



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.

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I. SVRI member requests

1) Call for submissions: 16 Days of Activism - From peace in the home to peace in the world.

To mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, Make Every Woman Count will be running a series of articles under the theme "Celebrating the Resilience & Courage of Women Survivors of Gender-Based Violence" to showcase the life histories of 16 African women survivors of gender –based violence be it at home or in conflict. Women survivors of violence are usually portrayed as victims, in this series, resilience and the courage of these women to move from victims to be inspiration to other women by changing not only their life but the life of other women as well will be showed.

Make Every Woman Count will be posting one article each day about their journey during the 16 days of activism to celebrate these inspirational women. If you know a woman who should be featured in our 16 days of activism series (you can also nominate yourself), please send her contact to: blog.makeeverywomancount@gmail.com. [Source: AWID].

2) Join the global VAWG conversation!

Raising Voices is taking some time this year to listen and learn from activists working to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls across the global South. We are keen to learn what you and other activists think and feel about connecting and collaborating with others across the global South – and your hopes, visions and struggles as someone working on VAWG.

As part of this community consultation, we developed a survey that we are disseminating widely to colleagues like yourself across the global South in multiple languages. We warmly invite you to join the conversation by taking 15 minutes to share your thoughts and experiences through the simple, confidential survey. The survey is available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic and Kiswahili Please contact: vawactivism@raisingvoices.org with any questions or read more about the work and how you can get involved at <http://raisingvoices.org/influence/networks-alliances/>. Please forward this email and kind request to any and all other VAWG prevention activists and Networks that you know!

II. Sexual violence in the news

[2nd MenEngage International Symposium closing day media release, 13 November 2014:](#) As India comes to terms with the death of 13 young women following botched sterilisation procedures, delegates at the 2ndMenEngage Global Symposium in the capital today issued the Delhi Call To Action, which includes a recommendation that men take more of the responsibility for using contraception away from women.

[New York initiative to help other cities clear rape-kit backlogs, New York Times, 12 November 2014:](#) In 2000, New York had 17,000 untested rape kits, a yearslong accumulation of potential evidence in some of the city's most violent crimes. Over the next four years, in a push to clear the backlog, the city had the kits tested. The result was 49 indictments connected to unsolved cases in Manhattan alone.

[Some 14% 'insensitively' treated by gardaí over sexual violence report, Irish Times, 12 November 2014:](#) Some 14 per cent of people who reported sexual violence found the garda handling of their case was "insensitive", a report from Rape Crisis Network Ireland shows.

[The young, female face of HIV in East and Southern Africa, Inter Press Service News Agency, 7 November 2014](#): Experts are raising alarm that years of HIV interventions throughout Africa have failed to stop infection among young women 15 to 24 years old.

[Patriarchy revisited: alarming anti-feminist rhetoric at ministry of women meeting - no plan to address gender-based violence, Sonke Gender Justice media release, 7 November 2014](#): Yesterday the Ministry of Women in the Presidency held a meeting in Lakefield to announce their plans for the international 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign.

III. Websites

[California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare](#): The primary goal of this website is to provide a searchable database of programs that can be utilized by professionals that serve children and families involved with the child welfare system. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

[International Federation for Human Rights](#): This international NGO defends all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It acts in the legal and political field for the creation and reinforcement of international instruments for the protection of Human Rights and for their implementation. [Source: AWID].

[Prevent IPV – tools for social change](#): The IPV Prevention Council envisions a future in which a multitude of agencies and organisations at the local, state, territory, tribal and national levels are engaged with domestic violence coalitions in collaborative and sustained primary prevention activities leading to the social change. [Source: IPV Prevention Council].

IV. Online publications/resources

[Healthy childhoods can prevent violence: Evidence from programmes that work](#). The ISS seminar on “Healthy childhoods for the prevention of violence”, jointly hosted by the SVRI and the ISS, held on 3 November 2015, focused on the importance of parenting for the prevention of violence and showcased two interventions that have been found to be effective in addressing early risk factors for violence in adolescence and adulthood. Seminar materials are all available for download. [Source ISS/SVRI].

[Measuring violence against children: Inventory and assessment of quantitative studies. UNICEF, 2014](#): This review aims to provide an overview of some recent data-collection activities that will feed into the development of guidelines. This review focused mainly on studies conducted in low- and middle-income countries; however, three studies from Western Europe (Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) and one study from the United States were also included. [Source: Population Council].

Essentials for childhood framework: Steps to create safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for all children. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014:

This report proposes evidence-based strategies communities can consider to promote relationships and environments that help children grow up to be healthy and productive citizens so that they, in turn, can build stronger and safer families and communities for their children. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

If not now, when? Ending violence against the world's children. Steven D. Center on International Cooperation, New York University, 2014:

This paper has been prepared as a contribution to debate about implementation of a new global development agenda to replace the Millennium Development Goals from 2016-2030. It focuses on delivery of targets to end the epidemic of violence, exploitation and neglect that blights the lives of children across the world, with greatest impacts on the most vulnerable. [Source: Without Violence].

Masculinity, intimate partner violence and son preference in India. Nanda P, Gautam A, Verma R et al. ICRW, 2014:

This report emphasises that in India, masculinity, i.e., men's controlling behaviour and gender inequitable attitudes, strongly determines men's preference for sons over daughters as well as their proclivity for violence towards an intimate partner – both of which are manifestations of gender inequality. [Source: WUNRN].

Waiting to speak: Survivors of sexual violence, Western Cape, South Africa. Summary report. Tearfund, 2014:

This report explores the needs of survivors of sexual violence in South Africa. Despite sexual and gender based violence receiving increasing public attention globally, those affected remain largely silent. [Source: JLI L&FC].

Regional tools to fight violence against women: The Belém do Pará and Istanbul Conventions. Organization of American States and Council of Europe, 2014 (pdf):

This report contributes to strategies and actions developed between the Organization of the American States and the Council of Europe, in order to advance the agenda for women's equality. Within this framework, and among the agreed bi-regional targets, the right of women to live a life free of violence has been defined as a priority. [Source: WUNRN].

Book: Asian immigrants in North America with HIV/AIDS - Stigma, vulnerabilities and human rights. Ullah AKMA and Huque A.S. Palgrave, 2014:

This book explores a number of issues related to the stigma arising from HIV/AIDS infection, perceived or actual discrimination from the community and society, and the extent of vulnerabilities for infected Asian refugees and immigrants. Order online. [Source: Universiti Brunei Darussalam].

[**Masculinities and engaging men: Training manual. FEMNET, 2013:**](#) The overall goal of the FEMNET Men to Men Programme is to create a critical mass of African men who are able to influence communities, organisations and the public to believe in and practise gender equality as a norm. The manual on masculinities provides rich content for trainers and facilitation tips for each session. [Source: WUNRN].

V. 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.

[**Symptoms of PTSD in a sample of female victims of sexual violence in post-earthquake Haiti. Rahill G.J, Joshi M, Lescano C and Holcomb D. Journal of Affective Disorders, ePub, 2014:**](#) This article documents trauma and stress-related disorders reported in a sample of female residents of Cité Soleil, who survived both the earthquake and subsequent sexual violence. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[**War rape survivors of the Second Congo War: A perspective from symbolic convergence theory. Simia D and Matusitz J. Africa Review, 6\(2\), 2014:**](#) This paper examines actions and narratives of war rape survivors of the Second Congo War. The Second Congo War, which officially began in 1998, is an enduring armed struggle that involves more than fighting for mineral resources. [Source: University of Central Florida].

[**"It's just an image, right?": Practitioners' understanding of child sexual abuse images online and effects on victims. Martin J. Child Youth Serv, 35\(2\): 96-115, 2014:**](#) This article reports findings from a study that examined practitioners' experiences with, and views of, child sexual abuse images online. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**'What's going on' to safeguard children and young people from child sexual exploitation: A review of local safeguarding children boards' work to protect children from sexual exploitation. Pearce J.J. Child Abuse Rev, 23\(3\): 159-170, 2014:**](#) This article draws on findings from research into the implementation by local safeguarding children boards (local government multi-agency panels responsible for child protection in England) of national guidance on safeguarding children from child sexual exploitation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[**Prevention of violence, abuse and neglect in early childhood: A review of the literature on research, policy and practice. Evans R, Garner P, Honig A.S. Early Child Dev. Care, 184\(9-10\): 1295-1335, 2014:**](#) In this review of the literature, the authors use ECVAN (early childhood violence, abuse and

neglect) to refer to violence, abuse and neglect of children, birth to eight years, in harmony with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Military sexual trauma in US veterans: Results from the National Health and Resilience in Veterans Study. Klingensmith K, Tsai J, Mota N, Southwick S.M, Pietrzak R.H. J. Clin. Psychiatry, 75: e1133-9, 2014](#): This article evaluates the prevalence of military sexual trauma (MST) among US veterans, identify sociodemographic and military characteristics of MST, and examine the relationships between MST and psychiatric comorbidities, functioning/quality of life, and mental health treatment utilization. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Building a future without gender violence: rural teachers and youth in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, leading community dialogue. de Lange N, Mitchell C. Gend. Educ, 26\(5\): 584-599, 2014](#): This article advances the idea that rural youth and teachers are the key in leading community dialogue towards addressing gender-based violence in their community through their film making. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Police culture influences the brain function underlying compassion: a gender study. Mercadillo R.E, Alcauter S, Fernandez-Ruiz J, Barrios F.A. Soc. Neurosci, ePub, 2014](#): This article proposes a social neuroscience approach to identify gender differences and to assess biological and cultural factors shaping compassion from a sample of Mexican police officers working in a violent environment. [Source: SafetyLit].

VI. Events

[US launch of The Lancet special edition, 3 December 2014, Washington, DC, USA \(morning launch\)](#). The special edition is focused on the elimination of violence against women and girls, and includes five papers which cover the evidence base in prevention, the health sector response, the role of men and women in successful prevention efforts, practical lessons from experience on the ground, and call for specific actions to eliminate violence against women and girls. Printed copies of the special edition, containing the papers and accompanying Comments, will be available at the launch. A light lunch beginning at noon will follow the event. [Source: The Global Women's Institute].

[Global Launch of Violence against Women and Girls Resource Guide, 3 December 2014, Washington, DC, USA \(afternoon launch\)](#): The World Bank Group, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Global Women's Institute at George Washington University invite you to the global launch of a new resource guide for development practitioners on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls across a range of development projects. [Source: The Global Women's Institute].

[Webinar: How storytelling and participatory media can support international public health and human rights work, 8 and 10 December 2014](#). For the past ten years, our Silence Speaks program has been supporting researchers, NGO leaders, and activists in understanding how first person narrative and

digital media production can advance a broad range of international public health and human rights goals. Join this webinar for an overview of the theory and practice of this work and an exploration of how story can enhance the impact of your programmes. [Source: Center for Digital Storytelling].

[59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW59\), 9 – 20 March 2015, New York, USA.](#) The main focus of the session will be on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Commission will undertake a review of progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 20 years after its adoption at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. More information on NGO participation can be accessed at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation>. [Source: WUNRN].

[Online training course: Gender and human rights \(Foundation course\), 11 March - 21 April 2015.](#) In this course, participants will deepen their knowledge about the evolution of human rights frameworks in response to gender inequality and women's empowerment. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about how the human rights system engages with the reality of gender disparities. Registration closes: 1 December 2014. [Source: AWID].

[Online training course: Qualitative data in programme evaluation.](#) This course aims to increase understanding about the ways in which qualitative methods can enhance evaluation efforts, how to get started with qualitative evaluation, and ways to collect, analyse and share qualitative data. The Online Learning Center can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Quick registration required. [Source: Friendsnrc].

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

VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

[Funding opportunity: Pacific Island Countries participation fund for conference attendance.](#) The objective of the PIC Fund is to increase attendance by Pacific Island citizens at regional and international conferences, where their attendance will strengthen ownership of regional and international development processes. The designated conference must be consistent with the strategic outcomes as set out in the New Zealand Aid programme's policy statement. See eligibility criteria online. Applications close: 1 February 2015. [Source: WISAT].

VIII. Vacancies

[Technical Officer](#) / World Health Organization / Cairo, Egypt / Closing date: November 15, 2014.
[Source: WHO].

[Medical Officer \(EWARN\)](#) / World Health Organization / Arbil, Iraq / Closing date: November 17, 2014.
[Source: WHO].

[Logistician](#) / World Health Organization / Kirkuk, Iraq / Closing date: November 17, 2014. [Source: WHO].

[Communications Officer](#) / World Health Organization / Arbil, Iraq / Closing date: November 19, 2014.
[Source: WHO].

[Public Health Officer](#) / World Health Organization / Kirkuk, Iraq / Closing date: November 19, 2014.
[Source: WHO].

[International consultancy \(Research Coordinator\)](#) / UNICEF / Kigali, Rwanda / Closing date: November 27, 2014. [Source: CDC].

[Senior Research Officers – 2 posts](#) / Children’s Institute / Cape Town, South Africa / Closing date: November 27, 2014. [Source: Children’s Institute].

[WPE Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Lebanon – Beirut / Closing date: January 6, 2015.
[Source: IRC].

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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