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]

I. Call for Evidence: Global review of participatory SV consultation/ research addressing involving children and young people

We are working in partnership with The International Centre (IC): researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking in undertaking an international review of evidence relating to participatory methodologies used in research and consultation relating to sexual violence involving children and young people. We are therefore seeking your assistance and would be grateful if you could forward us information about documents and/or related materials on participatory work with children and young people in research or consultation on sexual violence (or related subjects). To share examples of work or if you have any further questions about this work, please contact: Dr Silvie Bovarnick/ Silvie.bovarnick@beds.ac.uk. Deadline: 30 April 2017.

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.

Gender role and gender as predictors of behaviour problems in children exposed to intimate partner violence. Smagur K.E, Bogat G.A, Levendosky A.A. J. Fam. Violence. 32(2), 157-168, 2017: This study examines whether gender role interacts with gender to predict behaviour problems in children exposed to intimate partner violence. [Source: Safetylit].

III. Online publications and resources

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VIII. Vacancies
Assessing the association between observed school disorganization and school violence: Implications for school climate interventions. Lindstrom Johnson S, Waasdorp T.E, Cash A.H, Debnam K.J, Milam A.J, Bradshaw C.P. Psychol. Violence. 7(2), 181-191, 2017: This study explores how observed features of the school physical and social environment relate to students' perceptions of school climate and how these in turn were associated with students' involvement in violence. [Source: Safetylit].

Disclosure bias for group versus individual reporting of violence amongst conflict-affected adolescent girls in DRC and Ethiopia. Stark L, Sommer M, Davis K, Asghar K, Assazenew Baysa A, Abdela G, Tanner S, Falb K. PLoS One. 12(4), 2017: Methodologies to measure gender-based violence (GBV) have received inadequate attention, especially in humanitarian contexts where vulnerabilities to violence are exacerbated. This paper compares the results from individual audio computer-assisted self-administered (ACASI) survey interviews with results from participatory social mapping activities, employed with the same sample in two different post-conflict contexts. [Source: PubMed].


Meeting the reproductive health needs of female key populations affected by HIV in low- and middle-income countries: A review of the evidence. Ippoliti N.B, Nanda G, Wilcher R. Stud Fam Plann. ePUB, 2017: This study examines the existing data regarding family planning and reproductive health needs of female key populations, the underlying determinants of these populations' vulnerability to poor reproductive health outcomes, and the obstacles they face in accessing high-quality reproductive health services. [Source: PubMed].


III. Online publications and resources

Understanding the linkages between social safety nets and childhood violence: A review of the evidence from low- and middle-income countries. Peterman A, Neijholt N, Cook S, Palermo T. Health Policy and Planning, 2017: This paper reviews evidence and develops a framework to understand linkages between non-contributory social safety nets and the experience of childhood emotional, physical and sexual violence in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research].

The right to protection: Ending violence against children. SOS Children’s Villages, 2017: This report exposes prevalence of violence against children and describes effective projects around world to reduce and prevent it. [Source: Relief Web].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding
Call for applications: SASA! Start course: Raising Voices and CEDOVIP are pleased to announce a new course to introduce, and prepare organizations for implementing, SASA! The Start phase course will take place in Kampala from June 5th – 9th, 2017. The course will explore ways to mobilize communities to prevent violence against women and HIV. Application deadline: 5 May 2017. [Source: Raising Voices].

Call for nominations: 2017 global freedom exchange program for anti-trafficking women leaders: Vital Voices Global Partnership, Hilton Worldwide, and Heineken welcome submissions for participants in an upcoming leadership development and networking program, the Global Freedom Exchange Program for Anti-Trafficking Leaders. In an effort to support women leaders in their work to combat human trafficking and enable them to realize their full leadership potential, the Global Freedom Exchange (GFE) invests in, mentors, and strengthens the capacity of women leaders on the forefront of global efforts to prevent and respond to sex trafficking. Deadline: 19 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

V. News

Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence, Relief Web, 26 April 2017: Many refugee and asylum-seeker women and girls have been exposed to gender-based violence taking the form of coercion, forced prostitution, harassment, survival sex, sexual slavery or various forms of extortions. However, “their protection from violence has not been considered a priority in the management of the refugee crisis”, said the Assembly. According to parliamentarians, “the gender dimension of the refugee crisis has been largely overlooked”.

Afghanistan launches national action plan to end child marriage, Girls Not Brides, 19 April 2017: The Afghan government took a concrete step towards addressing child marriage a week ago by launching a “National Action Plan to Eliminate Early and Child Marriage”. This is an encouraging development in a country where 33% of girls are married before the age of 18.

The global epidemic of violence against children, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 7 April 2017: The images from the recent gas attack in Syria, where over 80 people, including babies in diapers, can be seen painfully gasping for air before dying, are heartbreaking. These are a graphic illustration of our collective failure to protect children from cruel and inhuman treatment.

VI. Advocacy and awareness raising

Podcast: Protection of humanitarian action series – Duty of care and sexual violence: Aid workers, overwhelmingly women, are coming forward with reports of sexual assaults, harassment, and discrimination – perpetrated not only by armed actors, but by their colleagues in the humanitarian sector – prompting a sector-wide re-evaluation of how to prevent such assaults and better support victims, and efforts to improve organizational response and prevention strategies. In this podcast, experts and practitioners discuss about the duty of care for humanitarian organizations, and the challenges of implementing it in practice. [Source: Report the Abuse].

VII. Events

Webinar: ‘preparing for SASA!’, 2 May 2017: Raising Voices and CEDOVIP are pleased to announce a new course and webinar to introduce, and prepare organizations for implementing, SASA! This webinar will introduce the four core principles of SASA! provide information on the practicalities of implementing, and give suggestions on how to budget and write proposals for SASA! programming.
The webinar will take place on May 2nd, 2017 at 3pm, East African time. To sign up for the webinar please email your name, name of your organization, position held and contact details to learningcenter@raisingvoices.org.

**Webinar: The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) 2010-2012 State Report: Implications for Prevention, 17 May 2017:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a report from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) that includes national and state-level findings from data collected from 2010-2012 on sexual violence, intimate partner violence and stalking. In the web conference, CDC will describe the findings of the report. We will then explore the implications for prevention of domestic violence and sexual violence. [Source: Prevent Connect].

**Webinar: Healthy masculinities - Mobilizing men and boys to foster positive gender norms, 31 May 2017:** This web conference will explore strategies to mobilize men and boys in prevention, referencing the evidence base and on-the-ground work including Coaching Boys Into Men and other innovative community efforts. [Source: Prevent Connect].

**AGORA – EU young feminist summer school, 7-11 September 2017, Brussels:** AGORA brings together young feminists from across Europe to empower them to act and lead in a changing world. Through a 5-day participatory summer school, they create a space where young self-identified women (18-30) will have a chance to reflect, exchange ideas, and support each other to become confident feminist leaders and activists, and strengthen their knowledge and skills to advocate for women’s rights and gender equality. Deadline for applications: 9 May 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

**Public Health Science: A National Conference Dedicated to New Research in UK Public Health, 24 November 2017, London, UK:** Austerity has had a range of impacts on the determinants of the health of the public. In these challenging times, public health research can help identify where the greatest population health needs lie, provide innovative solutions to problems, determine how best to allocate resources in cost-effective ways, and independently evaluate the effect of policy changes on health. This conference brings together academics, practitioners, and policy makers to discuss these issues, hear about cutting-edge public health science, and reflect on what it means for public health practice, policy, and commissioning health services. Deadline for abstract submission: 19 June 2017. [Source: The Lancet].

For more events visit: [http://www.svri.org/event-calendar](http://www.svri.org/event-calendar)

**VIII. Vacancies**

**Programme Associate** / WILPF PeaceWomen / New York, USA / Closing date: 1 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**Media Associate** / Nobel Women’s Initiative / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 1 May 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

**Health System Strengthening** / UNOPS / Yangon, Myanmar / Closing date: 4 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

**Social Policy Officer** / UNICEF / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: 5 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

**Chief, Child Protection** / UNICEF / Florence, Italy / Closing date: 8 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].
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 increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website www.svri.org or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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