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[I. SVRI Grant – new reports and publications](#)

[Does keeping adolescent girls in school protect against sexual violence? Quasi-experimental evidence from East and Southern Africa. Behrman J.A, Peterman A, Palermo T. Journal of Adolescent Health. Journal of Adolescent Health. 60, 184 – 190, 2017:](#) This study examines the relationship between educational attainment in adolescence on young women's lifetime experience of sexual violence in Malawi and Uganda. A brief report is available [here](#).

[Research report: A mixed methods study to test the preliminary effect of World Education's Together to End Violence Against Women \(TEVAW\), a program to address intimate partner violence in Northern Tanzania. Messersmith L.J, Halim N, Kawemama P, Steven E, Reich N. 2017:](#) This study provides insight on effective approaches for intimate partner violence prevention and contribute to a better understanding of the interplay between individual knowledge and attitudes of both men and women regarding intimate partner violence and how these influences and are influenced by gender norms at the community level.

[Research Report: Development of a parenting intervention to promote effective parenting practices in South Africa. Crankshaw T, Gibbs A, Butler L, Tomlinson M, Inglis R. 2016:](#) This research seeks to design and manualise a proof of concept early parenting intervention to promote effective parenting practices and maternal coping skills, both of which have been shown to be related to the treatment (or maltreatment) of children.

II. Young Researcher's Participation in SVRI Forum 2017

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is pleased to [announce five organizations](#) from the global South that have been selected to form part of the "Being Heard" project. A collaborative effort involving SVRI and the international Centre, the "Being Heard" project is seeking to gather a more in-depth understanding of the most appropriate approaches to facilitating young person's participation as researchers, as conference participants and as future leaders in efforts to reduce violence against children and the toll it imposes on the lives of children and their families. For more information about Being Heard, please visit: <http://www.svri.org/what-we-do/capacity-development/projects/being-heard>

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.

[Power, predation, and post-war state formation: the public discourse of ritual child rape in Liberia.](#) Thornhill K. *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal*. 2017: This article discusses witchcraft as it is viewed as the primary cause of rape against young children, for the purpose of gaining wealth and power. [Source: University of Oxford].

[Preventing the onset of child sexual abuse by targeting young adolescents with universal prevention programming.](#) Letourneau E.J, Schaeffer C.M, Bradshaw C.P, Feder K.A. *Child Maltreat*. 22(2), 100-111, 2017: This article examines how school-based universal prevention programs might be used to prevent child sexual abuse perpetrated by adolescents. [Source: Safetylit].

[The role of distress intolerance in the relationship between childhood sexual abuse and problematic alcohol use among Latin American MSM.](#) Wang K, White Hughto J.M, Biello K.B, O'Cleirigh C, Mayer K.H, Rosenberger J.G, Novak D.S, Mimiaga M.J. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 175, 151-156, 2017: This study examines the role of distress intolerance (i.e., decreased capacity to withstand negative psychological states) in the relationship between childhood sexual abuse history and problematic alcohol use. [Source: Safetylit].

[Understanding the linkages between social safety nets and childhood violence: a review of the evidence from low- and middle-income countries.](#) Peterman A, Neijhoft A.N, Cook S, Palermo T.M. *Health Policy Plan*. Published first online 22 April, 2017: This paper reviews evidence and develops a framework to understand linkages between non-contributory SSNs and the experience of childhood emotional, physical and sexual violence in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: PubMed].

[A tailored online safety and health intervention for women experiencing intimate partner violence: the iCAN Plan 4 Safety randomized controlled trial protocol.](#) Ford-Gilboe M, Varcoe C, Scott-Storey K, Wuest J, Case J, Currie L.M, Glass N, Hodgins M, MacMillan H, Perrin N, Wathen C.N. *BMC Public Health*. 17(1), 2017: iCAN engages women in activities designed to increase their awareness of safety risks, reflect on their plans for their relationships and priorities, and create a personalized action plan of strategies and resources for addressing their safety and health concerns. This study will produce contextualized knowledge about how women engage with the intervention, iCAN; its strengths and weaknesses; whether specific groups benefit more than others; and the processes explaining any positive outcomes. [Source: PubMed].

[Barriers and facilitators to integrating health service responses to intimate partner violence in low- and middle-income countries: A comparative health systems and service analysis.](#) Colombini M,

[Dockerty C, Mayhew S.H. Studies in Family Planning. 2017](#): This systematic review synthesizes 11 studies of health-sector responses to intimate partner violence (IPV) in low- and middle-income countries. The services that were most comprehensive and integrated in their responsiveness to IPV were primarily in primary health and antenatal care settings. [Source: Wiley Online Library].

[Meeting the reproductive health needs of female key populations affected by HIV in low- and middle-income countries: A review of the evidence. Ippoliti N.B, Nanda G, Wilcher R. Studies in Family Planning, 2017](#): This study examines the data that exist regarding the family planning and reproductive health needs of female key populations, the underlying determinants of these populations' vulnerability to poor reproductive health outcomes, and the obstacles they face in accessing high-quality reproductive health services. [Source: Wiley Online Library].

IV. Online publications and resources

[Online child-sexual exploitation: An analysis of emerging and selected issues. ECPAT International Journal. 12, 2017](#): The 2017 ECPAT Journal focuses on the online sexual exploitation of children. It contains four articles exploring some of the technical challenges and emerging concerns: the first article looks at how virtual currencies can be misused for child sex offending; the second article looks at the effectiveness of filtering and blocking, in combination with the use of splash pages, as a mechanism to deny access to child sexual abuse material online; the third article takes on the challenge of exposing female Internet sex offending and, in the process, presents some interesting findings on the specificity of female online sex offending; and the last article concludes the journal with another thought provoking article looking at the live streaming of child sexual abuse in the Philippines; one of the most significantly affected countries in the world. [Source: ECPAT International].

[Understanding masculinities: Results from the International Men and Gender Equality Survey \(IMAGES\) – Middle East and North Africa \(MENA\). El Feki S, Heilman B, Barker G. Eds. UN Women and Promundo-US, 2017](#): The International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES) – Middle East and North Africa is the largest multi-country study of its kind in the MENA region. Coordinated by Promundo and UN Women, in collaboration with local research partners, the report takes a never-before-seen look at what it means to be a man in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, and Palestine today. Exploring key issues at home and at work, in public and private life, the research confronts many of the stereotypes commonly associated with men in the region and highlights pathways to gender equality. A brief report is available in [Arabic](#) and [French](#). [Source: Promundo – US].

[Terminology guidelines for the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. Adopted by the Interagency Working Group in Luxembourg, 28 January 2016](#): This report provides individuals and agencies working for the prevention and elimination of all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children with guidance for the understanding and use of the different terms and concepts they may encounter in their work. The report is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). [Source: ECPAT International].

V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for papers: International Journal of Qualitative Methods](#): The International Journal of Qualitative Methods seeks papers for publishing. It is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary open access journal of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology (IIQM) at the University of Alberta, Canada. The current Article Processing Charge (APC) is \$1,000 for regular articles and \$1,500 for qualitative study protocols. [Source: International Journal of Qualitative Methods].

VI. News

[Perpetrators, not victims, should be shamed for conflict-related sexual violence – UN report, UN News, 3 May 2017](#): Survivors of sexual violence in war zones need to be recognized as legitimate victims of conflict and terrorism, and not blamed, stigmatized or shamed, the United Nations has said in an annual report to be presented to the Security Council.

[From crisis comes opportunity to improve refugees' reproductive health, Women and Girls News Deeply, 3 May 2017](#): In the refugee camps of Uganda, South Sudanese and local women are being given access to proper maternity care and contraception, often for the first time.

[Majority of men in Middle East survey believe a woman's place is in the home, The Guardian, 2 May 2017](#): Study carried out across Middle East and north Africa shows sexist attitudes prevail, with men's views of equality at odds with hopes of young women.

[Involving children in decisions 'will help protect them from sexual abuse', The Guardian, 1 May 2017](#): Involving children in the research and decisions that will impact their lives is essential to protect them from being abused within institutions such as sporting clubs, churches and schools, a symposium held by the child sexual abuse royal commission has heard.

VII. Events

[Evidence Synthesis in Africa, 22 May 2017, Johannesburg, South Africa](#): The Africa Evidence Network (AEN) invites you to attend an intra-African exchange on evidence synthesis. This exchange will showcase the evidence synthesis work of the Africa Centre for Evidence at the University of Johannesburg and the Africa Center for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation at Makerere University. Speakers from both Synthesis Centres will reflect on and provide examples of the production and use of evidence synthesis to support pro-poor policy-making in Africa. [Source: Africa Evidence Network].

[Engaging men and boys in gender equality programming e-learning course, 11 October 2017 - 21 November 2017](#): This e-learning is brought to you by the Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre. It introduces participants to principles, strategies, normative frameworks and policy approaches on engaging men and boys on gender equality. Examining critical concepts such as masculinity, patriarchy and intersectionality, the course discusses why a holistic approach is central to achieving gender equality and explores the relationship between gender equality, sustainable development and human rights. Should you have queries related to the course, please contact: training@hrea.org. [Source: UN Women Training Centre].

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

VIII. Vacancies

[Communication Officer](#) / ECPAT International / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 10 May 2017. [Source: ECPAT International].

[Programme Coordinator](#) / UNDP / Mogadiscio, Somalia / Closing date: 11 May 2017. [Source: Funds for NGOs].

[Legal Research Intern](#) / ECPAT International / Bangkok, Thailand / Closing date: 15 May 2017. [Source: ECPAT International].

[Public Health Officer](#) / World Health Organization / Amman, Jordan / Closing date: 15 May 2017.
[Source: WHO].

[Senior Director, Global Human Resources](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID eNews 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 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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