



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. 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: [Summaries directly taken or adapted from source]

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- I. Reminder: Proposals to review operational models for the SVRI – closing 15 January

This is a last reminder of the call for 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. SVRI member survey request: Gender-based violence in emergencies – Gaps, challenges and innovation

The Small Arms Survey is conducting a survey among humanitarian professionals, in order to explore gaps and challenges inherent to Gender-based Violence (GBV) programming in

humanitarian emergencies and to identify means to bring about tangible innovation. This survey was commissioned by Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF), a partnership between Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance (ELRHA) and the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP).

All working in any area or sector of humanitarian response (such as in relief operations conducted in response to: natural or industrial disasters; armed conflict; and settings afflicted by high levels of violence, disease, or famine) are invited to share their views on current practices and possible ways to improve them. Input from current and former experts, professionals, and aid workers is welcomed.

Please proceed with the questionnaire if you fit this profile and have been working in the humanitarian field over the past 10 years, since 2005. Your experience does not need to necessarily include programmes incorporating a response to GBV. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Note that the questionnaire is also available in French and Spanish. The link to the questionnaire in English, French and Spanish is available at:

<http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/?gbv-survey>.

III. 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.

[Child neglect and maltreatment and childhood-to-adulthood cognition and mental health in a prospective birth cohort. Geoffroy M.C, Pinto Pereira S, Li L, Power C. J. Am. Acad. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry, 55\(1\): 33-40, 2016](#): This study reviews the association of child neglect with cognitive deficits from childhood to adulthood. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Does the impact of child sexual abuse differ from maltreated but non-sexually abused children? A prospective examination of the impact of child sexual abuse on internalizing and externalizing behavior problems. Lewis, T. McElroy, E. Harlaar, N. Runyan, D, 51: 31-40, 2016](#): The purpose of this study was to compare internalizing and externalizing behaviour problems of those with a history of sexual abuse to those with a history of maltreatment, but not sexual abuse. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Child maltreatment in Taiwan for 2004-2013: A shift in age group and forms of maltreatment. Chen C.T, Yang N.P, Chou P. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2015](#): In this research trend analyses are conducted using the Joinpoint Regression Program with the purpose of providing empirical evidence on child maltreatment in Taiwan for 2004-2013. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Comparing corporal punishment and children's exposure to violence between caregivers: Towards better diagnosis and prevention of intrafamilial physical abuse of children. Ribeiro C.S, Coelho L, Magalhães T. J. Forensic Leg. Med, 38: 11-17, 2015](#): The aim of this study is to further our understanding of intrafamilial physical abuse of children, by comparing its various aspects while considering the alleged underlying motives. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Perceptions of the role of mothers in the disclosure and nondisclosure of child sexual abuse: a qualitative study. Hunter S.V. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 24\(8\): 887-907, 2015:](#) This research seeks to develop an understanding of the role mothers were perceived to play during the process of disclosure of child sexual abuse. [Source: SafetyLit.].

[Unacknowledged rape: The influences of child sexual abuse and personality traits. Wilson L.C, Scarpa A. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 24\(8\): 975-990, 2015:](#) This study explores a sample of 77 young adult women, and the odds of unacknowledged rape which significantly increased as a function of less severe child sexual abuse histories and greater levels of dysfunctional personality traits. [Source: SafetyLit.].

[Special issue: Beyond working with men and boys. Culture, Health & Sexuality - An international journal for research, intervention and care, 17 \(2\), 2015:](#) The papers of this special issue significantly upscale existing dialogue around the processes of engaging men and boys in gender transformative work. All articles are open access. [Source: HEARD].

[Work with men to end violence against women: A critical stocktake. Flood, M. Culture, Health & Sexuality: An International Journal for Research, Intervention and Care, 17 \(2\): 159-176, 2015:](#) This paper provides a critical assessment of efforts to involve men in the prevention of men's violence against women. [Source: HEARD].

IV. Online publications and resources

[Gambia-Parliament passes bill which bans Female Genitals Mutilations- FGM, WUNRN, 04 January 2016.](#) The new law stipulates that a person who engages in female circumcision could face up to three years in prison or a fine of 50,000 dalasi (\$1,250) and a person could face life imprisonment if the act results in death. [Source: WUNRN].

[The Teddy Bear Clinic: An Impact Evaluation of the Teddy Bear Clinic's Support Programme for Abuse Reactive Children \(SPARC\), 2013](#) (Pdf). SPARC is a diversion programme established by the Teddy Bear Clinic in Johannesburg, South Africa. It was designed to divert young sex offenders away from the criminal justice system and into a therapeutic environment. This report was compiled to evaluate the impact of this programme. [Source: Teddy Bear Clinic].

V. Research opportunities, awards and funding

[Fellowships opportunity: Doctoral research on Gender-Based Violence \(GBV\) /Violence against Women and Girls \(VAWG\).](#) The fellows should have an interest in the field of GBV/VAWG. The fellows are expected to contribute to the field through their doctoral research and, in future, will work in this field, applying their knowledge and expertise. Please send application forms and documents at: 2016addrf@aphrc.org by 31 March 2016. [Source: APHRC].

[Funding opportunity: The National Partners Grant Programme.](#) This Grant is a vehicle for directing new private funding to programs that have demonstrated expertise in addressing and preventing sexual violence. Projects will contribute to the coordinated implementation of a comprehensive initiative to change the culture in one generation by aligning sexual

violence services, prevention, messaging, and policy goals; or by contributing to the existing body of evidence and/or promising practices or policies related to sexual violence. Funded projects will be those that are able to be replicated. Applications close: 22 January 2016. [Source: NSVRC].

[Funding opportunity: WILPF for the AWID international Forum](#). Funding is available for participation at the 13th International AWID Forum, 5-8 May, Bahia, Brazil. This conference is a historic global gathering of women's rights and social justice activists and movements. Please send your application to Marta Bautista at: marta@peacewomen.org by 17 January 2016. [Source: AWID].

VI. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog post: Reflecting on healing ourselves, Cassandra Complexity, January 2016](#): One of the issues I feel strongly about is supporting other women and men who work in the field of gender-based violence in emergencies. I went through a burn out in 2010 while working at MSF Holland as the sexual violence adviser and humanitarian affairs specialist. [Source: Cassandra Complexity].

[Huffington Post blog: It's OK to Freeze: Healing From Sexual Assault, Amy Oestreicher, 11 December 2015](#): When I speak at [colleges](#) about my own story of sexual abuse, I never forget how difficult it was for me to even speak the words, "I was sexually abused." It took me an even longer time to believe it, or to understand it could happen to me. And what took so much longer than I ever could have predicted was to believe that I was sexually abused...and it wasn't my fault. [Source: Author].

VII. News

[Four teenagers suspected of gang-raping woman in New York playground in custody, The New York Times, 12 January 2016](#). The victim was at the playground with her father just after 9pm on Thursday, according to CBS New York, when the group of five men approached. One pointed a gun at the woman's father and told him to leave. Then the men took turns raping the woman. The four have been taken into custody while the fifth person suspected in the attack is still being sought.

[U.N. says some of its peacekeepers were paying 13-year-olds for sex, The Washington Post, 11 January 2016](#). The United Nations has been grappling with so many sexual abuse allegations involving its peacekeepers that Secretary General Ban Ki-moon recently called them "a cancer in our system". Investigators discovered this month that at least four U.N. peacekeepers in the Central African Republic allegedly paid girls as little as 50 cents in exchange for sex.

[We must end violence against women in Germany, The World Post, 11 January 2016](#). The violent and sexual assaults on women that took place on New Year's Eve in Cologne and in other cities cast a harsh light on the harassment women are exposed to in public space. It is of urgent importance that police forces become better equipped to deal with gender specific violence. But above all, it must be made clear that violence against women and girls will not be taken lightly.

[Gambia sets prison time, fines in new ban against female genital mutilation, Huffington Post, 31 December 2015](#): Gambia's parliament has passed a bill banning female genital mutilation and setting strict penalties for offenders, a month after the president condemned the practice which is carried out on many women in the West African country.

VIII. Events

[GSDRC webinar: Social norms and violence against women and girls, 9 February 2016](#). This webinar will offer a presentation which explores the key issues and debates raised in the forthcoming GSDRC reading packs on social norms and violence against women and girls (VAWG). This will include a discussion on the evidence, the gaps and how can an understanding of social norms support programme and policy work on different social issues. [Source: GSDRC website].

[Training course: Researching gender-based violence - Methods and meaning, 15 – 19 February 2016, London, United Kingdom](#): 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. Space is limited please book online. [Source: LSHTM].

[5th International Conference on Violence in the Health Sector, 26 - 28 October 2016, Dublin, Ireland](#). This conference will provide a platform to share international developments, with a particular emphasis on best practice research and initiatives to effectively respond to work related aggression and violence. Abstract submission is now open. [Source: Oud Consultancy].

[Political masculinities as agents of change - Interdisciplinary conference, 2 - 4 December 2016, Cambridge, United Kingdom](#). This conference aims to encourage and develop diverse understanding concerning political masculinities as agents of change. It will showcase the best work in this area from a diverse range of academic disciplines and practitioners. Submissions close: 29 April 2016. For more information, contact: political.masculinities@anglia.ac.uk. [Source: MenEngageSymposium].

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

IX. Vacancies

[Communications Associate: Digital & Social Media](#) / AIDS-Free World / Home-based / Closing date: 15 January 2016. [Source: Aids-Free World].

[Programme Officer – Documentation, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning](#) / UHAI / Nairobi, Kenya / 18 January 2016. [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Part-time Finance Associate](#) / AWID / Toronto, Canada / 18 January 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews]. [Deputy Director, PHP](#) / Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / 22 January 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior Advocacy Advisor on SDGs](#) / UN Women / New York, USA / 22 January 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director of Communications](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation - Western Hemisphere / New York, USA / 29 January 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Executive Director](#) / Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa/ Monrovia, Liberia / 31 January 2016: [Source: GPFA].

Technical Officer (Social Scientist) / World Health Organization / Khartoum, Sudan / Closing date: 1 February 2016. [Source: WHO].

Consultant: Women, Peace and Security / Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process / Myanmar (in country travel) / Closing date: 6 February 2016. [Source:

[Regional Protection Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Belgrade, Serbia / 08 February 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews]. [International expert on Women, Peace & Security training](#) / Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process / Global / 06 February 2016: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer](#) / Equality Now / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: Open until filled: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer, International Policy](#) / International Women's Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled: [Source AWID Jobs eNews].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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