



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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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**I. SVRI member request: Engaged men survey**

Women participants who have worked in the field of sexual and intimate partner violence prevention/intervention are invited to complete this survey. The goal of this study is to enhance the general knowledge within the field of sexual and intimate partner violence intervention/prevention. This research will benefit men and women who work inside the field by increasing the understanding of the practical application of theories of men's engagement in sexual and intimate partner violence prevention/intervention.

The survey is available to participants via Google Forms at the following link:[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pYn3S-CaQcCYgQsu5widcBRE1l8SlaiQQWs5NOge\\_WY/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pYn3S-CaQcCYgQsu5widcBRE1l8SlaiQQWs5NOge_WY/viewform?c=0&w=1). No participant data will be not collected unless participants consent to the possibility for follow-up interviews. This survey should not take more 15-30 minutes. Participants completing this survey, who choose to, will be entered into a raffle for a \$200 Amazon gift card. The winner will be announced on May 22nd.

You may contact the George Mason University Office of Research Integrity & Assurance at 703-993-4121 if you have questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant in the research. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

## 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.*

[Violent victimization, mental health, and service utilization outcomes in a cohort of homeless and unstably housed women living with or at risk of becoming infected with HIV. Tsai A.C, Weiser S.D, Dilworth S.E et al. Am. J. Epidemiol, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines the relationship between recent violent victimization and mental health status, mental health–related emergency department visits, and psychiatric hospitalization. [Source: Harvard Medical School].

[Intimate partner violence and new-onset depression: A longitudinal study of women’s childhood and adult histories of abuse. Ouellet-Morin I, Fisher H.L, York-Smith M et al. Depression and Anxiety, ePub, 2015](#): This research disentangles the effect of partner violence on new-onset depression and psychosis spectrum symptoms from effects of child maltreatment and other confounding factors, including substance abuse and antisocial personality. [Source: ANROWS].

[Seeking rape justice: Formal and informal responses to sexual violence through technosocial counter-publics. Powell, A. Theoretical Criminology, ePub, 2015](#): This article contends that communications technologies are not simply new tools for conventional formal justice, but rather that these technologies are mediating new mechanisms of informal justice outside of the state, in turn challenging meanings of justice in western liberal democracies. [Source: ANROWS].

[Applying normalization process theory to understand implementation of a family violence screening and care model in maternal and child health nursing practice: a mixed method process evaluation of a randomised controlled trial. Hooker L, Small R, Humphreys C et al. Implementation Science, 10:39, 2015](#): Using Normalization Process Theory (NPT), the authors aim to understand the barriers and facilitators of implementing an enhanced screening model into MCH nurse clinical practice. [Source: ANROWS].

[The association between disability and intimate partner violence in the United States. Breiding M.J and Armour B.S. Annals of Epidemiology, ePub, 2015](#): This study seeks to examine the link between disability and intimate partner violence in a nationally-representative sample of U.S. women and men. Also, by establishing that disability preceded recent IPV victimization, this study allows for a more thorough understanding of whether people with disabilities are at greater risk of victimization subsequent to having a disability. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[BDNF and cortisol levels in children with or without post-traumatic stress disorder after sustaining sexual abuse. Simsek S, Uysal C, Kaplan I, Yüksel T, Aktas H.](#)

[Psychoneuroendocrinology, 56: 45-51, 2015](#): This article investigates whether BDNF, cortisol and adrenocorticotropine (ACTH) levels differ between individuals who developed PTSD or not following a sexual trauma. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Dating violence and substance use as longitudinal predictors of adolescents' risky sexual behaviour. Shorey R.C, Fite P.J, Choi H et al. Prev. Sci, ePub, 2015](#)

: This article describes dating violence perpetration and victimization (physical, psychological, and sexual) and lifetime substance use (alcohol, marijuana, and hard drugs) as longitudinal predictors of adolescents' risky sexual behavior across 1 year and to determine whether predictors varied across adolescents' gender and ethnicity. [Source: SafetyLit].

[History of childhood abuse, drinking motives, alcohol use, and sexual risk behaviour among STD clinic patients in St. Petersburg, Russia: a cross-sectional study. Abdala N, Li F, Shaboltas A.V, Skochilov R.V, Krasnoselskikh T.V. AIDS Behav, ePub, 2015](#)

: This article examines the relationship between level of childhood abuse (physical and emotional) and sexual risk behaviour of sexually transmitted disease clinic patients in St. Petersburg, Russia through path analyses. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Child sexual abuse and continuous influence of cultural practices: A review. Shafe S, Hutchinson G. West Indian Med. J, 63\(6\): ePub, 2014](#)

: This article aims to provide information on the possible influence of cultural practices in perpetuating child sexual abuse (CSA) and to examine documented examples of these cultural influences. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape and gender conflict in a patriarchal state. Johnson R.R. Crime Delinq, 60\(7\): 1110-1128, 2014](#)

: This article examines the empirical relationship between female sociopolitical power and the rape rates and rape case clearance rates of 105 counties in an agrarian state with a reputation for patriarchal culture. [Source: SafetyLit].

### **III. Online publications and resources**

[ANROWS Footprints, Issue II, 2015](#): Footprints is a thematic quarterly publication focussed on communicating new, innovative and emerging research, and policy and practice initiatives addressing violence against women and their children. The theme of this edition is Understanding gendered violence: How do we, as researchers, practitioners, policy makers and community members conceptualise, analyse and comprehend violence against women and their children? [Source: ANROWS].

[Girls are like leaves on the wind. How gender expectations impact girls' education - A closer look from West Nile, Uganda. International Center for Research on Women, 2015](#)

: This report examines the complex factors that determine school dropout among girls, highlighting the ways in which gendered expectations and norms may influence girls' education. [Source: ICRW].

**[Gender, rights and diversity: Connecting the pieces. Making the Global Fund work for women. ATHENA Network and AIDS Legal Network, 2015](#)**: This paper examines a series of opportunities for strengthening women's engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and proposes solutions that work from local to global. [Source: 60percent].

**[Safe cities for women: From reality to rights. ActionAid 2014](#)**: This report seeks to make visible the lived realities, perceptions and fears of women living (or forced to live) in cities. The report sets out women's experiences of harassment, sexual violence, discrimination, and exclusion from public spaces and services. [Source: WUNRN].

**[No-one should be oppressed: Writing about our lives and struggles. Oxfam, 2014](#)**: The book is organised in four sections: 'About our lives' where women speak of their personal challenges and their analysis of power in their lives; 'How we organise' which considers their strategies to confront this power; 'Learning from each other' reflects on the lessons and solidarity that emerged from the process, and a final section captures the emotional and inspirational experience of the participants. [Source: WUNRN].

#### **IV. Websites**

**[Defying Gender Roles](#)**: This website was developed as source of dialogue on how to reshape traditional gender roles that are often stifling and outdated. The goal is gender equality. [Source: DGR].

#### **V. Research opportunities, grants and funding**

**[Funding opportunity: AmplifyChange Strengthening Grant](#)**. This Grant is available for up to two years to support a particular, usually time limited, project that seeks to engage and contribute to bringing about change in one or more of the priority themes of AmplifyChange. The application window opens 6 April 2015 and closes on 26 April 2015. [Source: SAMRC].

**[Funding opportunity: AmplifyChange Innovation Grant](#)**. This Grant is intended to serve a catalytic role in helping groups develop new approaches and ideas or encourage new CSOs to engage in SRHR advocacy. The application window opens 6 April 2015 – there is no deadline for the Innovation Grant. [Source: SAMRC].

#### **VI. Advocacy and awareness-raising**

**[Child Abuse Prevention Month: Connections video series](#)**. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To recognise this important month, we are introducing 'Connections,' a special National Child Abuse Prevention Month series of short videos that will be released on each of the five Wednesdays in April, 2015. [Source: Friendsnrc].

**[1 Photo 6 Words](#)**: Recently the CDC had a social media campaign encouraging people to create 1 Photo 6 Words #VetoViolence. A video compiling the highest-ranked submissions

commemorating the Violence Against Women Act's 20th anniversary, is now live on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oG-sSp5KBcU>. Add your six words on why you want to prevent violence at the PreventConnect blog. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

## VII. News

### [DR Congo: UN welcomes 'milestone' declaration aimed at combating rape in war, UN News Centre, 31 March 2015](#)

The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Hawa Bangura, today called the signing of a landmark declaration by military commanders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) a "milestone" on the road to ending conflict related sexual violence.

### [Ukraine needs greater support in addressing gender-based violence, says OSCE Senior Gender Adviser in Kyiv, OSCE, 25 March 2015](#)

There is an urgent need to enhance the capacities of Ukraine to address the issue of gender-based violence adequately, said the OSCE Senior Gender Adviser, Ambassador Miroslava Beham, as she concluded a three-day assessment mission to the country.

### [Acting tough to earn respect as policewomen in Argentina, Inter Press Service News Agency, 25 March 2015](#)

When they joined the police, Marina Faustino and Silvia Miers were part of a small minority, and to make their way in a world of men they had to "act tough." Now, thanks to a gender equality policy, there are more and more policewomen in Argentina, fighting sexism and prejudice as well as crime.

### [The anatomy of a campaign: Giving child marriage the finger, Plan UK, The Guardian, 17 March 2015](#)

Plan UK's campaign to end child marriage is deliberately provocative, which caused problems for running on London underground.

### [Nigerian police neglect widows of cops slain by Boko Haram – study, IRIN News, 2015](#)

he Nigerian Police Force is not only failing to pay all the financial benefits owed to the families of their officers killed in action against Boko Haram militants, but in some cases sexual favours and kickbacks have been demanded of the widows in return for the dues they did receive, according to new research in the northern city of Kano's police command.

## VIII. Events

### [Stopping violence before it starts, 15 April 2015, Pretoria, South Africa](#)

The seminar will launch a special edition of the Institute for Security Studies journal, South African Crime Quarterly. This edition, on the prevention of violence in South Africa, was guest edited by Elizabeth Dartnall and Anik Gevers from the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) at the South African Medical Research Council. [Source: ISS].

### [Online training course: Understanding & addressing gender based violence \(GBV\), 9 May - 4 July 2015](#)

The course's specific focus is on GBV against women, in non-emergency development settings, in lower-income countries, and it consists of 2 modules, with units

spread across 8 weeks. Please check the course page on Kimmage DSC's website. [Source: Irish Forum for Global Health].

[\*\*X IASSCS Conference: Literacies and sexualities in cultural, fictional, real, and virtual worlds - Past, present, future perfect? Dublin, Ireland, 17-20 June 2015\*\*](#). This conference proposes to investigate the politics, nature, roles and effects of sexual (and gender) literacy in the cultural, fictional, real and virtual worlds. In addition to conference awards this year, the journal Culture, Health and Sexuality will offer a prize to the author of the best paper by a 'newcomer' to research in the field of sexuality, culture and health. Applications and full papers are due 30 April 2015. [Source: IASSCS].

[\*\*Implementation science for family planning and reproductive health, including HIV/STI prevention and control, 3 – 14 August 2015, Seattle, USA\*\*](#). This two-week course provide participants an introduction to the emerging field of implementation science, with a specific and applied focus on family planning and reproductive health, including HIV/STI prevention and control. Applications close: 1 May 2015. [Source: IBP Initiative].

## **IX. Vacancies**

**Consultancy: Analysis of protection strategies and mechanisms for conflict-related GBV survivors in Lebanon and Jordan** / Alianza por la Solidaridad / Lebanon and Jordan / Closing date: April 15, 2015 / For Terms of Reference, email Elena Alfageme at ealfageme@aporsolidaridad.org. [Source: ApS].

[\*\*Emergency Women Protection and Empowerment Manager\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Nyal County, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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

[\*\*Coordonnateur Protection et Développement des Femmes \(Court Terme\)\*\*](#) / International Rescue Committee / Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[\*\*Challenging Religious Fundamentalisms, Communications Program Coordinator\*\*](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: April 5, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Program Coordinator, Young Feminist Activism\*\*](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: April 12, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Regional Activism and Youth Coordinator\*\*](#) / Amnesty International / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: April 14, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[\*\*Entry-Level Humanitarian Professional Programme\*\*](#) / United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) / Global / Closing date April 6, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Head of Partnership Development](#) / Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage / London, UK / Closing date: April 19, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Resident Gender Advisor](#) / National Democratic Institute for International Affairs / Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Closing date: April 18, 2015. [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](http://www.svri.org) or contact us at [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za)

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