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 Online Survey

The SVRI is taking stock and planning for the future. We would be delighted if you could complete a short survey to help us evaluate the SVRI.

Through this survey, we are seeking your thoughts on what you think the SVRI does well, where we can improve and how we can better promote and build capacity for research on sexual and other forms of violence against women and children in low and middle income countries.

The survey contains 39 questions - most are tick box answers, some are open ended. The survey should take between 20-25 minutes to complete. Please access the online survey here or copy this link into your browser: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJL7QS.

II. 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.

Cost and cost-effectiveness analysis of a community mobilisation intervention to reduce intimate partner violence in Kampala, Uganda. Michaels-Igbokwe C, Abramsky T, Devries K, Michau L, Musuya T, Watts C. BMC Public Health. 16:196, 1-10, 2016: This study provides a cost and cost effectiveness
analysis of SASA!, a community mobilisation intervention to change social norms and prevent intimate partner violence. [Source: BMC Public Health].

Sex offending and the transition from adolescence to adulthood: a cross-lagged analysis of general offending and sexual assault in college males. Walters G.D. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub. 2016: This determines the direction of the general offending-sexual assault relationship in young males transitioning from late adolescence to early adulthood. [Source: Safetylit].

Sexual assault victimization among straight, gay/lesbian, and bisexual college students. Ford J, Soto-Marquez J.G. Violence and gender. 3, 1-9, 2016: This study investigates the prevalence of sexual assault and its associated factors for straight, bisexual, and gay individuals. [Source: Liebert Connect].

Child sexual abuse: raising awareness and empathy is essential to promote new public health responses. Mathews B, Collin-Vézina D.J. Public Health Policy. ePub. 2016: This study uses an ecological model comprising individual, institutional, and societal dimensions, in proposing that two preconditions for international progress are the enhancement of awareness of child sexual abuse, and of empathic responses towards its victims. [Source: Safetylit].

A qualitative study of violence against women after the recent disasters of Iran. Sohrabizadeh S. Prehosp. Disaster Med. ePub, 2016: This qualitative study explores the types of violence against women and girls after the recent quakes and floods in Iran. [Source: Safetylit].

Latin American and Caribbean countries' baseline clinical and policy guidelines for responding to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women. Stewart D.E, Aviles R, Guedes A, Riazantseva E, MacMillan H. BMC Public Health. 15: 665, 2015: This study determines the 2013 baseline national policies and clinical guidelines on intimate partner violence and sexual violence within the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region to identify strengths and gaps requiring action. [Source: BMC Public Health].

III. Online publications and resources

Childhood experience of abuse in Kajiado county-Kenya: findings from a cross-sectional survey. Ajema, C. Muraya K. Karuga R. Kiruki M. 2016 (Pdf): This study determines the pattern of abuse among a sample of primary school children in Kajiado County, in order to develop a school based prevention intervention. [Source: LVCT Health].

Self-learning booklet: Understanding masculinities and violence against women and girls. UN Women Training Centre. 2016 (Pdf): This booklet provides a basic introduction to core concepts of masculinities and to the key issues they raise in relation to addressing the links between gender, power and violence against girls and women. [UN Women].

Establishing the connection–Interventions linking service responses for sexual assault with drug or alcohol use/abuse: Final report. ANROWS. 2016 (Pdf): Findings from this report informed the development of practice guidelines to assist service providers with the identification, assessment, response and referral of individuals and families affected by co-occurring sexual abuse victimisation and substance use issues. [Source: Sexual Violence Research at AIFS].

Social work with sex offenders making a difference. Cowburn M, Myers S. Social work in practice series. 2016: This topical book explores social work practice with people who have sexually offended. It addresses the emotional impacts of ‘facing the sex offender’, the importance of values
and ethics in practice, it reviews popular and academic understandings of sex offenders and sex crimes. It engages with current practice issues, including assessment and interventions, working in an inter-professional context and supporting workers. [Source: Malcolm].

**Women and girls at risk of female genital mutilation/cutting in the United States. Mather M, Feldman-Jacobs C. 2016:** Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C), involving partial or total removal of the external genitals of girls and women for religious, cultural, or other nonmedical reasons, has devastating immediate and long-term health and social effects, especially related to childbirth. The report explores the risks FMG in the United States of America. [Source: WUNRN].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

**Gender Summit 9 Europe Call for abstracts: Gender-based research, innovation and development for sustainable economies and societal wellbeing:** The Gender Summit is a platform for evidence-based and consensus-led dialogue between scientists, policy makers, gender scholars, and key stakeholder groups in science endeavours. The 2016 Gender Summit Europe coincides with important policy developments in Europe and globally that look towards science knowledge and technological innovation to create a better future for all. View more information on abstracts guidelines and themes [online]. Deadline for application: 01 July 2016. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

**Blog: Tanzania to integrate violence prevention for women and girls, 30 May 2016:** The government of Tanzania has decided, with technical support from UNICEF, to create a different holistic and rights based option: they will integrate separate efforts on violence affecting women and violence affecting children into one programme. For further information, read the blog [online]. [Source: UNICEF].

**Blog: Integrating sexual violence prevention into comprehensive sexual health education-3 recommendations, 16 November 2015:** Sexual violence cases on campuses have left many people wondering if education about sexual violence prevention shouldn’t start younger, perhaps much younger. What role can sexual health education in middle and high schools play in this effort? Read the blog [online]. [Source: ETR].

VI. News

**Côte d’Ivoire: UN envoy welcomes progress made in addressing sexual violence crimes, UN News, 31 May 2016:** Concluding a three-day visit to Côte d’Ivoire, the United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict has welcomed progress made thus far by the Government, and in particular by the national armed forces, in addressing sexual violence crimes in the country.

**'A crime scene of unspeakable horror': child sex abuse and the internet, The guardian, 31 May 2016:** Child sexual abuse is a global crime that transcends borders, and demands a global response. The WePROTECT Global Alliance to end online child sexual exploitation is that response.

**The World Health Assembly endorses the global plan of action on violence against women and girls, and also against children, WHO, 27 May 2016:** Member States of the WHO adopt the “Global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls and against children” at the 69th World Health Assembly.
It is vital to account for this triple role and the basic impact of armed conflict on women so as to be able to sensitize humanitarian aid and post-conflict reconstruction approaches.

British Muslim women face ‘double bind’ of gender and religious discrimination-report warns, Independent, 26 May 2016: Muslim women are experiencing a ‘double-bind’ of religious and gender discrimination which sees them subjected to abuse and harassment in the workplace, online and in public life, new research has warned.

Celebrating effort towards ending FGM in Africa and beyond, Citizen Digital, 25 May 2016: African day celebrations were based on African countries that have passed laws banning FGM as required by the Maputo Protocol, as well as individuals and communities who are on the forefront campaigning against FGM, in spite of threats to their security and discrimination against them.

VII. Events

Human rights & human trafficking seminar, 07 June 2016, Minnesota, USA: This seminar will discuss human trafficking as a human rights issue with an overview of the laws and responses to sex and labour trafficking; applying legal ethical standards to human trafficking education and advocacy; human trafficking screening and relief for immigration attorneys; and global monitoring, reporting, and prevention. Register online. [Source: The Advocates for Human Rights].

Gender 360 Summit: Engaging adolescent girls and boys in achieving gender equality and combating gender-based violence. 15-16 June 2016, Washington, D.C., USA: This summit will spotlight important development issues affecting adolescent girls and boys. Speakers from around the world - including adolescent girls and boys, youth activists and development experts - will convene to support adolescents’ empowerment and leadership, addressing core obstacles such as gender-based violence and coming up with tangible solutions to help advance gender equality.

For more events visit: http://www_svri.org/event-calendar

VIII. Vacancies

Program Officer for Gender, Monitoring and Evaluation / National Democratic Institute / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 03 June 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Associate Strategy Officer / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: 03 June 2016. [Source: Open Society Foundation].

Policy Development and Advocacy Coordinator / Sonke Gender Justice / Cape Town, South Africa / Closing date: 03 June 2016 [Source: Sonke Gender Justice].

Contract Administration Position / International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society / Lima, Peru / Closing date: 06 June 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Research Officer Gender Equality / Pacific Community / Suva, Fiji / Closing date: 26 June 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Senior Programme Manager / Shiva Foundation / London, UK / Closing date: 26 June 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].
Legal Assistant for U.S. Legal Program / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: 23 July 2016. [Source: CRR].

Advocacy and Partnership Coordinator / CARE / Lilongwe, Malawi / Closing date: Open until filled [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

Women’s Protection and Empowerment Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Jordan / Closing date: Open until filled [Source: IRC].

Program and Administrative Assistant / Hollaback! / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled [Source: PreventConnect].

Gender Advisor / Jhpiego / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: Open until filled [Source: Jhpiego].

Team Leader / Pact / Somalia / Closing date: 19 June 2016. [Source: Development Aid].

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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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