



Dear SVRI List Members

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.

Today's SVRI Update includes the following: [Summaries directly taken or adapted from source]

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I. SVRI members' requests

1) The Joint Gender Fund survey request

The Joint Gender Fund is mapping the gender-based violence (GBV) sector in South Africa. They are interested in reaching a wide variety of organisations across the country - formal and informal, big and small. If you are doing any programming around GBV, even if it is not your main focus, the Joint Gender Fund invites you to complete their survey. For more information and to download the survey, please visit <http://jointgenderfund.co.za/criteria.html>. Please circulate the link widely! [Source: The Joint Gender Fund].

2) [The Prevention Coalition information request](#)

Members of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation are interested in advocating to secure funds for future research to validate what works in the prevention of child sexual abuse. They are gathering ideas to form a list of the most serious

gaps that need to be addressed in primary, secondary and tertiary prevention research. Your input is appreciated. Please send your ideas to: dcallins@nationalcac.org. [Source: Cornell University].

II. 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.

[Supporting research to end gender based violence](#): The Journal International Health has kindly made papers on GBV freely available on their website until Monday 28th September, in support of the SVRI Forum 2015. [Source and sincere thanks to Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene].

[Experiences of forced sex and subsequent sexual, drug and mental health outcomes: African-American and Hispanic women in the southeastern United States. Jones D, Marks G, Villar-Loubet O, et al Int J Sex Health, 23;27\(3\):249-263, 2015](#): This article examines African American and Hispanic women's self-reports of unwanted forced sex and its association with behavioral and mental health outcomes after the event. [Source: MedAdvocates].

[Social reactions, self-blame and problem drinking in adult sexual assault survivors. Sigurvinsdottir R, Ullman S.E. Psychol. Violence, 5\(2\): 192-198, 2015](#): This study tests a model of the relations of social reactions to sexual assault disclosure, self-blame and problem drinking. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A safety app to respond to dating violence for college women and their friends: The MyPlan study randomized controlled trial protocol. Glass N, Clough A, Case J, Hanson G, Barnes-Hoyt J, Waterbury A, Alhusen J, Ehrensaft M, Grace K.T, Perrin N. BMC Public Health, 15\(1\): e871, 2015](#): This study is a randomized controlled trial testing the effectiveness of an interactive safety decision aid web-based and smartphone application (App) for abused college women and their friends. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Violent frames: analyzing internet movie database reviewers' text descriptions of media violence and gender differences from 39 years of US action, thriller, crime, and adventure movies. Gosselt J.F, van Hoof J.J, Gent B.S, Fox J.P. Int. J. Commun, 9: 547, 2015](#): Using IMDb synopsis texts, reviewers' movie descriptions were analyzed regarding movie contents that have been the subject of many previous media studies: the violent behavior and victimization of male and female film characters over time. [Source: SafetyLit].

[General practice clinicians' perspectives on involving and supporting children and adult perpetrators in families experiencing domestic violence and abuse. Larkins C, Drinkwater J, Hester M, Stanley N, Szilassy E, Feder G. Fam. Pract, ePub, 2015](#): This article explores general practice clinicians' practice with children and their parents experiencing DVA and reflected on the findings in the light of current research and policy guidelines. [Source: SafetyLit].

[How victim age affects the context and timing of child sexual abuse: Applying the routine activities approach to the first sexual abuse incident. McKillop N, Brown S, Wortley R, Smallbone S. *Crime Sci*, 4\(1\): e17, 2015](#): This article examines from the routine activities approach how victim age might help to explain the timing, context and nature of offenders' first known contact sexual abuse incident. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Guidelines for integrating gender-based violence interventions in humanitarian action: Reducing risk, promoting resilience, and aiding recovery. IASC Reference Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action, 2015](#): These Guidelines provide practical guidance and effective tools for humanitarians and communities to coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions for the prevention and mitigation of gender-based violence, throughout all stages of humanitarian response—from preparedness to recovery. [Source: SAMRC].

[Short film: "Living Peace: The Story of Abby and Kyalu." Promundo, 2015](#): This film follows a couple who were abducted by rebels in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2008. Abby was forced into hard labour and Kyalu, his wife, was raped, and had a child as a result. Once they returned home, Abby expelled Kyalu. The film tells their journey of recovery as part of an initiative called Living Peace, led by Promundo and launched at the SVRI Forum 2015 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. [Source: Promundo].

[Disaster-related displacement risk: Measuring the risk and addressing its drivers. Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council, 2015](#) (pdf): This report applies the concept of risk to disaster-related displacement and quantifies human displacement risk around the world. It brings together data from several sources – notably the Global Assessment Reports (GARs), international and national disaster loss databases (EM-DAT and DesInventar) and the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre's (IDMC) Global Estimates and Disaster-induced Displacement Database (DiDD). [Source: WUNRN].

[Infographic: Girls and women are drivers of development and critical to the success of the new Global Goals. Women Deliver, 2015](#) (pdf): This infographic shows that when we invest in the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women, there is a ripple effect and everybody wins. [Source: WUNRN].

[The importance of dynamic changes in risk during adolescence, NEARI Press, September 2015](#) (pdf): This newsletter article recognises the dynamic factors in the assessment of adolescents who have sexually abused. The article confirms that adolescent risk is indeed dynamic. And contradicting our expectations, the authors found that a large improvement (measured by different risk assessment scales) was not associated with lower rates of re-offending once the teen leaves a residential treatment program. [Source: NEARI Press].

[Core competencies for GBV program managers and coordinators in humanitarian settings. Gender-based Violence Area of Responsibility Learning Task Team, 2014](#)(Pdf): This paper is

a set of core competencies (skills, knowledge, and abilities) necessary for effective GBV prevention and response programming and for inter-agency GBV coordination in humanitarian contexts. [Source: WUNRN].

IV. Websites and projects

[National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation \(The Prevent Coalition\)](#):

The Coalition was formed as a means for coordination and collaboration among a wide variety of organizations and individuals committed to prevention. [Source: Cornell University].

[National Center for PTSD](#): This website is dedicated to research and education on trauma and PTSD. We work to assure that the latest research findings help those exposed to trauma.

V. Funding and research opportunities

[Practical guide for civil society: Funds, grants and fellowships \(United Nations\)](#) (pdf). This Guide provides a brief description of funding sources, grants and fellowships administered by or with the participation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The purpose of the Guide is to provide guidance to prospective applicants interested in these funds and programmes to further contribute to the promotion of human rights in their own countries and worldwide. Please note that some of the funds, grants, and fellowships are subject to funding availability. [Source: WUNRN].

[Funding feminist activism: Mama Cash Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Mama Cash, 2015](#)(pdf): Over 30 years of experience has taught Mama Cash just what is needed to effectively fund feminist activism. Mama Cash has been honing all the different aspects of their trade for decades, from identifying the groups that have transformational potential, to providing grantee-partners with key connections, to making evaluation processes helpful and manageable for small groups. This strategic plan looks at the next five years of funding priorities. [Source: AWID].

VI. News

[Post-2015 Women's Coalition: Regional press releases on the Sustainable Development Goals, AWID, 23 September 2015](#): The Post-2015 Women's Coalition, an international network of women's and feminist organizations, has drafted a series of press releases on the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that the United Nations will adopt this weekend. The articles focus on specific issues -- financing, sexual and reproductive health and rights, government restrictions on human rights organizations (recently covered by the Guardian), and terrorism and extremism -- in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Middle East and North Africa, respectively. Download the releases online. [Source: AWID].

[The world must rise to the challenge of keeping refugee girls safe, Girl Effect, 22 September 2015](#): As the refugee crisis unfolds in Europe, one vulnerable group of people

remains invisible to media attention. Adolescent girls are missing from photographs, articles and, most worrying, probably also from humanitarian relief efforts. [Source: WUNRN].

[**U.N.'s 8.3 billion dollar peacekeeping operations under scrutiny, Inter Press Service News Agency, 17 September 2015**](#): As the United Nations commemorates its 70th anniversary, the world body is re-assessing and re-evaluating its 16 peacekeeping missions costing a staggering 8.3 billion dollars in 2015-2016 – even as military conflicts and domestic insurgencies continue to spread, mostly in Africa, including the Central African Republic, Mali, South Sudan, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

[**Sixty percent of Nigeria's children experience violence: Survey, Reuters, 16 September 2015**](#): Six out of 10 Nigerian children experience some form of violence and a quarter of girls suffer sexual violence, according to a survey conducted by Nigeria's population commission.

[**Childhood abuse linked to ulcerative colitis later in life, Medline Plus, 11 September 2015**](#): Adults who were physically or sexually abused as children may be at increased risk for the inflammatory bowel disease ulcerative colitis, a new study finds.

VII. Advocacy and awareness raising

[**What young feminist advocates have to say about the Sustainable Development Goals! AWID, 2015**](#): On the 25th of September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly will adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved in the next 15 years for a better world. Muslims for Progressive Values did not want to be a silent witness to this process. Instead, they deliver to you an anthology of voices of young feminist stakeholders of the SDGs. [Source: AWID].

[**Blog series: Gender and justice in America**](#). Published by the Vera Institute for Justice, this series explores issues facing justice-involved women and girls in the fields of adult corrections, youth justice, immigration, victimization, substance use, and mental health. [Source: National Institute of Corrections News].

[**Global Network of Women Peacebuilders \(GNWP\) 48-hour multilingual Tweet-a-thon commemorating the 15th Anniversary Celebrations of UNSCR 1325**](#). On October 12 – 13, GNWP is calling on all women peace activists and human rights defenders, policy makers, practitioners, media and other stakeholders to answer the question: "What does 1325 mean to you?" The consistent use of the hashtags: **#1325Means** and **#1325at15** will generate responses that capture a variety of perspectives on what UNSCR 1325 means to individuals and organizations locally, nationally, regionally and globally. Be heard, make change, and Tweet-for-Peace! [Source: GNWP].

VIII. Events

[**Webinar: The sexual abuse to prison pipeline, 28 September 2015**](#): While many are aware of the negative impact of historic and early life trauma – notably violence, a new report "The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story" pulls together a range of research

that demonstrates sexual abuse of girls is a predictor of juvenile justice involvement and serves as a pipeline to prison, especially for girls of colour. This web conference highlights key report findings and outlines why this is so important for those committed to ending child sexual abuse. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[International conference on the impact of armed conflict and terrorism on children, 7 – 10 February 2016, Nairobi, Kenya](#). This conference aims to bring together key actors, such as governments, international bodies, civil society and faith-based organizations to deliberate on the impact of armed conflict and terrorism on children with a goal of coming up with strategies for protecting children caught up in such situations. Abstract submissions close: 9 October 2015. [Source: Child Aid Organization Kenya].

Science advice workshop for African scientists: A workshop geared towards scientists living and working in Africa to enhance capacities in providing science advice to governments, 26-27 February 2016, Hermanus, South Africa. This workshop will bring together 50 scientists (young and established researchers) and key stakeholders for a dialogue on models of science advice, and promising practices for working at the interface between science and policy, and will form a basis for a network of science advice stakeholders in Africa. Applications close: 30 October 2015. For more information, contact: kholani@assaf.org.za. [Source: SAMRC].

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

IX. Vacancies

Casework Support Officer / Islamic Human Rights Commission / London, UK / Closing date: 27 September 2015. [Source: IHRC]. <mailto:huda@ihrc.org>

[MENA GBV Specialist](#) / Banyan Global / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 30 September 2015. [Source: Banyan Global].

[Senior Officer for Africa Engagement](#) / Girls Not Brides / London (UK) or Dakar (Senegal) or Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) or Nairobi (Kenya) / Closing date: 15 October 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Assistant Professor, Women's & Gender Studies](#) / Keene State College / New Hampshire, USA / Closing date: 16 October 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies Position \(Tenure-Track\)](#) / Middlebury College / Middlebury, USA / Closing date: 2 November 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, D2](#) / United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 20 November 2015. [Source: UN].

[Program Officer](#) / David and Lucile Packard Foundation / California, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Position for Bilingual (Spanish-Speaking) Post-Doctoral Clinician: Trauma in Childhood and Emerging Adults / Child HELP Partnership and the Center for Counseling and Consultation at St. John's University / Flushing (Queens), USA / Closing date: open until filled. [Source: Child HELP Partnership]. <mailto:browne@stjohns.edu>

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

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