



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: SVRI Forum 2015 - Expression of interest to run pre-conference workshops

Please take note that the SVRI Forum 2015 expression of interest to run pre-conference workshops **closes on 28 February 2015**. Pre-conference workshops offer an opportunity to learn research techniques, new technologies and interventions and to foster scholarship and collaboration.

We encourage expressions of interest to run workshops that focus on research methodology, ethics, data analysis, research uptake, use of technology to perpetrate/prevent/respond to violence, and other relevant issues. Participants are charged a small fee to attend these workshops.

To submit expressions of interest to run pre-conference workshops at the SVRI Forum 2015, visit: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/workshop.htm>. For more information on the SVRI Forum 2015, please visit the conference website at: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>.

II. SVRI members requests

1) Study recruitment request: Survey on sexual violence

Norma Rosenek, a third year psychology student on the Criminal Behaviour pathway at Southampton Solent University is requesting your participation in a study that investigates how different individuals rate activities of sexual misconduct (e.g. rape) that depict different levels of aggression, violence, coercion and consent. This will involve reading four scenarios, rating them and answering short questions, as well as filling out three questionnaires.

Your participation is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. This study will be conducted via an online survey, which means that you will not provide any personal or identifying information and in return ensures 100% anonymity. However, as no identifying characteristics will be kept, you will not be able to withdraw your data, once you have completed the study.

Please be advised that this survey will ask questions of a very sensitive nature, including very visually described sexual misconduct (including rape), the assessment of personality traits, experienced aggression across the lifespan and perspectives on sexual aggression. You will further be confronted with topics related to rape and serious sexual abuse. Please consider whether you think participating in this study may be too distressing or upsetting, before taking part. To start the survey, please use the following link:https://www.soscisurvey.de/solent_2/. For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Norma at: Orosen21a@solent.ac.uk.

2) Call for contributions: Training curriculum for health professionals

WHO and PAHO are developing a training curriculum for health professionals about care for women subjected to intimate partner violence and sexual violence. They would appreciate if you could share your ideas and opinions by answering the survey in the link below. This will help them ensure that the training curriculum meets the needs of health professionals like you and helps you provide adequate care for women subjected to violence. The questionnaire should take only 10 minutes to complete:<http://goo.gl/forms/Hn9KemQnHD>.

If you prefer, you can answer the PDF questionnaire attached instead and send to Thais Rezende (derezendeosinit@who.int). For any additional questions or comments, please contact Thais Rezende (derezendeosinit@who.int) or Claudia Garcia Moreno (garciamorenoc@who.int).

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.

[The price of protection: A trajectory analysis of civil remedies for abuse and women's earnings. Hughes M.M & Brush L.D. American Sociological Review, 80\(1\): 140-165,](#)

2015: We know men's violence against women is costly. Yet, we know little about the costs—or benefits—of women's efforts to end it. This study investigates the temporal dynamics of women's earnings and petitioning for a Protection from Abuse (PFA) civil restraining order. [Source: ANROWS].

[General practice service use and satisfaction among female survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Coles J, Lee A, Taft A, Mazza D and Loxton D. Australian Family Physician, 44 \(1/2\): 71-76, 2015:](#) This article investigates the associations between CSA, adult violence experiences and general practice service use and satisfaction in a community sample of Australian women aged 28-33 years. [Source: ANROWS].

[The neuropsychology of adolescent sexual offending: Testing an executive dysfunction hypothesis. Morais H.B, Joyal C.C, Alexander A.A, Fix R.L, Burkhart B.R. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2015:](#) This article compares the executive functioning (EF) of adolescents with sexual offense convictions (ASOC) to that of non-sex-delinquents (NSD). [Source: SafetyLit].

[Counselor attitudes of effectiveness with sexually abused men. Paul J, Paul W. Community Ment. Health J, ePub, 2015:](#) This study offers a window into counselors' attitudes and beliefs of effectiveness with sexually abused men. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Association between intimate partner violence and child maltreatment in a representative student sample in Hong Kong. Chan K.L. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2015:](#) This article examines the prevalence of the co-occurrence of intimate partner violence (IPV) and child maltreatment (CM) to determine whether IPV is a factor associated with the latter. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Violence against widows in Nepal: Experiences, coping behaviors, and barriers in seeking help. Sabri B, Sabarwal S, Decker M.R, Shrestha A, Sharma K, Thapa L, Surkan P.J. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015:](#) This article describes Nepalese widows' experiences of violence, their coping strategies, and barriers faced in seeking help. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Examining the prevalence, bidirectionality, and co-occurrence of sexual intimate partner violence among women during pregnancy and postpartum. Hellmuth J.C, Jaquier V, Gordon K.C, Moore T.M, Stuart G.L. Partner Abuse, 5: 407-419, 2014:](#) This longitudinal study examines the prevalence of women's sexual intimate partner violence (IPV) perpetration, the extent to which women experienced both sexual IPV victimization and perpetration, and the overlap between women's experiences of sexual IPV with psychological and physical IPV victimization and perpetration. [Source: SafetyLit].

[An epidemiological overview of child sexual abuse. Singh M.M, Parsekar S.S, Nair S.N. J. Family Med. Prim. Care, 3: 430-435, 2014:](#) CSA estimates vary widely depending on the country under study, the definitions used, the type of CSA studied, the extent of coverage, and quality of data. This this article assesses the magnitude and the issues related to CSA. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Barriers to care for sexual assault survivors of childbearing age: An integrative review.](#)

[Munro M.L. Womens Healthc. \(Doylestown\), 2: 19-29, 2014](#): This integrative review identifies barriers that may be keeping sexual assault survivors of childbearing age from receiving such comprehensive care. [Source: SafetyLit].

IV. Online publications and resources

[Sex workers transforming economic power to advance women's rights and justice: Post-2012 AWID International Forum Innovation Seed Grants. AWID, 2015](#)

: This report shares highlights from the four recipients of AWID's "Innovation Seed Grants" whose projects focused on advancing the rights of sex workers: the Association of Hungarian Sex Workers, Red Umbrella Project (USA), Debolina Dutta in collaboration with sex worker collectives DMSC and VAMP in India, and Aids Myanmar Association National Network of Sex Work Projects (AMA). [Source: AWID].

[I'm here: Adolescent Girls in emergencies approach and tools for improved response.](#)

[Women's Refugee Commission, 2014](#): This report outlines an operational approach and recommendations that can help humanitarian sectors be more accountable to adolescent girls from the start of an emergency. [Source: AWID].

[Finding the costs of freedom: How women and children rebuild their lives after domestic violence. Kelly L, Sharp N and Klein R. Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit \(CWASU\), London Metropolitan University and Solace Women's Aid, 2014](#)

(pdf): Through a multi-layered research methodology, this report explores how women and children are able to grow their 'space for action' (Kelly, 2003) after physically removing themselves from the 'coercive control' (Stark, 2007) exerted by the perpetrator over their everyday lives. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Websites

[Safe to Compete](#): This website provides access to resources to help youth-sport organisations protect child athletes from sexual abuse. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

VI. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: Community Primary Prevention Partnership Grants](#). The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is pleased to announce a competitive funding application process for Community Primary Prevention Partnership Grants. Ending sexual violence is a complex social challenge that requires community-wide changes. Applications close: 15 September 2015. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

VII. News

[Street protests across Turkey after woman was 'killed after resisting rape', The Independent, 15 February 2015](#): Thousands of women's rights activists have taken to the

streets in cities across Turkey after a woman was allegedly killed after resisting an attempt to rape her.

[Top 10 myths about child marriage, UNFPA News, 12 February 2015](#): Despite widespread condemnation of child marriage, the practice persists around the world, perpetuated by a toxic mix of poverty and gender inequality. Its effects are devastating, yet the issue is often deeply misunderstood.

[Indonesia lawmakers drop plan for schoolgirl virginity tests after uproar, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 11 February 2015](#): Indonesian officials have dropped a plan to require female students to pass virginity tests in order to graduate from high school and apologised after sparking a public outcry, human rights campaigners said.

[Sex crimes up amid Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, IRIN News, 4 February 2015](#): Reports that rates of sexual assault and teenage pregnancy have soared in Sierra Leone since the start of the Ebola outbreak have prompted the government to plan a raft of measures to protect girls and the UN to investigate the scale of the increase.

VIII. Events

[Webinar: Using popular education to engage communities in sexual violence prevention, 26 February 2015](#). This web conference will engage participants in a discussion of popular education as a community mobilisation approach rooted in social justice. Register online. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Adopting child-led practice, 16 – 17 March 2015, Melbourne, Australia](#). This workshop challenges ideas of ownership in families where there is violence. This two-day workshop on 'child-led' interventions with groups, families and individuals affected by family violence. The workshop will present on the material produced by the multi-award winning group work program PARKAS (Parents Accepting Responsibility Kids Are Safe) and beyond. Enrol online. [Source: ANROWS].

[National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence, 19 – 21 March, Washington D.C, USA](#). This conference aims to advance the health care system's response to domestic and sexual violence. The conference attracts the nation's leading medical, public health and family violence experts from across the U.S. with increased international participation. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

[Online course: Understanding & addressing GBV in development contexts, 9 May – 4 July 2015](#). This course focuses specifically on gender-based violence (GBV) against women, non-emergency development settings, and lower-income countries. Apply online. [Source: AWID].

[Middlesex University Sexual Violence Conference, 17 - 18 September 2015](#) (pdf). This conference will bring together practitioners, policy makers and academics who work in the field of sexual violence, to share their knowledge and understanding. Papers that are

empirically based and those that involve new and emerging topics within sexual violence are invited. Submissions close: 17 April 2015. [Source: Middlesex University].

IX. Vacancies

[**WPE ERT Program Manager**](#) / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[**Legal Research Intern**](#) / Open Society Foundations / New York or Washington D.C., USA / Closing date: March 15, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Gender Lead \(Consultant\) - EQWIP HUBS**](#) / Youth Challenge International / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: February 27, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Development Director**](#) / MADRE / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Communications Consultant**](#) / UN Women / Dhaka, Bangladesh / Closing date: February 20, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Legal Officer**](#) / The Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing date: March 8, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Haiti Adolescent Girls Network Coordinator**](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) & the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Haiti / Haiti / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Data Analyst, Youth & Emerging Areas**](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[**Data Associate - Part Time**](#) / International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) / New York, USA / 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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