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. SVRI member request: CSO survey for the global study on implementation of UNSCR 1325

Calling on CSOs working on Women Peace and Security to share your insights on 15 years of UNSCR 1325 implementation! The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), in partnership with the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (NGO WG on WPS) and Cordaid is conducting a survey among CSOs from around the world to solicit their views on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the past, and recommendations for the future. The views you share will directly feed into the Global Study on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325, called for under UNSCR 2122 to "highlight examples of good practice, implementation gaps and challenges, and priorities for action. The survey is available in English, Arabic, French and Spanish. Please give your input by filling out the CSO Survey for the Global Study on UNSCR 1325 by March 31, 2015. [Source: AWID].

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.

A brief report on rape myth acceptance: Differences between police officers, law students, and psychology students in the United Kingdom. Sleath E, Bull R. Violence Vict, 30: 136-147, 2015: This article determines whether police officers do accept stereotypical rape myths at a higher level compared to members of other populations. [Source: SafetyLit].

Meta-analysis of the prevalence of unacknowledged rape. Wilson L.C, Miller K.E. Trauma Violence Abuse, ePub, 2015: Many sexual violence survivors do not label their experiences as rape but instead use more benign labels, such as "bad sex" or "miscommunication." This study conducts a meta-analysis to estimate the mean prevalence of unacknowledged rape and to inform our understanding of methodological factors that influence the detection of this phenomenon. [Source: SafetyLit].

Risk and protective factors for sexual and dating violence victimization: A longitudinal, prospective study of Latino and African American adolescents. East PL, Hokoda A. J. Youth Adolesc, ePub, 2015: This article seeks to identify the risk and protective factors evident in early adolescence that are associated with sexual and dating violence victimization in late adolescence. [Source: SafetyLit].

Friends matter: Protective and harmful aspects of male friendships associated with past-year sexual aggression in a community sample of young men. Jacques-Tiura A.J, Abbey A, Wegner R, Pierce J, Pegram S.E, Woerner J. Am. J. Public Health, ePub: e1-e7, 2015: This article extends past research on sexual violence etiology by examining the impact of perceived pressure to have sex by any means and the types of objectifying and egalitarian language that friends used when discussing women. [Source: SafetyLit].

Hidden voices: prevalence and risk factors for violence against women with disabilities in Nepal. Puri M, Misra G, Hawkes S. BMC Public Health, 15: 1610, 2015: Critical gaps exist in empirical data on the extent, risk factors, access to care, socio-economic and health consequences of violence among women with disabilities in Nepal. This paper addresses some these gaps and aims to promote evidence-informed policy and programme responses in Nepal. [Source: SafetyLit].

Sexual revictimization: The impact of attachment anxiety, accumulated trauma, and response to childhood sexual abuse disclosure. Brenner I, Ben-Amitay G. Violence Vict, 30: 49-65, 2015: This study investigates the relations between attachment dimensions, exposure to accumulated childhood traumas, reaction to childhood sexual abuse disclosure, and adult sexual revictimization. [Source: SafetyLit].

Interpersonal difficulties mediate the relationship between child sexual abuse and depression symptoms. Wilson L.C, Scarpa A. Violence Vict, 30: 163-176, 2015: This article examines the influence of interpersonal functioning as a mediator in the relationship between child sexual abuse and depression symptoms, after accounting for the influence of child physical abuse. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Perceptions of sexual assault victims/survivors: The influence of sexual history and body weight. Gotovac S, Towson S. Violence Vict, 30: 66-80, 2015](): This article investigates the intersection between a woman's body weight and sexual history and the victim blaming attitudes of future health care providers. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Estimating the effect of intimate partner violence on women's use of contraception: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Maxwell L, Devries K, Zionts D et al. PLoS ONE 10(2): e0118234, 2015](): This systematic review synthesises existing evidence from the strongest study designs to estimate the impact of IPV on women's use of contraception. [Source: ResearchGate].

[Characteristics and health consequences of adolescent sexual assault at Police General Hospital, Thailand. Suthapom S, Teerapong S, Aojanepong T, Sangviroon A, Napakorn K, Bhamarapravatana K. J. Med. Assoc. Thai, 97: 1221-1226, 2014](): This article describes the characteristics and epidemiology of adolescent sexual assaults and compares health consequences between adolescent and adult victims. [Source: SafetyLit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Women and girls safe spaces: A guidance note based on lessons learned from the Syrian crisis. UNFPA, 2015](): This document provides an overview of what safe spaces are, and what key principles should be followed when establishing such spaces in humanitarian and post-crisis contexts. [Source: WUNRN].

[Republic of Congo: Building access to justice, health care and social rehabilitation for survivors. Association for Progressive Communications and Azur Development, 2015](): This publication, which is especially useful for women's rights and ICT for development organisations, UN agencies, health providers, legislators, policy makers and justice enforcement bodies, gathers the learnings and challenges identified by all actors involved in the project, and reflects on the next steps to be taken in holding governments, police, health facilities and courts of law accountable in their commitments to eradicate violence against women and offer support to survivors. [Source: APCNews 225].

[Linking data analysis to programming series: No. 1. Gender-Based Violence Information Management System, 2015]()(pdf): This series will showcase GBVIMS users who are utilizing data to improve their programming, advocacy efforts or for resource mobilization. The first in the series highlights how International Rescue Committee Women's Protection and Empowerment programs in Kenya and Liberia used GBVIMS data (with other sources of data) to inform programmatic decision making. Look for future stories in the series on the 'Resources' page of the website. [Source: GBVIMS].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Fellowship opportunity: 2015 Women PeaceMakers Program. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, is currently accepting applications for its Women PeaceMakers Program (WPM). The WPM is designed for leaders from conflict-affected countries around the world who are transforming conflict and assuring gender-inclusion in post conflict recovery through the human rights advocacy and peace building efforts they lead. These are women whose stories and best practices will be shared internationally; they are women who will have a respite from the frontlines work they do. Applications close: 20 April 2015. [Source: AWID].

V. News

Should it be illegal to pay for sex? Panel verdict, The Guardian, 24 March 2015: The debate on sex work is heating up, and I've decided to challenge a new law in Northern Ireland that makes it illegal to pay for sex. While abolitionist groups scaremonger and selectively use statistics, I'm with the sex work advocacy groups that are fighting for our labour rights with increasing visibility in the media.

Researcher: If top officials continue to emphasize gender inequality, violence might get worse, Today's Zaman, 22 March 2015: This week's guest for Monday Talk has been diligently studying domestic violence against women in Turkey, and she has warned that if top government officials continue to emphasize gender inequality, the situation might go from bad to worse.

How men speak with their friends could be linked to sexual violence, Medical News Today, 20 March 2015: Researchers have reported that the nature of men's conversations with their friends could encourage or discourage instances of sexual aggression toward women.

Child sex trafficking victims easily missed by doctors, social workers: Study, MedLine Plus, 17 March 2015: Most health care workers may lack the knowledge, awareness and training to identify potential victims of child sex trafficking, a new study suggests.

School plan to change gender stereotypes causes storm in Italy, The Guardian, 10 March 2015: A plan to challenge young children's ideas about gender through play at schools in northern Italy – including with a memory game that contains images of male homemakers and female plumbers – has created a storm of protest, with some politicians saying the effort will confuse children about their sexual identity.

VI. 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].

WILPF 2015 Conference: Women's power to stop war, 27-29 April 2015, The Hague, Netherlands. To commemorate its 100 year anniversary, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is hosting the WILPF 2015 Conference. The programme for the plenaries and sessions are now online. Take a look at the programme page and find out what's in store at the peace conference of the century! Register online. [Source: AWID].

Gender and equality in the academy: Gender across disciplines, 29 May 2015, Dublin, Ireland. The UCD School of Philosophy and the UCD School of Social Justice invite submissions to the 2015 Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop on Gender across Disciplines. The intent of this workshop is to bring postgraduate academics together in all schools and disciplines at UCD (and further afield) to discuss ways to challenge disciplines and methodologies from perspectives representing all genders. Please send your proposal by Friday 10th April 2015 to maeve.kelly@ucdconnect.ie. [Source: The Irish Forum for Global Health].

CREA's Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute, 20-28 June 2015, Istanbul, Turkey. This Institute is an annual residential course--begun in 2007--which focuses on a conceptual study of sexuality and its application to program interventions. The Institute examines the links between sexuality, rights, gender, and health, and their interface with socio-cultural and legal issues. Participants critically analyse policy, research, and programme interventions using a rights-based approach. Applications close: 20 April 2015. [Source: AWID].

34th Annual Research and Treatment Conference, 14 – 17 October 2015, Montréal, Canada. This conference will offer symposia, workshop presentations, poster sessions, discussion groups, and advanced clinics relating to issues in both victim and perpetrator research and treatment. In addition to the three-day Conference schedule, ATSA will offer a selection of intensive half- and/or full-day Pre-Conference Clinics. These Clinics are designed to provide participants with extensive training and skills enhancement. Register online. [Source: ATSA].

Webinar series: Digital storytelling in public health, 15 April through to 9 December 2015. For many years, the Center for Digital Storytelling (StoryCenter) has been supporting researchers and community practitioners as they explore how storytelling can enhance public health promotion. The workshop-based production methods provide support for crafting first-person narratives and turning them into videos that have been shared around the world. This year, StoryCenter shares some of its public health strategies through a series of new two-hour webinars. Register online. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

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

VII. Vacancies

Managing Director / Social Development Direct / London, UK / Closing date: March 29, 2015 / Email: jobs@sddirect.org.uk. [Source: SDDirect].

Director of Women's Protection and Empowerment Programs / International Rescue Committee / Kinshasa with regular travel to South Kivu, North Kivu, and Katanga provinces, DRC / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Women Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Coordinator - North Kivu / International Rescue Committee / Goma, DRC / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Senior Coordinator, Women' Protection & Empowerment / International Rescue Committee / Monrovia, Liberia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Women's Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Antakya, with frequent travel to IRC field offices in Sanliurfa and Gaziantep, Turkey / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

Resource Mobilization Officer / The Young Feminist Fund (FRIDA) / Flexible location / Closing date: April 8, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Senior Gender Advisor - CINHS / Gender Resources Inc / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Senior Advisor – Elimination of Violence Against Women Units, Supporting Access to Justice in Afghanistan (SAJA) / International Development Law Organization / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: March 30, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Resident Gender Advisor / The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs / Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Closing date: April 18, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Resource & Documentation Centre Officer / The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) / Vilnius, Lithuania / Closing date: April 6, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Head of Unit - Knowledge Management and Communications / The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) / Vilnius, Lithuania / Closing date: April 6, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Technical Assistance Baseline Data Collection (36 Working Days) / UN Women / Fiji / Closing date: March 27, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Project Assistant - Gender and Security Programme / The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: April 20, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

Country Directors / CARE / 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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