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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. SVRI member requests

1) Request for feedback: "We have been harmed but we are brave and strong" This study was carried out by *medica mondiale* and *Medica Zenica* on the long-term consequences of sexualised violence and coping strategies of survivors in Bosnia Herzegovina (http://www.medicamondiale.org/fileadmin/redaktion/5_Service/Mediathek/Dokumente/English/Documentations_studies/141205_Summary_Research_We-Are-Still-Alive_CR-Medica-Zenica_medica-mondiale.pdf). A video present the most important results and recommendations (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jEAlEQ4u1o>). Your feedback and comments will be highly appreciated. Send your feedback to: evaluation@medicamondiale.org. [Source: medica mondiale].

2) Vote for the EU decision on emergency contraception

The period to vote for The Gender Justice Uncovered Awards, is open until May 30. You can now vote for the European Commission decision to authorise the re-classification of the emergency contraceptive pill with ulipristal acetate (from prescription drug to over the counter) here: <http://www.womenslinkworldwide.org/wlw/sitio/caso-interna.php?idcaso=456>

This decision had a critical and immediate impact in making access to emergency contraceptives more equitable across the European Union zone, and directly contributed to historic changes like the one recently seen in Italy (<http://www.ec-ec.org/upa-ec-available-without-prescription-in-italy/>). The Gender Justice Uncovered Awards, created by the Women's Link Worldwide, help bring attention to legal decisions that had a positive or negative impact on gender equality and reproductive rights. This is a good opportunity to highlight the EU decision and the role that regional intergovernmental organizations can play in advancing reproductive rights, including the right to emergency contraception information and supplies in all parts of the world. Please take 2 minutes to vote and help spread the word! [Source: International Consortium for Emergency Contraception].

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.

[Ending sexual violence in conflict: The Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative and its critics. Kirby P. International Affairs, 91\(3\): 457–472, 2015](#): This article offers an early assessment of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI) and situates it within the history of global action against sexual and gender-based violence from UN Security Council Resolution 1325 onwards, with a particular focus on three key developments. [Source: University of Sussex].

[History of childhood sexual abuse and risk of prenatal and postpartum depression or depressive symptoms: An epidemiologic review. Wosu A.C, Gelaye B, Williams M.A. Arch. Women Ment. Health, ePub, 2015](#): This article summarises the literature (and to the extent possible, report the magnitude and direction of the association) concerning history of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and depression or depressive symptoms among pregnant and postpartum women. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Impeaching rape victims in criminal court: Does concurrent civil action hurt justice? Golding J.M, Lynch K.R, Wasarhaley N.E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This article investigates the impact of impeaching a rape victim with evidence of a simultaneous civil suit during a criminal trial. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Is anybody listening? The literature on the dialogical process of child sexual abuse disclosure reviewed. Reitsema A.M, Grietens H. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2015](#): This review provides an overview of relevant publications on the process of child sexual abuse disclosure, in order to generate new directions for future research and clinical practice. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Contested discourses in multidisciplinary sexual assault response teams \(SARTs\). Moylan C.A, Lindhorst T, Tajima E.A. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This article explores how law enforcement officers, forensic nurses, and rape crisis advocates who are members of coordinated service delivery models such as Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs)

describe their process of engaging with one another and managing their differences in professional orientation, statutory obligations, and power. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Gender norms in Portuguese college students' judgments in familial homicides: Bad men and mad women. Saavedra L, Cameira M, Rebelo A.S, Sebastião C. J. *Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015*](#): This article analyses the judgments of College students regarding perpetrators of familial homicides to evaluate the presence of these gender norms and biases in the larger society. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Gender-based violence in rural Uttar Pradesh, India: Prevalence and association with reproductive health behaviours. Ahmad J, Khan M.E, Mozumdar A, Varma D.S. J. *Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015*](#): This study explores the prevalence of different forms of domestic violence and their impact on women's reproductive health behaviour in rural Uttar Pradesh (UP), India. [Source: SafetyLit].

["Like a lots happened with my whole childhood": violence, trauma, and addiction in pregnant and postpartum women from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Torchalla I, Linden I.A, Strehlau V, Neilson E.K, Krausz M. *Harm Reduct. J, 11\(1\): 34, 2015*](#): The purpose of this qualitative study was to explore themes and subjective perspectives of trauma and gender-based violence in women who lived in an impoverished neighbourhood and struggled with substance use during pregnancy and early motherhood. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual and reproductive health indicators and intimate partner violence victimization among female family planning clinic patients who have sex with women and men. McCauley H.L, Silverman J.G, Decker M.R, Agénor M, Borrero S, Tancredi D.J, Zelazny S, Miller E. J. *Womens Health \(Liebert\), ePub, 2015*](#): This article compares women who have sex with men only and women who have sex with women and men on IPV prevalence, and sexual and reproductive health behaviours, outcomes, and services use. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A review of interventions addressing structural drivers of adolescents' sexual and reproductive health vulnerability in sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for sexual health programming. Wamoyi J, Mshana G, Mongi A et al. *Reproductive Health, 11:88, 2014*](#): This article provides a narrative summary of interventions in sub-Saharan Africa (sSA) addressing the structural drivers of adolescents' SRH risk, explore pathways of influence, and highlight areas for further work. [Source: The Drum Beat].

III. Online publications and resources

[Family, health and safety study. Autonomous region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. Summary Report. Jewkes J, Fulu E and Sikweyiya Y. *Partners for Prevention, 2015*](#) (pdf): This summary report of the Family Health and Safety Study gives insight into the health and safety of the people of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, and points to what more is needed to address these issues of great concern. [Source: UNDP].

[Child maltreatment 2013: Summary of key findings. *Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2015*](#): This factsheet presents summarized information from Child Maltreatment 2013, a

report based on data submissions by State child protective services agencies for Federal fiscal year 2013. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway].

[National student sexual health HIV knowledge, attitude and behaviour survey: Focusing on student men who have sex with men at 14 higher education institutions in South Africa. Networking HIV/AIDS Community of South Africa and Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS Programme, 2014](#) (pdf): This report recommends the strengthening of campus HIV testing and mental health services for MSM and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender-questioning, and intersex (LGBTQI) students. It also advocates for enabling environments on campuses for MSM and LGBTQI students. [Source: 60percent].

[Conducting in-depth interviews: A guide for designing and conducting in-depth interviews for evaluation input. Boyce C and Neale P. Pathfinder International, Tool series, 2006](#) (pdf): This guide presents information about in-depth interviews (IDIs), including when to use them; their advantages and limitations; the process for conducting IDIs; potential sources of information for IDIs; and how to present results. [Source: The Drum Beat].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Scholarship opportunity: PhD candidates for anthropology research on masculinities in urban Africa](#). The Department of Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research are seeking four PhD students to conduct anthropological research on urban masculinities in Kenya, South Africa and Tanzania. Applications must be sent as email attachments to application-antr-fmg@uva.nl before 30 May 2015. [Source: UKZN].

[Fellowship opportunity: Postdoctoral positions for masculinities research in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa](#): The Department of Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research are seeking 2 to 3 postdoctoral researchers to conduct multi-sited ethnographic research on urban masculinities in Kenya, South Africa and Tanzania. Applications must be sent as email attachments to application-antr-fmg@uva.nl before 30 May 2015. [Source: UKZN].

[Call for contributions: South African Journal of Higher Education](#). Papers for the special issue 'Researching Sexuality in Africa "Towards normalisation of sexual orientation and gender identity within the Higher Education sector"' for the South African Journal of Higher Education Volume 30 Number 3 of 2016 are now open for submission. Full manuscripts are due 26 June 26 2015. [Source: University of Witwatersrand].

V. News

[SRSO Santos Pais outlines four priority goals to reduce violence against children in the Pacific region, Special Representative on Violence against Children, 20 May 2015](#): During a three-day conference in Fiji that brought policy makers, civil society groups and government leaders from 13 Pacific countries together to discuss more effective ways to address violence against children in the region, Special Representative Santos Pais outlined an

agenda to reverse a global, widespread, hidden and in many cases socially condoned pattern.

[South Sudan: UNICEF warns women and children being victimized 'with frightening regularity', UN News Centre, 19 May 2015](#): Almost two years since the eruption of the conflict in South Sudan, the situation continues to deteriorate with women and small children making up the majority of most recent casualties, a representative from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the country said today.

[Surge in sexual abuse by Egypt authorities, report says, Al Jazeera English, 19 May 2015](#): A new study by a human-rights group accuses Egyptian security forces of increasingly using sexual violence against men, women and children with impunity.

[Has anyone here been raped by ISIS? The Daily Beast, 18 May 2015](#): It's been more than 50 years since a British journalist who came across a group of Belgian nuns in war-ravaged Congo was heard to shout, "Anyone here been raped and speaks English?" But the callousness of that line, made infamous as the title of a book by veteran correspondent Edward Behr, remains with us today. If anything, the reportorial cynicism and exploitation of the victims may be worse.

[How you can help someone in a controlling relationship, Everyday Health, 21 April 2015](#): Do you have a friend or family member who is controlled by a spouse or partner — isolated, degraded, and micromanaged? Whether or not the relationship includes physical violence, he or she may be a victim of a type of abuse that is called "coercive control."

VI. Events

Abstract writing workshop, PHASA Conference 2015, 19, 23 and 24 June 2015, Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa. As a lead up to the 2015 conference PHASA will be hosting abstract writing workshops in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. There is no cost to the workshop but places are limited. To secure your workshop space, please contact Mr Deon Salomo at deon.salomo@mrc.ac.za. [Source: SAMRC].

[SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and intersections, 14 – 17 September at Spier 1692 Estate, Stellenbosch, South Africa](#). We are pleased to invite you to participate at the SVRI Forum 2015! The Forum will bring together colleagues from around the world, under the theme of innovation and intersections, to present paper and poster presentations, special sessions and workshops, to discuss and network around scientific and practical matters related to the prevention of, and response to sexual and intimate partner violence and child abuse and neglect in a variety of settings among different populations, in low and middle income countries. Early registration closes 30 June 2015.

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

VII. Vacancies

Temporary P.3 Specialist, Gender and Cultural Diversity / WHO/PAHO / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: 25 May 2015. Contact: Katherine Ghimentk ghimentk@paho.org. [Source: WHO/PAHO]. https://pftp.paho.org/Public/FCH/STP_GCD_P3_signed_18May2015.pdf

[Gender Equality Adviser](#) / Plan UK / London, UK / Closing date: 26 May 2015. [Source: AWID Job Newsletter].

[Gender and Development Network Coordinator](#) / Gender and Development Network / London, UK / Closing date: 26 May 2015. [Source: AWID Job Newsletter].

[MenEngage Global Networks Manager](#) / MenEngage / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: 15 June 2015. [Source: MenEngage].

[Organizational Development Advisor](#) / CUSO International / Kinshasa, DR Congo / Closing date: 1 July 2015. [Source: AWID Job Newsletter].

[Volunteer: Gender and Research Advisor](#) / CUSO International / Bale Robe, Ethiopia / Closing date: 1 September 2015. [Source: AWID Job Newsletter].

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

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to promote research on sexual violence and generate empirical data to ensure sexual violence is recognized as a priority public health problem. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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