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I. Journal articles

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[The prevalence and correlates of physical and sexual violence affecting female sex workers in Swaziland. Berger B.O, Grosso A, Adams D, Ketende S, Sithole B, Mabuza X.S, Mavimbela M.J, Baral S. J. \*Interpers. Violence\*, ePub, 2016](#): This study uses logistic regression to assess the relationship between physical and sexual violence and the ancillary violence/abuse exposures, risk behaviours, and sexual/reproductive and mental health outcomes. [Source: Safetylit].

[Exploring alcohol policy approaches to prevent sexual violence perpetration. Lippy C, DeGue S, \*Trauma, Violence, & Abuse\*, 17\(1\): 26-42, 2016](#): This article explores one potential

opportunity for preventing sexual violence perpetration at the community level through alcohol policy. [Source: Sage Journals].

[Want a better criminal justice response to rape? Improve police interviews with complainants and suspects. Westera N.J, Kebbell M.R, Milne B. Violence against women, ePub, 2016:](#) This article outlines how targeting variables, within control of the criminal justice system, can improve the quality of information police obtain from interviews with complainants and suspects. [Source: Sage Journals].

[Posttraumatic stress disorder after sexual abuse in adolescent girls. Ashby B.D, Kaul P.J, Pediatr. Adolesc. Gynecol, ePub, 2016:](#) This article describes posttraumatic stress disorder following sexual abuse and its impact on presenting complaints, such as sexually transmitted infections, contraception, and chronic pain, for the paediatric and adolescent gynaecology (PAG) clinician. [Source: Safetylit].

[Exploring neural correlates of empathy in juveniles who have sexually offended. Jones S, Cisler J, Morais H, Bai S. Sex Abuse, ePub, 2016:](#) This study uses the functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to explore the neural correlates of empathy in juveniles who sexually offend (JSOs), and the possible role of childhood sexual abuse. [Source: Safetylit].

[Personal mastery buffers the effects of childhood sexual abuse on women's health and family functioning. King A, Wardecker B.M, Edelstein R.S. J. Fam. Violence, 30\(7\): 887-897, 2015:](#) Personal mastery has been associated with many positive outcomes and may reduce negative responses to life stressors. This study seeks to extend prior work by examining whether personal mastery can buffer women from long-term outcomes associated with childhood sexual abuse. [Source: Safetylit].

## II. Online publications and resources

[Return to abuser: Gaps in services and a failure to protect survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea. Médecins Sans Frontières, 2016:](#) This special report explores the services that are offered to survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea, its gaps and it further provides recommendations on improving these services. [Source: Women's eNews].

[Mean streets: Identifying and responding to urban refugees' risks of gender-based violence. Women's Refugee Commission, 2016:](#) This report explores the multifaceted gender-based violence risks faced by urban refugees' subpopulations including: women; adolescent girls; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) individuals; persons with disabilities; and male survivors of sexual violence. [Source: WUNRN].

[Guidelines on investigation of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence against men and boys. Institute for International Criminal Investigations, 2016:](#) These guidelines are designed to assist criminal-justice and human-rights investigators, reporters and monitors around the globe to fully and properly monitor, document and investigate sexual and gender-based violence against men and boys that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide and other egregious violations of international humanitarian,

criminal and human-rights law. [Source: IICI].

[Gender, sexuality and social justice: What's law got to do with it? Lalor K, Mills E, Sánchez García A, Haste P. Institute of Development Studies, 2016](#): This edited collection offers different perspectives about the rapidly changing nature of sexuality and gender politics and the need to interrogate the way in which law and legal processes translate into lived experience in different socioeconomic, political and legal contexts. [Source: SPW].

[Virginity and hymen testing: No factual, scientific, or medical basis. Forensic brief. Physicians for Human Rights, 2015](#): This forensic brief examines the validity of the use of hymen examinations to determine a women's "virginity." It does not discuss the need for comprehensive gynaecological examinations within the context of forensic medical examination of sexual assault, as both the imperative for such exams and standards for their conduct are well established and defined in internationally accepted guidelines. [Source: PHR].

[Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence. Our Watch, VicHealth and ANROWS, 2015](#): No country in the world has a national, evidence-based road map to prevent violence against women and their children in a coordinated way. Our Watch partnered with VicHealth and ANROWS to create Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. [Source: ANROWS].

### III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Fellowship opportunity: Postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Notre Dame](#). The fellowship involves working on an NICHD- funded longitudinal randomized clinical trial which is evaluating a brief, dyadic intervention for maltreated preschool-aged children and their mothers in fostering maltreated children's development in cognitive, emotional, and physiological domains and in improving their mothers' parenting. More information available [online](#). [Source: University of Notre Dame].

### IV. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[Website: Vice President Biden calls on Oscars' audience to sign anti-sexual assault pledge, 28 February 2016](#): It was a powerful night during the Oscar awards when the United States Vice President, Joe Biden, Lady Gaga and many brave sexual violence survivors took the stage to stand against sexual assault. The audience were asked to take a pledge against sexual assault on [#Itsonus](#) website. [Source: ABC news].

[Campaign: NO MORE Excuses: The male survivors' series](#): the Joyful Heart foundation in partnership with 1in6 released a new series of video and print ads which addresses the myths and excuses surrounding males who have experienced childhood sexual abuse, and invite viewers to seek help at [1in6.org](#). [Source: Joyful Heart Foundation].

## V. News

[Life histories of violent criminals inform policy, Institute for Security Studies, 3 March 2016:](#)

‘The lives of the men interviewed hold a mirror up to wider society – and the reflection is not a pretty sight’. This is how Professor William Dixon from the University of Nottingham describes a [ground breaking new study on violent offenders](#) in South Africa by the Institute for Security Studies in partnership with the Department of Correctional Services.

[China makes domestic abuse a crime, Al Jazeera, 01 March 2016:](#) A new law that makes domestic abuse a crime has come into effect in China. Through this law it is hoped that the legislation will encourage more victims to take their abusers to court.

[Indian classical dance can help victims of sexual violence, says study, The Huffington post, 24 February 2016:](#) The findings from the six-month study of 50 female survivors of sexual violence in Kolkata and Mumbai, India, suggests that the Indian classical dance could be an effective form of therapy for victims of human trafficking and sexual violence, in helping them to overcome their traumatic experiences and gain confidence.

[Meet the 24-year-old who could change how the US handles sexual assaults, The guardian, 23 February 2016:](#) Meet the U.S. Department of State official, Amanda Nguyen, who drove forward the Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights Act after fighting not to have her own rape kit destroyed.

[UNFPA and The Guardian present the first pan-African award for reporting on female genital mutilation, UNFPA news, 19 February 2016:](#) Ms Diana Kendi is the winner of the first Pan-African award. She created a film which features the stories of five survivors of FGM living in Kenya, where, despite a 2011 law banning FGM nationally, the procedure remains highly prevalent.

## VI. Events

[Every hour matters: Survivors and global leaders discuss the importance of post-rape care, 14 March 2016, New York, USA.](#) This Together for Girls parallel event will provide information on the importance of comprehensive post-rape care services and discuss the current barriers to survivors receiving care, including unsupportive laws and policies, stigma and lack of awareness of the benefits. [Source: Together for girls].

[Webinar: Addressing violence in school - Experiences from Jamaica and Morocco, 15 March 2016:](#) During the online workshop Rebecca Tortello, from the UNICEF, will share her experiences with student support in Jamaica while Elarbi Imad, from the Moroccan Center for Civic Education, explores the understanding of school violence in Morocco. [Source: Development Connections].

[Webinar: Harmful gender norms - Moving beyond binary and heteronormative approaches to preventing sexual and domestic violence, 23 March 2016:](#) This webinar will explore the ways we, as practitioners and advocates, can transform our own thinking to ensure our organizational practices accurately reflect our communities and prime us for partnership. Bring your thoughts and questions about language, concepts and tools that organizations

can use to “leave the binary behind” and more effectively prevent sexual and domestic violence. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[New Dates for 13th AWID International Forum in Brazil: 8-11 September 2016](#): After careful consideration, AWID's Board of Directors has decided to postpone the 13th AWID international Forum due to current uncertainty around the Zika virus situation. The forum will take place on 8-11 September 2016, at the Costa do Sauipe resort, Brazil. [Source: APC Women]

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

## VII. Vacancies

[Recruiter/Research Assistant \(2 positions\)](#) / Gender & Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council / Durban, South Africa / Closing date: 16 March 2016 [Source: SAMRC].

[Retention Counsellor/ Fieldworker](#) / Gender & Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council / Durban, South Africa / Closing date: 16 March 2016. [Source: SAMRC].

[Girl Specialist](#) / Girl Effect / London, UK / Closing date: 18 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Resourcing Women's Rights Manager](#) / AWID / Global / Closing date: 20 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Knowledge Consultants](#) / Women’s Environment and Development Organization / New York, USA / Closing date: 31 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Gender and Development Intern](#) / Banyan Global / Washington DC or New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Communications Intern](#) / Women’s Environment and Development Organization / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Team Leader](#) / WI-HER, LLC / Senegal, Cote d’Ivoire, Kosovo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Gender Technical Advisor](#) / Jhpiego / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

[Asst. Director of Health Promotion, Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist](#) / College of William & Mary / Virginia, USA / Closing date: Open until filled [Source: Prevent-Connect].

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Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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