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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. [SVRI Forum 2017 – Call for abstracts](#)

[SVRI Forum 2017: Partnerships for policy action](#): Join us at the SVRI's 5th global conference - SVRI Forum 2017 – the key go to event on research for strengthening responses and prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence and other forms of violence against women and children in low and middle income countries. SVRI Forum 2017 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 18-21 September 2017. Please submit your abstract for an oral or poster presentation on/before 1 February 2017.

Through the return of the [SVRI Abstract Mentoring Programme](#), we would like to encourage abstract submissions for the SVRI Forum 2017 from new and emerging researchers in the field of sexual violence. This Programme will provide opportunity for young / less experienced abstract submitters to receive feedback on their abstracts from more experienced researchers. The program is especially targeted at researchers from developing countries who lack access to opportunities for mentoring in research and writing. By providing this opportunity, we also expect to increase the number of abstract submissions among early-career researchers at the SVRI Forum 2017.

Please contact us with any queries at: svri.forums@mrc.ac.za.

More information on our past Forums is available here: <http://www.svri.org/svri-forums-explained>

We look forward to hosting you in Brazil!

II. SVRI Member's request

[GBV Online Training Tool Survey](#): The purpose of the Voices Against Violence – The GBV Global Initiative, is to find gaps in gender based violence online training, or areas that would be useful in exploring for training purposes. The survey will assist in developing an advanced online training module/tool for those partners and stakeholders working on gender-based violence. The information you provide in this survey is anonymous, private and confidential. The GBV Global initiative very much appreciate the 4 minutes of your time it will take to complete this survey thoughtfully. Please access the survey at: <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/3199115/GBV-Online-Training-Tool-Survey>. [Source: Promundo-US].

III. SVRI World Bank Group Development Marketplace 16 Days Blog Series

Read our final #16Days Blog entitled “[Engaging men and boys in the prevention of violence against women in Uganda](#)” a collaborative study between researchers from the University of California San Diego's Division of Global Public Health, [Centre on Gender Equity and Health](#) and the [Rakai Health Sciences Program](#) (RHSP), Uganda. This study will hopefully offer insight into best practices for involving men and boys in IPV interventions, and be adapted for global use across multiple contexts. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this project.

Read all #16Days Blogs on innovative projects supported through the [Development Marketplace for Innovations to Prevent Gender-Based Violence](#) online at [SVRI Blog](#) and World Bank Blog, [Voices](#).

Follow SVRI and WBG Development Marketplace Awards on Twitter @theSVRI @WBG_Gender #GBVSolutions #16Days.

IV. 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.

[Religion in child sexual abuse forensic interviews. Tishelman A.C, Fontes L.A. Child Abuse & Neglect. 63, 120–130, 2017](#): This article explores religious issues in interviewing children about sexual abuse. [Source: University of Massachusetts Amherst].

[Violence from a sexual partner is significantly associated with poor HIV care and treatment outcomes among female sex workers in the Dominican Republic. Mendoza C, Barrington C, Donastorg Y, Perez M, Fleming P, Decker M, Kerrigan D. JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes. 2016](#): This article describes the association between partner violence and poor HIV care and treatment outcomes among female sex workers in the Dominican Republic. [Source: University of Michigan School of Public Health].

[The prevalence, nature, and impact of intrafamilial child sexual abuse: findings from a rapid evidence](#)

[assessment. Gekoski A, Davidson J.C, Horvath M.A.H. Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice. 2\(4\) , 231-243, 2016](#): This article explores what is known about the prevalence, nature, and impact of intrafamilial child sexual abuse and where the gaps in knowledge lie. [Source: Emerald insight].

[Community-level moderators of a school-based childhood sexual assault prevention program. Morris M.C, Kouros C.D, Janecek K, Freeman R, Mielock A, Garber J. Child Abuse Negl. ePub, 2016](#): in this article, the authors identify two community-level factors that predict the effectiveness of a child sexual assault education and prevention program designed to improve children's knowledge of personal safety skills. [Source: Safetylit].

[Does keeping adolescent girls in school protect against sexual violence? Quasi-experimental evidence from East and Southern Africa. Behrman J.A, Peterman A, Palermo T. Journal of Adolescent Health. 2016](#): This article examines the relationship between educational attainment in adolescence on young women's lifetime experience of sexual violence in Malawi and Uganda. [Source: Science Direct].

[The role of gender, sexuality and context upon help-seeking for intimate partner violence: A synthesis of data across five studies. Morgan K, Buller A.M, Evans M, Trevillion K, Williamson E, Malpass A. Aggression and Violent Behavior. 31, 136-146, 2016](#): Programmes of research which combine related studies are commonplace, including in the field of Intimate Partner Violence. This study explores the role of gender, sexuality and context upon help-seeking for IPV. [Source: Science Direct].

V. Online publications and resources

The African Regional SGBV Network has published 7 learning briefs in commemoration of the 16 Days of activism against gender based violence. The learning briefs are as follows: [Brief #1 \(South Africa\)](#) ; [Brief #2 \(Kenya 1\)](#) ; [Brief #3 \(Swaziland\)](#) ; [Brief #4 \(Kenya 2\)](#) ; [Brief #5 \(Zambia\)](#) ; [Brief #6 \(Uganda AHA\)](#) ; [Brief #7 \(Uganda LWF\)](#). For more information about the African Regional SGBV Network, visit: <http://www.svri.org/who-we-are/networks/africa-regional-sgbv-network>. [Source: Population Council].

[Research Fairness Initiative Reporting Guide. Ijsselmuiden C, Botti L, Lazdins J. RFI. 2016](#): This reporting guide aims to support organizations to become fairer, more efficient partners in research and innovation that have more impact. [Source: RFI].

[Ethical and safety recommendations for intervention research on violence against women: Building on lessons from the WHO publication – putting women first – ethical and safety recommendations for research on domestic violence against women. World Health Organization. 2016](#): This publication provides crucial guidance on how best to address questions of ethics and safety to researchers working on violence against women. [Source: WHO].

[Global Plan of Action: Health systems address violence against women and girls. World Health Organization. 2016](#): This is a popular version of the violence against women and girls section of the global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system response to address violence against women and girls, and against children. [Source: WHO].

VI. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for Submission: Gender-sensitive approach to Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killing](#): The UN

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killing calls for submission of materials on: (1) gender-sensitive approach to extra-judicial, summary and arbitrary executions: legal and research methodology implications; and (2) gender-specific killings that may amount to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary, including for instance, domestic violence, honour killings, “femicide”, and/or other topics to be identified through consultation. All submissions should be sent by 31 January 2017 in English, French or Spanish to ejegendersubmission@ohchr.org. [Source: WUNRN].

Call for applications: Thomson Reuters Foundation Fellowship: This fellowship offers an opportunity for experienced journalists wishing to undertake research projects on a variety of subjects such as role of social media in preventing GBV. Fellows receive a modest living allowance of £1,500 per month. Deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: Reuters Institute].

Funding opportunity: Mothers in Mind – PhD Scholarship Opportunity: This scholarship is titled: Researching the effectiveness of mother-child group intervention in the aftermath of domestic and family violence. The focus of this PhD is on a program to support the mother-child-relationship where there has been domestic violence or other stressors on the relationship. The University of Melbourne is looking for a high quality PhD candidate interested in evaluation, mother-child relationship, and trauma informed work, domestic and family violence. The scholarship is an APA with top up funds and field work costs generously supported by the Children's Protection Society. [Source: ANROWS].

VII. Advocacy and awareness raising during 16 Days of Activism

16 Days of women's stories about gender based violence: In recognition of the global, "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence," StoryCenter shares these courageous stories by women from all walks of life who are healing and standing in solidarity against continued abuse of women and girls. [Source: StoryCenter].

#16Heroes Social Media Toolkit: On December 7, in honour of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Together for Girls announced 16 Heroes who are moving the needle on violence prevention and response around the world. These individuals come from all backgrounds - some are unsung heroes who work tirelessly on behalf of survivors in their communities, and others are public figures who have committed to shedding light on the realities of violence and lifting up stories of survivors. [Source: Together for Girls].

Blog: Mental health and intimate partner violence in Kenya, 6 December 2016: World Vision Kenya with support from the Sexual Violence Research Initiative and World Bank Group [Development Marketplace for Innovations to Prevent Gender-Based Violence](#) launched a project aimed at reducing intimate partner violence in two peri-urban communities in Kenya. The project targets men with common mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, acknowledging the links between men with mental health problems, alcohol and substance use and high incidences of IPV. Read the blog on this innovative project [here](#).

Blog: Bringing data on violence out of the shadows in Peru: a 25 year journey, 21 November 2016: This blog was written by Mary Catherine Maternowska and it discusses intergenerational violence in Peru. [Source: UNICEF].

VIII. Projects

Safe from the start: Safe from the Start is an innovative, early intervention and evidence based project initiated by The Salvation Army, which has won the top National Crime & Violence

Prevention Award in 2011 and a Child Protection Award in 2010. It consists of a one-day training program and resource kit with 35 resources from around the world developed with two universities (UTAS & Swinburne). [Source: The Salvation Army].

IX. News

[How to end gender violence? Give money to visionary local groups, The Guardian, 6 December 2016:](#) The 16-day campaign against gender violence is a chance to review financial support for women's rights groups and steer funds to those with direct impact.

[Gendered violence against women in media, and the need for everyday activism, AWID News and Analysis, 6 December 2016:](#) It is not surprising that there is a telescoping of this kind of violence and that it takes on a gendered aspect when we are talking about women, who also happen to be journalists, and who also happen to be reporting on stories with human rights angles. Not surprising – but profoundly disturbing.

[UN Experts call for UN special investigation into epic levels of sexual violence in South Sudan, OHCHR News, 2 December 2016:](#) Sexual violence has reached epic proportions in the conflict in South Sudan and requires the urgent attention of the world, said the UN independent Commission* on Human Rights in South Sudan after a ten-day visit during which they met women survivors around the country.

X. Events

[Webinar: Workplace responses to gender based violence webinar, 14 February 2017:](#) This webinar will help participants explore response to workplace gender based violence. It is suitable for HR personnel, managers and other leaders invested in creating cultures of respect and safety for staff impacted by gendered violence. [Source: ANROWS].

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

XI. Vacancies

[Communication Officer](#) / International Indigenous Women's Forum/Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas / Lima, Peru / Closing date: 10 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Social Development Specialist \(Gender and Development\)](#) / Asian Development Bank / Manila, Philippines / Closing date: 13 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Associate Support Services Officer](#) / UNOPS / Gao, Mali / Closing date: 14 December 2016. [Source: UNOPS].

[Senior Translator – Interpreter](#) / UN Women / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 15 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Operations Officer](#) / UNICEF / Venezuela / Closing date: 19 December 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Consultancy - Experts and trainers pool to support the implementation of the CARICOM model on national prevalence surveys on gender-based violence](#) / UNDP / Bridgetown, Barbados / Closing date: 31 January 2017. [Source: UNDP].

[Senior Protection Manager](#) / International Rescue Committee / Greece / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Accounting Manager, International](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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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