



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE



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Welcome to the final SVRI Update for the year. We have had a busy year at SVRI with our 5<sup>th</sup> global conference – [SVRI Forum 2017](#), the publication of a range of [research papers and reports](#), hosting of the #16Days of Activism [Blog Series](#) and [Being Heard webinar](#), opening of the [SVRI and World Bank Group Development for Innovation on GBV Solutions call for proposals 2018](#), and so much more.

The SVRI Secretariat and Coordinating Group wishes all our members a relaxing and enjoyable festive season, and look forward to continue our work with you towards a violence-free world in 2018!

Please note that our offices will be closed from midday Friday 22 December 2017 until Tuesday 9 January 2018. Our next SVRI Update will be published 11 January 2018.

## SAVE THE DATE: SVRI FORUM 2019

This is a quick reminder that SVRI Forum 2019 will be in Cape Town, South Africa 16-19 September 2019. Put the date in your 2019 project plans and budgets.

We look forward to seeing you all in Cape Town.

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## JOURNAL ARTICLES

[Reducing PTSD symptoms through a gender norms and economic empowerment intervention to reduce intimate partner violence: a randomized controlled pilot study in Côte D'Ivoire. Annan J, Falb K, Kpebo D, Hossain M, Gupta J. Glob. Ment. Health \(Camb.\) 4, e22, 2017](#): This study uses a two-armed parallel pilot randomized controlled trial to compare the impact of a group savings only (control) to gender dialogue groups added to group savings (treatment) on women's symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder in northwestern Côte d'Ivoire. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Sexual violence against men and boys in conflict and forced displacement: implications for the health sector. Chynoweth S.K, Freccero J, Touquet H. Reprod. Health Matters. ePub, 2017](#): This study describes current challenges and gaps in the provision of health care for male survivors in settings affected by conflict and forced displacement, and provides suggestions on how to improve service provision and uptake. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Latent class analysis of violence against adolescents and psychosocial outcomes in refugee settings in Uganda and Rwanda. Meyer S.R, Yu G, Hermsilla S, Stark L. Glob. Ment. Health \(Camb.\) 4, e19, 2017](#): This study uses latent class analysis to identify classes of adolescents' violence exposure (including exposure to witnessing household violence, verbal abuse, physical violence and sexual violence). (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Women's strategies for coping with the impacts of domestic violence in Kyrgyzstan: a grounded theory study. Childress S, Gioia D, Campbell J.C. Soc. Work Health Care. ePub, 2017](#): This paper provides an account of the adverse impacts of domestic violence on women in Kyrgyzstan and develops a grounded theory of coping among survivors of abuse. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Bar training for active bystanders: Evaluation of a community-based bystander intervention program. Powers R.A, Leili J. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2017](#): This study suggests that evidence surrounding the effectiveness of community-based bystander intervention program is promising as it decreases rape myths, decreases barriers to intervention, and increases bar tenders willingness to intervene. (Source: *SAGE Journals*).

[Using the Woman Abuse Screening Tool to Screen for and assess dating violence in college students. Yuen-Ha Wong J, Yee-Tak Fong D, Ho-Yin Yau J, Pui-Hang Choi E, Wai-Man Choi A, Brown J.B. Violence Against Women. ePub, 2017](#): The study aims to evaluate the measurement properties of the Woman Abuse Screening Tool (WAST) in Chinese college students. (Source: *SAGE Journals*).

## ONLINE RESOURCES

[Counting on change: A guide to prevention monitoring. Our Watch. 2017](#): This is a guide for policy-makers, researchers, and other stakeholders on measuring population-level progress towards the prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. (Source: *Our Watch*).

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for applications](#): U.S. Mission in Uganda – 2018 SUSI for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership Program

[Call for applications](#): Girls Not Brides Global Meeting. Deadline: 8 January 2018.

[Call for applications](#): U.S. Department of Justice - 2018 rural sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking program. Deadline: 31 January 2018.

[Call for applications](#): AIDS 2018 Scholarship Programme. Deadline: 1 February 2018.

[Call for papers](#): Violence and Gender Journal: predatory behaviour. Deadline: 5 March 2018.

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## NEWS

- [Decriminalising prostitution could 'dramatically' reduce sexual violence and STI transmission, finds study](#), The Independent, 21 December 2017
- [Australia's child sex abuse commission exposes national tragedy of systemic violence](#), Huffington Post, 15 December 2017
- [How a WhatsApp group is fighting child marriage and FGM in Kenya](#), News Deeply, 8 December 2017

## EVENTS

- [Reminder: Webinar - Critical Reflections on the Family in the Context of Violence against Women, 25 January 2018](#): Join us to hear Fiona Buchanan and Sophie Namy share their reflections on the systemic influence of male perpetrated violence against women on family roles, relationships, and expectations.
- [Keeping perpetrators of family violence in view: how do we see the 'Web of Accountability'? 8 February 2018, Melbourne, Australia](#): You are invited to join ANROWS and the Monash University Gender and Family Violence Focus Program for a public discussion of family violence and perpetrator accountability. For more information and to RSVP by 1st February 2018, please contact [jasmine.mcgowan@monash.edu](mailto:jasmine.mcgowan@monash.edu)
- [Human Rights Research and Documentation, 10-11 February 2018, NEW York, USA](#): This two-day interactive workshop is designed to strengthen participants' human rights research and documentation skills, primarily for the purposes of human rights policy and advocacy.

## VACANCIES

- [International Gender Responsive Budgeting Expert](#), UN Women, Kabul, Afghanistan – Closing date: 27 December 2017
- [Director of Development](#), Women Enabled International, New York or Washington, USA – Closing date: 31 December 2017
- [Policy and Advocacy Manager \(Women's Economic Rights\)](#), Womankind Worldwide, London, UK – Closing date: 8 January 2018
- [Oficial de Programa, Comunicación Social](#), Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (CDD), Ciudad de México – Closing date: 15 January 2018
- [Senior Advocacy Officer](#), Women's Refugee Commission, New York, USA – Closing date: 28 February 2018
- [Child Protection Coordinator](#), International Rescue Committee, Bangladesh – Closing date: Open until filled
- [Cash and Protection Research and Program Consultant](#), International Rescue Committee, United Kingdom – Closing date: Open until filled
- [Research Coordinator, Cash and Protection](#), International Rescue Committee, New York, USA – Closing date: Open until filled

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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. To learn more about the SVRI visit our website [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

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