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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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Don't forget to share your ideas for the next SVRI Forum in 2015. You can access the short survey **online at:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QZYD7SG>. We appreciate your thoughts and comments!

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I. SVRI member request: Call for volunteer translators

Are you fluent in English and another language? Translate advocacy materials for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign!

The 16 Days Campaign is seeking volunteer translators for the Theme Announcement (available at <http://16dayscwg.rutgers.edu/2014-campaign/2014-theme-announcement>) and for other advocacy materials in the 16 Days Campaign "Take Action Kit". For an example of what to expect, you can take a look at last year's Kits, available online in Word and PDF format (available at <http://16dayscwg.rutgers.edu/previous-years/2013-campaign/2013-take-action-kit>). You can support activists' work to end gender-based violence and militarism for a peaceful tomorrow by

using your translation skills. Email 16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu and let know about the following information:

- To which language will you translate the 16 Days Campaign advocacy materials?
- Can you translate the whole kit (about 12 sheets or 19 pages total) or just the Theme Announcement (2 pages)?

Email 16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu and let know of your availability! Please, feel free to share this with others. [Source: Women-east-west].

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Catholic church backs national redress scheme for child sexual abuse victims, The Guardian, 12 August 2014](#): The Catholic church has joined calls for a national redress scheme for victims of child sexual abuse, with mandatory participation by the institutions concerned, but wants to retain some of its controversial gag orders to prevent victims suing.

[Solar lanterns diminish gender-based violence, bring other benefits to displaced in Somalia, International Organization for Migration Press Room, 8 August 2014](#): IOM has donated 3,300 solar lanterns to reach 20,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Somalia. The recipients are now at less risk of gender-based violence (GBV), their children will be able to do homework after school, and they may be able to generate more income if their shops and small businesses can operate at night.

[Little hope of justice for Nepal's war-time rape survivors, IRIN News, 31 July 2014](#): For several weeks in July, veteran Nepali women's rights activist Renu Rajbhandari picketed in front of the Constituent Assembly, Nepal's legislative body in Kathmandu, demanding amendment of the country's rape laws.

[Russian photographer documents PNG abuse, ABC News, 7 March 2013](#): A photo series by a Russian photographer has exposed the realities of violence against women in Papua New Guinea.

III. Advocacy and awareness raising

["Empowering women – Empowering humanity: Picture it!"](#): UN Women launched a year-long campaign in the context of the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. The #Beijing20 campaign is running under the title: "Empowering women – Empowering H=humanity: Picture it!" and features monthly mini-campaigns, each focusing on a subtheme of gender equality. UN Women is now rolling out the third mini-campaign for August, focusing on girls and young women. The campaign is also available in Spanish: <http://beijing20.unwomen.org/es/in-focus/girl-child> and French: <http://beijing20.unwomen.org/fr/in-focus/girl-child>. [Source: WWSF eNewsletter].

[Blog: The Ray Rice teachable moment: Coaching boys into men. Huffington Post, 8 August 2014](#): There's a Playbook that we'd like to get into the hands of Roger Goodell, John Harbaugh, and every player, coach and owner working with the National Football League. It's not Vince Lombardi's artistic

use of the Wedge. It's not Bill Walsh's clever invention of the West Coast Offense. But it's a Playbook that has the potential to change the lives of many young men who appear to know less about healthy relationships than they do about a two-point conversion. [Source: Futures Without Violence].

IV. Websites

[Physicians for Human Rights](#): PHR is an independent organisation that uses medicine and science to stop mass atrocities and severe human rights violations against individuals. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Online publications/resources

[Yoga's place in the treatment of PTSD \(Posttraumatic Stress Disorder\). Bengis S, Prescott D.S and Tabachnick J. NEARI News, 2014](#): This article shows how a non-verbal technique, trauma-informed yoga, significantly reduced the symptoms associated with PTSD. Yoga helps individuals tolerate physical and sensory experiences associated with fear and helplessness and increase their emotional awareness. Both experiences are key to successful PTSD treatment. [Source: NEARI News].

[Guidance Note of the Secretary-General. Reparations for conflict-related sexual violence. United Nations, 2014](#) (pdf): This Note aims to provide policy and operational guidance for United Nations engagement in the area of reparations for victims of conflict-related sexual violence. It is intended to complement other relevant UN tools and Guidance Notes. [Source: WUNRN].

[The GBV information sharing protocol template. GBVIMS, 2014](#): This package of guidance includes an introduction to the protocol, guidelines for the preparation of the ISP meeting, and powerpoints on safety and ethics in GBV data management and ISP development. Free registration required. [Source: GBVIMS].

[MediCapt tool. Physicians for Human Rights, 2014](#): MediCapt is a mobile application to help clinicians more effectively collect, document, and preserve forensic medical evidence of sexual violence to support the local prosecution of these crimes. This critical tool converts a standardised medical intake form for forensic documentation to a digital platform and combines it with a secure mobile camera to facilitate forensic photography. [Source: WUNRN].

[A handbook for religious and cultural leaders engaging communities to end Female Genital Mutilation. The African Women's Development and Communications Network, 2014](#): This publication is part a behaviour change communication tool intended to expand the engagement of men in religious and cultural institutions to reach out to their communities to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation - FGM in Meru and Tharaka. [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.

[Human rights violations against sex workers: Burden and effect on HIV. Decker M.R, Crago A.L, Chu S.K, Sherman S.G, Seshu M.S, Buthelezi K, Dhaliwal M, Beyrer C. The Lancet, ePub, 2014](#): This article reviews evidence from more than 800 studies and reports on the burden and HIV implications of human rights violations against sex workers. [Source: JHU].

[Individual and community-level socioeconomic position and its association with adolescents experience of childhood sexual abuse: A multilevel analysis of six countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Yahaya I, De Leon A.P, Uthman O.A, Soares J, Macassa G. J. Inj. Violence Res, 6: 21-30, 2014](#): This article examines the association between individual and community-level socioeconomic status (SES) and the likelihood of reporting CSA. [Source: SafetyLit].

[School-based childhood sexual abuse prevention programs: an integrative review. Fryda C.M, Hulme P.A. J. Sch. Nurs, ePub, 2014](#): The purpose of this integrative literature review is to determine the state of the science on school-based CSA prevention programs. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Resilience and spirituality among sexually abused victims. Chandiramani K. Indian J. Posit. Psychol, 5\(2\): 169-172, 2014](#): This study compares sexually abused victims and non abused individuals on the measures of resilience with its subtypes, spirituality and examines their relationship. [Source: SafetyLit].

[It all depends on the beholder: Decolonizing the concept of gender-based violence against Aymara women in Northern Chile. Zapata-Sepúlveda P, Jara-Labarthe V, Espinoza-Verdejo A. Qual. Inq, ePub, 2014](#): This article arose out of the interests and concerns of a group of Chilean social science researchers (psychology, social work, and philosophy) who wanted to reflect upon and analyse the phenomenon of gender-based domestic violence among urban Aymara women residents in northern Chile in a critical and interdisciplinary manner. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Missed cases in the detection of child abuse based on parental characteristics in the emergency department \(the Hague Protocol\). Diderich H.M, Verkerk P.H, Oudesluys-Murphy A.M, Dechesne M, Buitendijk S.E, Fekkes M. J. Emerg. Nurs, ePub, 2014](#): This study focuses on parents whose children should have been referred to the Reporting Centre for Child Abuse and Neglect (RCCAN) in the Hague, the Netherlands, according to the guidelines of the Hague Protocol. [Source: SafetyLit].

[How friendship generates key research questions that help to overcome gender-based violence: A personal narrative. Gómez A. Qual. Inq, ePub, 2014](#): Drawing on a personal narrative that connects friendship to methodology, this article delves into the way transformative friendship has enabled the rise of critical questions and reflection. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Does adolescent's exposure to parental intimate partner conflict and violence predict psychological distress and substance use in young adulthood? A longitudinal study. Schiff M, Plotnikova M, Dingle K, Williams G.M, Najman J, Clavarino A. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2014](#): This article explores the extent to which parental conflict and violence differentially impact on offspring mental health and substance use. [Source: SafetyLit].

VII. Events

[Training course: The dimensions of prevention, 13 – 16 October 2014](#). Raising Voices and the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP) are pleased to announce a new course on effective prevention of Violence against Women. The course examines core principles of effective VAW prevention and helps participants to identify untapped opportunities in your programing. Gain deeper understanding of the types of prevention, prevention strategies and the ethical principles of effective prevention—linking all of these to practice for greater results. Applications close: 1 September 2014. [Source: Raising Voices].

[Feminist leadership, movement building, and rights, 27-31 October 2014, Nairobi, Kenya](#). This is a week-long course designed to strengthen feminist leadership, strategies and collective power for social transformation in Africa. The Institute will combine reflection on the current political landscape as well as past organising strategies for women's rights in Africa by using a trans-movement-building approach. Applications close: 31 August 2014. [Source: CREA].

[2015 International conference on sexual assault, domestic violence, and campus responses, 7 – 9 April 2015, New Orleans, USA](#). EVAWI is pleased to announce that 20 scholarships will be available for law enforcement personnel to attend this conference. These scholarships are funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice, and they will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applications close: 31 December 2014. [Source: EVAWI].

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

VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

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IX. Vacancies

[Institutional contract: Multi-country study on the drivers of violence affecting children](#) / UNICEF-IRC / Closing date: August 29, 2014. [Source: UNICEF].

[Gender-based Violence & Protection Manager](#) / American Refugee Committee / Kismayo, Somalia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ARC].

[Feminist Resource Mobilization - Program Coordinator](#) / AWID / Work location of the position is open / Closing date: August 28, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Africa Team Internship](#) / Vital Voices / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Program Officer](#) / Open Society Foundation / New York, USA / Closing date: August 29, 2014.
[Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[International Advocacy Officer](#) / IPPF/WHR / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled.
[Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Consultant to Develop EU Protection Plan for Human Rights Defenders](#) / Amnesty International /
Location flexible / August 18, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Senior Gender Advisor, Security and Justice in Syria](#) / GRI / Turkey / Closing date: Open until
filled. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Gender Advisor](#) / Cuso International / Kingston, Jamaica / Closing date: August 15, 2014. [Source:
AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Legal Consultant](#) / The Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing
date: August 20, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

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

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