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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. Announcement: SVRI TOR- Exploring the development of a new operational model

The SVRI would like to assess what organisational form will help it best meet its goals and to develop a vibrant, sustainable model of leadership, operations, and engagement for the

long-term success of the organization and its members. The SVRI is seeking a consultant team to help determine the most effective operational model and structure going forward.

Please download the TOR for more information at <http://www.svri.org/SVRIreviewTOR.pdf>. 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**.

II. SVRI member request: Survey -Measuring LGBTI Inclusion in the world

This short survey seeks to establish feedback from LGBTI communities around the globe on the priorities areas (Dimensions), and relevant indicators, that were recently identified as part of a recent Expert Group Meeting convened by UNDP and OHCHR on measuring LGBTI inclusion.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is proposing to develop a 'Global LGBTI Inclusion Index', and this survey is being carried out by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA World) in collaboration with OutRight Action International (formerly ILGHRC), (both organizations participated in the recent Expert Group Meeting) as part of the ongoing consultation process following the Expert Group Meeting convened by UNDP and OHCHR. Visit: <http://www.awid.org/node/4573> or access the survey at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dPA17YqiaYZ2UjCiDhhiv4TgbmDWesbFwzqW83_JBTM/viewform?c=0&w=1. [Source: AWID].

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.

[Men's violence against women and men are inter-related: recommendations for simultaneous intervention. Gruskin P.J, Rojo S and Dworkin F, S. L. Soc Sci & Med. Fleming, ePub, 2015](#): This article draws upon theories that explain the drivers of violence and examines how gender norms, including norms and social constructions of masculinity, are at the root of most physical violence perpetration by men against women and against other men. [Source: University of California, San Diego].

[Prior offending among family violence perpetrators: A Tasmanian sample. Boxall H, Payne J and Rosevear L. Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, 493: 1- 9, 2015:](#) This study provides a snapshot of the six year offending histories of a cohort of Tasmanian family violence perpetrators. What emerges is a clear association between the frequency of family violence incidents and a history of other offending. That is, a group of family violence perpetrators engaged in high levels of family violence offending were identified as committing a range of other types of violence, traffic offences and the breach of violence orders. [Source: ANROWS].

[Embodied harms: Gender, shame, and technology-facilitated sexual violence. Henry N and Powell A. Violence Against Women, 21\(6\): 758-779, 2015:](#) This article explores the ways in which retraditionalised gender hierarchies and inequalities are manifested in online contexts, and to conceptualize the cause and effects of TFSV as “embodied harms.” [Source: ANROWS].

[Work with men to end violence against women: A critical stocktake. Flood, M. Culture, Health and Sexuality, ePub, 2015:](#) This paper provides a critical assessment of efforts to involve men in the prevention of men’s violence against women. Although there is a substantial evidence base attesting to the effectiveness of at least some strategies and interventions, this field is also limited in important ways. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[What is the potential for interventions designed to prevent violence against women to reduce children's exposure to violence? Findings from the SASA! study, Kampala, Uganda. Kyegombe N, Abramsky T, Devries K.M et al. Child Abuse and Neglect, ePub, 2015:](#) This article explores the extent to which SASA!, an intervention to prevent violence against women, impacted children's exposure to violence. Between 2007 and 2012 a cluster randomized controlled trial was conducted in Kampala, Uganda. [Source: LSHTM].

[\(E\)racing childhood: Examining the racialized construction of childhood and innocence in the treatment of sexually exploited minors. Ocen P.A. UCLA Law Rev, 62\(6\): 1586-1640, 2015:](#) This article highlights the ways in which historic constructions of childhood, innocence, and sexuality shape antitrafficking law enforcement practices and how they have functioned in racialized and gendered ways to exclude Black girls from protection. Source: SafetyLit].

[Predictors of violence against children in Tamil families in northern Sri Lanka. Sriskandarajah V, Neuner F, Catani C. Soc. Sci. Med, ePub, 2015:](#) Using multivariate regression analyses, this article finds that the strongest predictors for children's report of

victimisation are their exposure to mass trauma and child psychopathology. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Don't tell: Military culture and male rape. O'Brien C, Keith J, Shoemaker L. Psychol. Serv, 12\(4\): 357-365, 2015](#): This paper proposes that cultural variables are equally important when examining the rape of men, especially when this assault occurs in military contexts. [Source: SafetyLit].

IV. Online publications and resources

[Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. Our Watch, VicHealth and ANROWS, 2015](#) (pdf): This report presents the evidence and a conceptual approach for preventing violence against women and their children in Australia. It is a framework for a shared understanding and collaborative action, with six interrelated elements, all of which need to be in place to achieve this objective. [Source: ANROWS].

[Scoping Study, Policy Brief and Presentation on the role of faith communities and organizations in prevention and response to SGBV. JLI GBV Hub, 2015](#): Recognising the ability of religion to promote stability and cohesion in times of upheaval, and the fact that faith groups are present globally at grassroots-level, the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) commissioned a scoping study on the role of faith communities in the prevention and response to SGBV. The scoping study builds on the work of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI). [Source: JLI GBV Learning Hub Newsletter].

[Religion and sustainable development: Building partnerships to end extreme poverty. Washington DC, 7 – 9 July 2015](#): Resources on the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence session can now be accessed online. [Source: JLI GBV Learning Hub Newsletter].

[The role of faith based organisations in preventing and responding to sexual, intimate partner and gender-based violence in conflict settings: A modified critical interpretive synthesis. Magner K, Desrosiers J.E, Blunt I, Hawken T and Brick E. University of Otago for the Sexual Violence Research Initiative. SVRI, 2015](#) (pdf): This systematic search and Critical Interpretive Synthesis examines the role of FBOs in responding to sexual or gender-based violence in conflict settings. [Source: SAMRC].

[Recommendations for action against gender-related killing of women and girls. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 2015](#) (pdf): This booklet provides practical guidance on ways and means to more effectively prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish gender-related killing of women and girls. [Source: ANROWS].

[Integrated health and community systems strengthening for improved contraceptive access and uptake in Nampula Province, Mozambique. Pathfinder International, 2015](#): Approaching project end, the Strengthening Communities through Integrated Programming (SCIP) project team in Mozambique observed a notable increase in a key contraception indicator. Recognizing the opportunity to learn from this finding, Pathfinder conducted a retrospective programmatic analysis. This technical brief discusses the analysis, key results, and interpretation of the findings. [Source: Pathfinder International].

[Engaging men and boys to address the practice of child marriage. Greene M.E, Perlson S, Taylor A and Lauro G. GreeneWorks and Promundo, 2015](#) (pdf): This report reviews our knowledge of child marriage and informal unions between girls and boys/men in the Global South; provides an analysis of the attitudes of male family and community members regarding child marriage and the role of masculinity in shaping these attitudes; and surveys interventions currently working with men and boys to see what can be built upon more systematically in future work on child marriage. [Source: WUNRN].

[Safeguarding the rights of girls in the criminal justice system: Preventing violence, stigmatization and deprivation of liberty. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, 2015](#) (pdf): This report seeks to contribute to the dissemination and implementation of the Model Strategies on VAC, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2014.⁹ It also aims to support the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which calls for an end to all forms of violence against children, for equal access to justice for all, and for effective, accountable and inclusive institutions. [Source: National Institute of Corrections News].

V. Websites and projects

[From impunity to justice \(Association for Progressive Communications\)](#): The primary objective of the mini website is not only to have all elements of the multi-country research “From impunity to justice” in one place but also to let readers better experience the two year journey of the research team. The visitors can easily navigate through the various findings of the research and find the information they’re looking for. [Source: AWID].

VI. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Research opportunity: The economic burden of violence against children in South Africa](#). It is against this backdrop that Save the Children South Africa (SCSA) aims to appoint a consultant to estimate the economic burden of violence against children in South Africa. This information will be critical in ensuring the necessary financial resources are invested in the development and execution of a clear implementation plan, which will require well-coordinated collaboration between researchers, government, and non-governmental organisations. Applications close: 20 November 2015. [Source: SAMRC].

VII. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Bringing the SDGs to life: Real change for real people. International Institute for Environment and Development, 2015](#): All 17 Sustainable Development Goals in just three minutes! IIED's animation, "Bringing the #SDGs to life: real change for real people", is designed to communicate what the SDGs are, why they are needed, and why we need to take collective action. Please share your thoughts of the animation using the #SDGideas hashtag on social media. Feel free to share this animation and use it as a resource. [Source: Global Women's Institute].

VIII. News

[Sustainable Development Goals: What's next from a feminist perspective? AWID, 11 November 2015](#): The 2030 sustainable development agenda, formally adopted by Heads of State and governments at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2015, was the result of a three-year process throughout which women's rights activists and organizations mobilised to put gender equality and women's human rights at the centre.

[What Guatemala's elections mean for combating violence against children, Devex, 11 November 2015](#): Over the past four years, Guatemala has officially adopted child-friendly protocols for investigations and prosecutions of abuse. Special reception centres for adult and child victims of sexual assault have been established in 14 prosecutors' offices around the country. At these "one-stop shops," forensic experts conduct medical examinations and collect evidence while prosecutors, a defense attorney for the accused, and judges stand by to receive the victim's testimony.

[Somalia: UN training course spotlights toll-free hotline to help tackle gender-based violence, UN News Centre, 5 November 2015](#): A United Nations-supported training course has been held in Somalia after the launch of a toll free hotline for internally displaced persons (IDPs) to tackle sexual violence by enhancing timely response to abuse cases and offering information on accessible health services.

[Myanmar: Women's fight against verbal taboo symbolises wider rights battle, The Guardian, 2 November 2015](#): In Myanmar there are no vaginas. Linguistically, at least, that part of the female body does not exist in Burmese – a lexical omission that highlights the intense cultural taboos facing women’s rights activists as they battle against the country’s woeful maternal health record and entrenched gender prejudices.

IX. Events

[Webinar: Young people's views on their role in sexual violence prevention efforts, 18 November 2015](#): To mark the first European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, this webinar will share young people's views on preventing sexual violence. Findings from a series of consultations with children and young people affected by sexual violence in Albania, Bulgaria and England will be presented. [Source: University of Bedfordshire].

[Webinar: Entrance and immersion of young people into selling sex in Russia - The role of social norms, 18 November 2015](#). The webinar will highlight findings from Stellit’s research with female sex workers (FSWs) in Russia. Stellit surveyed 896 FSWs recruited from the two large cities of St. Petersburg and Orenburg and conducted 15 in-depth interviews with adult FSWs, reaching a sample that represents different forms and stages of sex work. They analysed sex work as a stepwise process, a career, which is shaped at every stage by factors acting at different levels (individual, social networks, societal, etc.). [Source: LSHTM].

[EVAWI’s Annual Conference, 22 – 26 March 22-24 2016, Washington DC, USA](#). Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence, and engaging men and boys. Register online. [Source: EVAWI].

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

X. Vacancies

[Chief Officer](#) / Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) - Gender & Health Research Unit / Pretoria, South Africa / Closing date: 20 November 2015.

[Communications Executive](#) / Refuge / London, UK / Closing date: 18 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Section Chief - Ending Violence against Women](#) / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: 19 November 2015. [Source: UNDP].

[Translation Consultants](#) (French to English) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 20 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Internal Communications and Membership Intern](#) / Women's International League for Peace and Freedom / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 20 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Consultancy Evaluation of the Civil Society & Beyond 2014 project](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation / Global / Closing date: 23 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Programme Officer in the Communications and Advocacy Team](#) / Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 30 November 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Specialist](#) / IBI International / Morocco / Closing date: 30 November 2015. [Source: IBI International].

[Volunteer Translator \(English-Burmese\)](#) / Karenni National Women's Organization / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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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