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

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#### I. 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.*

[Childhood sexual violence in Zimbabwe: Evidence for the epidemic against girls. Rumble L, Mungate T, Chigiji H, Salama P, Nolan A, Sammon E, Muwoni L. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015](#): This article places forward evidence of a national public health and child rights emergency in the country and a case for increased, longer-term investment by the government and its development partners in policy reform for enhancing adolescent girls' empowerment and protection. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Hippotherapy as a treatment for socialization after sexual abuse and emotional stress. Guerino M.R, Briel A.F, Araújo Md. J. Phys. Ther. Sci 27\(3\): 959-962, 2015](#): Hippotherapy is a therapeutic resource that uses the horse as a kinesiotherapy instrument to elicit motor and cognitive improvements in individuals with special needs. This article evaluates two women aged 18 and 21 years, who had suffered sexual violence when they were children between the ages of 6 and 7 years old. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Predictors of delayed disclosure of rape in female adolescents and young adults. Bicanic I.A, Hehenkamp L.M, van de Putte E.M, van Wijk A.J, de Jongh A. Eur. J. Psychotraumatol, 6: 25883, 2015](#): This article compares various demographics, post-rape characteristics, and psychological functioning of early and delayed disclosers (i.e., more than 1-week post-rape) among rape victims, and to determine predictors for delayed disclosure. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Factors associated with physical or sexual intimate partner violence perpetration by men attending substance misuse treatment in Catalunya: A mixed methods study. Gilchrist G, Blazquez A, Segura L, Geldschläger H, Valls E, Colom J, Torrens M. Crim. Behav. Ment. Health, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines factors associated with intimate partner violence by male substance misusers. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The relationship between eating disorders and sexual trauma. Madowitz J, Matheson B.E, Liang J. Eat. Weight Disordm ePub, 2015](#): This article aims to understand the causes and comorbidities of eating disorders (ED) identifies sexual trauma as one potential pathway to the development and maintenance of eating disorders. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The \(un\)receptive experiences of female rape victims who seek healthcare services. Barros Lde A, Albuquerque M.C, Gomes N.P, Riscado J.L, Araújo B.R, Magalhães J.R. Rev. Esc. Enferm. USP, 49\(2\): 193-200, 2015](#): This article explores structure and functioning of healthcare services from the perspective of women who have suffered rape. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Social representation, causes and prevention of sexual violence in high school students. Castiglione C, Licciardello O, Rampullo A and Campione C. Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences, 187: 580-584, 2015](#): The present study explores the social representation of sexual violence, the prevailing attitudes, and sex, city of belonging, and school year effects in Italy. [Source: SocialScience Direct].

[Incapacitated and forcible rape of college women: Prevalence across the first year. Carey K.B, Durneya S.E, Shepardson R. L and Carey M.P. Journal of Adolescent Health, 56 \(6\): 678–680, 2015](#): This article documents the point and cumulative prevalence of incapacitated rape (IR) and forcible rape (FR) among first-year college women. [Source: SocialScience Direct].

[Achieving gender equality to reduce intimate partner violence against women. Falb K.L, Annan J and Gupta J. The Lancet Global Health, 3 \(6\), e302–e303, 2015](#): This article reviews the recent 44 country analysis on multilevel correlates of partner violence. [Source: International Rescue Committee].

[Care for victims of sexual violence, an organization pushed to its limits: The case of Médecins Sans Frontières. Duroch F and Schulte-Hillen C. International Review of the Red Cross, ePub, 2015](#): In this article, an overview of MSF's experience and related reflection aims to share with the reader, on the one hand, the complexity of the issue, and on the other, the need to continue fighting for the provision of adequate medical care for victims of sexual violence, which despite the limitations is feasible. [Source: MSF].

## II. Online publications and resources

[What is the right amount of treatment for the level of risk? Bengis S, Prescott D.S and Tabachnick J. NEARI Press, 2015](#) (pdf): This newsletter article looks at the research behind the dosage of treatment. This study explores the question of how much more treatment services or supervision to provide, especially to higher risk clients. [Source: NEARI News].

[“We are still alive. We have been harmed but we are brave and strong.” A research on the long-term consequences of war rape and coping strategies of survivors in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Medica Zenica & medica mondiale, 2014](#) (pdf): This report documents the experiences of 51 survivors of war rape and sexual violence from Bosnia and Herzegovina who had used Medica’s services during and after the war. [Source: WUNRN].

## III. Websites and projects

[Girl Hub Programme](#): The Girl Hub initiative is working to improve girls' lives in Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Nigeria through advances in education, health, safety, and economic opportunity. [Source: The Communication Initiative].

## IV. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Blog - Male survivors of childhood sexual abuse: Daring to dream. Big Voice Pictures, 2015](#): As part of Big Voice Pictures’ continued outreach for their documentary, Boys and Men Healing, this blog features an interview with Dr. Howard Fradkin, who has counselled over 1500 male survivors in individual, couples, group psychotherapy and weekend workshops. [Source: Big Voice Pictures].

[Blog - Are we failing adolescents? UNICEF Connect, 2015](#): Almost half of all women in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa are married before eighteen. Globally, adolescents are two times more likely to be out of school than primary school aged children. Nearly eight million 15-24-year-olds in Europe are not in education, employment or training. Is it time to ask the question: “Are we failing adolescents?” [Source: WUNRN].

## V. News

[Condemning use of sexual violence, UN envoy warns Boko Haram aims to destroy family structures, UN News Centre, 27 May 2015](#): The United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict has condemned Boko Haram militias in Nigeria for “waging war on women’s physical, sexual and reproductive autonomy and rights” by repeatedly raping their female captors and treating them as vessels for producing children for fighters.

[Zanzibar police beef up fight against sexual, physical abuse of women, Reuters, 27 May 2015](#): Natasha Ali was devastated when she realized the man accused of snatching her 14-

year-old daughter off a street in Zanzibar and raping her had been freed for lack of evidence.

**[Bishop warns of IS sexual violence, Sky News Australia, 26 May 2015](#)**: Islamic State extremists aren't just a death cult but a raping one too, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has warned young women. Authorities believe there are up to 40 Australian women supporting the terrorists in Syria and Iraq and Ms Bishop hoped to warn any more off joining them.

**[How can women reclaim their bodies after sexual assault? The Guardian, 14 May 2015](#)**: “I couldn't go to the doctor any more because I didn't want to be touched. I didn't want to be in a crowd [and] it affected my relationships, but the biggest thing it affected was my perception of my body and my body image. I felt terrible.”

**[Nepal quake survivors face threat from human traffickers supplying sex trade, The Guardian, 5 May 2015](#)**: Tens of thousands of young women from regions devastated by the earthquake in Nepal are being targeted by human traffickers supplying a network of brothels across south Asia, campaigners in Kathmandu and affected areas say.

## **VI. Events**

**[Webinar: Women can prevent HIV and violence in marriage! Findings from the RHANI wives study, 9 June 2015](#)**: This webinar discusses the Raising HIV Awareness among Non-Infected Indian Wives (RHANI) intervention. This two-armed randomised controlled trial was developed to meet this gap in the field. RHANI focused on women at risk for HIV in Mumbai. Register online. [Source: 60 percent].

**[Training course: Trauma-focused cognitive-behavioural therapy, 11 – 12 June 2015, New York, USA](#)**. All therapists, clinicians and students are invited to attend this unique opportunity for training to add TF-CBT to your toolkit and/or use it to inform your current process. Register online. [Source: Child Help Partnership].

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

## **VII. Vacancies**

**[Research Officer](#)** / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

**[Project Officer](#)** / African Initiatives / Arusha, Tanzania / Closing date: 29 May 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**[Project Coordinator/Consultant](#)** / Center for Women's Global Leadership / USA / Closing date: 29 May 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**[South Darfur Senior Program Manager](#)** / American Refugee Committee / Darfur, Sudan / Closing date: 30 May 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Media and Communications Officer](#) / Oxfam, GB / Beirut, Lebanon / Closing date: 1 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[SRMH Baseline Consultant](#) / CARE International / Home-based / Closing date: 2 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Thuthuzela Care Centre Coordinator](#) / Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust / Cape Town, South Africa / Closing date: 5 June 2015. [Source: RCCT].

[Court Support Coordinator](#) / Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust / Cape Town, South Africa / Closing date: 5 June 2015. [Source: RCCT].

[Country Coordinator – Mali](#) / International Alert / Bamako, Mali / Closing date: 7 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Advocacy and Communications Advisor](#) / International Alert / Kinshasa, DRC / Closing date: 8 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Executive Director](#) / All Out / New York, USA / Closing date: 15 June 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

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