



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:
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I. SVRI member requests

1) [Survey request: World homicide survey](#) Two years ago the University of Montréal started the World Homicide Survey, a research project financed by the Canadian government, that aims to collect new information on crime, the criminal justice system and homicide in all countries of the world. Last year 366 respondents (now than 500) from 93 different countries took part, but more respondents and more countries are needed for this study. The ideal respondents are professors, graduate students and various professionals **who**

have a basic knowledge of the crime problem or the criminal justice system in their country.

You are invited to contribute to the growing data base that will provide new and unique data on all countries of the world. The questionnaire is available here and **takes 8 minutes to complete**. The survey is available in **English**:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/marco/experts-eng-v2/>, **Spanish**:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/marco/experts-esp-v2/> and **French**

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/marco/experts-fra-v2/>. Next year, all respondents will be

contacted to see if they would like to contribute to a book chapter about violence and homicide in their country, and respondents will also be invited to an international conference on violence and homicide to be held in Montreal. Responses confidentiality is guaranteed and only aggregated information per country will ever be published or transferred to other researchers. Please disseminate this request widely.

2) Survey request: Join the global conversation! Are you an activist working in a low or middle income country in the global South on violence against women and girls (VAWG)? Please join the conversation! Raising Voices is conducting a community consultation with activists working on VAWG in order to understand the hopes and struggles of activists working in different capacities in diverse corners of the globe. Please share your thoughts and experiences -- it's just 20 minutes of your time to complete a simple survey. The survey is one step in this process (read more about it <http://raisingvoices.org/influence/networks-alliances/>) in which we hope to connect with activists, help activists connect with each other, and learn ways all of us can build momentum, connection and collaboration among the VAWG activist community. The survey is available in **English**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQZ8H23>, **Spanish**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQGYNWZ>, **French**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJCRKXV>, **Arabic** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJCRKXV> and Kiswahili. We look forward to connecting with you! Please contact vawactivism@raisingvoices.org with any questions.

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Washington Post Op-ed: The emotional and financial burdens of sexual assault, Salt Lake Tribune, 19 November 2014](#) : In 2008, Wagatwe Wanjuki reported to her school, Tufts, that her boyfriend had repeatedly assaulted her. But the college refused to investigate the claim. The stress of the abuse and institutional betrayal took a toll on her grades, but without the school's support she could not afford the tutoring she needed.

[Nairobi's 'miniskirt' march exposes sexual violence in Kenya, The Guardian, 18 November 2014](#): At the busy intersection of Accra Road and Tom Mboya Street in downtown Nairobi, a cacophony of voices clamour to be heard. Buses and vans vie for space on the roadside, and touts solicit passengers to ply their routes. Nearly everyone is on the move.

[Not just a girls' problem: the economic impact of menstrual shame, The Guardian, 30 October 2014](#): “During our periods, we used to have to clean our sleeping areas with leaves and weren’t allowed to enter the house,” says 12-year-old Sushila who lives in Gorkha district, central Nepal. “Now, we can sleep in our beds. We must be open about menstruation.”

[It’s on us to go beyond “It’s On Us”, Feministing, September 2014](#): The White House’s flashy new bystander intervention campaign, It’s On Us, makes sexual assault sound a lot like a bad thunderstorm — unfortunate, inevitable, striking seemingly out of nowhere, and devoid of human agents.

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[What are you doing during the 16 Days?](#) The annual 16 Days Campaign launches on November 25, 2014! Check the **International Calendar of Campaign Activities** at <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/campaign-calendar/events> to see what events are happening around the world. Upload your action, then share details on Facebook, and tweet to the world and to us **@16DaysCampaign** on Twitter. Don't forget to use **#16Days!**

Join the Twitter Teach-in! 16 Days Campaign invites NGOs, activists, and the greater online community to join a Twitter teach-in during the Campaign exploring the intersectional nature of gender-based violence (GBV) and how militarism intensifies GBV for diverse marginalized identities. Identities discussed will include race, ethnicity, caste, sexuality, socioeconomic, transgender, and indigenous status, and more. Groups from around the world will be participating and welcome your input. Visit the 16 Days Campaign website at: <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/to> see the full schedule of teach-ins. Follow **@16DaysCampaign** and **@CWGL_Rutgers** on Twitter and use **#16Days** and **#GBVteachin** to join the conversations.

Follow **@TheSVRI** and join our **#GBVTeachIn** on 26 November!

16 Days Events on Campus Check out events organized by student activists at Rutgers University at <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/downloads/2014-campaign-docs/1306-16-days-rutgers-calendar-1>! CWGL is also pleased to co-sponsor Rethinking the Asia Pivot: Challenging Everyday Militarisms & Bridging Communities of Women. All events are FREE and open to the public. International Webinar, 6-7:30pm EST, November 25, 2014; Film Screening, 4:30-7:30pm, December 3, 2014 and International Symposium, 9:30am-7pm, December 4, 2014 with Keynote Speaker Cynthia Enloe.

16 Days Campaign Take Action Kit! Use the Take Action Kit (in English and other languages) at: <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/2014-campaign/2014-take-action-kitto> plan your participation in the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign! If you are interested in volunteering to translate any Kit documents, please email <mailto:16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu>.

IV. Websites

Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services (BRYCS): This service strengthens the capacity of refugee-serving and mainstream organisations across the U.S. to ensure the successful development of refugee children, youth, and their families by increasing information sharing and promoting collaboration at the local, state, regional, and national levels. Access the new bilingual safety guides for children and teens at: <http://www.brycs.org/whatsNew/index.cfm#announcements>. [Source: University of Massachusetts].

The National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth (NCSBY): The mission of NCSBY is to promote better lives, through better choices by youth, caregivers, and professionals for healthier responses to and prevention of problematic sexual behaviour of youth. NCSBY provides national training and technical assistance to improve the accuracy, accessibility, and strategic use of accurate information about the nature, incidence, prevalence, prevention, treatment, and management of youth with problematic sexual behaviour.

V. Online publications/resources

Webcast: Preventing child sexual abuse in youth-serving organizations. The National Children's Advocacy Center, 2014: This webcast looks at training of trainers and how youth-

serving organisations can help in communities to keep children safe. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

[**RCNI national rape crisis statistics 2013. Rape Crisis Network Ireland, 2014**](#): The publication of this report on the 2013 Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI) national statistics provides an opportunity to highlight the uniqueness and value of what now represents twelve years of rich Irish data on sexual violence based on the women and men who attend Rape Crisis Centres for a range of services. [Source: RCNI].

[**Financing for the implementation of national actions plans on UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Critical for advancing women's human rights, peace and security.**](#)

[**Cordaid, 2014**](#): Investing in women is the soundest instrument in peace processes, yet financing for action plans aiming to increase women's influence in peace and security matters remains a problem. This is the main finding of a report published by Cordaid and presented on Wednesday during a conference at the UN on women, peace and security. [Source: AWID].

[**Podcast: Sarah DeGue discusses the recent article "A systematic review of primary prevention strategies for sexual violence perpetration". Prevent-Connect, 2014**](#): (13:20) In this podcast, Sarah DeGue, Ph.D., behavioural scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, highlights how this report can support prevention practitioners, including considering evidence based and promising programs and using the 9 principles of effective prevention. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[**Breaking the silence on violence against indigenous girls, adolescents and young women: A call to action based on an overview of existing evidence from Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America. UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, ILO, OSRSG/VAC, 2013**](#): This new collaborative study aims to provide a deeper understanding of the magnitude, nature and context of violence experienced specifically by indigenous girls, adolescents and young women. [Source: WUNRN].

[**Human total: A violence prevention learning resource. International Center for Alcohol Policies, 2013**](#): This unprecedented learning resource combines lessons, parent outreach, and supporting background materials in life skills, international human rights, and alcohol in a way that implementing educators have called "personally very relevant" and "what . . . the world at large needs: a simple approach to the elimination of violence!" [Source: IGC Internet].

[Psychosocial and mental health interventions in areas of mass violence: A community-based approach. Médecins Sans Frontières, 2011](#) (pdf): These guidelines focus on manmade rather than natural disasters, and aim to assist people in coordination positions (medical and programme management) to strategise, plan, supervise, and to coach a psychosocial or mental health programme component. [Source: SAMRC].

[Preventing child sexual abuse within youth-serving organizations: Getting started on policies and procedures. Saul J, Audage N.C. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2007](#): This report is designed for representatives of youth-serving organizations who are interested in adopting strategies to prevent child sexual abuse. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

VI. 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.

[Is routine screening for intimate partner violence feasible in public health care settings in Kenya? Journal of Interpersonal Violence, ePub, 2014](#): Results from this feasibility study indicate that providers are willing and able to incorporate IPV screening into their practice and that IPV screening in a variety of health care settings in a public hospital is feasible and welcomed by clients. [Source: Population Council].

[Correlates of self-report of rape among male school adolescents in Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Ogunfowokan A.A, Olagunju O.E, Olajubu A.O, Faremi F.A, Oloyede A.S, Sharps P.W. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article examines male adolescents' self-report of rape of adolescent girls and the socio-demographic variables that correlated with self-report of rape. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Participation in high school sports and bystander intentions, efficacy to intervene, and rape myth beliefs. McMahon S. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article contributes to the debate as to whether male athletes are more prone to commit acts of sexual violence and maintain problematic attitudes about sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Individual-and setting-level correlates of secondary traumatic stress in rape crisis center staff. Dworkin E.R, Sorell N.R, Allen N.E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): The current study uses a sample of 164 staff members representing 40 rape crisis centers across a single Midwestern state to investigate the staff member-and agency-level correlates of secondary traumatic stress. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape as an economic crime: the impact of sexual violence on survivors' employment and economic well-being. Loya R.M. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article examines how isolated instances of sexual violence affect adult female survivors' employment and economic well-being. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Characteristics and life experiences associated with receiving a rape disclosure within a national telephone household probability sample of women. Paul L, Walsh K, McCauley J, Ruggiero K, Resnick HS, Acierno R, Kilpatrick D.G. J. Community Psychol, 42: 583-592, 2014](#): This study expands our limited knowledge of disclosure recipients' experience by examining associations between their socio-demographic and life experiences with receipt of a rape disclosure and encouragement of the victim to formally report her assault. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Risk factors for mental disorders in women survivors of human trafficking: a historical cohort study. Abas M, Ostrovski N.V, Prince M et al. BMC Psychiatry, 13:204, 2013](#) (pdf): The findings of this study suggest the applicability of the cognitive models of PTSD and depression to this population and suggest that psychological interventions will need to take account of the chronic abuse experienced by women survivors of human trafficking both before and during their exploitation. [Source: WUNRN].

VII. Events

[Launch of The Lancet Series on Violence against Women and Girls, 21 November 2014, London, United Kingdom](#). The Lancet, in collaboration with Professor Charlotte Watts and Dr Cathy Zimmerman, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), and Dr Claudia Garcia Moreno, WHO, is publishing a new Series of papers on violence against women and girls. The five papers in the Series cover the evidence base on prevention, the health sector response, the role of men and women in successful prevention efforts, practical lessons from those working on the ground, and call for specific actions to eliminate violence against women and girls. Join the mini-symposium via live-streaming or attend in person. [Source: LSHTM].

[ICRH international conference: Sexual and reproductive health and rights today and tomorrow, 4-5 December 2014, Ghent, Belgium](#). This two-day conference will focus on state of the art and upcoming challenges in sexual and reproductive health worldwide. Programme overview is available online. [Source: ICRH].

[Inaugural Asia-Pacific conference on gendered violence and violations, 10 - 12 February 2015, Sydney, Australia](#). This ground-breaking international conference with an Asia-Pacific focus will combine and expand interdisciplinary research and practitioner knowledge to encourage innovation and best practice in responding to gendered and sexualised violence. For more information about the themes, please refer to the Call for papers. To enjoy our early bird rates, register and pay before 15 December 2014. [Source: Gendered Violence Research Network].

[SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and intersections, 14 – 17 September 2015, Spier 1692, Stellenbosch, South Africa](#). We are delighted to announce our fourth international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015! This important event will bring together colleagues from around the world, under the theme of innovation and intersections, to present papers, posters, 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. Call for participation: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/participation.htm>. We look forward to hosting you in Cape Town! #SVRIForum2015

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

[Funding opportunity: Global Innovation Fund](#). The Fund is the reproductive Health Supplies Coalition's flagship initiative for inspiring and financing new activities that further the Coalition's strategic goals and those of its Implementing Mechanisms (IM): Working Groups, Caucuses, and Regional Forums. It is a critical catalyst for bridging all the sectors—advocacy, technical, commercial—that make up the Coalition's large and diverse membership. Applications close: 12 January 2015. [Source: Pathfinder].

IX. Vacancies

[Director of Research & Evaluation](#) / The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: NYSPCC].

[Major Gifts Officer](#) / Ipas / Ipas Headquarters or an East Coast or Mid-Atlantic telecommuting location / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Resource Mobilization Consultant \(Part Time\)](#) / Women's Empowerment Link / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Specialist](#) / Cuso International / Nigeria / Closing date: Ongoing. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer - Women's Rights Program \(WRP\)](#) / Open Society Foundations / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Program Officer](#) / Open Society Foundations / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[International Advocacy Coordinator](#) / IPPF / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Innovator](#) / Youth Challenge International / Zanzibar, Tanzania / Closing date: On a rolling basis. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer](#) / Ford Foundation / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[President and CEO](#) / Women's Funding Network / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[WPE Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Lebanon / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Bilingual Program Attorney, Womenslaw](#) / National Network to End Domestic Violence / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Various vacancies](#) / IAP World Services, Inc. / Global / Closing date: various. [Source: IAPWS].

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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