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[Calling for action on violence against women: is anyone listening? Garcia-Moreno C, Zimmerman C, Watts C. Lancet. 389\(10068\), 486-488, 2017](#): In this commentary, the authors call for a world without violence into a reality for all women, their families, and for their daughters. [Source: WHO].

[The intersection of interpersonal and self-directed violence among general adult, college student and sexually diverse samples. Cramer R.J, Desmarais S.L, Johnson K.L, Gemberling T.M, Nobles M.R, Holley S.R, Wright S, Van Dorn R. Int. J. Soc. Psychiatry. 63\(1\), 78-85, 2017](#): This article identifies the frequency and overlap of suicide and interpersonal violence as well as characteristics differentiating subgroups of violence-related experiences. [Source: Safetylit].

[Intimate partner violence screening and the comparative effects of screening mode on disclosure of sensitive health behaviours and exposures in clinical settings. Frazier T, Yount K.M. Public Health.](#)

[143, 52-59, 2017](#): This research determines whether mode of screening influenced disclosure of intimate partner violence in patterns similar to other forms of sensitive information. [Source: Safetylit].

[Meet us on the phone: mobile phone programs for adolescent sexual and reproductive health in low-to-middle income countries. Ippoliti N.B, and 'Engle K.L. Reproductive Health. 14:11, 2017](#): This study assesses the extent to which programs leveraged mobile phones to improve youth sexual and reproductive health in low to middle income countries. [Source: BioMed Central].

[Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in settings affected by armed conflicts in Africa, Asia and the Middle East: systematic review. McAlpine A, Hossain M, Zimmerman C. BMC International Health and Human Rights. 16:34, 2016](#): In this study, the authors conducted a systematic search of ten databases and extensive grey literature to gather evidence of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in conflict-affected settings. [Source: BMC International Health and Human Rights].

[Intimate partner violence related stress and the coping experiences of survivors: "There's only so much a person can handle". Rizo C.F. J. Fam. Violence. 31\(5\), 581-593, 2016](#): This study seek to understand the contextual complexity of intimate partner violence as a stressor, determine if intimate partner violence is a unique stressor, and document survivors' coping experiences. [Source: Safetylit].

## II. Online publications and resources

[Entertainment-education and child marriage a scoping study for Girls Not Brides. Bouman M, Lubjuhn S, Hollemans H. Center for Media & Health. 2017](#): This report looks at the opportunities and challenges of entertainment-education as a way to address child marriage. [Source: Girls Not Brides].

[Female genital mutilation/cutting and violence against women and girls: Strengthening the policy linkages between different forms of violence. UN Women. 2017](#): This paper explores legislative, policy and programming inter-linkages and considers entry points for increased coordination and collaboration to advance the objectives of ending both female genital mutilation/cutting and violence against women and girls. [Source: UN Women].

[Religion and sexuality: A report on faith-based responses to children's comprehensive sexuality education and information. Save The Children. 2016](#): This report explores the role of African faith-leaders in providing comprehensive sexuality education and information, specifically the extent of their current and potential involvement, and how their involvement can be enhanced. [Source: Save The Children].

[Scaling up normative change interventions for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health: Literature review findings and recommendations. Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University and Save the Children for the U.S. Agency for International Development. 2016](#): This document aims to advance knowledge and increase utilisation of evidence about normative change at scale by reviewing and describing interventions that address normative change that have or are being scaled up. [Source: Georgetown University].

## III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: Jacobs Foundation - Global fellowship program for research on child and youth development](#): This is a globally competitive fellowship program for early and mid-career

researchers aiming at improving the development and living conditions of children and youth or contributing to one of the Jacobs Foundation's thematic priorities. Closing date: 31 March 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Call for papers: Sexual and reproductive health and rights \(SRHR\) in humanitarian crises](#): You are invited to submit articles that offer new insights and evidence to contribute to the global knowledge base regarding SRHR in humanitarian crises, particularly in relation to the heightened risk and vulnerability, intervention and responses, and legal and policy issues. Closing date: 1 May 2017. [Source: AWID Resources].

#### IV. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog post: Research on child marriage in 2016: what did we learn? 09 February 2017](#): 2016 was a big year for research on child marriage. New data and analysis emerged, building our understanding of child marriage, its drivers and impact, as well as what it will take to end it. This [blog](#) highlights lessons learned in 2016.

#### V. News

[St Valentine's Day - Celebrating healthy relationships; challenging violence, IPS News, 14 February 2017](#): Whilst a chance to celebrate the spectrum of healthy loving relationships; it is also an important opportunity to highlight a crisis affecting women and girls in every corner of the world – 30% of women will experience physical or sexual violence perpetrated by a current or former partner or husband.

[Trump's 'global gag rule' could endanger millions of women and children, Bill and Melinda Gates warn, The Guardian, 14 February 2017](#): The “global gag rule” imposed by Donald Trump, blocking US funds to any organisation involved in abortion advice and care overseas, could impact millions of women and girls, endangering their lives and those of their babies, Bill and Melinda Gates have warned.

[New mandate for LGBTI rights at the UN, IPS News, 10 February 2017](#): Muntarbhorn, an international law Professor at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University, has the mission of helping protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people (LGBTI), who are victims of violence, hatred and discrimination in many countries.

[Despite a new law, China is failing survivors of domestic violence, The Washington Post, 7 February 2017](#): A key provision of China's anti-domestic violence law, a promise to issue restraining orders, is not being properly implemented, putting women at risk and blunting the force of legislation touted as a cornerstone of President Xi Jinping's social policy.

[Committee on the Rights of the Child examines the report of the Central African Republic, Relief Web, 20 January 2017](#): On 20 January 2017, The Committee on the Rights of the Child considered the second periodic report of the Central African Republic on its implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

#### VI. Events

[Methodological challenges of researching religion in marginalised development contexts, 24 February 2017: England, UK](#): During this event, participants will explore the various challenges researching religion in marginalised communities. [Source: JLI].

[Webinar: Corporate power and women's economic justice, 28 February 2017](#): In co-organizing this webinar AWID and the Gender and Development Network (GADN) aim to reclaim the debate around women's economic justice from a human rights and feminist perspective and identify common advocacy messages which can be taken to CSW61 and beyond. [Source: AWID resources].

[10th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry, 26-28 October 2017, Dublin, Ireland](#): This conference will focus strongly on clinically relevant and practically useful interdisciplinary scientific and practical knowledge with regard to interventions aimed at treating and reducing violence and aggression. Call for abstracts open and closes 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 [Source: Oud Consultancy].

## VII. Vacancies

[National UN Volunteer Coordinator](#) / UN Women Afghanistan Country Office / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 18 February 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Advocacy Programme Officer](#) / The Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights / Africa / Closing date: 21 February 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Vice President for Advocacy and Communications](#) / Promundo / Washington, DC, USA / Closing date: 27 February 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Freelance police trainer](#) / consultancy contract / Medica Mondiale / Dohuk, Iraq / Closing date: 28 February 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Grant Writing Manager](#) / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco, California / Closing date: 1 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications Intern](#) / UNDP / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 2 March 2017. [Source: UNDP].

[United Nations Program Officer](#) / OutRight Action International / New York, USA / Closing date: 3 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Country Manager Nigeria](#) / International Alert / Abuja, Nigeria / Closing date: 10 March 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Public Awareness and Communications Advisor, Gender-Based Violence](#) / Cuso International Peru / Peru / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[RSA Country Manager](#) / safe2choose / South Africa / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews]

[Development Writer](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews]

[Gender Advisor](#) / Asociación de Productores y Exportadores de Nicaragua / Managua, Nicaragua / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews]

[Trainer/Facilitator, Gender-Based Violence](#) / Movimiento Manuela Ramos / Peru / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews]

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Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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