



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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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#### **I. SVRI survey request**

The SVRI, the Population Council and SGBV Networks Project are doing a quick mini-survey on networks. We would be very grateful if you could spend a little time sharing your thoughts on networks with us via the online survey. Copy <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YDB39GT> into your browser to begin the survey.

#### **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.***

**[Beyond strategic rape and between the public and private: Violence against women in armed conflict. Swaine A. Human Rights Quarterly, 37 \(3\), 2015](#)**: This study gets to the heart of examining what counts as conflict-related gender violence under international law. Using empirical research from Liberia, Northern Ireland and Timor-Leste, the study specifically explores and explains variance beyond strategic sexualized violence employed in

some conflicts, to analyze the ways that private individualistic violence is influenced by conflict across the three case studies. [Source: The Elliott School of International Affairs].

[Sexual violence and HIV infection associated with adolescent vs adult entry into the sex trade in Mexico. Silverman J.G, Servin A, Goldenberg S.M et al. JAMA, 314\(5\): 516-518, 2015](#): This sampling of sex workers in Mexico investigates entry in the sex trade as an adolescent vs as an adult and risk for human immunodeficiency virus infection and sexual violence. [Source: University of California, San Diego].

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[A cluster randomized-controlled trial of a community mobilization intervention to change gender norms and reduce HIV risk in rural South Africa: Study design and intervention.](#)

[Pettifor A, Lippman S.A, Selin A.M. et al. BMC Public Health: Health behavior, health promotion and society, 15, 2015](#): The purpose of this paper is to describe the intervention design and implementation and present baseline findings of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) of a two-year, theory-based CM intervention that aimed to change gender norms and reduce HIV risk in rural Mpumalanga province, South Africa. [Source: 60percent].

[A self-regulation model of sexual grooming. Elliott I.A. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2015](#): This theoretical review aims to provide a universal model of a grooming process for the achievement of illicit or illegal goals in which achievement requires the compliance or submission of another individual-one that can be applied both to the sexual offending process and beyond. [Source: SafetyLit].

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[Recent sexual trauma and adverse health and occupational outcomes among U.S. Service women. Millegan J, Milburn E.K, Leardmann C.A, Street A.E, Williams D, Trone D.W, Crum-Cianflone N.F. J. Trauma. Stress, ePub, 2015](#): This article investigates the association of sexual trauma with health and occupational outcomes using longitudinal data from the Millennium Cohort Study. [Source: SafetyLit].

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[Research with children exposed to partner violence: Perspectives of service-mandated, CPS and court-involved survivors on research with their children. Rizo C.F, Macy R.J, Ermentrout D.M, O'Brien J, Pollock M.D, Dababnah S. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This article reports findings about participants' perspectives regarding research with their IPV-exposed children. [Source: SafetyLit].

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[More than poverty: The effect of child abuse and neglect on teen pregnancy risk. Garwood S.K, Gerassi L, Jonson-Reid M, Plax K, Drake B. J. Adolesc. Health, 57\(2\): 164-168, 2015](#): This article compares risk for teen pregnancies between children living in poverty with no child protective services (CPS) report history and those in poverty with a history of CPS report. [Source: SafetyLit].

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### III. Online publications and resources

[New activist toolkit: ICT's for feminist movement building. JASS, APC and Women'sNet for APCNews, 2015](#): This toolkit aims to assist activists to think through their communication

strategies in a way that supports movement building. It offers a practical guide to writing a communication strategy and reviews a number of tools (ICTs) and technology-related campaigns which can be used in organising work. [Source: WUNRN].

**UN Women: Prospects and challenges. Menon S. Future United Nations Development System, Brief 30, 2015** (pdf): The 2010 creation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (or UN Women) represented an unusual organisational consolidation instead of the typical proliferation. This Brief discusses the serious challenges UN Women is facing with growing resistance to gender equality despite a promising start under strong leadership. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Safe, healthy, and ready to learn: Policy recommendations to ensure children thrive in supportive communities free from violence and trauma. Futures Without Violence, 2015](#)** (pdf): This report discusses public policy solutions to prevent and address childhood exposure to violence and trauma. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

#### **IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding**

**[Fellowship opportunity: Ochberg Fellowship](#)**. This Dart Center flagship programme is for senior and mid-career journalists who wish to deepen their knowledge of emotional trauma and psychological injury, and improve reporting on violence, conflict and tragedy. Applications close: 28 September 2015. [Source: Dart Center].

**[Funding opportunity: FRIDA The Young Feminist Fund 2015](#)**. The Young Feminist Fund is excited to launch their forth call for proposals and they intend to support up to 30 new young feminist groups led by young women and trans youth under 30 years of age. Applications close 14 September 2015. [Source: AWID].

#### **V. Websites**

**[EvaluACTION](#)**: This resource is one of the newest tools on CDC's VetoViolence website. It is an award-winning tool designed to help you evaluate your public health programs and strategies. EvaluACTION will help you see yourself in the process, while breaking down any perceived roadblocks. [Source: Friendsnrc].

#### **VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising**

**[Jean-Paul Bedard: I was raped - and we need to talk about it, Huffington Post, The Blog, 11 August 2015](#)**: For nothing other than the privilege of my birth, I was fortunate enough to be raised in a middle class family in the 1960s and 1970s in a prosperous liberal democracy. As a boy, and later as a young man, I was taught to bury my feelings and to embrace everything that being a man afforded me. Further, as a gifted athlete, I was granted entry into that inner sanctum of testosterone fueled manhood known as the sports world.

**[Missed opportunities in using tech to fight violence against women, ICTworks, 2015](#)**: Technology is a key piece in preventing and ending violence against women. As the number

of women with access to the Internet and Internet-enabled devices increases, so does the potential for social impact of “tech for good” projects. [Source: WUNRN].

## VII. News

[\*\*A South-South learning tour explores how to put an end to sexual and gender based violence, The World Bank Group, 11 August 2015\*\*](#): Increased levels of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) which affects not just women and girls, but also men and boys, are common in fragile and conflict situations both during and after conflict.

[\*\*Amnesty approves policy to decriminalise sex trade, The Guardian, 11 August 2015\*\*](#): Amnesty International has approved a policy to endorse the decriminalisation of the sex trade. At its decision-making forum in Dublin, the human rights group approved the resolution to recommend “full decriminalisation of all aspects of consensual sex work”.

[\*\*Pakistan stumbles upon its 'biggest' child abuse case, Al Jazeera, 10 August 2015\*\*](#): Officials in the Pakistani state of Punjab have called for a federal inquiry into what it called the largest-ever child abuse case in the South Asian country's history involving nearly 300 children.

[\*\*Young women leaders: Engaging and changing communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. GNWP, 10 August 2015\*\*](#): Under this program, girls and young women are trained to become leaders and use literacy and theatre training to start community-level discussions on women’s participation in peacebuilding, ending sexual and gender-based violence, combatting child, early and forced marriage among other key issues.

## VIII. Events

[\*\*Online training: Responding to disclosures of sexual violence\*\*](#). This training has been developed for front-line responders and service providers in the law enforcement, social work, and education sectors. The overarching training outcome is to develop effective responses to victims/survivors who report or/disclose experiences of sexual violence that will sustain support and intervention from that point forward. [Source: Western University].

[\*\*Webinar: Drawing the line on workplace sexual harassment, 24 September 2015\*\*](#). In this webinar, sexual violence survivor advocates Julie Lalonde and Nicole Pietsch will discuss sexual harassment in the workplace, and make concrete recommendations for positive change. [Source: Western University].

[\*\*International conference on the impact of armed conflict and terrorism on children, 7 – 10 February 2016, Nairobi, Kenya\*\*](#). This conference aims to bring together key actors, such as governments, international bodies, civil society and faith-based organizations to deliberate on the impact of armed conflict and terrorism on children with a goal of coming up with strategies for protecting children caught up in such situations. [Source: ISPCAN].

## IX. Vacancies

[Project Lead - Panic Button \(Consultancy\)](#) / Amnesty International / London, United Kingdom or Berlin, Germany / Closing date: 14 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[International Adviser – Myanmar Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process](#) / Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process / Yangon, Myanmar with travel within the country expected periodically / Closing date: 15 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project Coordinator](#) / UNDP / Erbil, Iraq / Closing date: 19 August 2015. [Source: Tearfund].

[Research & Writing Interns/Volunteers](#) / Make Every Woman Count / Global / Closing date: 20 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Health Coordinator](#) / American Refugee Committee / Nyala, Sudan / Closing date: 21 August 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Member Engagement Officer](#) / Girls Not Brides / London, United Kingdom / Closing date: 1 September 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Partnership Officer](#) / Girls Not Brides / London, United Kingdom / Closing date: 1 September 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender and Social Inclusion Advisor](#) / CUSO & Commune de Mindourou / Mindourou, Cameroon / Closing date: 7 September 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director of Women's Protection and Empowerment Programs](#) / International Rescue Committee / Kinshasa with regular travel to South Kivu, North Kivu, and Katanga provinces, DRC / Closing date: 9 September 2015. [Source: IRC].

[Senior Programme Officer/M&E](#) (pdf) / Raising Voices / Kampala, Uganda / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Raising Voices].

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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 promote research on sexual violence and generate empirical data to ensure sexual violence is recognized as a priority public health problem. 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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