



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. Special announcement: Request for proposals - SVRI Grant 2015

SVRI Grant 2015 aims to support research or research related activities that will strengthen the evidence base for the prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries. Grants are for a maximum of 12 months duration, and grants to a maximum of USD100, 000 may be awarded. Awards will only be made to institutions and not to individuals. Applications must be submitted online:

<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/> (Grant Maker South African Medical Research Council / SVRI). Only proposals submitted via the Proposal Central website before closing date 9th February 2015 will be considered. Full RFP is available at:

<http://www.svri.org/RFPsvriGrant2015.pdf>. Visit:

<http://www.svri.org/SVRIGrantGuidelines2015.pdf> for SVRI Grant 2015 Guidelines.

II. SVRI members requests

1) Raising Voices Global South VAWG movement building survey

Warm greetings to all! In this busy time, as 16 days draws to a close, please take 16 minutes to breathe, self-reflect – and share your wisdom with us! What opportunities exist for strengthening work on violence against women? How are you taking care of yourself? How do you fuel your activism? We are asking activists working all over the world to share their thoughts and feelings so together, we can move forward with more strength, solidarity and energy.

Don't worry – the survey is easy -- mostly multiple choice questions!

Choose which language you are most comfortable in:

English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQZ8H23>

Arabic <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FHRKB2H>

Kiswahili <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D87SYG5>

French <https://www.surveymonkey.com/checkrequest.aspx?aspxerrorpath=/s/LJCRKXV>

Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQGYNWZ>

Thank you for taking the time! Please do forward to other activists you care about and whose voices need to be heard! [Source: Raising Voices].

2) 'What works' in terms of reducing sexual offences on public transport nationally and internationally?

Forensic Psychological Services at Middlesex University have been commissioned by the British Transport Police to conduct a Rapid Evidence Assessment on reducing sexual offences on public transport. We are writing to ask for your assistance please in helping us to obtain relevant information. As you would expect, we are conducting searches of many academic and non-academic databases. Additionally, we believe that some of the work that is important to help us understand 'what works' in terms of reducing sexual offences on public transport, may not have been published, or may not come up on the searches. If you know anyone else who might be able to help us please pass this email on.

We would be extremely grateful if you would send us materials relating to interventions and programmes designed to reduce sexual offences on public/mass transport or to increase reporting about this kind of incident. We would appreciate any alerts to work that you have yourself led on, or to work that you are aware of that is going on elsewhere. **Please only send materials in English.** Deadline for receipt of information: **12 January 2015.**

We have a non-confidential e-mail address for anything that you are able to provide us with – please send any electronic materials to: If you wish to protect your materials, then you may find it simplest to compress and password protect the file using a package such as Winzip or 7Zip. For more information, contact: m.horvath@mdx.ac.uk. [Source: Middlesex University].

IV. Sexual violence in the news

[UK supports new innovative global research to prevent violence against women and girls, What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls, 10 December 2014](#): Britain will fund 18 ground breaking research programmes to help prevent violence against women and girls as part of the Department for International Development's What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls Programme.

[What do we really know about wartime rape? Foreign Policy, 10 December 2014](#): Whether spurring mass protests in India or being covered up on American university campuses, rape and other forms of sexual abuse are being discussed openly as never before. This goes too far for sexual violence committed in war. And with that openness are increasing calls to change the way the world handles these crimes.

[To stop violence against women, we need to get men to help change social norms, The Conversation, 10 December 2014](#): A series of research projects is to take place in countries including Afghanistan, Palestine and South Africa to address our significant lack of knowledge about how to prevent physical and sexual violence against women.

[Women should take back every night, every day, every hour of the year, CityMetric, 10 December 2014](#): Have you ever crossed the street to avoid a man walking behind you? When dim street lights cast long shadows across the car park, do you ever get your keys out in anticipation so you can get into your vehicle as quickly as possible? Have you ever been groped on a crowded bus or train, or had a man push up against you, subtly but undoubtedly, when there was no room to escape?

[Violence against women – A pervasive human rights violation calls for a binding standard of accountability at the international level, UN Office for the High Commissioner of Human Rights, 3 December 2014](#): The absence of a legally binding agreement at the international level represents one of the obstacles to the promotion and protection of women's rights and gender equality, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Rashida Manjoo, reiterated today.

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Save the Date! December 16th, 2014: #ICommit Tweetathon](#). The #ICommit tweetathon is an effort to share commitments and stories from organizations or individuals that advance collaborative work across generations within the women's movement. The tweetathon, a blend of the words "tweet" and "Marathon", is social media mobilization led by AWID's Young Feminist Wire along with AWID members and multiple partners and allies on the micro-blogging site Twitter. It will be held on December 16th, 2014. [Source: AWID].

VI. Websites

[Ethical Research Involving Children \(ERIC\)](#): ERIC aims to assist researchers and the research community to understand, plan and conduct ethical research involving children and young people in any geographical, social, cultural or methodological context. [Source: SAMRC].

What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls Programme: What Works is a flagship programme from the UK Department for International Development (DFID), which is investing an unprecedented £25 million, over five years, to the prevention of violence against women and girls. The newly launched website is now live! [Source: SAMRC].

Youth, Arts, HIV and AIDS Network (YAHAnet): YAHAnet is an innovative networking platform that provides young people from around the world with the opportunity to actively and creatively participate in the fight against HIV & AIDS using an interdisciplinary approach which combines public health, education, art, and technology. [Source: McGill University].

VII. Online publications/resources

Global status report on violence prevention 2014. World Health Organization, 2014: This is the first report of its kind to assess national efforts to address interpersonal violence, namely child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner and sexual violence, and elder abuse. [Source: WUNRN].

Child Gauge 2014. Mathews S, Jamieson S, Lake L and Smith C. Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, 2014 (pdf): This report monitors progress towards realising children's rights. This issue focuses attention on the prevention of violence against children. [Source: SAMRC].

Country profile: FGM in Liberia. 28 Too Many, 2014: This Country Report on FGM in Liberia shows the fall in prevalence between older and younger cohorts from 72.4% among 45-49 year old women to 39.8% among 20-24 year olds reported in the 2013 DHS. [Source: 28 Too Many].

Elder abuse. World Health Organization, Fact sheet N°357, 2014: This factsheet looks at elder abuse, which constitutes a violation of human rights and includes physical, sexual, psychological, emotional; financial and material abuse; abandonment; neglect; and serious loss of dignity and respect. [Source: WUNRN].

Feminist movement builder's dictionary. JASS, second edition, 2013 (pdf): The idea for this dictionary originated with JASS Mesoamerica, where feminists and women activists from different social movements found themselves creating alternative terms to describe their context and strategies since old ones had lost their meaning. [Source: WUNRN].

VIII. 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.

Prevalence of rape and client-initiated gender-based violence among female sex workers: Kampala, Uganda, 2012. Schwitters A, Swaminathan M, Serwadda D, Muyonga M, Shiraishi R.W, Benech I, Mital S, Bosa R, Lubwama G, Hladik. W. AIDS Behav, ePub, 2014: This article utilised data from the 2012 Crane Survey in Kampala, Uganda to estimate

prevalence of rape among female sex workers (FSWs) and to identify risk factors for and prevalence of client-initiated gender-based violence (GBV) among FSWs. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Avoidant and compulsive sexual behaviors in male and female survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Vaillancourt-Morel M.P, Godbout N, Labadie C, Runtz M, Lussier Y, Sabourin S. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2014:**](#) This article tests a theory-based mediation model in which the relation between childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and dyadic adjustment is mediated through adult sexual avoidance and sexual compulsivity and to examine the gender-invariance of this model. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Explaining gender differences in jurors' reactions to child sexual assault cases. Bottoms B.L, Peter-Hagene L.C, Stevenson M.C, Wiley T.R, Mitchell T.S, Goodman G.S. Behav. Sci. Law, ePub, 2014:**](#) In three experiments, the authors investigate the influence of juror, victim, and case factors on mock jurors' decisions in several types of child sexual assault cases (incest, day care, stranger abduction, and teacher-perpetrated abuse). [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Significance, nature, and direction of the association between child sexual abuse and conduct disorder: A systematic review. Maniglio R. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2014:**](#) This article aims to elucidate the significance, nature, and direction of the potential relationship between child sexual abuse and conduct disorder, all the pertinent studies were reviewed. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Case series of sexual assault in older persons. Speck P.M, Hartig M.T, Likes W, Bowdre T, Carney A.Y, Ekroos R.A, Haugen R, Crum J, Fagno D.K. Clin. Geriatr. Med, 30: 779-806, 2014:**](#) In this article, sexual assault of older persons is analysed in a literature review and case series, and exemplar pseudocases of suspected older person sexual assault are discussed. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Sexual assault related distress and drinking: the influence of daily reports of social support and coping control. Stappenbeck C.A, Hassija C.M, Zimmerman L, Kaysen D. Addict. Behav, 42C: 108-113, 2014:**](#) This article investigates the moderating influence of perceived coping control and social support on the event-level association between SA-related distress and drinking. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Is violence a disease? Situating violence prevention in public health policy and practice. Williams D.J, Donnelly P.D. Public Health, ePub, 2014:**](#) The paper provides a review of some of the thoughts, ideas, and opinions that pervade the public health literature concerning how to classify or conceptualise violence. [Source: SafetyLit].

IX. Events

[**Webinar: Guests on the Wire 2-part series on security and self-care, 17 and 18 December 2014.**](#) The Young Feminist Activism Program at AWID and FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund will be co-hosting a 2-part 'Guests on the Wire' series discussing issues of security and self-care. The 2-part 'Guests on the Wire' series will be composed of 2 separate sessions, one on

security and another on self-care. Each session will be 2 hours long. Registration closes: 14 December 2014. [Source: AWID].

[Online course: CREA's "Disability, Sexuality and Rights Online Institute", 11 February - 25 March 2015](#). This six-week Online Institute begun in 2010, and focuses on a conceptual study of disability and sexuality, and its inter-linkages with issues of feminism, public health, development, violence, media and representation, amongst others, using a rights-based approach. Closing date for applications: 24 December 2014. [Source: AWID].

[Online course: Gender and human rights \(Foundation course\), 29 April - 9 June 2015](#). This e-learning course offered by Human Rights Education Associates provides a general introduction to the evolution of concepts of gender equality and women's rights within the international human rights system. [Source: AWID].

[5th ACFID University Network Conference, 4 – 5 June 2015, Melbourne, Australia](#).

Inequality is being increasingly discussed as one of the most challenges facing the world today, but what exactly is it? And, how do we know this? As the development community endeavours to address this critical issue, it is essential to shed light on emerging evidence and research where inequality is explored. Abstract submissions close: 26 January 2015. [Source: AWID].

[9th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry, 22 – 24 October 2015, Copenhagen, Denmark](#). This conference invites those engaged in the management, research, study or clinical treatment of aggressive behaviour of psychiatric patients and persons with intellectual disabilities and serious behavioural problems. Abstract submissions close: 1 March 2015. [Source: Oud Consultancy].

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

X. Vacancies

[Baseline Research Consultant Team](#) / The Asia Foundation / Timor-Leste / Closing date: December 19, 2014. [Source: The Asia Foundation].

[Women Human Rights Defenders – Program Coordinator](#) / AWID / Work location is open / Closing date: December 14, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Director, Feminist Movement-Building](#) / AWID / Work location is open / Closing date: January 11, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[National Consultant Monitoring and Evaluation](#) / UN Women / Cairo, Egypt / Closing date: December 20, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Development and Advocacy Coordinator](#) / Guatemala Human Rights Commission / Washington, DC / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Emergency Response Team/Women's Protection & Empowerment Unit Coordinator](#) /
International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source:
AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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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