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I. 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.

[Adapting an evidence-based intervention for HIV to avail access to testing and risk-reduction counseling for female victims of sexual violence in post-earthquake Haiti. Rahill G.J, Joshi M, Hernandez A. AIDS Care, 28\(2\): 250-6, 2016](#): This article reviews several features of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 103 evidence-based interventions for HIV (e.g., measures used, participant risk characteristics, theoretical framework, outcome variables, and evidence tier) in an attempt to seek a feasibly adaptable evidence-based intervention for HIV that could be used for victims of sexual violence (VOSV). [Source: University of South Florida].

[Psychosocial profile of children having participated in an intervention program for their sexual behavior problems: the predictor role of maltreatment. Tougas A.M, Boisvert I, Tourigny M, Lemieux A, Tremblay C, Gagnon M.M. J. Child Sex. Abuse, ePub, 1-15, 2016](#): This study intends to verify if a history of maltreatment may predict the psychosocial profile of

children who participated in an intervention program aiming at reducing sexual behaviour problems. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Mental health risk factors in sexual assault: what should sexual assault referral centre staff be aware of? Brooker C, Tocque K. Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine, ePub, 2016](#): This study highlights the relationship between mental health and rape; thereby increasing Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) staff and NHS commissioners' awareness of the issue and the potential for longer-term risks to mental health. [Source: ANROWS].

[Exploring revictimization process among Turkish women: the role of early maladaptive schemas on the link between child abuse and partner violence. Atmaca S, Gençöz T. Child Abuse Negl, 52: 85-93, 2016](#): The purpose of this study is to explore the revictimization process between child abuse and neglect (CAN), and intimate partner violence (IPV) based on the schema theory perspective. [Source: SafetyLit].

["Just dreaming of them": the Berlin Project for Primary Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse by Juveniles \(PPJ\). Beier K.M, Oezdemir U.C, Schlinzig E, Groll A, Hupp E, Hellenschmidt T. Child Abuse Negl, 52: 1-10, 2016](#): This article presents the origin of the PPJ, its main approach, including the conception of a media campaign, as well as results from the first year of a three-year study. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The effect of family violence on sexual victimization among young women. Symons K, Hellemans S, Van Houtte M, Vermeersch H. Journal of Family Violence, ePub, 2016](#): Young people who grow up in a violent family context are more vulnerable to become victims of sexual aggression outside the family context. The present study contributes to the understanding of the mechanisms that explain this link among young women by looking at the mediating role of sexual exposure behaviour and target vulnerability. [Source: ANROWS].

[Sexual violence against women through the lens of environmental criminology: toward the accumulation of evidence-based knowledge and crime prevention. Leclerc B, Chiu Y, Cale J, Cook A. European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research, ePub, 2016](#): Based on the current state of the criminological research literature, the authors provide a discussion on the prevention of sexual offenses against women drawing on a situational crime prevention framework. [Source: ANROWS].

[Secure attachment moderates the relation of sexual trauma with trauma symptoms among adolescents from an inpatient psychiatric facility. Jardin C, Venta A, Newlin E, Ibarra S, Sharp C. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2015](#): This study examines attachment security as a potential moderator of the relation between having a history of sexual trauma (HST) and trauma symptoms among adolescents at an inpatient psychiatric facility. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A systematic literature review of "rape victims" versus "rape survivors": implications for theory, research, and practice. Hockett J.M, Saucier D.A. Aggression and violent behaviour, 25: 1-14, 2015](#): In this articles, the authors systematically review past research on individuals' rape-related attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, behaviours, and experiences. [Source: ScienceDirect].

[Symptoms of PTSD in a sample of female victims of sexual violence in post-earthquake Haiti. Rahill G.J, Joshi M, Lescano C, Holbert D. J Affect Disord, 173: 232-8, 2015](#): This article suggests that women who survive SV in Haiti should be provided access to trauma-informed care that addresses biological consequences of the SV, as well as biological, neurological and psychological sequelae. [Source: University of South Florida].

[Language of sexual violence in Haiti: perceptions of victims, community-level workers, and health care providers. Joshi M, Rahill G.J, Lescano C, Jean F. J Health Care for the Poor & Underserved, 25\(4\): 1623-1640, 2014](#): This study uses an exploratory sequential qualitative design and Grounded Theory to investigate language/terminology for non-partner sexual violence (NPSV), victims and perpetrators, and health effects of NPSV on victims. [Source: University of South Florida].

II. Online publications and resources

[Domestic and family violence and parenting: mixed methods insights into impact and support needs. State of knowledge paper, ANROWS, 11 January 2016](#) (pdf): This paper examines the current state of knowledge on the impact of domestic and family violence (DFV) on parenting. [Source: ANROWS].

[Stronger together: Engaging both women and men in SASA! To prevent violence against women. Learning from Practice Series No. 4: Research Perspectives. Raising Voices, 2015](#) (pdf): SASA! Means “now” in Kiswahili. It is also an acronym for the four phases of the approach: Start, Awareness, Support, and Action. This study intends to discover the value of SASA!’s approach of working with both women and men to prevent violence against women. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[Creating a world free from violence – The Stepping Stones and Creating Futures Intervention trial. HEARD, 2015](#): The Stepping Stones and Creating Futures intervention trial is an innovative cluster randomised control trial evaluating the effectiveness of whether a gender transformative and livelihood strengthening intervention can reduce women’s experience and men’s perpetration of intimate partner violence in urban informal settlements in South Africa. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[Series ‘challenging masculinities and creating alternative: windows to working with men & boys. Compendium of interventions and research from the 2nd MenEngage Global Symposium 2014 Men and Boys for Gender Justice, New Delhi. Centre for Health and Social Justice, 2015](#) (pdf): This volume highlights experiences from Kenya about the upheavals in masculinities among the Maasai people with eroding of their rights over land and livestock which were tied to masculine power. It further highlights the primary prevention strategy of being applied successfully in schools, in Vietnam. As well as Estonia study of male managers in public and private sector enterprises which gives an understanding of concepts of masculinity in contemporary societies. [Source: CHSJ].

III. Websites and projects

[FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention \(CBCAP\)](#): This centre

works to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programmes, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect; and to foster understanding, appreciation and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect. [Source: Friendsnrc].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: UNICEF Innovation Fund](#). The purpose of the UNICEF Innovation Fund is to invest in open source technologies for children. The Fund has raised \$9 million so far and offers innovators in developing countries a pooled funding mechanism to help them take their tested projects to the next stage. The Fund brings together models of financing and methodologies used by venture capital funds and the principles of UNICEF'S award-winning Innovation Unit. Expression of Interest Response forms must be submitted by 26 February 2016. [Source: SAMRC].

[Funding opportunity: Perpetrator interventions research stream grants round](#). ANROWS invites researchers across Australia to apply for the perpetrator interventions research stream grants round. Applications are open for researchers including those from academic and research institutions and non-governmental organisations. Applicants are required to submit their proposals [online](#). Applications close: 28 April 2016 [Source: ANROWS].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[What is a movement? AWID Infographics, 2016](#): Lasting change happens when people join together and form a movement. But what exactly is a movement, and how do we know they matter? [Source: AWID].

[Brussels movie theatres: an animation about sexual violence in armed conflicts, International Committee of the Red Cross \(ICRC\)](#): The ICRC has released a powerful animation movie on sexual violence in war. This movie shows how armed conflicts and other situations of violence affect women, men, girls and boys in different ways. The movie can be viewed at [online](#). [Source: Daily Mail].

[International Women's Day 2016 campaign theme: #PledgeForParity](#): Everyone - men and women - can pledge to take a concrete step to help achieve gender parity more quickly - whether to help women and girls achieve their ambitions, call for gender-balanced leadership, respect and value difference, develop more inclusive and flexible cultures or root out workplace bias. Each of us can be a leader within our own spheres of influence and commit to take pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity. Make a pledge now at: [pledge](#). [Source: WUNRN].

VI. News

[Gang-raped and nowhere to turn, Inter Press Service News Agency, 16 February 2016](#): Owuor P.'s 16-year-old sister Nekesa tried to get an abortion after she was gang-raped and found herself pregnant during Kenya's post-election violence in 2007-8. In desperation after the birth of the child, she killed herself. The baby survived, and today Owuor is raising the

child, who has a serious mental health condition, and is still grieving for his sister.

[The battle against sexual violence is being lost – look at the number of young victims, The guardian, 15 February 2016](#): Joanna Bourke shares his perspectives on the battle against sexual violence in young victims. In his arguments he refers to the statistics issued by the Office for National Statistics in England.

[Conflicts and violence take 'huge toll' on children in 2015 – UN envoy, UN News Centre, 15 February 2016](#): A senior United Nations child rights official reported that, complex and widening conflicts have taken a huge toll on children in much of the Middle East in 2015, with parts of Africa and Asia facing protracted and relapsing wars that show no signs of abating. The official also reported how extreme violence affected countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria and Syria.

[Can Egyptian women start a revolution against sexual violence? PBS Newshour, 12 February 2016](#): In Tahrir Square, the center of the Egyptian revolution five years ago, women safely joined men to protest for a new future. But that moment soon ended; hundreds, even thousands of female protestors were sexually assaulted. In some cases, activists believe the government used violence as a political weapon.

VII. Events

[60th Commission on the Status of Women - CSW60, 14 – 24 March 2016, New York, USA](#). This year, the Commission will address as its priority theme 'Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development'. In addition, it will evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-seventh session (2013) on 'The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls'. The Commission will also discuss its multi-year programme of work. See how you can get involved online. [Source: AWID].

[Women Deliver's 4th global conference, 16 – 19 May 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark](#). This global conference will be the largest gathering on girls' and women's health and rights in the last decade and one of the first major global conferences following the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Register online. [Source: AWID].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Humanitarian Protection Advisor \(Gender\)](#) / Trocaire / Maynooth, Ireland / Closing date: 26 February 2016. [Source: Trocaire].

[Policy Officer \(Social Statistics, Gender\)](#) / Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / Rome, Italy / Closing date: 29 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Policy Officer \(Gender, Natural Resources Management & Climate Change\)](#) / Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / Rome, Italy / Closing date: 29 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Development Officer, Institutional Giving](#) / Astraea / New York, USA / Closing date: 29 February 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Project Director – Malawi](#) / Girl Effect / London, UK / Closing date: 04 March 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Resourcing Women's Rights Manager](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 06 March 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Consultant to conduct a progress evaluation of the MenEngage Alliance](#) / MenEngage Alliance / Global / Closing date: 07 March 2016. [Source: MenEngage-Connect].

[Social Media/Web Intern](#) / WECAN International / Global / Closing date: 10 March 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator](#) / International Rescue Committee / Sierra Leone / Closing date: 16 March 2016. [Source: IRC].

[Program Officer - Latin America Regional Officer](#) / Planned Parenthood Federation of America / Miami, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Domestic Shelter Fundraising Intern](#) / WORJ / Jinja, Uganda / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Web and Creative Manager](#) / Global Fund for Women / San Francisco, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Officer](#) / Educate Girls Globally / India / 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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