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Today's SVRI Update includes the following:

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- I. SVRI member request: Information on sexual assault and impact on identity and daily activities of adult survivors**

Katherine Stewart is a first-year doctoral student at the University of Toronto and will be focusing her research on gender-based violence. She is interested in finding any articles or other sources that discuss women who have experienced sexual assault in adulthood and impact of the experience on identity and/or daily activities (e.g., work, school, recreation/leisure, interacting with others, etc.). She can be reached via email at [ke.stewart@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:ke.stewart@mail.utoronto.ca). Thank you in advance for your time!

- II. Sexual violence in the news**

[Empowering girls is key to ending child marriage, Voice of America, 25 September 2014](#): A new report highlights strategies to end child marriage, a harmful practice that turns millions of young girls worldwide into child brides.

[Ill-judged words can often add to the pain and horror of rape, Irish Examiner, 24 September 2014](#): Education is the way forward in preventing sexual violence in our society. The words we use can offer comfort and support, but they can also do great harm.

[Colombia wants more convictions for violence against women, Thompson Reuters, 19 September 2014](#): New guidelines will help Colombian forensic experts and prosecutors investigating violence against women and femicide to win more convictions and reduce the high rate of murders of women, government officials say.

[Religious leaders call for action on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights at UN, UNFPA Dispatch, 19 September 2014](#): A delegation of faith leaders at the United Nations today issued a rousing call to action on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. Their declaration, issued on the sidelines of the 69th session of the UN General Assembly, urged world leaders to uphold these rights and to ensure they are reflected in development plans being prepared for 2015.

[Remember #BringBackOurGirls? This is what has happened in the 5 months since, The Huffington Post, 14 September 2014](#): On the night of April 14, 2014, hundreds of schoolgirls at the Chibok boarding school in northeastern Nigeria awoke to the sound of gunfire. They saw men in camouflage approaching and thought soldiers were coming to save them from a militant attack, according to survivors' accounts.

### **III. Advocacy and awareness raising**

[Blog: Safe passages into adulthood - Preventing gender-based violence and its consequences The Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown University, 23 September 2014](#): Gender-based violence affects the physical and mental health of girls and boys, men and women worldwide. A recent study by researchers from the Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown University addresses the challenge of developing effective strategies to change inequitable and harmful social norms that result in gender-based violence.

[Blog: In Brazil, the World Cup is over but the sexual violence continues, The Huffington Post, 19 September 2014](#): A few short weeks after the World Cup ended in Rio de Janeiro, four military police officers were arrested for the rape of three young women in a Rio de Janeiro favela. This episode and others have pointed to continual patterns of sexual violence in Brazil.

### **IV. Websites**

[Global Feminist Voices](#): This independent publishing house seeks to amplify and disseminate diverse voices of feminist writers around the world through digital media. [Source: WUNRN].

### **V. Online publications/resources**

**[Access to emergency contraception and safe abortion services for survivors of rape: A review of policies, programmes and country experiences in Sub-Saharan Africa.](#)**

**[Thompson J, Undie C and Askew I. Population Council. Step Up research report, 2014](#)** (pdf): This report examines how pregnancy prevention and management services (specifically, the provision of emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and counselling, and termination or referral for termination of pregnancy services) feature within post-rape care (PRC) services in sub-Saharan Africa. [Source: Population Council].

**[Too costly to ignore - A KPMG report about violence against women in South Africa.](#)**

**[KPMG Human and Social Services, 2014](#)**: This report represents an important contribution to the fight against gender-based violence in South Africa. As stated in the title of the report, the findings about the cost of GBV are alarming and cannot be ignored. [Source: SAMRC].

**[Childhood sexual abuse and suicide. American Association for Suicidology, 2014](#)** (pdf):

This factsheet summarises child abuse and suicide statistics in the United States from the National Center for Health Statistics. [Source: MedlinePlus].

**[Funding gender in emergencies: What are the trends? Briefing paper. Global](#)**

**[Humanitarian Assistance, 2014](#)**: This analysis focuses on funding from the top ten humanitarian donors and recipients of humanitarian assistance between 2011 and 2014 (as reported to the financial tracking service as of 19 August 2014). [Source: AWID].

**[Bearing witness at the International Criminal Court: An interview survey of 109 witnesses.](#)**

**[Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2014](#)** (pdf): The survey examined the opinions and attitudes of 109 individuals<sup>1</sup>—ranging from victims to expert witnesses—who testified in the first two trials—Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubango Dyilo<sup>2</sup> and Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga. Both trials took place in the Court's chambers in The Hague and concerned serious international crimes that occurred in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Staying safe from sexual exploitation: A guide for young people. Rajbhandari B. ECPAT](#)**

**[International Child and Youth Participation Programme, 2013-2014](#)**: This guide has been written to tell children and young people about sexual exploitation online. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Responding to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women: WHO clinical and policy guidelines. World Health Organization, 2013](#)**

**[World Health Organization, 2013](#)**: These guidelines aim to provide evidence based guidance to health-care providers on the appropriate responses to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women, including clinical interventions and emotional support. [Source: ICEC].

**[Gender-based violence: A qualitative exploration of norms, experiences and positive deviance. Jejeebhoy S.J, Santhya K.G and Sabarwal S. Population Council, 2013](#)** (pdf):

This report presents the findings of formative research in the district of Patna that aimed to better understand the context of violence—physical, emotional and sexual—against women and girls,

and notably, the prevailing norms about men's entitlement and women's acquiescence to violence. [Source: The Communication Initiative Network].

**[Neglect, abuse and violence against older women. Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, 2013](#)**: This report provides an overview of the current state of knowledge about the abuse of older women. The main forms or categories of abuse against older women are discussed, particularly in relation to differing definitions of neglect, abuse and violence against women and older adults. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Psychological first aid: Guide for field workers. World Health Organization, War Trauma Foundation and World Vision International, 2011](#)**: This guide covers psychological first aid which involves humane, supportive and practical help to fellow human beings suffering serious crisis events. It is written for people in a position to help others who have experienced an extremely distressing event. It gives a framework for supporting people in ways that respect their dignity, culture and abilities. [Source: SAMRC].

## **VI. Journal articles**

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**[‘SASA! is the medicine that treats violence’. Qualitative findings on how a community mobilisation intervention to prevent violence against women created change in Kampala, Uganda. Kyegombe N, Starmann E, Devries K.M et al. Global Health Action, 7, 2014](#)**: This nested qualitative study explores pathways of individual- and community-level change as a result of SASA! Forty in-depth interviews with community members (20 women, 20 men) were conducted at follow-up, audio recorded, transcribed verbatim and analysed using thematic analysis complemented by constant comparative methods. [Source: LSHTM].

**[Explicating the role of sexual coercion and vulnerability alcohol expectancies in rape attributions. Starfelt L.C, Young R.M, White K.M, Palk G.R. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#)**: This study represents an initial investigation of the role of sexual coercion and vulnerability alcohol expectancies in young Australian adults' rape blame attributions. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Assessment of the sexually abused female children admitted to a tertiary care hospital: Eight year experience. Mollamahmutoglu L, Uzunlar O, Kahyaoglu I, Ozyer S, Besli M, Karaca M. Pak. J. Med. Sci. Q, 30: 1104-1107, 2014](#)**: This article discusses the medical, social and legal characteristics of the child sexual abuse and to provide a perspective for gynecologists on this topic. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[The effects of childhood sexual abuse on cortisol trajectories in pregnancy are moderated by current family functioning. Bublitz M.H, Parade S, Stroud L.R. Biol. Psychol, ePub, 2014](#)**: This article explores the roles of maternal history of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and current family functioning on the cortisol awakening response (CAR) in pregnancy. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Views of women's sexuality and violence against women in Turkey: a cross-sectional investigation among university students. Gürsoy E, McCool W.F, Sahinoglu S, Yavuz Genc Y. J. Transcult. Nurs, ePub, 2014:](#)** This study explores Turkish university students' views of women-related issues-gender roles, sexuality, and violence against women. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Balancing autonomy rights and protection: Children's involvement in a child safety online project. Ost S. Child. Soc, 27\(3\): 208-219, 2013:](#)** This paper highlights the difficulties encountered because of a tension between children's autonomy rights, educational norms in a school setting and child protection concerns and considers whether an appropriate balance was achieved. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Childhood trauma and women's health outcomes in a California prison population. Messina N and Grella C. Am J Public Health, 96\(10\): 1842-1848, 2006:](#)** This article describes the prevalence of childhood traumatic events among incarcerated women in substance abuse treatment and to assess the relation between cumulative childhood traumatic events and adult physical and mental health problems.[Source: National Institute of Corrections News].

## **VII. Events**

**[Women PeaceMakers conference: Defying extremism, 19 - 21 November 2014, San Diego, USA.](#)** Responding to a call from its Women PeaceMakers network, the IPJ and its partners will bring together local and international policymakers, religious leaders, security forces and peacebuilders to discuss the support and interventions needed to defend human rights in contexts where extremist voices in religious communities call for violence, rather than tolerance and peace. Register online. [Source: WUNRN].

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

## **VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships**

**[Call for papers: Gendered Perspectives on International Development \(GPID\).](#)** This publication series by Michigan State University invites you to submit a manuscript for review. GPID publishes scholarly work on global social, political, and economic change and its gendered effects in the Global South. GPID cross-cuts disciplines, bringing together research, critical analyses, and proposals for change. Please email: [papers@msu.edu](mailto:papers@msu.edu) for more information.

**[Call for contributions: Stopping violence before it starts.](#)** Contribute to the special edition of SA Crime Quarterly on understanding primary prevention in South Africa. This edition will be edited by Elizabeth Dartnall and Anik Gevers of the SVRI and the Gender and Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council. Authors who are interested in contributing to the special edition, or who would like to discuss ideas for their contribution to this edition, must indicate their interest by sending an abstract or inquiry to the editors by no later than 15 October 2014. The deadline for articles will be 15 January 2015. [Source: ISS].

**Funding opportunity: Innovation prize for Africa 2015**. The IPA promotes among young African men and women the pursuit of science, technology and engineering careers as well as business opportunities with potential of contributing to sustainable development in Africa. Applications close: 31 October 2014. [Source: Af-AIDS].

## **IX. Vacancies**

**Communications and Fundraising Specialist** / African Women's Development Fund / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: October 10, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**Program Manager, Pacific** / International Women's Development Agency / Melbourne, Australia / Closing date: September 29, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**Intern with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders** / Global Network of Women Peacebuilders / New York, USA / Closing date: On a rolling basis. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**Senior Gender Advisor** / Gender Resources, Inc. / Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**Senior Gender Advisor / Team Lead** / Gender Resources, Inc. / Amman, Jordan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**International Expert In support to the development of the Country Gender Assessment for Viet Nam (2011-2015)** / UN Women / Vietnam / Closing date: September 26, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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