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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](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org). Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our [Facebook](#) page.

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[I.](#)        Announcement: SVRI Forum 2017 Abstract Mentoring Programme

The SVRI is excited to announce the return of our SVRI Forum Mentoring Programme for the [SVRI Forum 2017: Partnership for policy action, 18 – 21 September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil](#). We would like to invite abstract submissions from young researchers (18 – 35 years) in the field of sexual and intimate partner violence, and violence in childhood. This programme will provide an opportunity for young abstract submitters to receive feedback on their abstracts, and to further develop winning abstracts under the guidance of an experienced mentor. The programme is aimed at young researchers from Low and Middle-Income Countries, who lack access to opportunities of attending conferences, mentoring in abstract writing and delivering conference presentations.

Applications must be submitted by **1 January 2017** to [svri.forums@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri.forums@mrc.ac.za).

For more information on our previous Abstract Mentoring Programme, [click here](#).

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[II.](#)        SVRI World Bank Group Development Marketplace 16 Days Blog Series

Here is our fourth #16Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Blog by Jennifer Scott, discussing **“Research Rigor and Risks: Investigating Gender-Based Violence in the European Refugee Crisis”**

For more Blogs on the innovative projects supported through the [Development Marketplace for Innovations to Prevent Gender-Based Violence](#) visit [SVRI Blog](#) and World Bank Blog, [Voices](#).

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### III. [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.***

[Special issue: Graduate Journal of Social Science, 12\(3\), 2016](#): This journal has published a special issue on 'Men, Masculinities, and Violence'. The issue contains academic papers, personal narratives, and photo series by scholars and artists from several different countries, including from the Global South. The journal is edited by Alankaar Sharma and Arpita Das. [Source: Academia].

[TakeCARE, a video bystander program to help prevent sexual violence on college campuses: results of two randomized, controlled trials. Jouriles E.N, McDonald R, Rosenfield D, Levy N, Sargent K, Caiozzo C, Grych J.H. Psychol. Violence. 6\(3\): 410-420, 2016](#): The present research reports on two randomized controlled trials evaluating TakeCARE, a video bystander program designed to help prevent sexual violence on college campuses. [Source: Safetylit].

[Resilience in men and women experiencing sexual assault or traumatic stress: validation and replication of the Scale of Protective Factors. Ponce-Garcia E, Madewell A.N, Brown M.E. J. Trauma. Stress. ePub, 2016](#): In this study, the authors examine gender differences in mental health outcomes including depression and anxiety, and the availability of protective factors that determine resilience among those participants who reported experiencing sexual assault as compared to other forms of traumatic stress. [Source: Safetylit].

[Faith and marital violence in Sub-Saharan Africa: exploring the links between religious affiliation and intimate partner violence among women in Ghana. Takyi B.K, Lamptey E. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2016](#): This study uses data from the 2008 Ghana Demographic Health Survey (n = 1,831) and ordinary least squares regression method to investigate the links between religious affiliation and intimate partner violence. [Source: Safetylit].

[Interventions for healthcare providers to improve treatment and prevention of female genital mutilation: a systematic review. Balfour J, Abdulcadir J, Say L, Hindin M.J. BMC Health Serv Res. 16: 409, 2016](#): This article offers a systematic review of literature on interventions improving healthcare providers' capacities of prevention and treatment of female genital mutilation. [Source: Springer Link].

[What are the best methodologies for rapid reviews of the research evidence for evidence-informed decision making in health policy and practice: a rapid review. Haby M.M, Chapman E, Clark R, Barreto J, Reveiz L, Lavis J.N. Health Research Policy and Systems, 14:83, 2016](#): This rapid review of systematic reviews and primary studies seeks to answer the question: What are the best methodologies to enable a rapid review of research evidence for evidence-informed decision making in health policy and practice? [Source: Biomed Central].

[What research tells us about knowledge transfer strategies to improve public health in low-income](#)

[countries: a scoping review. Siron S, Dagenais C, Ridde V. Int J Public Health. 60\(7\), 849-63, 2015:](#)

This study describes the current state of research on knowledge transfer strategies to improve public health in low-income countries and identifies the knowledge gaps on this topic. [Source: Springer Link].

#### IV. Online publications and resources

[Package of Essentials for Addressing Violence against Women: General essentials, essentials for prevention, essentials for services provision to survivors and key reference documents. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women \(UN Women\), 2016:](#) This report summarizes the essential strategies for addressing violence against women in general, for preventing violence and providing services to survivors in particular. [Source: UN Women].

[Violence Against Women and Girls Resource Guide:](#) This guide provides information on how to initiate innovative projects that can help end the cycle of violence. [Source: VAWGResourceGuide].

#### V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[2017 Oak Human Rights Fellowship:](#) Oak Institute at Colby College is pleased to extend the deadline for completed applications for the Oak Human Rights Fellowship to Friday, December 9, 2016. The fellowship is a one-semester appointment as an activist-in-residence. It is designed to provide human rights defenders doing "on-the-ground" work at some level of personal risk a respite from front-line duties to enable them to reflect, write, and communicate their work within Colby campus community. [Source: Colby College].

[Funding opportunity: Call for applications - Gates Cambridge Scholarship:](#) The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program is looking for interested applicants for 2016 and 2017. The program offers graduate studies (3-year PhD, 2-year MSc or MLitt, or 1-year postgraduate course MPhil, MBA) where financial costs are fully covered. The program awards around 90 new scholarships every year and has over 1,500 active alumni. Application deadline: 7 December 2016. [Source: Gates Cambridge].

#### VI. Advocacy and awareness raising during 16 Days of Activism

[Blog: Can transfers and training reduce intimate partner violence? 30 November 2016:](#) This is our third blog for the #16Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Blog Series. The blog explores gaps and opportunities in terms of gender based violence prevention and lessons from Bangladesh.

[Blog: Making Sense of Child Marriage in Lebanon, 28 November 2016:](#) Child marriage has emerged as a negative coping strategy among Syrian families who have been forcibly displaced to Lebanon as a result of Syria's ongoing conflict. Child marriage has profound implications, not just for the girl and for her physical, psychological and socioeconomic wellbeing, but also for her children, her family, her community, and for global development more broadly. Read [more](#).

[Blog: Gender Based Violence and HIV Infection - Overlapping Epidemics in Brazil, 25 November 2016:](#) Bi-national collaboration of researchers discover gender-based violence is associated with HIV risk among women in Brazil. Read blog [here](#).

[Video: Enough – Together we can end violence against women & girls:](#) Oxfam has launched a new campaign "ENOUGH: Together We Can End Violence Against Women & Girls". The campaign focuses on challenging harmful social norms and the primary focus is national campaigning, with an emphasis on co-creation of national campaigns with women's rights organisations and movements.

The first countries to launch the campaign are: Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, South Africa, and Zambia. Many more countries will join next year. [Source: WUNRN].

[Sixteen Global Voices for Change Against Gender-Based Violence](#): During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. In commemoration, UNFPA is celebrating 16 heroes who are calling for change. [Source: UNFPA].

## VII. News

[From the Battlefield to the Classroom: Using Education in the Fight against Rape Stigma, SVRI News, 25 November 2016](#): Last week, BLS academic Dr Janine Natalya Clark travelled to Bosnia to pilot her new and innovative school-based scheme of discussing sexual violence in conflict with young people in Bosnian high schools. A specialist on sexual violence, transitional justice, and the Yugoslav conflict, Dr Clark is reader in Gender, International Criminal Law, and Transitional Justice. In this news bulletin she reflects on her visit and on the pilot project.

[Turkey withdraws child rape bill after street protests, BBC News, 22 November 2016](#): Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim has withdrawn a bill that pardons men convicted of sex with underage girls if they have married them. The bill, part of a package of amendments to the legal system, was sent back for further work just hours before a final vote in parliament.

[International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women – 25 November, OHCHR News, 22 November 2016](#): Joint call by UN Rapporteur on Violence against Women and all other global and regional mechanisms to end femicide and gender-based violence.

[Five signs of progress in sexual violence prevention to be thankful for, The Huffington Post, 21 November 2016](#): While there's no question that we still face many challenges to fully preventing sexual assault – and this year was no exception – we'd like to take this holiday season to reflect on the significant signs of progress we saw in 2016. Read [more](#).

## VIII. Events

[Webinar: Sexual violence on campus - Strategies for prevention, 6 December 2016](#): This web conference offers an overview of the framework components of the CDC's sexual violence prevention document and the process of the Action Planning Teams as important segments of CDC's campus-based sexual violence prevention efforts. [Source: Prevent Connect].

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

## IX. Vacancies

[Programme Officer – Communications \(Website and Social Media\)](#) / ARROW / Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia / Closing date: 5 December 2016. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Programme Officer](#) / Oak Foundation, Child Abuse Programme / Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania / Closing date: 11 December 2016. [Source: Oak Foundation].

[Project Officer](#) / WHO / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 20 December 2016. [Source: WHO].

[Organizational Capacity Assessment Expert \(consultant\)](#) / American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative / Jordan / Closing date: 31 January 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Director Information Services](#) / Pacific Community / Noumea, New Caledonia / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Network Coordinator](#) / Crossroads International / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Senior WPE Manager](#) / International Rescue Committee / Myanmar / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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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 increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

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