



Dear SVRI Members

Welcome to the final SVRI Update for the year. It has been a busy and productive year at the SVRI where we have seen the first SVRI and World Bank Development Marketplace for GBV Innovation awards, launch of a new website with exciting features and recent materials, the publication of blogs and research reports, and so much more.

The SVRI Secretariat and Coordinating group wishes all our members a safe and joyous festive season, and look forward to continue our work with you towards a just and violence-free world in 2017!

Please note that the SVRI will close for the holiday season **from Midday Friday, 23 December 2016 until 9 January 2017. Our next Update will be published on 12 January 2017.**

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.

Today's SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. Closing dates approaching!

[SVRI Forum 2017 Abstract Mentoring Programme](#): The Abstract Mentoring programme is open to new and upcoming researchers in gender based violence, aged 35 and younger. Through the programme mentees will get a review on their abstracts and assistance in writing a great abstract. Applications due: 1 January 2017. For more information please send us an email, at: svriforums@mrc.ac.za.

[SVRI Forum 2017 Call for abstracts](#): The call for abstracts closes on 1 February 2017 for the SVRI Forum 2017 to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 18-21 September 2017. The SVRI Forum 2017 is a

timely space to discuss and share strategies for achieving SDG targets aimed at ending all forms of violence against women and girls. The conference brings together different stakeholders from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence. The call for abstracts is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

II. 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.

[Violence against Women. Garcia-Moreno C, Stöckl H. Reference Module in Biomedical Sciences. International Encyclopedia of Public Health \(Second Edition\). 337–343, 2017](#): This article summarizes existing knowledge on the prevalence and health outcomes of different forms of violence against women: intimate partner violence, intimate partner violence during pregnancy, sexual violence in conflict setting and in displacement, trafficking of women, child sexual abuse and first forced sex and female genital mutilation. [Source: Science Direct].

[Cultural dimensions of power/knowledge: The challenges of measuring violence against women. Merry S.E. Sociologie du Travail. 58\(4\), 370-380, 2016](#): This study examines the cultural and social theoretical frameworks within which measurement systems for violence against women are developed. [Source: Science Direct].

[Using a domestic and sexual violence prevention advocate to implement a dating violence prevention program with athletes. Jaime M.C, Stocking M, Freire K, Perkinson L, Ciaravino S, Miller E. Health Educ. Res. 31\(6\): 679-696, 2016](#): In this study, authors explore how 'Coaching Boys into Men' – an evidence-based dating violence prevention program for coaches to implement with male athletes – may influence athlete uptake of program messages and outcomes. [Source: Safetylit].

[Physical, mental and social consequences in civilians who have experienced war-related sexual violence: a systematic review \(1981–2014\). Ba I, Bhopal R.S. Public Health. 2016](#): This article identifies the health outcomes of sexual violence on civilians in conflict zones between 1981 and 2014. [Source: Science Direct].

[Relationship between negative social reactions to sexual assault disclosure and mental health outcomes of black and white female survivors. Hakimi D, Bryant-Davis T, Ullman S.E, Gobin R.L. Psychol. Trauma. ePub, 2016](#): This study investigates the effect of race on the relationship between negative reactions to sexual assault disclosure and the psychological sequelae such as posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, and problem drinking in female sexual assault survivors. [Source: Safetylit].

[Intimate partner violence against married rural-to-urban migrant workers in eastern China: Prevalence, patterns, and associated factors. Chen L, Yu Z, Luo X, Huang Z. BMC Public Health. 16\(1\): e1232, 2016](#): This study explores the prevalence, patterns and associated factors of intimate partner violence against married rural-to-urban migrant workers in eastern China. [Source: Safetylit].

III. Online publications and resources

[Invisible women, invisible violence: Understanding and improving data on the experiences of domestic and family violence and sexual assault for diverse groups of women: State of knowledge paper. Mitra-Kahn T, Newbiggin C, Hardefeldt S. ANROWS. 2016](#): This paper establishes the state of knowledge about the experiences of domestic and family violence and sexual assault against women from diverse groups. [Source: ANROWS].

[Towards gender equality: The GEMS journey thus far. Achyut P, Bhatla N, Verma H, Uttamacharya S.G, Bhattacharya S, Verma R. International Center for Research on Women. 2016](#): This report provides an evaluation of the Gender Equity Movement in Schools (GEMS) program, and is designed to better understand the impact of the program on girls' and boys' views of gender equity and violence in Jharkhand. [Source: International Center for Research on Women].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Funding opportunity: LGBTI fund – Deep Engagement Grants for Mozambique](#): The fund is looking to support a solution that scales up HIV service delivery for LGBT people with an objective to improve access to HIV and STI prevention, care and treatment services and information for LGBT persons. Secondary objectives are to decrease LGBT-related stigma and discrimination among health and other service providers, community and/or faith-based leaders, families and policy makers, and to increase the capacity of LGBT community-based civil society organisations and local- and national-level LGBT movements to deliver HIV and STI services and advocate for the rights and health of LGBT persons. Deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Funding opportunity: Feminist Review Trust Fund – Supporting projects that transform the lives of women](#): The Feminist Review Trust is currently accepting applications from eligible entities for its grants program, representing the diversity of women's lives globally and supporting the creativity with which women fight the inequalities they face. Deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Call for Expression of Interest \(Partner Institution or Consortium for Measurement of Violence against Women in Asia and the Pacific\)](#): UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) is in the process of identifying potential implementing partners for the implementation of a project to strengthen regional and national capacities to measure violence against women in Asia and the Pacific (2016 – 2019), and seeking to partner with an institution or consortium to create a Knowledge Centre for the measurement of VAW. Deadline: 31 January 2017. [Source: UNFPA].

[Call for papers on transgender violence](#): The journal of Violence and Gender is seeking high quality research on the topic of violence involving transgendered individuals to publish in the fall and winter issues of 2017. The issue will provide a broad overview of the current state of affairs on a national and international scale. For questions, please contact Managing Editor [Dr. Karen Cloud Hansen](#) Deadline: 20 February 2017. [Source: Violence and Gender].

[Funding opportunity: ANROWS Research Priorities 2017-19](#): ANROWS is calling for research grant applications in a range of priority areas aimed at stemming the rate of violence against women. Support for early career researchers and service provider led research is also central to the grant. ANROWS strongly encourages applications with partnerships between research and service provider organisations. Deadline: 31 March 2017. [Source: ANROWS].

V. Advocacy and awareness raising

[SVRI blog: To my Abuser - I've been betrayed but I'll never lose trust in my world, 19 December 2016](#): In this blog, Amy shares her sexual assault story and the lessons learned.

VI. News

[MPs urged to pass domestic and sexual violence legislation hailed as 'gold standard', The](#)

[Independent, 15 December 2016](#): The UK Government has been urged to “take violence against women seriously” after failing to ratify a major international treaty on domestic violence four years after it pledged to do so.

[Three questions on tackling gender based violence, Thomson Reuters Foundation news, 14 December 2016](#): Women and girls must participate at all levels of decision-making in humanitarian action.

[HIV-test kits given to women boost testing in men, SciDev News, 12 December 2016](#): Providing HIV self-test kits to women seeking care in healthcare facilities could promote HIV testing among couples and male partners, a study says.

VII. Events

[Short course: Researching gender-based violence: Methods and meaning, 13 -17 February 2017, London, UK](#): The course is intended for individuals who will conduct or commission research on gender-based violence. It will be of particular interest to those who want to add a ‘violence component’ to study that is quantitative or qualitative study or an intervention evaluation. It is relevant for individuals working on health-related topics such as, sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, HIV, mental health and substance use. [Source: LSHTM].

[Perspectives on adolescent to parent violence, 12 April 2017, London, UK](#): An interactive, practical day on Adolescent to Parent Violence (APV), designed to raise awareness of the topic and provide participants with an opportunity to explore the dynamics of the issue as a profile of domestic abuse. Information will be provided on definitions, background theories, prevalence, risk factors, case studies and behaviour patterns. Consideration will be given of the problems of engaging with families around this issue and an overview of current service provision (models of work) will be provided. [Source: AVA].

[IASSCS Conference – Breaking boundaries: Sexuality, gender, reproduction, health and rights, 13 – 15 July 2017, Bangkok, Thailand](#): The topics for discussion in this conference will include but not limited to sexuality education, research and advocacy. The IASSCS Conference organizing committee invites colleagues to submit abstracts for oral or poster invitations before January 2nd, 2017. If you have any question regarding your abstract submission, please contact: 2017conference@iasscs.org. [Source: IASSCS].

VIII. Vacancies

[Area Program Manager](#) / World Vision International / Cambodia / Closing date; 23 December 2016. [Source: WVI].

[Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist](#) / UNICEF / Brasilia, Brazil / Closing date: 27 December 2016. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Communications Assistant \(Internship\)](#) / END FGM European Network / Brussels, Belgium / Closing date: 6 January 2017. [Source: END FGM European Network].

[Management Specialist](#) / UNOPS / Copenhagen, Denmark / Closing date: 9 January 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Emergency Outreach Midwife](#) / International Rescue Committee / Libya / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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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