligible southern African countries to support work that addresses discrimination against lesbian women or transgender people. The thirteen eligible countries from which grant applications will be accepted are Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Applications close: 18 November 2015. [Source: AWID].

#### IV. News

[Papua New Guinea urged to fund domestic and sexual violence services, The Guardian, 3 November 2015](#): The Papua New Guinea government must “step up to the plate” and address the epidemic of family and sexual violence which is mainly being tackled by NGOs and grassroots activists, Human Rights Watch has said.

[‘Coming out of concrete closets’: LGBTQ criminalization as reproductive injustice, RH Reality Check, 30 October 2015](#): Last week, Black and Pink - a network of LGBTQ prisoners and allies on the outside—released Coming Out of Concrete Closets, a survey of 1,118 LGBTQ prisoners. Designed in conjunction with prisoners themselves, the ground-breaking report reveals critical information for LGBTQ liberation movements and movements striving to fundamentally change the criminal justice systems in the United States.

[WHO calls for action to prevent youth violence, Inter Press Service News Agency, 29 October 2015](#): Approximately 200,000 youth are murdered every year, making homicide the

fourth leading cause of death among young people around the world, according to a new study by the Geneva-based World Health Organisation (WHO).

[How to counter rape during war, The New York Times, 28 October 2015](#): Last year, at a global conference on sexual violence during war, many speakers agreed that the best way to deter such crimes was prosecution, and they called for more of it. But prosecutions are not enough. We must work to reduce sexual violence by armed groups *during* wars — not just act afterward.

## V. Events

[Webinar: Expected and Unexpected Funding Partnerships to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, 12 November 2015](#). Almost all of us will agree that investing in prevention is essential if we are truly committed to ending child sexual abuse. But the US, in fact most countries, have not committed significant funds to prevention. With presenters from a variety of perspectives, this web conference will discuss some likely and unlikely places where funds have been invested in preventing sexual violence. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Call for Emerging Voices for Global Health 2016 \(EV4GH 2016\), 14-18 November 2016, Vancouver, Canada](#): EV4GH 2016 is pleased to announce the call for abstracts for the EV4GH 2016 in association and partnership with the 4th Global Symposium on health systems research (Vancouver symposium). [Source: SAMRC].

[Abstract submission extension notice - Safety 2015 World Conference, 18–21 September 2016, Tampere, Finland](#): The deadline for abstract submission for 12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Safety 2016 has been extended until 30th of November 2015. Conference offers a great opportunity for hundreds of researchers, specialists and agents to introduce their research and work at the conference. [Source: Safety 2016].

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

## VI. Vacancies

[Consultancy for the review and revision of the National Policy on Eliminating Violence against Women and National Action Plan for the Solomon Islands](#) (pdf) / Honiara, Solomon Islands and home-based / Closing date: 13 November 2015. [Source: UN Women].

[Post-doctoral fellowships in traumatic stress research](#) / Charleston, USA / Medical University of South Carolina / Closing date: 16 November 2015. [Source: Project Best].

[Senior Policy & Outreach Advisor](#) / The Global Women's Institute at George Washington University / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Summer Legal Internships \(2\)](#) / Law Students for Reproductive Justice / California, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Equality Specialist](#) / Cowater / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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