



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]

[Journal articles](#)

[Online publications and resources](#)

[Research opportunities, grants and funding](#)

[Advocacy and awareness-raising](#)

[News](#)

[Events](#)

[Vacancies](#)

I. 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.

[Sexual violence, mood disorders and suicide risk: a population-based study. Mondin T.C, Cardoso Tde A, Jansen K, Konradt C.E, Zaltron R.F, Behenck Mde O, Mattos L.D, Silva R.A. *Cien. Saude Colet.* 21\(3\): 853-860, 2016:](#) This article analyzes the association between sexual violence, manic and depressive episodes, and suicide risk among young adults. This cross-sectional population-based study carried out with young people between 18 and 24 years of age in a town in southern Brazil. [Source: Safetylit].

[A web-based pilot study of childhood sexual abuse, recent stressful events, and alcohol use in women. Sartor C. E, O'Malley S. S. *American journal on addictions, ePub, 2016:*](#) This study examines the associations between childhood sexual abuse, recent positive and negative stressful events, and women's alcohol consumption. [Source: Safetylit].

[Sexual harassment, psychological distress, and problematic drinking behaviour among college students: an examination of reciprocal causal relations. Wolff J.M, Rospenda K.M, Colaneri A.S. *Journal of sex research. ePub, 1-12, 2016:*](#) This study uses data from more than 2,000 college students in the Midwestern United States to examine reciprocal causal effects

of the relations between (a) experiencing sexual harassment and alcohol use and (b) experiencing sexual harassment and psychological distress symptoms, specifically depression and anger/hostility. [Source: Safetylit].

[Legal assessments of child victims of human trafficking for sexual purposes. Lindholm J, Cederborg A.C. Behavioral sciences and the law. ePub, 2016](#): This study investigates how Swedish district court judges' assessed child victims' credibility and the reliability of their testimony in cases of alleged human trafficking for sexual purposes.

[Creating opportunities through mentorship, parental involvement, and safe spaces \(COMPASS\) program: multi-country study protocol to protect girls from violence in humanitarian settings. Falb K.L, Tanner S, Ward L, Erksine D, Noble E, Assaznew A, Bakomere T, Graybill E, Lowry C, Mallinga P, Neiman A, Poulton C, Robinette K, Sommer M, Stark L. BMC Public Health.16\(1\): e231, 2016](#): The objectives of this multi-country study are to understand the feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness of COMPASS programming; and to prevent violence against adolescent girls in diverse humanitarian settings. [Source: Safetylit].

[Structural pathways between child abuse, poor mental health outcomes and male-perpetrated intimate partner violence. Machisa M.T, Christofides N, Jewkes R. PLoS One. 11\(3\), 2016](#): This study describes the relationship and pathways between history of child abuse exposure and male-perpetrated intimate partner violence while exploring the potentially mediating effect of poor mental health. [Source: Safetylit].

[Developing empirically informed policies for sexual assault kit DNA testing: is it too late to test kits beyond the statute of limitations? Campbell R, Pierce S.J, Sharma D.B, Feeney H, Fehler-Cabral G. 2016](#): This study uses a random sample of 700 previously untested sexual assault kits from Detroit, MI: 350 were presumed to be beyond the statute of limitations for prosecution (based on the date the SAK was collected), and 350 were still within the statute of limitations. All SAKs were submitted for DNA testing, and then we quantified and compared the forensic testing outcomes. [Source: ANROWS].

II. [Online publications and resources](#)

[Reframing men and boys in policy for gender equality: conceptual guidance and an agenda for change. Edström J, Shahrokh T. 2016](#) (pdf): This paper draws on learning from the EMERGE project to set out the case for a new conceptual framing of men and boys in policy for gender equality. It sets out why it is important to engage with men and boys in work on gender equality, critiques how men and boys are currently included (or not included) in existing policy framings, and presents some ideas on how framings of gender need to change. It then sets out an 'agenda for change' with recommendations to improve the design of both programmatic work and higher policy level strategies. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[Examination of the health outcomes of intimate partner violence against women: State of knowledge paper. Issue 3, 2016](#) (pdf): This paper systematically reviews evidence on the health outcomes for women in Australia experiencing intimate partner violence, noting that

causal pathways are complex and subject to a rapidly growing body of knowledge. It also describes current data sources on the prevalence of IPV and possible ways to address the gap in exposure data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. [Source: ANROWS].

[A safer campus: a guidebook on prevention and response to sexual & intimate partner violence & stalking for Ohio campuses, 2nd edition. Osmer S. 2016](#) (pdf): This updated edition of Ohio's a safer campus guidebook contributes to the global movement seeking to reduce and ultimately eliminate sexual violence, intimate partner violence and stalking (SIPVS). [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Practice brief: lessons in good practice from work with men and boys for gender equality. EMERGE, 2015](#) (pdf): This paper is useful for those designing and implementing projects, programmes and other initiatives to work with men and boys for gender equality, this practice brief addresses: how to focus or target an initiative with men and boys, designing successful initiatives, and challenges and future priorities. [Source: Men Engage Connect].

III. [Research opportunities, grants and funding](#)

[Call for contributions for an edited volume on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and Women: Theory and Practice](#). This volume intends to compile carefully selected research pieces on theory and practice of UNSC Resolution 1325 within the global discourse on intersection of gender and conflict. It particularly seeks case studies on the crucial gender related issues as emphasized in the resolution, particularly participation in peace process. Proposals of 800-1000 words together with a brief bio of no more than 500 words should be sent as a single word file to seeshekhawat@gmail.com. Deadline for Proposals: 20 April 2016. [Source: Men Engage Connect].

[Call for proposals: The United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women](#). The UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women is now accepting applications for its 20th grant cycle (2016) from civil society organizations and networks — including non-governmental, women's and community-based organizations and coalitions and operational research institutions — and government authorities at the national and local levels. Apply [online](#). Deadline for applications: 4 May 2016. [Source: UN Women].

[Funding opportunity: Evaluating practice-based sexual violence primary prevention approaches from CDC's Rape Prevention and Education \(RPE\) program](#). The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of primary prevention programs, policies, or practices implemented by Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) programs for sexual violence perpetration. Applications deadline: 23 May 2016. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

IV. [Advocacy and awareness-raising](#)

[Mobile technology application on Kenyan Sexual Offences Act \(2006\)](#): The Kenya Women and Children's Wellness Centre (KWCWC) created this mobile application in order to create awareness on Kenyan Sexual Offences Act (2006). This application is available for [Windows 10](#), [Windows Phone 8.1 and earlier](#) and [google store](#). [Source: KWCWC].

V. News

[Siri Now Understands Questions About Sexual Assault After Study Critiqued Automated Responses, ABC News, 30 March 2016](#): Siri received a much-needed update this month, just days after researchers noted that four popular smartphone digital assistants had lacklustre responses to questions about sexual assault and other personal emergencies, according to Apple.

[New UN-Arab League agreement aims to prevent conflict-related sexual violence, UN News Centre, 29 March 2016](#): The agreement was signed in Cairo, Egypt, by the UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Hawa Bangura, and Nabil el-Araby, Secretary-General of the League of the Arab States. The agreement is meant to form the foundation to mobilize political commitment and collaborate in combatting rape and other instances of conflict-related sexual violence, particularly in Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

[Freezing: a common response to sexual assault, Fosters.com, 27 March 2016](#): Most people are familiar with the brain's two most well-known trauma responses: "fight" and "flight." But there's a third reaction to trauma that often goes unmentioned, although it's an overwhelmingly common response, especially in cases of sexual assault and rape: the "freeze" response.

[Alternative to genital mutilation emerges for Kenya's Maasai girls, News week, 26 March 2016](#): Maasai and Samburu girls sing traditional songs during an alternative rite of passage ceremony in southern Kenya. The ceremony resembles the tribe's customary coming-of-age ritual— but without the horror of female circumcision.

[World leaders accused of backtracking on gender equality commitments, The Guardian, 24 March 2016](#): Claims that world leaders are backtracking on their commitment to end gender inequality have emerged on the final day of negotiations at the Commission on the Status of Women.

[UN welcomes ICC's first conviction for rape as war crime, UN news centre, 22 March 2016](#): Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today welcomed the judgement issued by the International Criminal Court in the case of former Congolese vice-president Jean-Pierre Bemba.

['Witchcraft' beliefs trigger attacks against people with albinism, UN expert warns. UN news centre, 22 March 2016](#): People with albinism are being hunted for witchcraft rituals, their body parts hacked off with machetes, and even having their graves desecrated, a United Nations expert warned in her first report to the UN Human Rights Council.

VI. Events

[Innovations to prevent gender-based violence: Building evidence for effective solutions, 12 April 2016, Washington, D.C. USA](#): The World Bank Group and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative is delighted to invite you in their development marketplace event, innovations to prevent gender-based violence: Building evidence for effective solutions. During the event

nine teams from around the world will be rewarded for the innovative work they lead on the prevention of GBV. Follow the event on Twitter with #GBVsolutions. [Source: World Bank].

[CODESRIA symposium on gender, 9-10 May 2016, Cairo, Egypt](#): The topic for this annual forum will be “Women’s Struggles Today”. Paying attention to African history to try and understand, beyond silences and omissions, women’s struggles to bring key contributions to the development and emancipation of their societies. Register by: 25 March 2016. [Source: The Drum Beat].

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

VII. Vacancies

[Executive Director](#) / OneVillage Partners / Minneapolis, USA / Closing date: 04 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Associate](#) / UN Women / Dhaka, Bangladesh / Closing date: 06 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Researcher: Family Law Reform to Challenge Gender-Based Violence](#) / Women’s Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace / Global / Closing date: 10 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Manager, Feminist Movement Building](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 10 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Executive Assistant](#) / OutRight Action International / New York, USA / Closing date: 12 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender and fragility/conflict Advisor](#) / Oxfam / London, UK / Closing date: 15 April 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Advisor and Program Manager](#) / Mercy Corps / Niamey, Niger / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Global Partnership Intern](#) / Astraea / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Digital Communications Associate](#) / Global Health Corps / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[External Communications Associate](#) / Global Health Corps / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer, Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights/ Boston, MA, USA/ Closing Date: Open until filled. [Source: Phrusa].

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

To unsubscribe from the list, email svri@mrc.ac.za

Join us on social media:



Please circulate these resources widely.