



SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Welcome to the final SVRI Update for the year. We have had a busy year at the SVRI with opening of the [Call for Proposals for the SVRI and World Bank Group Development Marketplace for Innovation on GBV Solutions Call for Proposals 2019](#) and the [Call for Abstracts for the SVRI Forum 2019](#); the publication of a range of [research papers and reports](#); hosting of the [#16Days of Activism 2018 Blog Series](#) and the [Being Heard webinar](#); and so much more.

Please note that our offices will be closed from Friday 21 December 2018 until Tuesday 15 January 2019.

We wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe festive season and all the best for the New Year.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[Risk factors for childhood violence and polyvictimization: A cross-country analysis from three regions.](#) Palermo T, Pereira A, Neijhoft A, Buluma R, Kaloga I.F, Harvey R, Islam A, Kheam T, Kitembe M, Lund-Henriksen B, Maksud N, Maternowska M.C, Potts A, Rottanak C, Shawa M, Peterman A. *Child Abuse & Neglect.* 88, 348-361, 2019: In this study, authors analyse risk factors of childhood violence and polyvictimization as reported among females and males aged 13–17 across six countries, namely, Cambodia, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Tanzania. (Source: *UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti*).

[Still a leap of faith: microfinance initiatives for reduction of violence against women and children in low-income and middle-income countries.](#) Peterman A, Palermo T, Ferrari J. *BMJ Global Health.* ePub, 2018: This study suggests identification of effective prevention strategies through rigorous testing in multiple contexts building a reliable evidence base, before recommending scale-up for violence reduction. (Source: *UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti*).

[Understanding commercially sexually exploited youths' facilitators and barriers towards contraception use: I didn't really have a choice.](#) Kelly M.A, Bath E.P, Godoy S.M, Abrams L.S, Barnert E.S. *J. Pediatr. Adolesc. Gynecol.* ePub, 2018: This study seeks to understand facilitators and barriers related to commercially sexually exploited youth's utilization of both condoms and hormonal contraception. (Source: *Safetylit*).

[Rape crimes: are victims' acute psychological distress and perceived social support associated with police case decision and victim willingness to participate in the investigation?](#) Hansen N.B, Hansen M, Nielsen L.H, Bramsen R.H, Elklit A, Campbell R. *Violence Against Women.* 24(6), 684-696, 2018: This study examines levels of acute psychological distress and perceived social support in victims of rape and the association with police case decisions and victims' willingness to participate in the investigation. (Source: *Stanford WellMD Center*).

["My sister is the one that made me stay above water": how social supports are maintained and strained when survivors of intimate partner violence reside in emergency shelter programs.](#) Stylianou A.M, Counselman-Carpenter E, Redcay A. *J. Interpers. Violence.* ePub, 2018: This study seeks to understand the ways in which social support networks are maintained and/or strained when survivors reside in domestic violence emergency shelters. (Source: *Safetylit*).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Global study on homicide: gender-related killing of women and girls.](#) UNODC. 2018: This study gives an overview of the scope of gender-related killing of women and girls. It provides in-depth analysis of killings perpetrated within the family sphere and examines forms of gender-related killings perpetrated outside the family sphere, such as the killing of women in conflict and the killing of female sex workers. (Source: *Pathfinders*).

[Connect with respect: prevention of gender-based violence in schools; classroom program for high school students \(ages 11-14\).](#) UNESCO. 2018 : This report provides age-appropriate learning activities on the important themes and concepts relating to the prevention of gender based violence and promotion of respectful relationships. (Source: *ANROWS*).

[Infographic: violence against women.](#) Interagency Gender Working Group's Gender-Based Violence Task Force. 2018: This infographic illustrates the multiple ways in which violence against women harms individuals, communities, countries, and the world, and outlines actions that governments, the private sector, and funders can take to prevent and respond to violence against women. (Source: *Population Reference Bureau*).

[Everyone's business: fourth national survey on sexual harassment in Australian workplaces.](#) Australian Human Rights Commission. 2018: This report examines how workplace sexual harassment in Australia is widespread, pervasive and has increased significantly in the last six years. (Source: *WUNRN*).

[Child trafficking and child protection: ensuring that child protection mechanisms protect the rights and meet the needs of child victims of human trafficking.](#) OSCE, Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. 2018: This Occasional Paper concerns the protection of child victims of trafficking by State-run child protection agencies. (Source: *RISE Learning Network*).

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

[Call for Applications](#): Step it up for Gender Equality in a Progressive Society, Youth for Gender Equality Forum 2019. Deadline: 6 January 2019.

[Call for Nominations](#): ICRW – Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research. Deadline: 11 January 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): APWLD Feminist Development Justice Media Fellowship. Deadline: 15 January 2019.

[Request for Applications](#): SAMRC/Health Systems Research Unit – Improving Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health. Deadline: 1 February 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): The BEARR Trust Small Grants Scheme 2019 – Supporting NGOs to Prevent Violence against Women. Deadline: 1 February 2019.

[Call for Applications](#): OVW FY 2019 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program. Deadline: 7 February 2019

[Request for Applications](#): Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01). Deadline: 8 March 2019.

EVENTS

- [E-course: Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#): This e-learning course comprises of a set of lessons designed to raise your awareness about sexual exploitation and abuse, become familiar with a range of measures to combat sexual exploitation and abuse, understand what the impact of sexual exploitation and abuse on victims is and the consequences for UN Personnel who commit sexual exploitation and abuse.
- [SVRI Forum 2019: Time is Now, 21-24 October 2019, Cape Town, South Africa](#): The SVRI is pleased to invite you to submit [abstracts](#), [register](#) and attend the largest world-wide conference on violence against women and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries. Take note of the [important dates](#).

VACANCIES

- [Gender and Women's Engagement Coordinator](#), Association for Progressive Communications, Flexible – Closing date: 2 January 2019.
- [African Diaspora Partnerships Manager](#), Thousand Currents, USA (city flexible) – Closing date: 2 January 2019.
- [Manager, Program Compliance](#), Oxfam, Ottawa, Canada – Closing date: 3 January 2019.
- [Boys Initiative Project Manager](#), ECPAT International, Bangkok, Thailand – Closing date: 14 January 2019.
- [Director, Business Development and Outreach](#), Promundo-US, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 15 January 2019.

NEWS

- [Undermining human rights of women trapped in sex trade](#), IPS News, 11 December 2018.
- [Ask an activist: What are the most important lessons learned on sexual harassment in this last year of activism](#), UN Women News, 11 December 2018.
- [Africa loses billions of dollars due to child marriage, says new World Bank report](#), World Bank News, 20 November 2018.

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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