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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 request: Consultation - Global plan of action to strengthen the role of health systems in addressing violence, in particular against women and girls and against children

The World Health Organization is seeking stakeholders' inputs into the draft to develop a global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health systems in addressing interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls and against children. The global plan of action will be finalised for consideration by the 69th World Health Assembly in May 2016.

Responses from individuals, organizations and/or consolidated responses from constituency groups are welcome. The deadline for responses is 4 June 2015. To access the draft and form more information, visit: <http://www.who.int/topics/violence/interpersonal-violence-against-women-children/en/> or contact: Claudia Garcia Moreno (garciamorenoc@who.int) or Avni Amin (amina@who.int). [Source: WHO].

II. Journal articles

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[Respondent-driven sampling to assess mental health outcomes, stigma and acceptance among women raising children born from sexual violence-related pregnancies in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Scott J, Rouhani S, Greiner A, Albutt K, Kuwert P, Hacker MR, VanRooyen M, Bartels S. *BMJ Open*, 5\(4\):e007057, 2015](#): This article assesses mental health outcomes among women raising children from sexual violence-related pregnancies (SVRPs) in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and stigma toward and acceptance of women and their children. [Source: Harvard Medical School].

[Conflict-related sexual violence and the policy implications of recent research. Wood E.J. *International Review of the Red Cross*, ePub, 2015](#): Scholars increasingly document different forms of conflict-related sexual violence, their distinct causes, and their sharply varying deployment by armed organizations. This article summarises recent research on this variation and interpretations of the claim that such violence is part of a continuum of violence between peace and war. [Source: Yale University].

[Responding to the needs of survivors of sexual violence: do we know what works? *International Review of the Red Cross*, ePub, 2015](#): This opinion note argues for a strengthened and improved evidence base for responding effectively to the needs of survivors of sexual violence in conflict. [Source: UN Women].

[The risk of sexual assault and rape during international travel: Implications for the practice of travel medicine. Kennedy K.M and Flaherty G.T. *J Travel Med*, ePub, 2015](#): In the context of recent high profile incidents of sexual violence in India, this perspective article provides a discussion of the risk of sexual violence occurring during international travel. The aim is to raise awareness amongst travel health practitioners of the risk of sexual violence. [Source: National University of Ireland Galway].

[Exposure to inter-parental conflict across 10 years of childhood: Data from the longitudinal study of Australian children. Westrupp E.M, Rose N, Nicholson J.M & Brown S.J. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, ePub, 2015](#): The current study aims were to examine the prevalence, persistence, and the individual, family and socio-economic context of inter-parental conflict. [Source: ANROWS].

[Programa Geração Biz, Mozambique: How did this adolescent health initiative grow from a pilot to a national programme, and what did it achieve? Chandra-Mouli V, Gibbs S, Badiani R et al. *Reproductive Health* 2015, 12:12, 2015](#): This paper describes the inception and nationwide scale up of Programa Geração Biza (PGB), a multicomponent initiative aimed at improving the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents in Mozambique; analyses what helped and hindered the scale up effort; and sets out the results achieved at the programme, health behaviours, and health outcomes levels. [Source: Pathfinder].

[A preliminary mapping of individual, relational, and social factors that impede disclosure of childhood sexual abuse. Collin-Vézina D, De La Sablonnière-Griffin M, Palmer A.M, Milne L. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015:](#) This article provides a preliminary mapping of the barriers to CSA disclosures through an ecological systemic lens, from a sample of 67 male and female CSA adult survivors, all of whom had recently received counselling services. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Age, marital status, and risk of sexual victimization: Similarities and differences across victim-offender relationships. Siddique J.A. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This article examines whether the relationship between age, marital status, and risk of sexual victimisation varied across victimisation experiences involving three victim-offender relationships: stranger, acquaintance, and intimate partner. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Military sexual assault, gender, and PTSD treatment outcomes of U.S. Veterans. Tiet Q.Q, Leyva Y.E, Blau K, Turchik J.A, Rosen C.S. J. Trauma. Stress, ePub, 2015:](#) This article examines whether gender and military sexual assault (MSA) were associated with psychiatric severity differences at initiation of treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and whether MSA and gender predicted psychiatric treatment outcomes. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Protibadi: A platform for fighting sexual harassment in urban Bangladesh. Ahmed S.I, Jackson S.J, Ahmed N, Ferdous H.S, Rifat M.R, Rizvi A.S.M, Ahmed S, Mansur R.S. Proceedings of the 32nd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, pp. 2695-2704. New York, NY, USA: ACM, 2014:](#) Public sexual harassment has emerged as a large and growing concern in urban Bangladesh, with deep and damaging implications for gender security, justice, and rights of public participation. In this paper the authors describe an integrated program of ethnographic and design work meant to understand and address such problems. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Special edition of the South African Crime Quarterly:](#) This edition, on the prevention of violence in South Africa, was guest edited by Elizabeth Dartnall and Anik Gevers from the SVRI. The edition is available for download at: <http://www.issafrica.org/publications/south-african-crime-quarterly/south-african-crime-quarterly-51>. The webcast of the seminar launching this special edition can be accessed at: <http://www.issafrica.org/events/stopping-violence-before-it-starts>. [Source: SAMRC].

[Public lecture by Professor Liz Kelly CBE: Re-visiting the continuum of sexual violence in the 21st century. ANROWS, 2015:](#) On Friday 13 February 2015 Professor Liz Kelly CBE delivered a public lecture in Adelaide on re-visiting the continuum of sexual violence in the 21st century. This lecture is available online. [Source: ANROWS].

[Republic of Congo: Building access to justice, health care and social rehabilitation for survivors. Association for Progressive Communications' Women's Rights Programme and](#)

[**Azur Development Congo, 2015**](#): This publication, which is especially useful for women's rights and ICT for development organisations, UN agencies, health providers, legislators, policy makers and justice enforcement bodies, gathers the learnings and challenges identified by all actors involved in the project, and reflects on the next steps to be taken in holding governments, police, health facilities and courts of law accountable in their commitments to eradicate violence against women and offer support to survivors. [Source: AWID].

[**The invisible boy. The making of contemporary masculinities. Hällgren C, Dunkels E & Frånberg G \(Eds\). Umeå, Umeå University, 2015**](#): This publication with its 20 chapters includes academic papers, video, drawings, digital images, photography and music. Combining a variety of intellectual expressions the chapters forms a joint example of multimodal explorations to further understandings of complex matters such as gendered identity making. The book can be downloaded free of charge. [Source: Invisible Boy - An International Research Project].

[**"How can you be a marda if you beat your wife?" Notions of masculinities and violence in Eastern Nepal. Saferworld, 2014**](#): This report seeks to explore how people in two districts of Eastern Nepal perceived notions of masculinities; and to understand young men's experiences and attitudes towards violence, including SGBV. [Source: University of Glasgow].

[**Practical guidance for scaling up health service innovations. World Health Organization, 2009**](#): There is increasing recognition that proven innovations cannot simply be handed over with the expectation that they will automatically become part of routine programme implementation. While there has been progress, there is still little practical guidance on how to proceed with scaling up. This document can begin to fill this gap. [Source: Pathfinder].

IV. Websites and projects

[**Geneva Call**](#): This neutral and impartial non-governmental organisation is dedicated to promoting respect by armed non-State actors (ANSAs) for international humanitarian norms in armed conflict and other situations of violence, in particular those related to the protection of civilians. [Source: WUNRN].

[**Global Early Adolescent Study**](#): This project is a fifteen-country study with the goal of understanding the factors in early adolescence that predispose young people to subsequent sexual health risks and promote healthy sexuality, so as to provide the information needed to promote sexual and reproductive wellbeing. [Source: University of the Western Cape].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[**Call for nominations: Women's World Summit Foundation Prize**](#). Awarded since 1994 by WWSF - an international, non-profit, humanitarian NGO, serving the implementation of women's and children's rights and the UN development agenda - the Prize (US\$ 1000 per laureate honors women and women's groups around the world exhibiting exceptional

creativity, courage and commitment for the improvement of the quality of life in rural communities. Nominations close: 30 April 2015. [Source: AWID].

[Call for papers: Sexuality, sexual rights and sexual politics \(November 2015\)](#). This Reproductive Health Matters journal issue aims to examine the complex interrelations between sexuality and human rights. It encourages original studies that provide data and contribute to evidence across the spectrum of issues related to sexuality, sexual politics, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation that can inform policy and practice. Submissions due: 31 May 2015. [Source: Gain].

VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Online violence - Just because it's virtual doesn't make it any less real](#). Global Fund for Women is working for a world where women can live free from violence. Though often overlooked, we believe stopping online violence must be included in any strategy to eliminate violence against women. Please share your voice. [Source: Global Fund for Women].

[Blog, Girls not Brides: After Malawi's new marriage law: what next to end child marriage?](#) Girls not Brides spoke to Ephraim Chimwaza, Programme Manager at the Centre for Social Concern and Development (CESOCODE) in Malawi, to find out what needs to happen for this new law to make a real difference on child marriage. [Source: WUNRN].

VII. News

[Fix your ways, parents told, Times Live, 16 April 2015](#): The exposure of children to violence used as a means of problem-solving increases the likelihood that they will grow up to engage in violent behaviour. This is according to an Institute for Security Studies report, released yesterday, on a study that looked into how parents can lessen violence.

[Women's empowerment key to end sexual violence in combat, UN envoy tells Security Council, UN News Centre, 15 April 2015](#): As the great moral issue of our time, sexual violence in conflict is used to terrorise, displace and subjugate victims, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue told the Security Council today, urging the body to take action to deal with this growing threat.

[Sustainable development goals: Why ending child marriage should be a target. The Guardian, 10 April 2015](#): When you have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the face of global development, you want to make sure you make the most of it. This is the challenging task governments face as they negotiate the goals and targets that will form the sustainable development goals (SDGs), an ambitious framework that could transform the world by 2030.

[#BringBackOurGirls: A year after Chibok abductions women and girls are still in danger, AWID, 10 April 2015](#): AWID spoke to Nigerian and Cameroonian feminist activists to learn more about the situation of women and girls in Nigeria and neighbouring countries as well

as the national and international response, and challenges of taking appropriate and efficient action a year after the Chibok kidnappings.

[The woman behind Brazil's law against domestic violence, PassBlue, 8 April 2015](#): Maria da Penha Maia Fernandes was fast asleep when her husband shot her and left her a paraplegic. Four months later, he made another attempt on her life by trying to electrocute her. Maria survived yet again.

VIII. Events

[Connections webinar series, April 2015](#): Children's Bureau Associate Commissioner, JooYeun Chang, has kicked off the Connections series with live webinars since April 1, 2015 discussing the important prevention components of the FY2016 President's Budget request for the Administration for Children and Families, as well as the many prevention resources/programs that the Children's Bureau offers. Past webinars are now available online. Register for upcoming webinars at: <https://esi.adobeconnect.com/cbsession>. [Source: Friendsnrc].

[South Asian feminist capacity building course on gender, sustainable livelihoods, human rights and peace, 19 September - 19 October 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal](#). The Sangat month long courses are designed to provide clarity, dialogue and shared understanding on concepts and issues related to gender, justice, poverty, sustainable development, peace, democracy and human rights. Applications close: 15 May 2015. [Source: AWID].

IX. Vacancies

[Gender Advisor](#) / Save the Children / Toronto, Canada / Closing date: April 17, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Associate](#) / FRIDA / Global / Closing date: April 19, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Legal Expert](#) / Medica Mondiale / Global / Closing date: April 20, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Capacity Development Manager](#) / SA Medical Research Council (What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls) / Pretoria, South Africa or occupied as a distance-based position / Closing date: April 23, 2015. [Source: SAMRC].

[Programme Manager](#) / SA Medical Research Council (What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls) / Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: April 23, 2015. [Source: SAMRC].

[Project Coordinator \(Recovery and reintegration from child sexual exploitation\)](#) / Family for Every Child / Latin America & Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa or South and Central Asia / Closing date: April 24, 2015. [Source: University of Bedfordshire].

Summer Program Coordinator / The Harvard Global Health Institute / Cambridge, USA / Closing date: April 24, 2015. [Source: Harvard University].
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[Programme Officer](#) / Oak Foundation / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: April 30, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Assistant Secretary-General for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security \(DSS\)](#) / United Nations / New York, USA / Closing date: May 25, 2015. [Source: UN].

[Psychosocial Support \(PSS\) Specialist](#) / International Rescue Committee / Sierra Leone / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Adolescent Girls Empowerment Specialist](#) / International Rescue Committee / Sierra Leone / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Sexual Violence/Adolescent Girls' Legal Defense Fund Program Manager](#) / Equality Now / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Office Director - MENA](#) / Equality Now / Amman, Jordan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Volunteer Translators](#) / New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (ARISE) / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[DRC Coordinator, Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Medical Expert Consultant, Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Women's Human Rights Campaigner](#) / Amnesty International / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Resident Senior Program Manager for Conflict Resolution](#) / The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs / Bamako, Mali / 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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