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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.

Today's SVRI Update includes the following:

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I. Reminder: Proposals to review operational models for the SVRI

The SVRI is seeking proposals from consultants to help us determine the most effective operational model and structure for us. All proposals should be submitted by email to svri@mrc.ac.za by close of business (5pm South Africa time) on Friday 15th January, 2016. For more information please download the TORs available online [here](#).

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.

[Conceptualizing a subtype of patients with chronic pain: The necessity of obtaining a history of sexual abuse. Spiegel D.R, Shaukat A.M, McCroskey A.L et al. Int. J. Psychiatry Med,51\(1\): 84-103, 2016](#): This clinical review discusses the association between survivors of sexual assault and chronic pain/functional somatic syndromes. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Blurring the lines reinforcing rape myths in comic books. Garland T.S, Branch K.A, Grimes M. Fem. Criminol, 11\(1\): 48-68, 2016](#): This article examines the prevalence of rape and the myths used to create such portrayals as well as discuss the negative impact the perpetuation of rape culture has on society. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Reviewing state legislative agendas regarding sexual assault in higher education: Proliferation of best practices and points of caution. Richards TN, Kafonek K. *Fem. Criminol*, 11\(1\): 91-129, 2016](#): This research examines the proposed legislation from the 2014-2015 legislative cycle and identified themes regarding legislative aims. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The effects of sexual violence on psychosocial outcomes in formerly abducted girls in Northern Uganda: The WAYS study. Amone-P'Olak K, Ovuga E, Jones P.B. *BMC Psychol*, 3\(1\): 46, 2015](#): This study investigates the effects of sexual violence on the odds of different psychosocial outcomes among formerly abducted girls in Uganda. [Source: SafetyLit].

["Silly girls" and "nice young lads" vilification and vindication in the perceptions of medicolegal practitioners in rape cases. McMillan L, White D. *Fem. Criminol*, 10\(3\): 279-298, 2015](#): This article explores perceptions and presumptions in relation to rape, raped women, and rapists, among medico-legal professionals who perform forensic medical examinations in rape cases. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Emotional security in the family system and psychological distress in female survivors of child sexual abuse. Cantón-Cortés D, Cantón J, Cortés M.R. *Child Abuse Negl*, ePub, 2015](#): This article analyses the effects of emotional security in the family system on psychological distress among a sample of young female adult survivors of child sexual abuse. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Gender-based violence and HIV across the life course: Adopting a sexual rights framework to include older women. Cooper B and Crockett C. *Reproductive Health Matters*, 23\(46\): 56–61, 2015](#): Building on sexual rights scholarship, this paper argues for an approach to public health interventions for GBV and HIV that acknowledges older women – their sexuality, sexual agency, and activity – so that health providers and advocates acknowledge and serve older survivors. [Source: US Department of Health and Human Services].

[Survivors in the margins: The invisibility of violence against older women. Crockett C; Brandl, B and Dabby, F.C. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, 27\(4-5\), 2015](#): This commentary explores this oversight, identifying how the lack of gender analysis in the elder abuse field exacerbates older survivors' invisibility when the wider violence against women (VAW) field lacks a lifespan approach to abuse. [Source: US Department of Health and Human Services].

III. Online publications and resources

[Interview: Research partnerships to solve health problems. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 94:8–9, 2016](#): The research landscape in sub-Saharan Africa has transformed over the last two decades. Charles Mgone talks to Fiona Fleck about building partnerships. [Source: WHO].

[Implementing child maltreatment prevention programmes: What the experts say. Hardcastle K.A, Bellis M.A, Hughes K and Sethi D. *World Health Organization*, 2015](#): Based on a series of interviews reflecting on the experiences of world-leading experts in child maltreatment prevention, this handbook aims to fill this gap by providing practical information to policy-makers, commissioners and practitioners on implementing prevention programmes. [Source: Cornell University].

[Violence against women: Strategy and plan of action on strengthening the health system to address violence against women. 54th Directing Council. 67th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, 2015](#): This strategy takes a public health approach to the problem of violence against women and offers a roadmap for how health systems can join a multisectoral effort to prevent and respond to such violence in the Americas. Pdf documents available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [French](#). [Source: PAHO/WHO].

[Inaugural meeting: Learning Initiative on Norms, Exploitation and Abuse. LINEA Project, 2015](#): In March 2015, the Learning Initiative on Norms, Exploitation and Abuse (LINEA) held its first meeting with experts in preventing and responding to the sexual exploitation of children (SEC). Hailing from 16 different countries, 42 researchers, practitioners and funders met at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor, UK. Read the report online. [Source: LINEA Project].

[Enhancing a regional response to crimes of sexual violence. Regional roundtable discussion summary, 2015](#): This report provides a summary of a roundtable discussion to capitalize on the ideas and lessons learned from stakeholders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Kenya who are actively engaged with efforts to end impunity for sexual violence in their respective communities, as well as with PHR's training and advocacy program. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

[Estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect. Gelles R.J and Perlman S. Prevent Child Abuse America, 2012](#) (pdf): This report uses the estimates of the extent of child abuse and neglect reported in the Fourth National Study of Child Abuse and Neglect and cost estimates throughout the report have been adjusted to 2012 dollars. [Source: Cornell University].

IV. Projects and websites

[Due Diligence Project](#): The Due Diligence Project is research-advocacy project. The principle aim of the Project is to add content to the international legal principle of 'due diligence' in the context of State responsibility to end violence against women. The objective is to create and accountability framework based on the due diligence principle, namely the Due Diligence Framework together with guiding principles that are concrete and measurable across regions. [Source: WUNRN].

V. News

[On perilous migrant trail, women often become prey to sexual abuse, The New York Times, 2 January 2016](#): One Syrian woman who joined the stream of migrants to Germany was forced to pay down her husband's debt to smugglers by making herself available for sex along the way. Another was beaten unconscious by a Hungarian prison guard after refusing his advances.

[Port Moresby's male-free bus allows women to travel safely in city, ABC News, 3 January 2016](#): Female bus commuters in Papua New Guinea's capital city Port Moresby can now catch a free women-only bus funded by Australian Aid and the UN, as 90 per cent report they have experienced some form of violence while using the public transport system.

[Japanese-Korean accord on 'comfort women' must be speedily implemented, says UN official, UN News Centre, 31 December 2015](#): Commending the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea on their landmark agreement to resolve the longstanding issue of 'comfort women,' a senior United Nations human rights official today called for its speedy implementation to heal the still raw wound.

[These are messages sexual assault survivors want you to hear, Huffington Post, 29 December 2015](#): Jared Wolens, a senior at Stanford University, has thought of a way where people can share messages about sexual violence, in their own words and voices, anonymously, using an app called Flyy.

[China's domestic violence law gets mixed reception, Voice of America, 29 December 2015](#): Adopted by a landslide vote of the National People's Congress on Sunday, the new law, which goes into effect March 1, subverts a long-standing Chinese tradition of treating domestic violence as a private family matter.

[Sexual violence won't end until states plug 'gaping' legal hole, says expert, The Guardian, 17 December 2015](#): A "gaping hole" in international law is allowing governments to ignore their commitments to end gender-based violence, according to the former UN special rapporteur on the causes and consequences of violence against women.

VI. Events

[Webinar: A contemporary overview of juvenile sexual risk assessment, 12 January 2016](#). This brief webinar will review the current status of juvenile sexual risk assessment, the processes by which we assess sexual risk in adolescents and children, the empirical basis of current risk assessment instruments, and the role of comprehensive psychosocial assessment in understanding risk for continued sexually troubled behaviour. [Source: NEARI Press].

[First annual emotion and criminal justice conference, 18 February 2016, Leicester, UK](#). This conference aims to bring together a range of scholars and practitioners with a passion for debate and interest in the developing field of emotion and criminal justice. Register online. [Source: ANROWS].

[Roundtable event - More than revenge: Addressing the harms of 'revenge pornography', 22 February 2016, Melbourne, Australia](#). This forum brings together leading international scholars and legal experts, to reflect on reforming the response to 'revenge pornography' in the United States and the United Kingdom, and what we need to change in Australia. [Source: ANROWS].

[Summerschool on Health Law and Ethics 2016, 30 June – 8 July 2016, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands](#). The Erasmus Observatory on Health Law / Institute of Health Policy & Management announces the annual Summerschool, providing students, academics, professionals and practitioners, with an opportunity for intensive training in various aspects of health law and ethics over a two-weeks period (1 week or 2 weeks), while absorbing the sights, sounds and culture unique to Rotterdam and the Netherlands. International participants apply at least 3 months before the Summer school starts. [Source: Erasmus University Rotterdam].

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

VII. Vacancies

[Female evaluation team to develop and conduct mid- term evaluation of project in Uganda](#) / medica mondiale / Closing date: 29 January 2016. [Source: medica mondiale].

[Technical Advisor, Women's Protection and Empowerment](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[Emergency Women's Protection and Empowerment Manager](#) / International Rescue Committee / Bentiu, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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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