



Dear SVRI List Members

Every week we search the web, online news, other updates for interesting research, resources and happenings related to violence against women and other forms of violence stemming from and driving gender inequality in low and middle-income countries so you don't have to.... here's what we found....

Today's SVRI Update includes the following:  
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[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.***

[A qualitative analysis of psychosocial adaptation and outcomes among women with sexual violence-related pregnancies in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Scott J, Mullen C, Rouhani S, Kuwert P, Greiner A, Albutt K, Onyango M, Burkhardt G, Van Rooyen M, Bartels S.A. International Journal of Mental Health Systems. 1-10, 11\(64\), 2017:](#) This study describes psychosocial outcomes among women with sexual violence-related pregnancies in order to inform future interventions. [Source: Queen's University].

[Supporting better evidence generation and use within social innovation in health in low- and middle-income countries: A qualitative study. Ballard M, Tran J, Hersch F, Lockwood A, Hartigan P, Montgomery P. PLoS ONE 12\(1\), 2017:](#) This paper seeks to understand approaches to evidence generation and evaluation used in systems and policy change, and how better evidence-generation can be undertaken and supported within social innovation in health. [Source: PLoS ONE].

[Sexual homicides in South Africa: a national cross-sectional epidemiological study of adult women and children. Abrahams N, Mathews S, Lombard C, Martin L.J, Jewkes R. PLoS One. 12\(10\), e0186432, 2017:](#) This study describes the prevalence and characteristics of sexual homicide of women and children nationally in South Africa. [Safetylit].

[Childhood physical and sexual abuse experiences associated with post-traumatic stress disorder](#)

[among pregnant women. Sanchez S.E, Pineda O, Chaves D.Z, Zhong Q.Y, Gelaye B, Simon G.E, Rondon M.B, Williams M.A. Ann Epidemiol. ePub, 2017](#): This study evaluates the extent to which childhood physical and/or sexual abuse history is associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) during early pregnancy and to explore the extent to which the childhood abuse-PTSD association is mediated through, or modified by, adult experiences of intimate partner violence (IPV). [Source: PubMed].

[Exploring help seeking experiences of male victims of female perpetrators of IPV. Machado A, Santos A, Graham-Kevan N, Matos M. Journal of Family Violence. 32\(5\), 513–523, 2017](#): This study seeks to understand the nature and dynamics of the violence that men experience as well as the impact of seeking help after violence. [Source: Springer Link].

[The intersection of intimate partner violence and traumatic brain injury: A call for interdisciplinary research. Hunnicutt G, Lundgren K, Murray C, Olson L. Journal of Family Violence. 32\(5\), 471–480, 2017](#): This paper presents a socio-ecological perspective of intimate partner violence-related traumatic brain injury to provide a contextual framework to guide future interdisciplinary research. [Source: Springer Link].

[Mentoring interventions and the impact of protective assets on the reproductive health of adolescent girls and young women. Plourde K.F, Ippoliti N.B, Nanda G, McCarraher D.R. Journal of Adolescent Health. 61\(2\), 131 – 139, 2017](#): In this review, authors seek to understand the types of mentoring programs for Adolescent girls and young women that have demonstrates effectiveness in improving protective assets, and/or, reproductive health knowledge, intentions, behaviours, or outcomes themselves. [Source: Regional SRHR Fund CoPs].

## II. Online Publications and Resources

[Resource bank for research uptake. Wolfe B, Valuks S. RESYST. 2017](#): This webpage provides resources that describes the stages of developing a research uptake strategy, steps to writing a policy brief, an introduction to data visualisation and tips for using social media for research uptake. [Source: LSHTM].

[A Familiar Face: Violence in the lives of children and adolescents. UNICEF. 2017](#): This report presents the most current data on four specific forms of violence – violent discipline and exposure to domestic abuse during early childhood; violence at school; violent deaths among adolescents; and sexual violence in childhood and adolescence. The statistics reveal that children experience violence across all stages of childhood, in diverse settings, and often at the hands of the trusted individuals with whom they interact daily. [Source: The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children].

[What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls evidence review: Preventing violence against women and girls with disabilities in lower- and middle-income countries. Van der Heijden I, Dunkle K. 2017](#): This brief contributes to the evidence on the optimal balance on mainstreamed versus targeted prevention programmes for preventing violence against women and girls with disabilities. [Source: WUNRN].

[Interventions to reduce female genital mutilation/cutting affect attitudes, not practices. Campbell Collaboration. 2017](#): female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) interventions aim to reduce the occurrence of FGM/C among practicing communities. This review examines the empirical research on the effectiveness of FGM/C interventions. The review also examines the contextual factors that may help explain the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of such interventions. [Source: Campbell Collaboration].

[Monitoring and evaluation capacity assessment toolkit: Overview. MEASURE Evaluation PIMA. 2017:](#)

The Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Assessment Toolkit (MECAT) is a set of tools to guide organizations through a process that assesses an organization's current monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity, identifies gaps, and indicates areas to strengthen the organization's capacity for improving the M&E system. [Source: MEASURE Evaluation].

[Piecing together the evidence on social norms and violence against women. The Equality Institute. 2017:](#)

This booklet provides an overview of the current state of evidence on the drivers and contributing factors of violence against women and girls, focusing in particular on the role of social norms. [Source: The Equality Institute].

[Gender, sexuality and faith: A toolkit. Sonke Gender Justice, the Wits Centre for Diversity Studies and IDS. 2016:](#)

This interactive toolkit seeks to support faith communities and faith leaders working to promote social justice in relation to gender and sexuality. [Source: The Drum Beat].

[Protecting children from online sexual exploitation: A guide to action for religious leaders and communities. ECPAT International and Religions for Peace. 2016:](#)

This guide is designed to help religious communities harness their strengths to prevent, respond, and end online child sexual exploitation. [Source: The Drum Beat].

### III. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

[Call for proposals: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women:](#)

The UN Trust Fund is currently accepting applications for multi-year grants up to USD 1 million in English, French and Spanish. Applications from women's rights, women-led, and small women's organizations will be prioritized, in recognition of them being the driving force of the ending violence against women agenda, as well as being at the forefront of reaching women and girl survivors at the grassroots level. Closing date: 5 December 2017. [Source: UN Women].

### IV. Websites

[Grants For Women:](#) Grants For Women is an online guide to women grants, funding and scholarships. The website provides information to apply for and obtain funding. [Source: Regional SRHR Fund CoPs].

[Together For Girls:](#) Together for Girls (TfG) has launched a new website with more recent resources.

The new website has a special feature, [interactive map](#), which highlights data from the Violence Against Children Surveys (VACS), led by CDC as part of the TfG partnership, and showcases the incredible work from the TfG partner countries. [Source: Together for Girls].

### V. News

[Miss Peru contestants accuse country of not measuring up on gender violence, The Guardian, 1](#)

[November 2017:](#) Beauty pageant competitors refuse to list vital statistics during live TV broadcast, instead stating figures on violence against women in Peru.

[Child sexual abuse victims to be granted compensation following criticism, The Guardian, 31 October](#)

[2017:](#) Fresh guidelines have been issued to ensure that child victims of sexual abuse are not denied compensation on the mistaken grounds that they consented to a relationship.

[West and Central Africa steps up action to end child marriage, Girls Not Brides, 23 October 2017](#): The three-day meeting between different stakeholders closed with ambitious commitments from over 20 countries, which ranged from setting up national action plans and committing financial resources to involving youth and working in partnership with civil society to end child marriage.

## VI. Events

[Live event: Let girls be girls, not brides – the role of laws, policies, and targeted programs in ending child marriage, 7 November 2017](#): This session will discuss the role of laws, policies, and targeted programs to end child marriage. The session will discuss among others an analysis of global trends in the minimum legal age for marriage, a review of successful interventions that have proven effective in delaying marriage, and case studies of such interventions. New results on trends, impacts, and solutions for specific regions such as West and Central Africa will also be shared. [Source: World Bank Education Events].

[Webinar: Children in conflict – innovative approaches to child protection, 20 November 2017](#): The Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE) programme, ODI and War Child UK invites you to a panel discussion on discuss innovative approaches to child protection in conflict-affected contexts. Come and hear from academics and practitioners who are using creative strategies and platforms to tackle the harmful, long-lasting impacts of conflict on children and young people. [Source: Overseas Development Institute].

[Professional certificate in tackling human trafficking, 27 November - 1 December 2017, London, UK](#): This course will provide those involved in investigating, preventing and mitigating the effects of human trafficking with a clear understanding of its nature, evolution and drivers, as well as the tools to tackle the crisis. Register [online](#). [Source: International Centre for Parliamentary Studies].

[SVRI IC What Works Webinar - Being Heard: Involving children and young people in participatory research on sexual violence, 1 December 2017](#): During this webinar, Dr Silvie Bovarnick and Dr Helen Beckett from the 'International Centre: Researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking' at the University of Bedfordshire in the UK, will be talking about why and how we should engage children and young people in participatory research on sexual violence.

**For more events visit:** <http://www.svri.org/event-calendar>

## VII. Vacancies

[Communications Officer](#) / International Women's Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: 3 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communication Specialist](#) / UNICEF / USA / Closing date: 5 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Development Officer](#) / CARE Canada / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 5 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Researcher and Writer](#) / UNICEF / USA / Closing date: 5 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Evidence and Knowledge Management Specialist](#) / CARE International / Kigali, Kampala or

Bujumbura / Closing date: 12 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Deputy Coordinator, Combating Trafficking in Human Beings](#) / PAE / Vienna, Austria / Closing date: 12 November 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Research Officer](#) / Overseas Development Institute / London, UK / Closing date: 26 November 2017. [Source: Overseas Development Institute].

[Professor/Chair or Associate Professor in Sociology](#) / Durham University / UK / Closing date: 28 November 2017. [Durham University].

[Assistant Professor in Sociology](#) / Durham University / UK / Closing date: 28 November 2017. [Durham University].

[Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Burundi / 30 November 2017. [Source: IRC].

[Gender Equality Officer](#) / World University Service of Canada / Amman, Jordan / 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.

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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