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- I. Reminder: SVRI and World Bank Development Marketplace on Innovations to Prevent GBV in Low and Middle Income Settings

The SVRI and World Bank Group [call for proposals](#) for research and interventions or related activities that will contribute to the prevention of gender-based violence in low and middle income countries closes on 9 December 2015. Grants of up to USD 150,000, no longer than 12 months in duration may be awarded. Only applications made online at: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/> will be accepted. For more details read the SVRI WBDM Grant 2016 Guidelines – in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

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.

[Understanding and responding to the needs of commercially sexually exploited youth: Recommendations for the mental health provider. Ijadi-Maghsoodi R, Cook M, Barnert E.S, Gaboian S, Bath E. Child Adolesc. Psychiatr. Clin. N. Am, 25\(1\): 107-122, 2016:](#) This article provides an overview of the definition of commercial sexual exploitation of children and relevant legislation including the shift toward decriminalization of commercially sexually exploited youth. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Evaluation of the theatre play Have Courage! A powerful play about feelings, boundaries and trust in the frame of the national campaign for the prevention of child sexual abuse. Firnges C, Amann S. Bundesgesundheitsblatt Gesundheitsforschung Gesundheitsschutz, ePub, 2015:](#) This article reports on the evaluation of the effectiveness of a school-based preventive theatre play. The play is part of a national campaign for the prevention of child sexual abuse called Trau dich! (Have courage!). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Engaging the voice of patients affected by gender-based violence: Informing practice and policy. Lewis-O'Connor A, Chadwick M. J. Forensic Nurs, 11\(4\): 240-249, 2015:](#) This article explores the evidence regarding the benefits, opportunities, and risks associated with providing health care to patients experiencing gender-based violence, and their satisfaction with care provided. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Leveraging strong social ties among young men in Dar es Salaam: A pilot intervention of microfinance and peer leadership for HIV and gender-based violence prevention. Maman S, Kajula L, Balvanz P, Kilonzo M, Mulawa M, Yamanis T. Glob. Public Health, ePub, 2015:](#) This study pilots a microfinance and health promotion intervention among social networks of primarily young men in Dar es Salaam. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Men caretakers of life: Training in gender-sensitive masculinities for the prevention of violence towards women in Medellin. Ariza-Sosa G.R, Gaviria S.L, Geldres-García D.A, Vargas-Romero R. Rev. Colomb. Psiquiatr, 44\(2\): 106-114, 2015:](#) With a socio-critical pedagogical approach, this programme in gender equality and gender-sensitive masculinities questions gender socialisation for the development and execution of social, educational or communications projects. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Men's objectifying media consumption, objectification of women, and attitudes supportive of violence against women. Wright P.J, Tokunaga R.S. Arch. Sex. Behav, ePub, 2015:](#) This article proposes that the more men are exposed to objectifying depictions of women, the more they will think of women as entities that exist for men's sexual gratification (specific sexual scripting), and that this dehumanized perspective on women may then be used to inform attitudes regarding sexual violence against women (abstract sexual scripting). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual assault characteristics and perceptions of event-related distress. Blayney J.A, Read J.P. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This article reveals differential patterns for socioenvironmental context and assault characteristics based on the timing of distress (past or present). [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[The PATRICIA Project: PATHways in research in collaborative inter-agency working. State of knowledge paper. ANROWS, 2015](#): This paper presents the state of knowledge on practices or processes used by child protection services and specialist domestic violence services or family law services to work better together and improve service responses for women and children living with and separating from family violence. [Source: ANROWS].

[“It sucks”/ “It’s a wonderful service”: Post-rape care and the micro-politics of institutions. Vetten L. Shukumisa Campaign and ActionAid, 2015](#) (pdf): This study describes the range of emotional support services provided to rape survivors by NGOs based in the Thuthuzela Care Centres in South Africa, and identifies factors shaping these services. [Source: WISER]

[Adolescents who have sexually abused: criminal careers and life events. NEARI Press Newsletter, 8, 2015](#): For this month, the NEARI Press newsletter article looked at some recent research with adolescents about protective factors noted in adults. The authors looked at the impact of three possible protective factors for adolescents: employment, marriage and parenthood. They found a significant association with employment, indicating that for adolescents, having a job over time is associated with a decrease in offending behaviors. We hope this short article will open your eyes to new ways of thinking of change in a teen’s life and possible directions both for your work and for our field. [Source: NEARI Press].

[Research report getting the evidence: Asia Child Marriage Initiative. Plan Asia and Coram International, 2015](#) (pdf): This study gathers in-depth and detailed evidence on the root causes of child marriage practices. The research focuses on exploring social attitudes, values and norms concerning child marriage, and identifying the structural and environmental factors which influence them. [Source: WUNRN].

[A matter of life and death: Child protection programming’s essential role in ensuring child wellbeing and survival during and after emergencies. Child Protection Working Group, 2015](#): This report presents quantitative and qualitative data on the threats, scale, scope and variation in child protection concerns. This is followed by information on which children are most vulnerable to each specific threat, acknowledging that risks are not evenly distributed. [Source: WUNRN].

[Curriculum guide for instruction in child maltreatment. Miller-Perrin C.L and Malloy L.C. Section on Child Maltreatment Division 37: Child, Youth, and Family Services American Psychological Association, 2007](#) (pdf): This publication provides guidance for professors and lecturers who want to incorporate information about child abuse and neglect into their teaching. [Source: Cornell University].

IV. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Together for Girls Twitter chat](#): To celebrate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the 16 heroes featured in Safe, Together for Girls will be hosting a Twitter chat on Wednesday, December 9th at 10 a.m. EST. During the chat, TfG will be convening current and past year's [Safe heroes](#) in a discussion about how everyone can get involved in

empowering children and women in our own communities. If you are able to join us, please email Jaimee Swift jaimee@togetherforgirls.org for the Twitter chat questions in advance. [Source: Together for Girls].

[Tackling violence against women: from Iraq to Tajikistan, Oxfam Policy and Practice Blog](#): In the Middle East and North Africa, the issue of violence against women (VAW) is particularly acute, with above average levels of violence. Intimate partner violence is at 35.38% compared to the global average of 26.4% and witnessing high levels of VAW in the fragile contexts and crises where Oxfam operates. [Source: WUNRN].

V. News

[Conflict-hit women need more reproductive, sexual health aid-U.N. agency head, Thompson Reuters Foundation, 3 December 2015](#): Around a quarter of the 100 million people globally who need humanitarian aid are women or teenage girls of childbearing age, but sexual and reproductive health services are underfunded, a United Nations agency said on Thursday.

[Sexual violence: From the exam room to the courtroom and the bumpy road in between, Huffington Post, 1 December 2015](#): To mark this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25, 2105) and the ensuing 16 days of activism, I wanted to highlight one issue that affects millions of women who fall victim to sexual violence: the challenges faced in getting the crimes committed against them documented for the record.

[Child brides in Africa could more than double to 310 million by 2050, UNICEF Press Centre, 26 November 2015](#): If current levels persist, the total number of child brides in Africa will rise from 125 million to 310 million by 2050, according to a UNICEF report released at the African Union Girls Summit in Lusaka, Zambia.

[In Congo, women seek justice for rape in mobile courts, Women's eNews: 23 November 2015](#): Ongoing fighting among rebel groups has stifled reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a country recovering from conflicts that have claimed as many lives as World War II.

VI. Research and funding opportunities

[AWID's list of donors](#): In August 2015, AWID launched the initial Donor List of 221 potential funders for women's rights organizing. Responding to a key demand from actors in women's movements across the world, AWID created this searchable Donor List to assist women's movements by making funding more accessible [Source: AWID].

[Call for contributions: Prevention of aggression, violence, and mental health problems in childhood and adolescence - Innovative and sustainable approaches from around the world](#). The journal *Prevention Science* invites manuscripts for this special issue. The primary goal of this special issue is to showcase empirical findings from innovative and sustainable programs that can be implemented across a range of diverse international settings, with a specific focus on lower and middle-income countries. Letter of intent should be stated by 31 December 2015. Questions concerning letters of intent can be directed to the guest editors,

Nancy Guerra, nguerra@udel.edu or Suzanne Duryea, SuzanneD@IADB.ORG. [Source: University of Delaware].

[Funding opportunity: Research grants for preventing violence and violence-related injury \(R01\)](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) are soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance knowledge in two areas: 1) how best to disseminate, implement, and translate evidence-based primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies designed to reduce child abuse and neglect; and 2) what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies to address specific gaps in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, teen dating violence, adult intimate partner violence, or sexual violence. Applications close: 1 March 2016. [Source: Friendsnrc].

VII. Events

[Film screening: The man who mends women: The wrath of Hippocrates, Institute for Security Studies, 8 December 2015, Pretoria, South Africa](#). In support of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's 'UNiTE to End Violence against Women' campaign and South Africa's 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, the ISS, in partnership with UN Women, will host the first screening in South Africa of the acclaimed film '[The Man Who Mends Women: The wrath of Hippocrates](#)' about Congolese gynaecological surgeon Dr Denis Mukwege. [Source: ISS].

[AWID Webinar: Corporate Power and Gender Justice, 10 November 2015](#). On Human Rights Day, AWID is honored to provide a platform for feminist activists and women's rights advocates, including AWID members, partners and allies to have a discussion on how to resist and challenge corporate power in development in the struggle for gender, social and environmental justice. Register online by 9 December 2015. [Source: AWID].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Part-Time Website Administrator](#) (Bilingual English & Arabic) / Musawah / Rabat, Morocco or global / Closing date: 14 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Coordinator](#) / The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women / Bangkok, Thailand/ Closing date: 20 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Coordinator, Digital Communications](#) / CREA / New Delhi, India / Closing date: 20 December 2015. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Advisor](#) / Nathan Associates / Jordan / 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 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 or contact us at svri@mrc.ac.za

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