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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.

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

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I. Urgent announcement: SVRI Forum 2015

Due to technical difficulties, some abstracts may not be on our system. If you have not received an email from the SVRI Forum organising team, please send your abstract via email to: svri.forums@mrc.ac.za as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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.

[Beyond the dyad: An assessment of sexual assault prevention education focused on social determinants of sexual assault among college students. Jozkowski K.N. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015:](#) The current study assesses the effectiveness of the course compared with a traditional program via in-depth interviews with students. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Reducing sexual violence by increasing the supply of toilets in Khayelitsha, South Africa: A mathematical model. Gonsalves G.S, Kaplan E.H, Paltiel A.D. PLoS One, 10: e0122244,](#)

2015: This article estimates how increasing the number of toilets in an urban township (Khayelitsha, South Africa) might reduce both economic costs and the incidence and social burden of sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Online activism and subject construction of the victim of gender-based violence on Spanish YouTube channels: Multimodal analysis and performativity. Puente S.N, García R.R, Romero D.F. Eur. J. Womens Stud, ePub, 2015](#): This article analyses the construction of female subjectivity in the specific context of audiovisual cyberspaces in Spain dedicated to the struggle against violence against women. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The role of institutional factors on on-campus reported rape prevalence. Stotzer R.L, MacCartney D. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This study utilizes routine activities theory (RAT) to examine campus-related factors across 524 four-year campuses in the United States to determine what features of a campus community are most closely associated with increased reports of sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Politics of colonial violence: Gendered atrocities in French occupied Vietnam. Rydstrom H. Eur. J. Womens Stud, 22\(2\): 191-207, 2015](#): By drawing on testimonies gathered in rural Vietnam, this article focuses on the violence to which local inhabitants were subjected when Vietnam was under French rule (1883-1954). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Traumatic dissociation as a predictor of posttraumatic stress disorder in South African female rape survivors. Nöthling J, Lammers K, Martin L, Seedat S. Medicine \(Baltimore\), 94: e744, 2015](#): Traumatic dissociation has been identified as a precursor of PTSD. This study assessed the predictive potential of traumatic dissociation in PTSD and depression development. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Genito-anal injury patterns and associated factors in rape survivors in an urban province of South Africa: A cross-sectional study. Jina R, Jewkes R, Vetten L, Christofides N, Sigsworth R, Loots L. BMC Womens Health, 15: e29, 2015](#): The aim of this paper is to describe the absence of genito-anal injuries by site in a group of rape survivors and to identify factors associated with the absence of these injuries. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Gender differences in the association between childhood physical and sexual abuse, social support and psychosis. Gayer-Anderson C, Fisher H.L, Fearon P, Hutchinson G, Morgan K, Dazzan P et al. Soc. Psychiatry Psychiatr. Epidemiol, ePub, 2015](#): This study aims to investigate the relationships between childhood sexual and physical abuse and adult psychosis, and gender differences in levels of perceived social support. [Source: SafetyLit].

[What should school social workers know about children exposed to adult intimate partner violence? Chanmugam A, Teasley M.L. Child. Sch, 36\(4\): 195-198, 2014](#): In this editorial, the author discusses how children are exposed to adult IPV, the risks they face (both general and school specific), their potential for resilience, helping approaches, and available resources. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The short-term repeat sexual victimisation of adolescents in school. Tillyer M.S, Gialopsos B.M, Wilcox P. Crime Delinq, ePub, 2013](#): This study examines the extent and nature of short-term repeat sexual assault and harassment victimization in school. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Camp management toolkit 2015. Global CCCM Cluster, 2015](#): Applicable to both IDP and refugee scenarios, this Toolkit incorporates a wide range of relevant information on managing displaced populations living in communal settings (collective centres, spontaneous sites, established camps, etc). [Source: GSDRC Bulletin].

[Conflict early warning and early response. Rohwerder B. GSDRC Applied Knowledge Systems, Helpdesk request, 2015](#): This rapid literature review identifies examples of conflict early warning and early response systems, with a focus where possible on cases in the Asia-Pacific. [Source: GSDRC Bulletin].

[Research brief: Violence against women in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire - An urban post-crisis environment. International Rescue Committee, 2015](#): This study explores intimate partner violence in Abidjan, as well as how IPV programming in rural areas can be adapted to urban environments to reduce intimate partner violence. [Source: Yale School of Public Health].

[Theory of change on child marriage: A user guide. Girls Not Brides, 2015](#): The Girls Not Brides 'Theory of Change outlines the common understanding of what it will take to end child marriage. It maps the strategies that make up an effective response to child marriage and take us to their ultimate vision of a world without child marriage where girls and women enjoy equal status with boys and men. And are able to achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives. [Source: WUNRN].

IV. Websites

[International Initiative for Evaluation Impact: Evidence Gap Maps](#). 3ie's Evidence Gap Maps identify evidence from systematic reviews and impact evaluations and provide a graphical display of areas with strong, weak or non-existent evidence on the effects of development programmes and initiatives. [Source: GSDRC Bulletin].

[CCCM Global Cluster](#): The CCCM works to improve living conditions of internally displaced persons by facilitating the effective provision of protection and services in camps and camp-like settings, advocate for durable solutions and ensure organized closure and phase-out of camps upon the IDPs' relocation, return, resettlement or local integration. [Source: GSDRC Bulletin].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[WeShareScience](#): The 5-Minute Science Fair is taking entries for the 2015 competition until June 1st. WeareScience has over \$10,000 in prizes available and would like to get as many diverse entries as possible. If you have a research project that you would like to share, or a

video already made about your research, you can enter it in the Science Fair by completing the entry form online. Videos about on-going or completed research from any discipline will be accepted. If you entered last year's Science Fair but did not win a prize, you can resubmit the video in this year's competition by completing the 2015 entry form. [Source: WeShareScience].

[Funding opportunity: Prison Rape Elimination Act \(PREA\) Program](#). This competitive grant, Demonstration projects to establish “zero tolerance” cultures for sexual assault in correctional facilities, will be open for application until June 10, 2015. Eligible applicants are limited to states, units of local governments, and federally recognised Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). Applicants must register with [Grants.gov](#) prior to submitting an application. [Source: National Institute of Corrections News].

VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[TEDx Talk: Ending violence against women with numbers and stories, Mary Ellsberg, 2015](#). After experiencing the problems first hand in Nicaragua, Mary Ellsberg has devoted her life to advocating for women's rights and social justice worldwide. In her talk, Mary explains her experience and emphasizes the importance of protecting and maintaining basic human rights for everyone. [Source: George Washington University].

[Podcast: 3 years of #PowerInPrevention web conferences building a movement to end child sexual abuse](#). This podcast explores the process of creating content for the Ms. Foundation #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse web conference series. The series hosts, Leona Smith Di Faustino, Cordelia Anderson, and Joan Tabachnick reflect on stand out moments and what their hopes are for the future of the movement to end child sexual abuse. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

VII. News

[Teenage victim in landmark Kenya rape case forced to leave village after threats, The Guardian, 2 May 2015](#): It was a brutal crime that became the focus for international condemnation and headlines across the world. When it was revealed that the gang rapists of a 16-year-old girl in a small Kenyan town were sentenced to cut the grass around their local police station as a punishment, outrage about the case led to two million people backing a Twitter campaign #justiceforliz – using the pseudonym given to the girl by the journalists who first reported on the rape.

[Empowering women in the mines of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, The World Bank, 30 April 2015](#): After two decades of civil war and ongoing conflicts, vulnerable populations throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have continually been pushed off their traditional agricultural land and forced to seek out their livelihood through other means such as artisanal mining.

[Improved sanitation may reduce sexual violence in South African townships, Medical Press, 29 April 2015](#): Improving access to public toilets in South African urban settlements

may reduce both the incidence of sexual assaults by nearly 30% and the overall cost to society, a study by researchers at the Yale School of Public Health and Yale School of Management found.

[Voices in danger: How can we prevent journalists from being sexually assaulted in conflict zones? The Independent, 28 April 2015](#): Female journalists in the field are in a powerful position to speak out against sexual violence that takes place in high conflict zones against women who can't; but, ironically, they can often also become victims themselves.

[Warning of 'empathy gap,' Ban urges faith leaders to speak up against injustice and brutality, UN News Centre, 22 April 2015](#): United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today urged faith leaders gathered in the General Assembly to stand up for the collective good and amplify their voices in support of moderation and mutual understanding, warning that he fears an “empathy gap” is causing people to turn their eyes from injustice and numbing them to atrocities.

VIII. Events

Online training: Understanding & addressing GBV in development contexts, 9 May – 4 July 2015. This course focuses specifically on gender-based violence (GBV) against women, non-emergency development settings, and lower-income countries. All KODE course are practical, skill based, learner centred and fully tutor supported. Apply online. [Source: AWID]. <http://kimmagedsc.ie/events/understanding-addressing-gender-based-violence-3/>

[5th ACFID University Network Conference: Evidence and practice in an age of inequality, 4 - 5 June 2015, Melbourne, Australia](#). Built on the success of past conference themes and discussions, this conference aims to create a space for researchers and practitioners to surface inequality focused research and discuss the practical challenges of inequality. Register online. [Source: AWID].

[14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, 27 – 30 September 2015, Bucharest, Romania](#). The theme of the 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference is “Collaborative responses to child abuse and neglect — cross-sectorial prevention and intervention”. This event will attract approximately 500-700 professionals from a multitude of disciplines including health, legal, psychology, social services, and education as well as government and non-government services. Register online. [Source: ISPCAN].

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

IX. Vacancies

[International Policy Manager Women's Rights](#) / ActionAid International / Johannesburg, South Africa or Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: May 10, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Director of Programmes](#) / African Women's Development Fund / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: May 15, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Project Coordinator, Gender and Security – Eastern Europe](#) / Democratic Control of Armed Forces / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: May 15, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer for Women Peace Makers](#) / The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice San Diego, USA / Closing date: May 15, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Officer – Gender Based Violence](#) / The European Institute for Gender Equality / Vilnius, Lithuania / Closing date: May 17, 2015. [Source: Women-east-west].

[Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist](#) / CUSO International / Jamaica / Closing date: May 19, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Fundraising Volunteer/Intern](#) / Make Every Woman Count / Home-based / Closing date: May 22, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender-based Violence and Protection Technical Advisor](#) / American Refugee Committee / Minneapolis, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: American Refugee Committee].

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

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