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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. Announcement: SVRI Grant 2015

The SVRI is pleased to share project information of the 2015 Grantees. SVRI Grant 2015 supports research or research related activities that will strengthen the evidence base for the prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries. For more information on the Grants, please visit: <http://www.svri.org/grant.htm#grants2015>.

Candies in Hell +20: A Mixed-Methods Study on the Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls in León, Nicaragua: This project will document the history of violence prevention efforts in Nicaragua and assess their impact. They hypothesise a reduction in violence against women and girls in Nicaragua since 1995 study entitled "Candies from Hell". They will survey 1500 women in Leon, replicating this study. In addition, they will explore how different social and political forces may influence levels of violence. **Lead Agency: Global Women's Institute, The George Washington University, USA**
Project PI: Dr, Mary Ellsberg

Project Title: Living Peace: Evaluating the IPV Prevention Impact of an Intervention with Male Partners of Women Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Rape in the DRC:Through this project Promundo will undertake a qualitative, time-series evaluation study to assess the IPV prevention impact of a pilot-tested program targeting husbands of conflict-related rape survivors in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. **Lead Agency: Promundo Project**
PI: Henny Slegh

Project Title: Understanding the connection between intimate partner violence and violence against children in families in Kampala, Uganda to inform primary prevention:This project, a collaboration between Raising Voices and Columbia University, aims to develop a context-specific understanding of how and why IPV and VAC are connected through a mixed-methods study of the inter-linkages between intimate partner violence and violence against children in Kampala, Uganda. Findings are expected to inform new program approaches to promote healthy, non-violent, and just relationships within families.

Lead Agency: Raising Voices, Uganda

Project PIs: Sophie Namy (Raising Voices) and Catherine Carlson (Columbia University)

The Evaluation of a Parenting Intervention to Prevent the Development of Aggression in Children in South Africa: This study aims to enhance and test a book sharing intervention so that it strengthens both child cognitive and socio-emotional development. Existing materials will be adapted to incorporate socio-emotional contents, which will then be tested with 140 carers with children aged 20-24 months. The study will test whether an already effective intervention can also benefit the emotional and social development of children.

Lead Agency: Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Project PI: Prof Mark Tomlinson

Impact of a cluster randomized controlled trial (SAFE) in reducing violence against women and girls in urban slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh:Effective interventions to curb spousal VAWG remain a challenge due to paucity of evidence on what works. To address this gap, SAFE, a cluster randomized controlled trial of an integrated multi-sectoral (health and legal) and multi-tier (individual, group and community) intervention combining group sessions, community mobilization, and services to survivors implemented over a 20 month period between March, 2012 and October 2013 was carried out. This grant will support the writing up of the SAFE trial outcomes papers.

Lead Agency: International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

Project PI: Dr Ruchira Naved

II. SVRI member request: Women and girls' safety and mobility in public spaces survey - UN Women

UN Women is mapping and assessing work around women and girls' safety and mobility in public spaces. They are interested in reaching a wide variety of organisations - formal and informal, big and small. If you are funding or doing any programme or policy work related to addressing violence against women/harassment in the public sphere, promoting safe and inclusive urban spaces, or enhancing women's mobility, even if it is not your main focus, UN

Women invites you to complete their 10 minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VAWinpublic>.

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.

[Open access articles: Towards a new global strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health, BMJ, 351:Suppl1, 2015](#): The year 2015 marks a defining moment for the health of women, children, and adolescents. It is the end point of the United Nations' millennium development goals, and their transition to the sustainable development goals. The articles in this collection examine the evidence and the thinking that form the basis of the new global strategy. [Source: WUNRN].

[Rape myth consistency and gender differences in perceiving rape victims: A meta-analysis. Hockett J.M, Smith S.J, Klausing C.D, Saucier D.A. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines the moderating influences of various rape victim, perpetrator, and crime characteristics' rape myth consistency on gender differences in individuals' perceptions of rape victims (i.e., victim responsibility and blame attributions and rape minimizing attitudes). [Source: SafetyLit].

[The dark side of men: the nature of masculinity and its uneasy relationship with male rape. Javid A. J. Mens Stud, 23\(3\): 271-292, 2015](#): This theoretical and conceptual article critically examines the issue of male rape in England and Wales, United Kingdom. Bringing different studies together from disparate disciplines reveal that men's experiences of rape and sexual assault are similar to women's sexual assaults and rapes, although there are some gendered differences as to how men deal with these crimes, particularly in regard to men's willingness to report to officials and masculine ways wherein some men frame their experiences. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual assault experienced by deaf female undergraduates: Prevalence and characteristics. Smith R.A, Pick L.H. Violence Vict, ePub, 2015](#): This article explores sexual assault prevalence and characteristics of assault in deaf female undergraduate students. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Stigma and parenting children conceived from sexual violence. Rouhani S.A, Scott J, Greiner A, Albutt K, Hacker M.R, Kuwert P, VanRooyen M, Bartels S. Pediatrics, ePub, 2015](#): Limited data is available on the relationships between mothers and their children from sexual violence. This study aims to evaluate the nature and determinants of these maternal-child relationships. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Trends in child sexual abuse cases referred for forensic examination in Southern Denmark from 2000 to 2011: Did the 'Tønder-case' have an impact? Skovmand S, Astrup B.S. J. Forensic Leg. Med, 36: 121-125, 2015](#): In this study all the cases of child sexual abuse referred for forensic examination in a 12 year period, a total of 368 cases, are systematically evaluated. In order to

identify any trends that could be correlated to an impact of the 'Tønder-case', cases from 2000 to 2002 and cases from 2009 to 2011 underwent an in-depth analysis. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Domestic and sexual violence against women: Implications of WHO guidelines for Germany. Wieners K, Winterholler M. Bundesgesundheitsblatt Gesundheitsforschung, Gesundheitsschutz, ePub, 2015](#): In this article, the WHO guidelines, for Germany, indicate the need to develop national standards for healthcare in cases of domestic and sexual violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Patriarchy, gender violence and poverty amongst Pakistani women: A social work inquiry. Tarar M.G, Pulla V. International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice, 2 \(2\): 56-63, 2014](#) (pdf): This paper examines how poverty contributes to violent gender-power relations in Pakistani society and how patriarchal structure utilizes violence as a tool to control women and their sexuality, particularly in low income families. [Source: WUNRN].

IV. Online publications and resources

SVRI Primary Prevention Project: Testing parenting and school-based GBV prevention interventions in East Africa. The following formative research reports from this exciting project is available on the SVRI website:<http://www.svri.org/primaryresearch.htm>

- [Briefing paper: Building capacity for SIPV primary prevention research and intervention development in Sub-Saharan Africa - Lessons Learned.](#) Dartnall E and Gevers A. SVRI, 2015
- [The design and formative evaluation of a parenting programme in Uganda for early prevention of gender based violence.](#) Wight D, Siu G, Zalwango F, Kasule S, Seeley J. SVRI, 2015
- [An exploratory study on the risk factors to child abuse in primary schools in Kajiado County- Kenya: Findings of a formative research.](#) LVCT Health, SOWED Kenya, SVRI and SAMRC, 2015.
- [Formative assessment on primary prevention of school based gender based violence \(GBV\) and parenting interventions in Tanzania.](#) Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Health Sciences & Women in Law and Development in Africa, 2014.
- [Developing/adapting a school-based sexual and dating violence prevention intervention in Nairobi in Kenya.](#) Formative Research Report. Omwenga T, Plummer C and Mwaura P. Child Aid Organization, Kenya, 2014

This Project was showcased at the SVRI Forum 2015 and presentations from this session can be downloaded at: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/glance.htm>.

[GEMS training manual for facilitators - Gender Equity Movement in Schools \(GEMS\), ICRW, CORO, TISS, 2011](#): The Gender Equity Movement in Schools(GEMS) program was initiated to promote gender equality and reduce violence by engaging students in critical thinking and self-reflection. GEMS builds on successful efforts in India, such as *Yari Dostif* for young men and *Sakhi-Sahelif* for young women, to foster more gender equitable attitudes and behaviours among youth, using group education activities (GEA) to engage students in the school setting. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[Developmental disabilities and sexuality curriculum. Planned Parenthood Northern New England, 2009](#): This curriculum, the first of its kind in the country, is designed for self-advocates and staff to teach a sexuality education series together as a team. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Summary of the verbal informed sexual consent assessment tool \(VISCAT\). Taverner, W.J. 2006](#) (pdf): VISCAT is a tool for measuring sexual consent capacity in people with developmental disabilities. For more information, contact William J. Taverner at: Taverner@ptd.net. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Yaari Dosti: A training manual. Population Council, 2006](#) (pdf): This manual is adapted from a program entitled “Program H: Working with Young Men Series” that was developed in Brazil by Instituto PROMUNDO and was evaluated by the Population Council. It promotes the positive aspects of masculinity, encourages men’s participation in sexual and reproductive health, promotes respect for sexual diversity and improves the understanding of the body and sexuality. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for submissions: Stories by and experiences of young women and adolescent girls Living with HIV](#). The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR), in cooperation with Women Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) and members of the More Than Our Status Campaign, is pleased to welcome submissions from young and passionate activists to raise awareness about the experiences of young women and girls living with HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights in their communities. Please send your submissions to watchdog@youthcoalition.org by 1 November 2015. Please see the full call for submissions online. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. News

[Secret aid worker: There is a new trend of sexual violence in South Sudan, The Guardian, 20 October 2015](#): It may not be me. It may be one of my friends, or a co-worker, or one of the other aid workers who live on my street. But it’s going to happen: we will be attacked. Best-case scenario: we get robbed. They take our things and they leave. We’ve backed up our hard drives, saved our favourite photos online, we’re ready for this. Worst-case scenario: we get raped. Or killed. It’s a 50/50 split on which people think is worse.

['Asking for it': Analyzing rape culture -- and what can change it, MPR News, 16 October 2015](#): Every seven minutes, someone in America commits a rape. That’s one of the stark statistics behind Kate Harding’s new book, “Asking For It: The Alarming Rise of Rape Culture — and What We Can Do About It.”

[How India's "untouchable" women are fighting back against sexual violence, Refinery29, 15 October 2015](#): Manisha Mashaal was five years old when her schoolteacher first called her an “untouchable” in front of the rest of her class. “That’s when I found out why my family’s house was so close to the trash dumpsite of the village, and why it was so separated from houses of the dominant castes,” Mashaal said.

[ICRW releases results of conditional cash transfer evaluation to tackle child marriage in India, ICRW, 14 October 2015](#): The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) has released a summary of research findings from its evaluation of a government program to enhance girls' value in Haryana, India. The results were released at the National Press Club, in Washington, DC, and the House of Lords in London, UK.

[Sex ed lesson: 'Yes means yes,' but it's tricky, New York Times, 14 October 2015](#): The classroom of 10th graders had already learned about sexually transmitted diseases and various types of birth control. On this day, the teenagers gathered around tables to discuss another topic: how and why to make sure each step in a sexual encounter is met with consent.

[Only 1325 national plans will trigger the Resolution's implementation, Inter Press Service News Agency, 14 October 2014](#): This week, the United Nations Security Council is holding an open debate to undertake its High Level Review of the 15 years of implementation of the landmark Resolution 1325 on "Women and Peace and Security."

VII. Events

[International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement: Continuing the learning on differential response, family group decision making, and other reforms, 27-30 October 2015, Minneapolis, USA](#) (pdf). Since 1997, this conference has been an annual, invigorating learning platform for thousands who have been engaged in the implementation of FGDM and other family meeting and engagement processes around the globe. The conference programme is available online. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway]. [Brochure.pdf](#)

[Webinar: Involving marginalised young people in preventing sexual exploitation, 28 October 2015](#). This webinar will involve presenters from the organisation Stellit who are based in St Petersburg, Russia. The presenters will discuss a Youth Volunteer Movement that they have been supporting that aims to prevent risky behaviours and raise awareness about sexual violence. They will share details of the movement, the ethical challenges that have arisen from this work, and reflections and recommendations on how to involve young people at risk in peer-to-peer prevention activities. [Source: University of Bedfordshire].

[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].

[Webinar: Capturing the magic - Activity-based assessments for prevention curricula, 30 November 2015](#). How can we capture the magic that happens during an activity that is rarely reflected on traditional pre- and post-tests? This webinar by Texas Association Against Sexual Assault will discuss different ways of recording data that speaks to learning objectives and examine at least two tools for assessing how successful an activity was without the use of a pre- or post- test. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[ANROWS Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children, 23 – 26 February 2015, Melbourne, Australia](#). The Conference will showcase current ANROWS and Australian research, demonstrating how research is informing policy and practice in addressing violence against women. The program will consist of research presentations, case studies of research to policy and practice, and other knowledge translation and exchange activities. The preliminary conference programme is available online. [Source: ANROWS].

VIII. Vacancies

[Resourcing Women's Rights Program Manager](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 28 October 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Project Assistant](#) / The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 30 October 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Web Technology and Communications Intern](#) / Women's Learning Partnership / Maryland, USA / Closing date: 31 October 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Director, Social Enterprise Acceleration Programme](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation / London, UK / Closing date: 5 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Policy Officer](#) / Girls Not Brides / London, UK / Closing date: 12 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Deputy Country Director: Rwanda](#) / Girl Effect / Kigali, Rwanda / Closing date: 26 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Echidna Global Scholar](#) / Center for Universal Education / Washington, DC, USA / Closing date: 30 November 2015. Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Advocacy Adviser for Latin America and the Caribbean](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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