



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.

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I. SVRI member request: What Works to Prevent Violence survey request

Are you interested in cutting-edge knowledge on what works to prevent violence against women and girls? Please take just 15 minutes to complete this online survey so What Works to Prevent Violence can learn more about how best to share knowledge and engage with you on this important topic. What Works to Prevent Violence is a DFID flagship programme that aims to build knowledge on what strategies and interventions can prevent men's violence against women and girls, working across 28 countries in Africa, South Asia and Middle East.

The global programme is administered by a consortium led by the Medical Research Council (MRC) of South Africa, in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNDP and Social Development Direct. Through supporting innovation and rigorous scientific research we will be building the most cutting-edge knowledge on what works to prevent violence against women and girls. You are the potential users of this information so we want to learn more about your needs and what information and tools would be most meaningful for you. Please help us by completing this survey by **12th September** by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCLR7XK>.

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Australia is on the right side of history on gender justice, The Age, 4 September 2014](#): The struggle for women's rights and gender equality is today's great struggle for justice. It is heartening that the Australian government – and indeed our UN Women partners, the Wallabies – are once again on the right side of history.

[To curb FGM, our project focuses on the cutters, Women's eNews, 26 August 2014](#): This fall, the Northwestern Access to Health Project will conduct a pilot project in Douentza, a town in Mali, with the women who perform female genital mutilation.

[Ending impunity for femicide across Latin America, OHCHR News and Events, 25 August 2014](#): The UN Human Rights Office in collaboration with UN Women has developed a Model Protocol to guide investigations and prosecutions launched in the wake of gender-based murders of women in Latin America.

[School tries to heal the divide in northern Nigeria, IRIN News, 18 August 2014](#): The kidnapping of more than 200 girls from a secondary school in Chibok in northeastern Nigeria's Borno State in April by Boko Haram militants, and a so far unsuccessful high-profile campaign to free them, exemplifies the insecurity-driven education crisis in the area.

[Half of Skid Row's homeless women have experienced sexual assault: Report, NBC Los Angeles, 9 August 2014](#): Homeless women on downtown Los Angeles' skid row are increasingly older and racial minorities, a report released this week found, and half of homeless women have experienced sexual assault.

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Take Back the Tech!](#) The collaborative campaign works to reclaim information and communication technologies (ICT) to end violence against women (VAW). The campaign calls on all ICT users – especially women and girls – to take control of technology and strategically use any ICT platform at hand (mobile phones, instant messengers, blogs, websites, digital cameras, email, podcasts and more) for activism against gender-based violence. [Source: Gain].

[Feminist principles of the Internet. Developed at the Gender, Sexuality and the Internet meeting, 13-15 April 2014, Malaysia](#): The existing discourse around gender and the internet tends to focus on gender components lacking in policies that govern the internet, violations that take place as a result, and the need for increased women's participation in decision-making forums. In a bid to reframe the conversation, the meeting used a collaborative process to ask the question: 'As feminists, what kind of internet do we want, and what will it take for us to achieve it?' [Source: AWID].

IV. Websites

[PeaceWomen National Action Plan initiative](#): This webpage provides information and resources on the NAP initiative which joins PeaceWomen's website as another tool for information sharing, awareness raising, and advocacy. [Source: WUNRN].

[Women's Media Center](#): This organisation works to make women and girls visible and powerful in the media through strategic programs that transform the media landscape, and that include media training, media monitoring and activism, media reports, media programs, an expert database and special initiatives. [Source: Women's Media Center].

V. Online publications/resources

[Review of evaluation approaches and methods for interventions related to violence against women and girls \(VAWG\). Raab M and Stuppert W. 2014](#): This review was commissioned by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) to assess the strengths, weaknesses and appropriateness of approaches and methods used to evaluate interventions on violence against women and girls (VAWG). [Source: Authors].

[Trafficking in persons report 2014. US Department of State, 2014](#): This year's Trafficking in Persons Report offers a roadmap for the road ahead as we confront the scourge of trafficking. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. 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.

[Adverse childhood experiences and associations with health-harming behaviours in young adults: Surveys in eight eastern European countries. Bellis M.A, Hughes K, Leckenby N et al. Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 92 \(9\), 2014, 621-696, 2014](#): This paper uses the combined data from these surveys to measure the association between adverse childhood experiences and health-harming behaviours in young adults and to explore how the relationships between such experiences and behaviours vary between the surveyed countries. [Source: WHO].

[Childhood sexual abuse and depression in Latino men who have sex with men: Does resilience protect against nonadherence to antiretroviral therapy? Saucedo J.A, Wiebe J.S, Simoni J.M. J. Health Psychol, ePub, 2014](#): This article examines depression as a mediator between childhood sexual abuse and adherence to antiretroviral therapy, an effect moderated by resilience. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A preliminary experimental examination of the effect of emotion dysregulation and impulsivity on risky behaviours among women with sexual assault-related posttraumatic stress disorder. Weiss N.H, Tull M.T, Gratz K.L. Behav. Modif, ePub, 2014](#): This study utilises a prospective experimental design to examine the effects of emotion dysregulation and impulsivity on risky behaviours across time. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Adolescent maltreatment in the child welfare system and developmental patterns of sexual risk behaviours. Fowler P.J, Motley D, Zhang J, Rolls-Reutz J, Landsverk J. Child Maltreat, ePub, 2014](#): This article describes whether adolescent maltreatment and out-of-home placement as a response

to maltreatment altered developmental patterns of sexual risk behaviours in a nationally representative sample of youth involved in the child welfare system. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Utilizing peer education theater for the primary prevention of sexual violence on college campuses. McMahon S, Postmus J.L, Warrener C, Koenick R.A. J. Coll. Stud. Dev, 55\(1\): 78-85,](#)

[2014](#): This article provides the results of an exploratory study that evaluates the impact of the program on students' rape myths and bystander attitudes and that determines whether the program produces positive outcomes by key variables such as gender, ethnicity, athlete status, and fraternity/sorority status. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A systematic review of primary prevention strategies for sexual violence perpetration. DeGue S, Valle L.A, Holt M.K, Massetti G.M, Matjasko J.L, Tharp A.T. Aggress. Violent Behav, 19\(4\): 346-362,](#)

[2014](#): This systematic review examines 140 outcome evaluations of primary prevention strategies for sexual violence perpetration. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Associations between bullying and engaging in aggressive and suicidal behaviours among sexual minority youth: The moderating role of connectedness. Duong J, Bradshaw C. J. Sch. Health, 84:](#)

[636-645, 2014](#): This article explores associations between experiencing cyber and school bullying and engaging in aggressive and suicidal behaviours among sexual minority youth. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Attachment and violent offending: A meta-analysis. Ogilvie C.A, Newman E, Todd L, Peck D.](#)

[Aggress. Violent Behav, 19\(4\): 322-339, 2014](#): Literature suggests that attachment is associated with violence, but research evidence is equivocal as to whether insecure attachment was a risk factor for criminality, psychopathology more generally, or both. This article describes a systematic review of the literature using meta-analytic methods. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Strategies to promote uptake and use of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment knowledge: An integrative review. Macgregor J.C, Wathen N, Kothari A, Hundal P.K, Naimi A. BMC](#)

[Public Health, 14: 862, 2014](#): In this article the authors describe an integrative review to summarise and synthesise the available evidence regarding IPV/CM-specific knowledge translation research. [Source: SafetyLit].

VII. Events

[Forensic clinical response to victims of gender-based violence, 10 September 2014, Atlanta, USA.](#)

These regional training conferences are designed to complement the international conference that is hosted once a year, as well as the OnLine Training Institute (OLTI) and webinar events, to offer a range of training options for professionals in the field. Space is still available for this conference. [Source: EVAWI].

[Inaugural Asia-Pacific Conference on Gendered Violence and Violations, 10-12 February 2015, Sydney, Australia.](#)

This Ground-Breaking International conference with an Asia-Pacific focus will combine and expand interdisciplinary research and practitioner knowledge to encourage innovation and best practice in responding to gendered and sexualised violence. Abstract submissions close: 12 September 2014. [Source: UNSW Australia].

[Researching gender-based violence: Methods and meaning, 16 - 20 February 2015, London, UK.](#)

This course aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women. Apply online. [Source: LSHTM].

[X IASSCS Conference: Literacies and sexualities in cultural, fictional, real, and virtual worlds: Past, present, future perfect? 17-20 June 2015, Dublin, Ireland.](#) This conference proposes to investigate the politics, nature, roles and effects of sexual (and gender) literacy in the cultural, fictional, real and virtual worlds. Abstract submissions close: 10 November 2014. [Source: IASSCS].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Women's Protection and Empowerment \(WPE\) Research Liaison Officer](#) / International Rescue Committee / Juba, South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

[GBV Treatment Protocol Training Consultant \(P4\)](#) / WHO / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: WHO].

[Challenging Religious Fundamentalisms - Communications and Knowledge Building Program Coordinator](#) / AWID / Work location is open / Closing date: September 21, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Challenging Religious Fundamentalisms - Human Rights Program Coordinator](#) / AWID / Work location is open / Closing date: September 21, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer](#) / NoVo Foundation / New York City, USA / Closing date: September 22, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Advisor II, Community Access](#) / IPAS / North Carolina, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Advisor III, Community Access](#) / IPAS / North Carolina, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Consultancy to undertake the mid-term evaluation of AWDF's project – Phase II](#) / AWDF / Ghana - Africa wide / Closing date: September 15, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Country Director](#) / Women for Women / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Program Officer, Sexual Health and Rights \(Africa\)](#) / AJWS / New York City, USA / Closing date: September 12, 2014. [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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