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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.

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- I. Gentle reminder: SVRI Forum 2017 – Call for abstracts

[SVRI Forum 2017: Partnerships for policy action, 18-21 September 2017, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil](#)

Invitation open to submit abstracts, attend and register for the SVRI's largest world-wide conference – SVRI Forum 2017. Through this event, the SVRI brings together over 450 researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence.

The SVRI Forum 2017 call for abstracts is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

Submissions close on 1 February 2017.

For more information visit: <http://www.svri.org/forums/forum2017/index.htm>

We look forward to hosting you in Brazil!

Kindly share the call among your networks.

- 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.

[Violence, health, and the 2030 agenda: Merging evidence and implementation. Lee B.X, Donnelly P.D, Cohen L, Garg S. Public Health Pol. 37 \(Suppl 1\), 1–12, 2016:](#) In this supplementary article, authors emphasize the importance of collaboration between scholars and practitioners, they outline the process of jointly imagining and designing the next generation of violence prevention strategies. [Source: Springer Link].

[Rigged or rigorous? Partnerships for research and evaluation of complex social problems: lessons from the field of violence against women and girls. Zimmerman C, Michau L, Hossain M, Kiss L, Borland R, Watts C. J. Public Health Policy. 37\(Suppl 1\): 95-109, 2016:](#) This article describes challenges and contributions that NGO/IO and academic partners can make at different stages of the research process and the effects that collaborations can have on scientific inquiry [Source: Springer Link].

[THRIVES: using the best evidence to prevent violence against children. Hillis S, Mercy J.A, Saul J, Gleckel J, Abad N, Kress H. J. Public Health Policy. 37\(Suppl 1\): 51-65, 2016:](#) THRIVES represents a framework of complementary strategies that, taken together, have potential to achieve and sustain efforts to prevent violence against children. In this article, authors review evidence for effectiveness and identify programmatic or policy examples. [Source: Safetylit].

["I still feel like I am not normal": a review of the role of stigma and stigmatization among female survivors of child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence. Kennedy A.C, Prock K.A. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2016:](#) In this review, the authors synthesize recent child sexual abuse, sexual abuse and intimate partner violence research that examines female survivors' self-blame, shame, internalized stigma, and anticipatory stigma as well as negative social reactions in response to survivors' disclosure. [Source: Safetylit].

[Influence of intimate partner violence severity on the help-seeking strategies of female victims and the influence of social reactions to violence disclosure on the process of leaving a violent relationship. Domenech Del Rio I, Sirvent Garcia Del Valle E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2016:](#) This article analyses the relationship between the severity of intimate partner violence and formal and informal help-seeking strategies, the link between the severity of abuse and the reasons for not seeking formal help, and the influence of social reactions to violence disclosure on the process of leaving a violent relationship. [Source: Safetylit].

[Integrating male sexuality into violence prevention efforts with men and boys: Evidence from Asia-Pacific. Miedema S, Yount K, Dunkle K, Chirwa E, Fulu E. Culture Health and Sexuality. 24:1-17, 2016:](#) In this article, the authors test the effects of sexuality-related factors on men's adverse life experiences. [Source: Taylor & Francis].

[Researching LGBT health and social policy: methodological issues and future directions. Lewis N.M. Journal of Public Health Policy, ePub, 2016:](#) This study identifies the links between social policy and LGBT health, some methodological concerns of spatial analyses in this research area, and some future research directions. [Source: Safetylit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Adolescent boys and young men: Engaging them as supporters of gender equality and health, and understanding their vulnerabilities. Kato-Wallace J, Barker G, Sharafi I, Mora I, Lauro G. : Promundo-](#)

[US & UNFPA, 2016](#): This paper explores the specific risks and realities in relation to health in general, violence, sexuality and sexual and reproductive health, media violence, sexual exploitation, education, and other specific vulnerabilities affecting boys and young men. [Source: UNFPA].

[Engaging men for effective activism against sexual and gender-based violence. Müller C, Shahrokh T. Institute of Development Studies. 2016](#): This policy brief highlights the importance of addressing the underlying structural causes of violence, calling for efforts to address these challenges by applying gendered context and power analysis in: understanding and identifying barriers to address SGBV. [Source: The Communication Initiative Network].

[Gender transformative approaches to engaging men in gender-based violence prevention: A review and conceptual model. Casey E, Carlson J, Two Bulls S, Yager A. 2016](#): In this report, the authors argue for the importance of males in violence prevention as one integral component of comprehensive efforts to end violence globally and ultimately, to promote gender justice. [Source: The Communication Initiative Network].

[How do we know if a program made a difference? A guide to statistical methods for program impact evaluation. Lance P, Guilkey D, Hattori A, Angeles G. 2014](#): This manual provides an overview of core statistical and econometric methods for program impact evaluation and, more generally, causal modelling. [Source: Measure Evaluation].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[SAGE Open call for proposals](#): SAGE Open is seeking proposals for a new Special Issue to be considered for publication. The theme can be focused around a topic of your choosing, providing that it falls within the scope of the journal and is in an area of high current interest. Submit your proposal [online](#). [Source: SAGE Open].

[Call for papers: Dignity – A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence](#): This is an open access, peer-reviewed, international, interdisciplinary journal dedicated to publishing original scholarly articles on topics related to sexual exploitation, violence, and slavery. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Awards

[The Communications X-Change Awards: Strengthening Communications, Targeting Change](#): is a global competition designed for practitioners to exchange information on what works to end violence against women and girls. All communications materials (e.g. posters, video campaigns, mobile apps, training materials) submitted to the competition are evaluated and shared within the community of practitioners working toward behaviour change communications to end violence against women and girls. Submission deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: The Communication Initiative Network].

VI. News

[Global health leaders failing women in Zika-hit areas, experts warn, The Guardian, 14 November 2016](#): Global public health bodies accused of failing to act over ‘deeply political’ restrictions on contraception in Latin America and Caribbean.

[Contraceptive rates in poorest countries leap by 30 million users in four years, The Guardian, 01 November 2016](#): The number of women in the world’s poorest countries using modern forms of contraception has jumped by more than 30 million in the past four years, according to a report that

found the most significant progress had been made in sub-Saharan Africa.

[Tackling gender inequality 'could add £10tn to world economy', The Guardian, 31 October 2016](#): UBS report says governments need to change how companies behave and remove barriers that prevent women rising to top.

VII. Events

[The crucial role of men in gender equality conference, 18 November 2016, New York, USA](#): In this conference, participants will engage in interactive discussion with men who are engaged gender advocates to transform social norms, behaviours and gender stereotypes that perpetuate discrimination and inequality. They will share their experience and recommendations on how men and boys can creatively contribute to gender equality and women's empowerment, and discuss how male leaders and activists can be more effective in moving the agenda forward. [Source: Kota Alliance].

[Researching Gender-Based Violence: Methods and Meaning, 13-17 February 2017, London, UK](#): This course aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women. It is intended for individuals who will conduct or commission research on gender-based violence. A fee of £1,440.00 is payable before 18 January 2017 which covers participation in the course and course materials. [Source: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine].

[Sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 13-24 March 2017, United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA](#): The priority theme is "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work". The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its fifty-eighth session in 2014 on "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls". All participants should pre-register by 27 January 2017. [Source: UN Women].

[International cultural responses to wartime rape: Ethical questions and critical challenges Conference, 19-20 June 2017, Maynooth University, Ireland](#): This conference seeks to explore how cultural works shaped, supplemented, intervened in, or challenged public discourses about sexual violence in conflict zones and ways in which creative works are able to expose gaps, challenge biases, and illuminate ambiguities within official human rights narratives. Please submit proposals (300 words and 3 keywords) along with a 50-word biographical note to Katie.Stone@nuim.ie by 15 January 2017. [Source: Maynooth University].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Director, SDG Partnership](#) / Plan International / Global / Closing date: 28 November 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Monitoring and Reporting Specialist](#) / UN Women / Dakar, Senegal / Closing date: 29 November 2016. [Source: UNDP].

[Strategic Communications Project Coordinator](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Closing date: 02 December 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Strategic Communications Project Officer](#) / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / Kenya, Africa / Closing date: 02 December 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Executive Director](#) / Initiative Sankofa d’Afrique de l’Ouest / Francophone West Africa / Closing date: 05 December 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Integrated Protection Coordinator – Cross Border](#) / International Rescue Committee / Iraq / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Ivory Coast / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Head of Strategic Grantmaking and Movement Building](#) / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco or New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Director of the Global Program on Violence, Rights and Inclusion](#) / International Center for Research on Women / Washington, DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ICRW].

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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