



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. SVRI member requests

1) Online survey on GBV preparedness and response tools

In July 2014 Stratagem International was commissioned by UNICEF on behalf of the GBV AoR to research, design, and develop a toolkit that encapsulates the best practices of implementing emergency preparedness of and response to GBV in humanitarian settings. The toolkit aspires to be an essential resource, endorsed by the GBV AoR Strategic Advisory Group (SAG), for GBV specialists working in humanitarian settings before and during emergencies. There are a wide array of available and recommended resources on GBV that set standards, provide guidance, and cover particular areas of GBV programming, particularly regarding response and information management. For this reason, this toolkit will largely be a consolidation of current tools that have been recommended and used across different contexts.

SVRI members and their networks are invited to complete a short survey as a way of gaining insights from GBV actors across different regions. It should take 5 - 10 minutes to complete and all responses will be kept anonymous. For your convenience, this is a smartphone-

friendly survey!

Visit: https://qtrial2014.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_e9HsDQ9MbmUPHb7 to access the survey. Please complete the survey by 5 December. For more information, contact: Anna Wansbrough-Jones at anna@stratagemint.com. [Source: UKZN]. **Call for literature on HIV/AIDS treatment access for women**

UN Women has commissioned a global review of HIV/AIDS treatment access for women. This review seeks to identify key gaps related to women's access to treatment and understand the barriers women face in the pathway to accessing treatment and care with particular focus on gender equality and human rights. AVAC, ATHENA and Salamander Trust have been selected to coordinate this review, and are looking to your expertise to inform this effort. Access the full call for literature here. Please email all literature and direct any questions to womentxrights@gmail.com. [Source: 60percent].

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Men who shout sexual abuse at women won't read this article – but they should, The Telegraph, 29 October 2014](#): Every female will be able to relate to this video. The secretly filmed footage shows Shoshana Roberts walking through New York City for 10 hours and being catcalled.

[Women are still terrified of reporting rape, The Guardian, 28 October 2014](#): Media coverage of sexual violence never seems to be higher, yet it paints an inconsistent and incomplete picture that has left many of us confused.

[Trial for sexual slavery during armed conflict opens in Guatemala, Americas Program, 25 October 2014](#): On October 14, 2014 Guatemala's Court for High-Risk Crimes ruled to open trial against two members of the Army for sexual slavery and domestic slavery against q'eqch'is women in the military outpost of Sepur Zarco and other serious crimes perpetrated in the framework of the government counterinsurgency policies during the armed conflict.

[SRSB Santos Pais key-note speaker in launch of first national household survey on violence against children in Asia, Special Representative on Violence against Children, 22 October 2014](#): In a three-day mission to Cambodia, SRSB Santos Pais joined the Government of Cambodia in the launch of the findings of the national Survey on Violence against Children. SRSB Santos Pais commended the Government for conducting this groundbreaking survey and for committing to a policy response and noted that it can provide a model for Asia and across regions.

[From wife-beaters to peace-preachers: Tackling domestic abuse in Zimbabwe's hinterland, IRIN News, 21 October 2014](#): Jairos Maruwe used to beat up his wife so badly he once knocked her unconscious and broke her arm. It landed him in jail at least once, but it was the way he was raised.

[III. Advocacy and awareness raising Participate! 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign](#): The Campaign invites NGOs, activists, and the greater

online community to join a Twitter teach-in during the Campaign (November 25-December 10, 2014) 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. The more is up to you and depends on your involvement! Follow @16DaysCampaign and @CWGL_Rutgers on Twitter and use the hashtags #16days and #GBVteachin to participate! [Source: CWGL Rutgers].

IV. Online publications/resources

[“Those terrible weeks in their camp”: Boko Haram violence against women and girls in Northeast Nigeria. Human Rights Watch, 2014](#): This report, based on field research, including interviews with victims and witnesses of abduction, documents the abduction of women and girls by Boko Haram, highlighting the harrowing experiences of some of the abducted women and girls. There remain many more women and girls in captivity whose stories have not yet been told. [Source: AWID].

[Ending child marriage: Progress and prospects. UNICEF, 2014](#): This report shows trends in child marriage over the past 30 years, and prospects for ending child marriage in the coming decades. [Source: AWID].

[Asylum seekers and refugees surviving on hold: Sexual violence disclosed to Rape Crisis Centres. Rape Crisis Network Ireland, 2014](#) (pdf): This report presents findings about asylum seeker and refugee survivors of sexual violence who were using RCC services in 2012, drawn from the RCNI statistical database and a qualitative questionnaire circulated to five RCCs who have a large clientele of asylum seekers and refugee survivors. [Source: RCNI].

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.

[Reconstructing masculinity? A qualitative evaluation of the Stepping Stones and Creating Futures interventions in urban informal settlements in South Africa. Gibbs A, Jewkes R, Sikweyiya Y and Willan S. Culture, Health & Sexuality: An International Journal for Research, Intervention and Care, ePub, 2014](#): Using a qualitative longitudinal cohort study of young men who participated in a gender transformative and livelihood strengthening intervention, as well as dyadic interviews with men's main female partners, the authors explore claims of working with men to reduce intimate partner violence and HIV-risk. [Source: SAMRC].

[Anxious attachment, social isolation, and indicators of sex drive and compulsivity: Predictors of child sexual abuse perpetration in adolescent males? Miner M.H, Swinburne Romine R, Robinson B.B, Berg D and Knight R.A. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2014](#): This study follows up on a previous study and further explored the association between insecure attachment

to parents, social isolation, and interpersonal adequacy to child sexual abuse perpetration in adolescents. [Source: NEARI Press].

[Feminism, masculinity and male rape: Bringing male rape 'out of the closet'. Javid A. J. *Gend. Stud*, ePub, 2014](#): This paper argues that, although feminist explanations of rape are robust and comprehensive, male victims of rape have largely been excluded from this field of research. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Identifying risk factors for PTSD in women seeking medical help after rape. Tiihonen Möller A, Bäckström T, Söndergaard H.P, Helström L. *PLoS One*, 9: e111136, 2014](#): This article analyses the PTSD prevalence six months after sexual assaults and identify the major risk factors for developing PTSD. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual abuse involving children with an intellectual disability \(ID\): A narrative review. Wissink I.B, Van Vugt E, Moonen X, Stams G.J, Hendriks J. *Res. Dev. Disabil*, 36C: 20-35, 2014](#): The current paper provides a narrative review of the literature on sexual abuse, involving children with Intellectual Disability (ID). [Source: SafetyLit].

[The importance of substance-related sexual victimization: impact on substance use and risk perception in female college students. Eshelman L.R, Messman-Moore T.L, Sheffer N. J. *Interpers. Violence*, ePub, 2014](#): This article attempts to determine what factors influence risk perception using a written vignette in which participants make a hypothetical decision to leave a potentially risky situation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Coordinated community efforts to respond to sexual assault: A national study of sexual assault response team implementation. Greeson M.R, Campbell R. J. *Interpers. Violence*, ePub, 2014](#): This study uses a multistep process to create the first sampling frame of sexual assault response team (SARTs) and then studied how SARTs are structured and function within a random sample. [Source: SafetyLit].

[One size fits all? Standardised provision of care for survivors of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict areas in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Loko Roka J, Van den Bergh R, Au S, De Plecker E, et al. *PLoS One*, 9: e111096, 2014](#): This article set out to compare the Médecins Sans Frontières sexual violence programmes in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in a zone of conflict (Masisi, North Kivu) and post-conflict (Niagara, Haut-Uélé). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Promoting resilience in children exposed to intimate partner violence through a developmentally informed intervention: A case study. Howell K.H, Miller L.E, Barnes S.E, Graham-Bermann S.A. *Clin. Case Stud*, ePub, 2014](#): This case study lends support for the use of group interventions with young children exposed to violence and also emphasizes the importance of assessing multiple domains of functioning, including resilient behaviours. [Source: SafetyLit].

VI. Events

[Beyond 16 Days: Why is violence against women such a stubborn problem? 6 November 2014, Johannesburg, South Africa.](#) Twenty three years after the international launch of the 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children campaign, violence against women stays a persistent problem in South Africa. This panel will discuss how far South Africa has come and what needs to be done differently. [Source: University of Johannesburg].

[Children think knowledge is bliss; mothers think ignorance is bliss: Undisclosed father identity in South Africa, VCRs, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, South Africa, 11 November 2014.](#) This presentation is based on four studies conducted in the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape provinces to better understand children with no connection and support from their fathers. RSVP by 10 November 2014. [Source: University of the Witwatersrand].

[International Conference on Violence against Women, 28 November 2014, Paris, France.](#) This conference offers a forum for discussion and knowledge-sharing between contributors from different professions, will raise public awareness, and call on governments as well as intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to address this violence against women worldwide. The conference is open to the public. RSVP to toinfo@ags.edu. [Source: AWID].

[Women peace negotiator's training program, 7 -10 December 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.](#) This programme is calling for applications from potential female candidates interested in peace negotiations, lawyers, mediators, human rights activist, youth leaders and advocacy campaigners, and to those who are interested to develop and share their knowledge and skills in the related field. Applications close: 20 November 2014. For further information please contact: peacestudies@arf-asia.org. [Source: AWID].

[Researching gender-based violence: Methods and meaning, 16-20 February 2014, London, UK.](#) For a third year, the Gender Violence and Health Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will offer this week-long course. This is a specialised course that aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical, policy- and service-relevant and action-oriented research on various forms of violence against women. Applications are now open online. [Source: AWID].

[One child, many hands: A multidisciplinary conference on child welfare, 10 – 12 June 2014, Philadelphia, USA.](#) This conference comprises of three days of learning, featuring compelling Keynote Speakers, cutting-edge Plenary Panels, a variety of Workshops presented by national and international experts, and two Networking Luncheons. Abstract submissions close: 15 December 2014. For questions or more information, please contact the University of Pennsylvania Field Center's executive director Debra Schilling Wolfe at: dwolfe@sp2.upenn.edu. [Source: Cornell University].

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

VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

Fellowship opportunity: Post-doctoral fellowship in traumatic stress research: The National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center (NCVC) in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is seeking applications for its NIMH-funded T-32 post-doctoral research training program, Basic & Translational Research Training in Traumatic Stress Across the Lifespan. This program is in its 27th year of funding. It is anticipated that a minimum of one fellow and up to three fellows will be selected for the 2015-2016 year. Applications close: 14 November 2014. For more information contact: danielso@musc.edu. [Source: Cornell University].

Funding opportunity: All Children Thriving. This call for proposals is for a new Grand Challenge: All Children Thriving. This new challenge focuses on new measurement tools and new combinations of approaches to ensure all children thrive – that they not only survive, but also have the chance to live healthy productive lives. The Call for Proposals opens on 4 November 2014. For more details on the topic of the RFP please download the full document at <http://www.mrc.ac.za/funding/GrandChallengeSA.pdf>. [Source: SAMRC].

VII. Vacancies

Director / Triangle Project / Cape Town, South Africa / Closing date: November 17, 2014. [Source: Triangle Project].

Program Associate for Advocacy & Communications / Women's Learning Partnership / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: December 31, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

International Programme Manager Democratic Governance / ActionAid / Global / Closing date: November 12, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Program Officer / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: November 24, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Senior Program Officer / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Regional Gender Advisors / UNICEF / Amman, Jordan; Dakar, Senegal; Kathmandu, Nepal; Panama City, Panama; Bangkok, Thailand; Istanbul, Turkey; and Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: November 19, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Senior Gender Advisor (INT0937) / Oxfam / Oxford (Oxfam House), United Kingdom / Closing date: November 6, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Communications Officer / International Women's Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: November 14, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Specialist](#) / Cuso International / Calabar, Nigeria / 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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