



Dear SVRI List Members

The SVRI team is back from Brazil. #SVRIForum2017 was great. Help us learn what went well and what could be improved by completing SVRI Forum 2017 online [evaluation form](#). We look forward to seeing you all at the #SVRIForum2019 in Cape Town, South Africa, 16-19 September 2019.

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- I. [Gentle Reminder: The call for proposals for the SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Awards closes on 6 October 2017!](#)

The SVRI and World Bank group are seeking proposals for innovative research and interventions or related activities that will contribute to the prevention and response of GBV in low and middle-income countries. Applications for the SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace Awards must be submitted [online](#) by 6 October 2017 at 11:59:59pm South African Standard Time (4:59:59pm EST). Late applications will not be accepted.

View more information [online](#)

- II. [SVRI Member's Request](#)

Humanitarian organisations' response to conflict-related sexual violence against men and boys

Ms Catherine Akurut, a PHD Candidate at the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) supervised by prof Lyn Snodgrass, invites you to participate in her research. She is required to get your permission to

ensure NMU ethics compliance. The study aims to investigate the needs required by the humanitarian organisation to rehabilitate male victims of sexual violence in conflict-affected zones.

If you are interested in participating, or if you would like to know more, please contact Catherine, at: cathakurut@gmail.com

III. New SVRI Publications and Reports

[Assessing SAFE's effectiveness in reducing violence against slum dwelling women in Bangladesh.](#)

[SVRI, ICDDRDB, 2017](#): This report summarizes findings of the study conducted by ICDDRDB in investigating various interventions to reduce spousal violence in Dhaka's slums.

IV. 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.

[Can a parenting intervention to prevent early conduct problems interrupt girls' risk for intimate partner violence 10 years later? Ehrensaft M.K, Westfall H.K, Niolon P.H, Lopez T, Kamboukos D, Huang KY, Brotman LM. Prev. Sci. ePub, 2017](#): In this study, authors test whether a parenting intervention for families of pre-schoolers at risk for conduct problems can prevent later risk for intimate partner violence. [Source: Safetylit].

["If he could speak, he would be able to point out who does those things to him": Experiences of violence and access to child protection among children with disabilities in Uganda and Malawi. Banks L.M, Kelly S.A, Kyegombe N, Kuper H, Devries K. PLoS One. 12\(9\), e0183736, 2017](#): This study provides a better understanding of children with disabilities' experiences of violence and their access to available child protection mechanisms in low resource settings. [Source: Safetylit].

[Preventing gender-based violence victimization in adolescent girls in lower-income countries: Systematic review of reviews. Yount K.M, Krause K.H, Miedema S.S. Soc Sci Med. 192, 1-13, 2017](#): This article synthesizes evidence on the impact of interventions to prevent violence against adolescent girls and young women between the ages of 10-24 years in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: PubMed].

[A review of factors affecting the transfer of sexual and reproductive health training into practice in low and lower-middle income country humanitarian settings. Beek K, Dawson A, Whelan A. Confl Health. ePub, 2017](#): This article identifies factors which contribute to health workers' capacity to transfer sexual and reproductive health knowledge, skills and attitudes learned in training into practice in humanitarian settings. [Source: PubMed].

[Forensic science and the right to access to justice: testing the efficacy of self-examination intimate DNA swabs to enhance victim-centred responses to sexual violence in low-resource environments. Smith L.L, Wetton J.H, Lall G.K.M, Flowe H.D, Jobling M.A. Sci. Justice. 57\(5\), 331-335, 2017](#): This paper reports the results of a proof-of-concept study testing the efficacy of a novel self-examination intimate swab designed for recovering DNA following unprotected sexual intercourse. [Source: Safetylit].

[Child sexual abuse prevention opportunities: parenting, programs, and the reduction of risk.](#)

[Rudolph J, Zimmer-Gembeck M.J, Shanley D.C, Hawkins R. Child Maltreat. ePub, 2017](#): This article describes approaches to prevention that may better inform and involve parents and other adult protectors in preventing child sexual abuse. [Safetylit].

V. Online Publications and Resources

[‘I know I cannot quit.’ The prevalence and productivity cost of sexual harassment to the Cambodian garment industry. CARE International, 2017](#): This technical report provides a detailed examination of the prevalence and cost of sexual harassment in the Cambodian garment industry. A [summary](#) and [fact sheet](#) are also available, as are [accessible versions](#) of all documents. [Source: CARE Australia].

[Ending violence in childhood. Global report 2017. Know Violence in Childhood, 2017](#): This report highlights how experiences from across the world provide numerous examples of effective and promising efforts by governments, communities and organizations to prevent violence in the settings where it is experienced by children. [Source: The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children].

[State of the world’s fathers: Time for action. Heilman B, Levtov R, Van der Gaag N, Hassink A, Barker G. Washington, DC: Promundo, Sonke Gender Justice, Save the Children, and MenEngage Alliance, 2017](#): This report builds the evidence base for what we know to be true in many countries around the world: that when fathers have the opportunity and the support to do so, they can contribute in a meaningful way to their children's lives and to a more gender equal world. [Source: Promundo].

[Adolescent dating violence in Brazil and Honduras. Inter-American Development Bank, Promundo, 2017](#): This study highlights that adolescents generally recognize physical violence in their relationships, but rarely identify or problematize controlling behaviours that were pervasive throughout the research. Strategies for programs and research are offered based on the results. [Source: Promundo].

[The impact of the call to action on protection from gender-based violence in emergencies. International Rescue Committee, 2017](#): Four years on since the launch of the Call to Action, this review aims to understand its impact on mobilising resources, attention and programming to better prevent and respond to gender based violence. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

[Call for papers: Social Media and Violence](#): The Journal of Violence and Gender is seeking high quality review articles and original articles related to social media and violence. For any queries related to the call, please contact [Karen Cloud-Hansen](#). Closing date: 30 September 2017. [Source: Gender and Violence].

[Call for submissions: The write to end violence against women awards in Scotland](#): This award seeks to drive up standards in journalism by rewarding those committed to furthering the cause of gender equality through their work. It is open to all those writing in Scotland, and there are [categories](#) open to both paid and unpaid writing. View details on how to enter [online](#). Closing date: 1 October 2017. [Source: AVA Newsletter].

VII. Advocacy and Awareness Raising

[Tested VAW prevention interventions: adapt or tear apart? 28 September 2017](#): Over the years, several innovations have been developed and tested to address violence against women (VAW) and girls. In this blog, the author shares lessons learned from others during the SVRI Forum 2017 in adapting already tested VAW interventions fully or partially.

[Blog: Children's voice in Sexual Violence Research and Programming: For how long will they remain silent? 20 September 2017](#): Nearly 1 in 5 girls (approximately 20%) are sexually abused at least once in their life globally. In this blog, the authors emphasize the importance of involving children in sexual violence research and intervention programmes.

[Blog: Partnership for Policy Action – SVRI Forum 2017 officially opens in Rio, Brazil, 20 September 2017](#): The Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum 2017 was officially declared open on 18th September 2017 at Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel in the beauty city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This blog highlights the key messages captured by the writer during the opening and welcome event.

VIII. News

[Almost 75% of all children are subjected to violence each year, research finds, The Guardian, 26 September 2017](#): Leaders are urged to break the silence around childhood violence as report reveals every year 1.7 billion children across rich and poor countries experience abuse.

[Apple's iOS 11 emergency services update a 'step forward' for women, but charities warn of potential dangers, Huffington Post, 21 September 2017](#): Women's charities have praised the new iPhone update as a "positive step forward" in ending violence against women, but warned that if used in certain circumstances, the service may put vulnerable women in greater danger.

[Gender-based Violence: A neglected barrier to women's engagement in HIV services. Population Council News, 15 September 2017](#): Julie Pulerwitz and Ellen Weiss wrote this news bulletin few days before SVRI Forum 2017 emphasizing that policymakers and donors must recognize the additional role gender based violence plays as a barrier to women's engagement in critical HIV services, and support efforts to stop violence and mitigate its damaging effects on women and girls.

IX. Events

[Walk to end FGM, 21 October 2017, Washington DC, USA](#): The Global Women P.E.A.C.E. Foundation invites you to the five km walk to help empower women and girls through education to eradicate gender based violence, with primary focus on female genital mutilation/cutting. [Source: WUNRN].

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

X. Vacancies

[Campaigner](#) / ActionAid / Flexible / Closing date: 29 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Monitoring and Evaluation – Consultant](#) / The Womanity Foundation / Flexible / Closing date: 30 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Marketing and Social Media Outreach Manager](#) / The Womanity Foundation / Flexible / Closing date: 30 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Advocacy and Research Officer](#) / Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa / Kampala, Uganda / Closing date: 30 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Coordination Officer](#) / UNDP / New York, USA / Closing date: 3 October 2017. [Source: UNDP].

[Reporting Officer](#) / UNDP / New York, USA / Closing date: 4 October 2017. [Source: UNDP].

[Anti-Trafficking Programme Intern](#) / Shiva Foundation / London, UK / Closing date: 8 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications Manager](#) / Womankind / London, UK / Closing date: 9 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Manager - Women's Human Rights](#) / Amnesty International UK / London, UK / Closing date: 9 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Peacebuilding Portfolio Manager](#) / International Alert / Bukavu, DRC / Closing date: 9 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Technical Advisor Gender Program Design and Resource Mobilization](#) / CARE USA / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: CARE USA].

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.

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.

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