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**I. SVRI member request: Lancet Commission global survey of youth health advocates**

The Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing (<http://thelancetyouth.com/>) believes that youth have a voice and can make meaningful contributions to health policies and programs, both locally and globally. While the Commission already includes two youth leaders, to ensure that the perspectives of a broad range of youth from around the world are reflected in its work and reports, they invite youth health advocates aged 15-29 from around the world to share perspectives by completing this online survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission\\_EN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission_EN).

The aim of the survey is to gain a better understanding of how the Commission's work can support youth advocacy work for adolescent health and wellbeing. Your perspectives will inform the Commission's work and shape the key messages that it provides to governments and other stakeholders. Your contribution is important because the messages the Commission will highlight are likely to influence policies that affect millions of youth around the world. This survey is available

in English:[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission\\_EN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission_EN),  
French:[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission\\_FR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission_FR) and  
Spanish:[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission\\_ES](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LancetCommission_ES). Chinese and Arabic versions will  
be coming soon. Please complete the survey by 5 September 2014. [Source: AWID].

## II. Sexual violence in the news

**[In the Chibok girls search, Boko Haram is winning the media war, Institute for Security Studies, 15 August 2014](#)**: Yesterday, 14 August, marked four months since the kidnapping of over 200 Nigerian schoolgirls from the town of Chibok, Borno state. Very little concrete information is available about their whereabouts, and in the propaganda war over who is in control in northern Nigeria, terror group Boko Haram seems to be one step ahead of Nigerian security forces.

**[Mobilising religious leaders to combat violence against women in Turkey, The WIP, 14 August 2014](#)**: Turkey presents a fascinating case where secularism, representing modernity, and Islam have traditionally been seen as opposites. While women's human rights are still discussed within the context of secularism (Western values versus Islam), the practice on the ground has been quite different and much more complicated. The UNFPA training programs of religious leaders represent a recent practice on the ground that reveals the complications, and helps us move away from a simple dualistic discourse.

**[Lost in the chaos - LGBTI people in emergencies, IRIN News, 14 August 2014](#)**: Unaddressed protection needs, rigid systems and research gaps imperil lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in humanitarian emergencies. While the experiences of sexual and gender minorities during disasters and conflicts are drawing increased attention from some responders, structural barriers remain and experts are urging a rethink of policies and protocols that could fuel exclusion and harm.

**[New evidence highlights what works to empower girls and young women, The World Bank, 11 August 2014](#)**: Educating, empowering, and employing the largest-ever generation of young people is vital to ending poverty and boosting shared prosperity—the World Bank Group's twin corporate goals.

**[Michelle Bachelet: It's still Chile out there for women, Daily Maverick, 11 August 2014](#)**: Chilean president Michelle Bachelet has been in town on a whirlwind tour. As the first female president of Chile and the first director of UN Women, the timing of her visit to coincide with South Africa's Women's Day seemed appropriate. But at a public discussion in Cape Town on Sunday, it was clear that both Chile and South Africa have a long path to walk towards true gender equality.

**[III. Advocacy and awareness raising The Guardian - Poverty Matters blog: Patriarchy allows child marriage and female genital mutilation to flourish](#)**. As young feminists, we often hear that the rights of girls need to be recognised, their voices amplified and their needs met. We are told that when girls are empowered, they can change their communities and the world. That is a lot of pressure to put on the shoulders of girls. This raises the question: why, with all this interest in girls, are their rights violated in every country? [Source: WUNRN].

**IV. Websites** **child abuse and neglect Digital Library (canDL)**: The child abuse and neglect Digital Library is a database of references related to NDACAN datasets and to secondary research. It is maintained as a publically accessible RefShare database. [Source: NDACAN Update Newsletter].

**One in Four, Inc**: This non-profit organisation is dedicated to the prevention of rape by the thoughtful application of theory and research to rape prevention programming. Presentation and prevention strategies are based in statistical research and have been shown to increase likelihood of bystander intervention in a situation where rape or sexual assault may occur. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**V. Online publications/resources** **Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN) ages 0-18: Dataset 170. National Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect**: The goal of LONGSCAN is to follow the 1300+ children and their families until the children themselves become young adults. Maltreatment data are collected from multiple sources, including review of Child Protective Service records every two years. Dataset 170 can now be ordered. [Source: NDACAN Update Newsletter].

**Domestic Violence Evidence Project: Evaluation tools**: The materials and tools provided were selected to assist DV advocates and allied organizations understand the different types of evidence that can inform our work and provide practical considerations and strategies for approaching evaluation in domestic and sexual violence organisations. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**FRIENDS National resource center for community-based child abuse prevention: Protective factors survey**: The protective factors survey is a pre-post evaluation tool for use with caregivers receiving child maltreatment prevention services. It is a self-administered survey that measures protective factors in five areas: family functioning/resiliency, social support, concrete support, nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting/child development. [Source: Friendsnrc].

**Gender norms: A key to improving health and wellness among black women and girls. The Heinz Endowments, 2013** (pdf): Given the limitations of the empirical research base, this report focuses on three problem areas where the research base on the impact of feminine gender norms is both broad and well-accepted: Basic health and wellness; Reproductive and sexual health, including teen pregnancy and STIs; Intimate relationships (including partner violence). [Source: WUNRN].

**Practical guide for civil society: Funds, grants and fellowships. United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2013** (pdf): This guide provides a brief description of funding sources, grants and fellowships administered by or with the participation of the OHCHR. The purpose of the guide is to provide guidance to prospective applicants interested in these funds and programmes to further contribute to the promotion of human rights in their own countries and worldwide. [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.** **Virginia Woolf's history of sexual victimization: A case study in light of current research. Williams L.C.A. Psychology, 5: 1151-1164, 2014**: This article presents Virginia Woolf's

history of sexual victimization in a case study format, and reviews it in light of the present literature on the impact of child sexual abuse (CSA) to human development. [Source: UFSCar].

**[Forced sex, rape and sexual exploitation: Attitudes and experiences of high school students in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. Mulumeoderhwa M, Harris G. Cult. Health Sex, ePub, 2014:](#)** This paper reports on fieldwork carried out in 2011 with the aim of investigating the attitudes and reported behaviour of Congolese high school students concerning sexual relationships. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Early life emotional, physical, and sexual abuse and the development of premenstrual syndrome: A longitudinal study. Bertone-Johnson E.R, Whitcomb B.W, Missmer S.A, Manson J.E, Hankinson S.E, Rich-Edwards J.W. J. Womens Health \(Liebert\), ePub, 2014:](#)** This article assesses the relation of early life abuse and the incidence of moderate-to-severe PMS in a study nested within the prospective Nurses' Health Study 2. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[How ineffective family environments can compound maldevelopment of critical thinking skills in childhood abuse survivors. Kostolitz A.C, Hyman S.M, Gold S.N. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 23: 690-707, 2014:](#)** This literature review demonstrates how dysfunctional family of origin environments common to child abuse survivors, concomitant with the extreme stress of overt acts of abuse, can act as a barrier to the development of higher-order critical thinking skills. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Intimate partner violence, sexual abuse, and cigarette smoking risk in adolescents. Huffhines L, Zale E.L, Thamotharan S, Sferra M, Lange K.L, Ditte J.W, Fields S.A. J. Child Adolesc. Trauma, ePub, 2014:](#)** This article examines the impact of being a victim of physical intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual abuse (SA) on tobacco smoking behaviours in high school students. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Perpetration, revictimization, and self-injury: Traumatic reenactments of child sexual abuse in a nonclinical sample of South African adolescents. Penning S.L, Collings S.J. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 23: 708-726, 2014:](#)** This article explores risk factors for traumatic reenactments of child sexual abuse experiences (perpetration, revictimization, and self-injury) in a sample of 718 South African secondary school adolescents. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Physical dating violence victimization among sexual minority youth. Luo F, Stone D.M, Tharp A.T. Am. J. Public Health, ePub, 2014:](#)** This article examines whether sexual minority youths (SMYs) are at increased risk for physical dating violence victimization (PDVV) compared with non-SMYs; whether bisexual youths have greater risk of PDVV than lesbian or gay youths; whether youths who have had sexual contact with both sexes are more susceptible to PDVV than youths with same-sex-only sexual contact; and patterns of PDVV among SMYs across demographic groups. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Mothering in the wake of childhood violence experiences: Reweaving a self and a world at the intersection of history and context. Pitre N.Y, Kushner K.E, Hegadoren K.M, Raine K.D. Health Care Women Int, ePub, 2014:](#)** The authors in this article describe the stories of 12 women mothering growing children at the intersection of personal history (childhood violence experiences) and symbolic, structural, and ideological forces and conditions. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The prevalence of child sexual abuse among secondary school pupils in Gweru, Zimbabwe.](#)  
[Gwirayia P. Journal of Sexual Aggression: An international, interdisciplinary forum for research, theory and practice, 19\(3\): 253-263, 2013.](#) This study investigates the prevalence of child sexual abuse among day secondary school pupils in Gweru, Zimbabwe. [Source: SHU].

## VII. Events

['Some kind of woman? Gender politics, twenty years later', 26 August 2014, Johannesburg, South Africa.](#) On the cusp of 20 years of democracy, and in a time declared as Woman's Month, this panel will blend reflexive accounts by both women within the state and those outside of it, on the effects of institutionalizing gender equality. [Source: WiSER].

[Young people's programme conference 2014, 9 October 2014, Manchester, UK.](#) CAADA, Barnardo's, Leap Confronting Conflict, the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation and the Marie Collins Foundation are pleased to announce a new partnership programme in England. The Programme supports local areas to develop a consistent local response to young people 13 years and older, who are experiencing a range of intimate partner abuse, including domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, gangs / young people who harm others, 'Honour'-Based Violence, forced marriage and online/cyber stalking and abuse. Book online for the Conference. [Source: CAADA].

[Fourth international conference on violence in the health sector, 22 - 24 October 2014, Miami, USA.](#) This conference is the largest mondial conference dedicated to work related aggression and violence within the health and social services sector. It aims to provide a platform to share international developments, with a particular emphasis on best practice research and initiatives to effectively respond to the problem. Register online. [Source: Oud Consultancy].

[Exploring the potential of restorative justice for sexual violence, 12 - 14 November 2014, Leuven, Belgium.](#) This conference is the final event of the Daphne Project JUST/2011/DAP/AG/3350 financed by the European Commission and entitled 'Developing integrated responses to sexual violence: an interdisciplinary research project on the potential of restorative justice' (<https://www.law.kuleuven.be/linc/english/research/researchdaphnesexualviolence.html>). It aims not only to disseminate the preliminary results of this project but also to gather a number of world experts from academia, practice and policy on the topic. [Source: KULeuven].

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

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

[Call for submissions: 2015 AGENDA Journal on Gender and Disability.](#) Agenda has been at the forefront of feminist publishing in South Africa for the past 28 years and raises debate around women's rights and gender issues. Contributors are invited to write on Gender and Disability from either a research or an activism perspective. Closing date: 1 September 2014. [Source: AWID].

**Call for submissions: Partner Abuse journal special issue on domestic violence perpetrator treatment programmes.** This peer reviewed journal is looking for research articles for a special issue on domestic violence perpetrator treatment programmes. Currently, several teams of researchers

have agreed to write papers on these programs in the United States and Canada, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East. The Journal needs two additional papers on domestic violence intervention programmes – one that examines these programs in Africa, and another that is focused on Asia. If you are interested in submitting a research paper on perpetrator programmes in Africa or Asia, please contact: johnmhamel@comcast.net. [Source: Editor-in-Chief, Partner Abuse].

**[Call for submissions: openGlobalRights](#)**. oGR is a multi-lingual forum on global human rights movements supported by the Ford Foundation and the University of Minnesota. oGR is seeking written articles from authors based in the global South, dealing with any of the debates that appear on our website (new High Commissioner for Human Rights, religion, funding, emerging powers and human rights, human rights as a mass or elite movement, and more). Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis. [Source: AWID].

**Research opportunity: Enabling data linkage, to maximise the value of public health research data.** On behalf of the Public Health Research Data Forum, the Wellcome Trust is commissioning research to inform how we can build systems to foster and support data linkage, in a way that maximises the value of public health research data. This study focuses on the linking of public health and epidemiology research data, to (1) other research data (public health or otherwise); and (2) administrative data – both within countries and across national boundaries. Applications for proposals close: 8 September 2014. For more information contact: j.simmonds@wellcome.ac.uk. [Source: SAMRC].

## **IX. Vacancies**

**[Director: Research and strategic information](#)** / LVCT Health / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: LVCT Health].

**[Communication and Knowledge Management Analyst](#)** / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: August 27, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**[Consultant to translate UN Women Sourcebook on Women, Peace and Security from English to Burmese \(Myanma Bhasa\); 204 pages](#)** / UN Women / Home-based / Closing date: August 25, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**[Senior Gender Advisor, Democratic, Responsive, and Accountable Governance \(Dragon\)](#)** / GRI / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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**[Project Review Consultant](#)** / CARE / Papua New Guinea / Closing date: August 31, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

**[Project Coordinator](#)** / Tactical Technology Collective / Berlin / Closing date: August 24, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Fall 2014 Intern](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: September 2, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[U.S. Legal Program Undergraduate Fall 2014 Intern](#) / Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: September 8, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Gender Advisor, Governance Sector Assessment in Madagascar](#) / GRI / Madagascar / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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