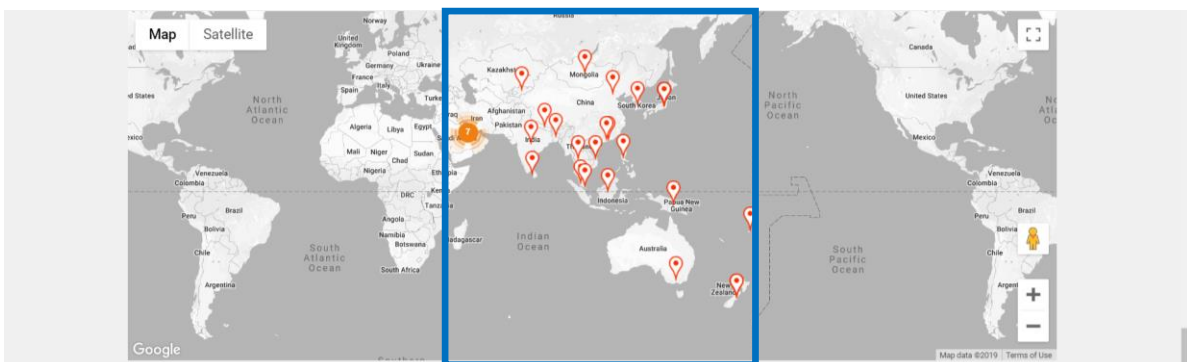


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Welcome to the IFSWAP Newsletter. In this edition:

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Editorial

2019 is the changing year for IFSWAP. As you may know, there have been some HR changes in the IFSWAP Regional Committee. Rose is the new President and Sonja Nissen from ANZASW supports Rose to do some administrative work, Irene becomes the new Vice President, Teoh takes the role of Honorary Regional Secretary and I join the committee to be the new Chief News Editor. As a fresh face to the IFSWAP, please allow me to introduce myself to you all first. My name is Gary Xia from Brisbane Australia, originally from China. I have been working with people with disability and mental health issues as a Support Worker, Support Coordinator (Case Manager) in my private practice, government agencies and various NGOs in Brisbane for 11 years with the master's degree in social work. I also have been working with children and adolescents as a youth worker in various NGOs and a counsellor in my private practice. Because of my personal background and knowledge, I have a special interest in working with people from CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) population, who speaks English as the second language in Australia. Prior to Social Worker career in Australia, I had worked as a marketing officer in a couple of multinational companies in China for 7 years. Collaborating with the existing committee members, I will strive to lead a positive development for IFSWAP.

As Rose, Irene and Teoh have been the committee members of IFSWAP for a while and taken new roles recently, I just update their professional biographies here briefly. Ms Rose Henderson (New Zealand) has been working as a mental health specialist in Christchurch New Zealand for many years. Ms Irene Leung is the President, Hong Kong Social Workers Association (HKSWA). She had worked in

children and youth field in NGOs and government bodies for over 30 years. Mr Teoh Ai Hua is a senior lecturer in social work at the School of Applied Psychology, Social Work and Policy, College of Arts and Sciences, University Utara Malaysia. He also has been working in some important roles for Malaysia government agencies and international Social Work organisations.

To celebrate World Social Work Day 2019, many countries, such as Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and Iran, organised and developed a wide range of activities and/events to raise the awareness of the theme- Promoting the Importance of Human Relationship. These activities and/events united most social work academics and practitioners and delivered a strong message of building harmonious human relationship within local communities. Hopefully, more regional members will share their unique and exciting stories next year.

We also present you the IFSWAP Human Rights Report 2019, thanking the reporter Raed Amira and Luis Arevalo. This allows us to realise that we are still confronting many issues in the region and think about what we can do as social workers.

A milestone event to Social Work professionals in New Zealand is that Social Workers Registration Legislation Bill has been passed in the government. This means social workers at NZ will be legally required to be registered with the Social Workers Registration Board. Thus, social work professionals are protected when they are practising, and they will ensure to maintain professional development, training, skills development to meet the updated standard when delivering services to clients.

The Ethics Commission has been thinking about different ways of dissemination of the IFSW Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles among all the 5 regions since Dublin Conference. Hassan Mousavi Chelak and Teoh Ai Hua have drafted a report template to be used for compiling the activities undertaken by member organizations in disseminating the Ethical Principles in their respective countries. The template will be circulated to all members of the AP region shortly.

The 25th Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Social Work Conference will be held at Bengaluru, India in September 2019. This will be an opportunity for us to unite together, discuss and review current issues within the region and develop new and innovative strategies to work together to create the positive social work partnerships towards an equal society. I look forward to seeing you all there.



The screenshot shows the website for the 25th Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference (APSWC) 2019. The header includes the logo, navigation links (Welcome, Program, Registration, Abstract Submission, Scholarship, Accommodation, How to Reach, Bengaluru, Contact Us), and user options (Webmail Login, Admin login, Signup, Login). The main content area features the conference title, theme, dates (September 18th to 20th, 2019), and location (Bengaluru, India). It also includes a 'Register for Conference' button, a 'Download Brochure' button, and information about the pre-conference seminar and registration deadline (Extended till June 15, 2019). The footer contains 'International Hosts', 'Copyright © apswc2019.com', and 'Privacy Policy | Terms & Conditions'.

Celebration of World Social Work Day 2019 Jakarta, Indonesia

On March 27th, 2019, The Indonesian of Social Work Consortium (ISWC) initiated and coordinated activities to commemorate & celebration of the world social work day 2019. Supported by its members and stakeholders, including the Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesian Association of Social Workers, Yayasan Sayangi Tunas Cilik Indonesia, Social Work Sketch, and other organizations. Indonesian social workers have celebrated the World Social Work Day at Aneka Bhakti Building Ministry of Social Affairs, Jakarta. The event discussed this year's theme 'Promoting the Importance of Human Relationship'. The themes related to Indonesian social workers to endeavour social work profession to promote the importance of human relations in this era and its relationship with the environment and the future. The celebration was attended by 600 social workers from celebration of world social work day attended by 600 social workers from various work settings, both those working in government and those in the private sector as well as social work educators, government officials, NGOs & INGO as well as students.



The first session of the event, Nurul Eka Hidayati, the vice secretary general of ISWC as the chairwoman of this event, introduced about the history of World Social Work Day and reports on the process of preparing the event. Continued with a welcome speech by Miryam Nainggolan, the Secretary General of ISWC, she encouraged social worker to unite and take a role in advancing social work profession. Edi Suharto, PhD, the Director General of Social Rehabilitation-Ministry of Social Affairs as a keynote speaker discussed about social work and global agenda in the context of human and cultural diversity. Tata Sudrajat, the Director of Advocacy and Campaign – YTCI, introduced Indonesia's role in the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance. At this event we also displayed 3 welcomed and congratulation videos from: Mr. Rory Truell, the Secretary General of Global IFSW; Mrs. Rose Henderson, the President of IFSW-Asia Pasific; and Mrs. Nicole Brown, the Deputy director of Social Service Workforce Alliance.

The second session was a scientific speech delivered by Yudi Latif, Yudi Latief is a moderate muslim scholar, alumni of Bandung school of social welfare. He motivated social workers to build strength and self-resilience and improve the quality and competence of social workers in providing services. His said there are five important elements that must be owned as an important part as a social worker, those elements are: Positive emotion; Engagement; Relationship; Meaningfulness; Achievement. This session was moderated by Dr. Siti Napsiyah, MSW, a lecturer from Syarif Hidayatullah – State Islamic University, Jakarta.

At the third session of the event, four professional social workers from various work setting: Tonton Heryanto, a social program manager for a private company; Wardoyo Djohar, a social worker supervisor for community service program of Ministry of Social Affairs; Siti Fathonah, senior social

workers of provincial social service rehabilitation institution; Rolianna Harianja, a senior medical social workers from a cancer hospital and Endang Mintarja, a community social volunteer, the five workers discussed and dialog about the bill of social worker law with Dr. M. Ali Taher, the chairman of the 8th council of the people's representatives. The dialog guided by Dwi Yuliani, a lecturer from Bandung School of Social Welfare, and Fentiny, a lecturer from University of Indonesia. It was a fruitful discussion, emphasized and strengthened the role of Indonesian social workers in the social welfare service system in Indonesia. Recognition and protection of the Indonesian state is for the profession of social work is very important for social workers in carrying out their role in providing services.

World social work days were also celebrated throughout Indonesia by the provincial official members of the Indonesia Association of Social Workers (Ikatan Pekerja Sosial Profesional Indonesia/IPSPI). The Indonesian Association of Social Workers has been a member of IFSW-Asia Pacific since 2011. Social workers at those regions involved and gathered themselves in IPSPI provincial events. Their activities are peaceful action took to the streets and panel discussion with local stakeholders. Various social work universities in Indonesia also enliven the commemoration of world social work days on their respective campuses.

[World Social Work Day – Australia](#)

AASW led successful World Social Work Day celebrations throughout Australia on Tuesday, 19 March. The AASW branches organised 13 events in each state and territory, including breakfasts, a research symposium, evening functions and barbecues. There was a national Twitter campaign, where the community was asked to share pictures depicting this year's theme 'human relationships' with the hashtag #WSWD19. World Social Work Day was promoted on all AASW social media platforms. The campaign caused the hashtag to trend and was the second most-talked about subject in the country on the day.

[The AASW website contained our events, posters and other resources](#) for celebrating World Social Work Day. It now contains our favourite tweets from the day.

AASW National President Christine Craik gave her World Social Work Day video address. <https://vimeo.com/324896987>

Prominent social worker and CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Kon Karapangiotidis OAM was interviewed about World Social Work Day when he gave his keynote speech in Melbourne. <https://vimeo.com/326730974>

Every Parliamentary representative throughout Australia was contacted to raise awareness of World Social Work Day and encouraged to support World Social Work Day on social media – four did from across the political divide - Tasmania's Senator Catryna Bilyk, Queensland's Senator Claire Moore, South Australia's Rachel Sanderson MP and Queensland's Stephen Bennett MP. Organisations and government departments also participated in our Twitter campaign.

NSW Branch awarded the Social Justice Award to Lauren Foy, who was instrumental in the marriage equality campaign. Victorian Branch awarded their Social Worker of the Year Award to Kate Incerti, for her contribution to the homelessness sector.

Our promotion of World Social Work Day appeared in the Australian media:

- [Bob in dialysis knowing his wife is well cared for - 18 March](#)
- [Social work: mental health practice and other specialisations - 19 March](#)
- [Social workers mark social day - 22 March](#)
- [Hastings celebrates World Social Work Day - 31 March](#)

Social work registration – IFSW update

Australia is the only English-speaking country which does not require social workers to be registered to ensure public protection. The AASW has been advocating for the statutory regulation of social workers in Australia for many years.

In response to a Coroner's recommendation to register social workers after a tragic case in the state of South Australia, momentum has built in this jurisdiction to begin legislating to make registration a reality in that state.

The AASW presented to the Joint House Committee of the South Australian Parliament on the proposed Social Workers Registration Bill 2018 on 30 January 2019.

The AASW was represented by AASW CEO Cindy Smith, AASW Board member Anita Phillips, who has campaigned for Registration of social workers for many years, AASW South Australian Branch President Patricia Muncey and AASW Manager of Social Policy and Advocacy Debra Parnell.

Anita Phillips was interviewed on ABC radio about the Bill and the proposal for Registration.

The Joint Committee is consulting with stakeholders in relation to the proposed regulatory framework and its implementation over the coming months.

We are looking to build on the successes in South Australia across all states and territories of Australia and are currently engaging in direct advocacy in order to achieve state/territory-based registration across Australia.

[The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers](#)

The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW) recognises that an historic milestone for social work has been reached with the Social Workers Registration Legislation Bill passing Third Reading by a unanimous vote. Registration of social workers was the vision of the late Merv Hancock when he led the establishment of ANZASW in 1964.

ANZASW concurs with Jan Logie, (Green Party) who said, "It is a really significant moment in the history of social work in this country, and the implications of this legislation are profound for the

profession and, we hope, will have a real impact on the sense of confidence from the public in the social work profession”.

As Minister Sepuloni noted, the Bill "modernises the Social Workers Registration Act and increases the professionalism of the social work workforce," providing much-needed "certainty" for service users "that people practicing as social workers will have the right qualifications, experience, and on-going professional development to deliver the support that is needed."

"This development is a corrective to the long history of social work professionals not enjoying the same recognition as Doctors, Nurses, Psychiatrists and others who have required universal registration as a matter of law. As the professional body for social work in Aotearoa New Zealand, we look forward to continuing to advocate for social workers' in the new regulatory environment," ANZASW Chief Executive Lucy Sandford-Reed said.

"The majority of the members in the House yesterday recognised the value of the social work profession and the importance of the work undertaken is noted and appreciated," she added. Long-standing member and outgoing President Shannon Pakura said: "With the passing of this Bill, ANZASW's 55-year-old vision of mandatory registration for the whole Social Work profession has finally been realised." "We acknowledge the Social Work Alliance group for their steadfast commitment to advocate on behalf the profession. We recognise Minister Sepuloni's persistence in seeking to pass this legislation and her responsiveness to the profession," she added. "This is a bill that puts public safety first and enhances the professionalism of social work," she noted.

Introducing registration has been a goal for ANZASW since its founding, in 1964. In 1976 members began discussing issues around registration. Our News and Views publication set out the advantages and disadvantages of registration. The advantages included protection for clients and employers, professional development, training, skills development and protection for social workers. The disadvantages were that there were so few professionally qualified social workers eligible for registration that the scheme might undermine "the unqualified in a situation where they are the back-bone of the service" (News and Views, Issue 12, December 1976 p.1).

The campaign for statutory registration accelerated in the nineties, culminating in a report by a Special Project Team on the issue of Statutory Registration which was presented to members in 1999. In 2003 the Social Workers Registration Act introduced voluntary registration. Over the intervening 16 years ANZASW has campaigned to reach the point we are at today.

Recalling the journey, long-time member Dr Kieran O'Donoghue of Massey University said this moment had been achieved as the result "of the endeavour of many committed people in our profession." "Jenny Blagdon, Madeline Taylor, and Bev Keall renewed this journey for us in 1994, Howard Randal, David McNabb, Buster Curson and Robyn Corrigan, Rose Henderson and Leland Ruwhiu, were key to getting the 2003 Social Workers Registration Act in place. The ANZASW members on the first board Robyn Corrigan, Buster Curson, Sonya Hunt, John Dunlop, Liz Beddoe and Shannon Pakura helped set up our current registration system and laid the groundwork for the move towards Mandatory Registration." "Other notable allies in the journey have been the Hon Steve Maharey, Sean McKinley and Jan Duke from the SWRB who were key to the 2015 Review of the Act that resulted in the Select Committee Enquiry, while Shayne Walker as the outgoing Chair

and Sarah Clark Chief Executive of the Board have helped us across the line. Congratulations to all for their part in achieving this milestone,” he continued.

ANZASW life member Robyn Corrigan reflected: “The importance of the Bill has not changed from when the current 2003 legislation was first presented as a Bill by the then Minister for Social Development and Employment, Steve Maharey, its primary purpose being to protect members of the public who engage with social work services by ensuring they are competent and accountable for their practice. That has not changed. Processes may change. The intent does not. This current Bill implements the piece missing from the 2003 legislation, that the registration of social workers becomes mandatory, not voluntary.” “The many reasons for mandatory registration have been discussed and debated both formally and informally within the profession since the 2003 legislation, with arguments both for and against. That mandatory registration is finally on the horizon is the result of strong lobbying from within the profession, particularly from ANZASW,” she noted. She added: “I simply am profoundly moved that it is finally imminent and plan on being in the House to hear the final reading.”

The Bill, which, having passed Select Committee, only required Social Workers named as such by their employers to be legally required to register, has been amended so that it is compulsory for all whose role falls within a scope of practice to register with the Board.

The call for scopes of practice was supported by 70% of submitters to the Social Services Select Committee, including the Association. Using a scope of practice (a description of the range of responsibilities, procedures, actions, and processes that a qualified practitioner performs) to define social work is critical to upholding standards, heightening accountability and protecting people using social work services.

A member who took part in ANZASW’s consultation and information-gathering process with members prior to its submission said: “The Scope of Practice, when it is finalised, should aim to have a clear definition of social work. With this visibility of social work will result and consumers will have channels made easier for complaint when necessary.” “Many organisations use job descriptions that do not accurately reflect the range of practice that social workers currently provide and therefore hide the value of the profession,” the member added.

The Association would like to thank members for their patience during the period of engagement with government and pay tribute to the collaborative approach to developing a Bill that is fit for purpose by the Social Work Alliance (ANZASW, SWRB, PSA Christian Council of Social Services, Social Service Providers Association, National DHB Social Work Leaders Council, Careerforce, Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association, Oranga Tamariki, Council of Social Work Educators Aotearoa New Zealand).



L to R: Shannon Pakura (Chair SWRB), Hon Minister Carmel Sepuloni, Lucy Sandford-Reed (CE ANZASW) Shayne Walker (Immediate Past Chair SWRB)

[World Social Work Day 2019 in Malaysia](#)

19 March was World Social Work Day for 2019 (WSWD2019). The theme for 2019 & 2020 is 'Promoting the importance of human relationships'. Social workers not only place importance of keeping good working relationships with individuals, families, groups and communities in their practices, but they also play a pivotal role in enhancing people to people relationships in society to foster greater understanding, acceptance and respect for differences and diversity. A variety of programs were organized by social workers in Malaysia in the month of March in celebrating of the World Social Work Day 2019, among them were:

(1) Department of Social Welfare Malaysia (JKM)

13 March - kicked started the celebration of Social Work Month during their monthly assembly in Putrajaya. The Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) invited to set up a promotion booth to promote the profession and World Social Work Day. Each State Welfare Department organized its own celebration on different dates respectively.

On 23 March, JKM organized a forum on 'Promoting the importance of human relationships'. Exco member Prof Dr Azlinda Azman and former President of MASW, Mr Teoh Ai Hua were among the panellists.

WSWD2019 celebration at the Department of Social Welfare Malaysia, 13 March 2019
WSWD2019 Forum at the Department of Social Welfare Malaysia, 23 March 2019

(2) University Utara Malaysia

The social work program and the Social Work Students' Club of University Utara Malaysia (UUM) in Kedah organized a series of events during its Social Work Week from 17-21 March. These included:

- (i) 17-20 March - Food stall by the Social Work Students' Club
- (ii) 18 March - Exhibition by the Prison Department of Perlis and blood donations by the Jitra Hospital

(iii) 19 March - Seminar on Golden Mind and Intergeneration Program co-organized with the Social Welfare Department of Malaysia

(iv) 20 March - Forum of Dual Career Family

(v) 21 March - Fun Walk (joined by the social work students from University Sultan Zainal Abidin, Terengganu)

(vi) Poster design by students of the class of Ethics and the Law in Helping Profession and Social Work Practice with People with Disabilities

(3) University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

The social work program of University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and its alumni celebrated WSWD2019 on 19 March in Bangi, Selangor by having a public forum which included poetry recital and poster competition among its social work students.

(4) University Sains Malaysia (USM)

The social work program of University Sains Malaysia in Penang organized a forum on 22 March in celebrating WSWD2019. Prof Dr Azlinda Azman, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and also Exco Member of MASW officiated the forum.

(5) Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL)

The Diploma in Social Work program of MCKL organized a forum 'Community Social Work - Social Workers Rebuilding Communities' on 30 March in Kuala Lumpur with a guest speaker from Sri Lanka, Mr Roshan Mendis (LEADS) and moderated by Prof Dr Denison Jayasooria, Exco Member of MASW.

World Social Work Day, Thailand

For the third year, the Social Work Consortium in Thailand (comprising the Thailand Association of Social Workers, Thai members of APASWE, Thai representatives of the International Council of Social Welfare and representation from the Thailand Licensing Board) joined together to arrange an event to celebrate World Social Work Day (WSWD). This event was organised at the United Nations Centre in Bangkok and hosted by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand. It was preceded by an informal meeting on 3 April to share perspectives on the topic for this year.

Informal Meeting, 3 April

On the 3 April, the organisers, sponsors and key participants met together informally to debate the topic for this year's WSWD event – promoting the importance of Human Relationships. This was chaired by Dr Decha Sungkawan and the session acknowledged that the topic was able to be interpreted very widely and can apply to the micro, meso and macro levels of our work. It can apply to the social work process, to political advocacy work and to our own professional identity – ethics, supervision, work environment and continuing professional development. It was also acknowledged that each of the themes of previous Global Agenda topics can be applied to this year's topic with

respect to the importance of human relationships. A wide-ranging discussion was held as we all shared ideas and different perspectives on the topic.

Following this meeting we were generously hosted to a beautiful dinner and more informal conversations.



Members of the Thai social work consortium, global representatives and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security at the 3 April informal discussions. Prof, Dr Decha Sangkawan, Chair of the session and main organiser of the WSWD event is seated Centre of the front row.

WSWD Conference, 4 April

On 4 April the WSWD event was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

Prior to the event we had an audience with H. E. General Anantaporn Kanjanarat, the Minister of Social Development and Human Security and Mr Thomas Davin the Representative of UNICEF in Thailand who was the Keynote speaker at the event. We learned of the progress the Thai government has made in its support of children, with children under 6 now eligible to receive a benefit from the government if their parents / caregivers are on low incomes. Previously it had been for those up to the age of 3 but this has recently been increased to include those up to age 6 years. The income threshold for parents / caregivers of children has also recently increased with the end result being that 44% of children in Thailand are now eligible for this assistance. It is hoped that this will be able to be extended further in the coming years. This was acknowledged as a significant investment in the wellbeing of our future generations in Thailand.

The event was opened by a group of children and young people from the Youth Volunteer Association singing a magnificent rendition of “We are the World”. This was a very powerful and poignant reminder of what we are all striving for by making our world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

Dr Decha then offered welcoming remarks, followed by the Minister opening the event and presenting gifts to representatives.



L to R: Professor Dr Shajahan P Kochumuhammed (Vice –President ICSW); Rose Henderson (IFSW AP President); Minister H. E. General Anantaporn Kanjanarat; Prof. Dr. Zulkanain Hatta (IASSW AP President) and Mr Thomas Davin (UNICEF, Thailand)

The Keynote address by Mr Thomas Davin spoke of a number of differing aspects of the work social workers undertake in Thailand and the very valuable difference they are making in the lives of those they work with. However, he also noted that the ratio of social workers to people in Thailand was significantly lower than many other countries across Asia and in other regions with the current figure being about 4.4 social workers per 100,000 people. He also noted that there was opportunity for further debate about the model of care for how the profession of social work was funded and organised in Thailand and whether this should be through a centralised government agency or across a number of government departments.

Reflecting the global partnerships to the Global Agenda, representatives from IFSW, IASSW and ICW formed the panel following the Keynote address and we each gave a brief overview of differing perspectives of the Global Agenda theme. Whilst each presentation was different, they were also complimentary and overall provided much diversity and many similarities on the theme.

The afternoon session commenced with some Questions and Answers to the morning’s speakers and explored more of the practice based and political implications of the topic. A wider more general discussion by participants then followed. Many varied and diverse discussions explored a range of practice – based issues, systems wide and political implications and the roles of social and electronic media (positives and negatives). The need for developing the skills and perhaps some competency criteria / measures for effective professional skills was also considered.

Thai representatives to the continuing Global Agenda discussions will be able to draw on this event to make a significant contribution to the regional perspectives in the Global publication.



L to R: Prof. Dr. Shajahan P. Kochumuhammed (Vice –President ICSW); Rose Henderson (IFSW AP President) and Prof. Dr. Zulkanain Hatta (IASSW AP President)

Events such as have been held in Thailand for WSWD over the past 3 years provide a very valuable opportunity for local social workers, social work educators, social service providers, international representatives and government agencies to get together and discuss the global agenda theme and what aspects of this is of importance across Thailand, Asia – Pacific and the globe. It is a unique and special contribution to the ongoing professional development of all participants.

I acknowledge the very generous sponsorship by the Thailand Ministry of Social Development and Human Security who have made such an important event possible and sincerely thank members of the Social Work Consortium in Thailand for arranging and facilitating the programme. Rose Henderson, IFSW Asia-Pacific President.

IFSW Asia Pacific HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

Human rights Violation in Palestine

Daily incursions

During her incursion to areas In the West Bank, Israeli security forces used excessive force routinely in cases of security or used live ammunition to kill and seriously injure thousands of demonstrators, stone-throwers and others.

Forced displacement

The Israeli authorities confiscated thousands of acres of Palestinian land for the settlements and their supporting infrastructure. Access to Palestinian construction permits in East Jerusalem and in 60 percent of the West Bank under exclusive Israeli control (Area C) made it almost impossible. This and other discriminatory decisions have forced Palestinians to leave their homes or construction under the threat of seeing their "unlicensed" homes being swept away. For decades, the Israeli authorities demolished houses on the grounds that they lacked permits, although the law of occupation prohibits the destruction of property except for military necessity. They also demolished homes as

collective punishment against the families of Palestinians suspected of attacking Israelis 538 house demolished last year and 1300 people were displaced includes 258 children.

Arbitrary detention

Israeli authorities have imprisoned hundreds of thousands of Palestinians since 1967, most of them after trials in military courts, with a conviction rate of almost 100 percent. In addition, hundreds of people are subject to administrative detention each year on the basis of secret evidence without charge or trial. Some were detained or imprisoned for involvement in non-violent activity. Israel also incarcerates Palestinian detainees in the West Bank and Gaza inside Israel, creating severe restrictions on family visits and violating international law that detains them in the occupied territories. Many detainees, including children, face harsh conditions and ill-treatment 6500 civilians 80 child and 398 women.

Restrictions on the movement

Restrictions on the movement and movement of Palestinians Residents of the Occupied Territories is one of the central tools employed by Israel for the purpose of applying the regime of occupation and control over the Palestinian population. These restrictions are imposed on their movement within the Occupied Territories themselves in an area of 6555km and 365 km in Gaza, on their movement between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, on their entry into Israel and on their travel abroad. In this way, Israel restricts Palestinian movement only, while settlers and others move freely. Also, we can't neglect the building of the segregation wall and who it is affect the movement and access to cultivates and grazing field

In Palestine and according to BETSLEM there is around 105 checkpoints spread in the west bank. Those have negative impact on the movements, people have to wait hours some time to pass, you can imagine who much it is hard for sick and elderly people.

Violence against children

The wars have a negative impact on them, leaving a psychological and behavioural impact on the mental health of them, turning their feelings to panic and fear, and therefore need special treatment. During the intifada, Palestinian children were exposed to a number of difficult situations related to the Intifada. This exposure was personal, direct, and sometimes indirect, by exposing others around the child to difficult situations.

Father is beaten by the army when he storms the house at night. The child loses security and cultivates the fear and tension inside him. The image of the security of the same child derived from the father's image was shaken by the father's being subjected to a violent and violent position in front of the child, and things get worse if the father is imprisoned, where the need for safety remains unsatisfied and non-existent as long as the source of giving is still far from the child.

The continues incursion have very negative impact of children Psychologically, many symptoms were shown such as, Trembling, tearful, Pounding heart, dizziness, Bed wetting, Nightmares, Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. Several NGO and all social workers are working and focus on children mental health.

War in Yemen

The war in Yemen, which has been described by the UN as the worst man-made humanitarian disaster on record, fought between the reportedly Iranian backed Houthis rebels and the Saudi led coalition aimed at restoring Mr Hadi's government, has directly claimed nearly 10,000 lives and brought millions of innocent civilians to the brink of starvation. In fact, according to the international agency Save the Children, approximately 85,000 children under the age of five have starved to death because of the war.

Even with these stark statistics, countries still sell arms to Saudi Arabia which are directly used in the conflict. The United States is the biggest supplier of arms to Saudi Arabia followed by the United Kingdom, France, Spain and then Germany. The latter has suspended all new arms sales. The UK has sold at least £5.7bn worth of arms to the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen since 2015.

A fragile ceasefire is currently in place and we urge all parties to reach a rapid and lasting agreement to end the suffering of those most affected, namely the children, from further suffering. We also urge all Governments to show restraint and stop the sale of munitions to all parties involved in the conflict.

Post ISIS Refugee Camps

The fall of ISIS at the end of March 2019 was roundly celebrated across the globe, however this has created a humanitarian crisis with the displacement of thousands of people from their homes into refugee camps. The displacement also includes the families of the defeated ISIS fighters.

At one point there were 73,000 people housed in one such camp, the Al-Hol refugee camp. The UN estimates that 92% of those displaced into camps are women and children. There is also a situation where children are without their parents at the camps. The Red Cross hopes that the priority is to reunite them with families in their country of origin.

Through the fact their parents were citizens of foreign countries thousands of children born or raised in the former Islamic State qualify for citizenship to countries like Australia, the United States, England and France, to name but a few. France has since repatriated several orphans whose parents, French nationals, were killed while fighting for the Islamic State. Australian experts on the impact of trauma on children have stated that Australia is not ready to accept children who have experienced such violence and have said that in bringing them back to Australia may be expose Australia to future security threats.

The question then remains; if the children are not repatriated to countries they have legitimate claims to citizenship to, then what is to be done with them?

Article 13 and 15 of the UDHR clearly state that everyone has the right to leave any country, including their own, and to return to their country. Everyone has the right to a nationality and no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of their nationality nor denied the right to change their nationality.

We urge all Governments, when it is proven that the children have a legitimate claim to nationality, to repatriate those children as early as possible and reconnect them with their families.



Child Labour

Child labour is a major issue globally. The work is perilous, abusive, interferes with the child's education and can often lead the child and their families into a cycle of poverty. The international Labour Organisation estimates that there are 152 million children across the globe, aged between 5 and 17, who are subjected to child labour. They are primarily concentrated in agriculture followed by the services sector and industry.

Asia-Pacific, while enjoying the reputation as a region with robust and dynamic economies is also home to the largest number of child labourers. An estimated 122 million children aged between 5 and 14 years are compelled to work for their survival with millions not enrolled in school at all. While the following list is not exclusive, the industries where the largest congregation of child labourers appear are domestic labour, garment and footwear factories, mining and quarrying and sugar-cane plantations to name a few.

We urge our members to lobby Governments in the region to pass laws that prevent child labour and to use every legal power in their legislative arsenal to force companies to prevent children from being involved in the manufacturing of their goods. We also stress the need to reducing the high levels of poverty, that force families to send their children to work as well as increasing access to education are also fundamental in reducing the numbers of child labourers in Asia Pacific.

India and Pakistan Border

The first ever human rights report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the middle of 2018 concluded that there were human rights abuses in both Indian and Pakistan-held parts of Kashmir. While since the report there have been rising tensions between India and Pakistan in Kashmir resulting on the February 14th, 2019 suicide bombing that killed more than 40 Indian soldiers, Indian airstrikes on February 26 and the downing of two Indian fighter jets on February 28, we encourage both parties to show maximum restraint, and strictly abide by international standards governing the use of force.

Trade sanctions on Iran

The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner back in August 2018 stated that the international sanctions at the time were unlawful, disproportional and harmed the human rights of ordinary citizens driving millions of people into poverty. Since then, the United States have increased the sanctions further exacerbating the situation in Iran for the ordinary citizen. We urge the United States to rethink its strategy of sanctions and ask that all countries reassert their commitment to progress through dialogue.

[World Social Work Day 2019, Iran](#)

Just like other countries, World Social Work Day 2019 was celebrated in Iran. This year, WSWD was coincided with national social work day as well as Persian New Year (1398). Various events have happened on the occasion of this day. Some events and meetings that were held for this day throughout Iran is briefly reported here.

Commemoration of Dr Mohammadreza Vaez Mahdavi

He was one of the most influential persons in promotion of social health in Iran. His great works in different domains as researcher, higher policy making manager, executive position holder, university professor and charity activist were so impressive that for the event, a lot of high-rank, national managers along with more than 300 professors and students and also social workers had come to show their respect to him. He is the scientific board member of Shahed University and although his background is medical doctor, he is mostly famous for his ground-breaking activities in social health, social equality and health economics.



WSWD 2019 was a good date for social workers from different generation to hold friendly get-together, who cares that was one week earlier the determined date.



Annual social work conference with the title of Social work and Social resilience

Poster of WSWD 2019 was up in the most significant event of social work in Iran, where guests from different countries were also present. Tens of hundreds of social workers show their unity in front of the reporters from different media, including national TV reporters. Parts of the event news was covered in TV and many of news websites.





Report of the Asia Pacific Region Representatives to the IFSW Ethics Commission

The new IFSW Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles was approved in the General Meeting in Dublin in 2018. Since then, the Ethics Commission has been deliberating about different ways of disseminating this statement among all the 5 regions.

For the Asia Pacific Region, Teoh and Hassan had the opportunity to meet at a social work symposium in Kuala Lumpur in April 2019. In this meeting they worked on a draft template for reporting activities which each country member has undertaken or is planning to undertake for the dissemination of the Ethical Principles.

On 1st May 2019, the Ethics Commission members had a meeting over Skype and the draft template was presented and discussed. The members found it useful and agreed to bring it to their respective region for further action.

The aim of the report template is to collect feedback from member organizations which will then be used to compile the first regional report for the upcoming Regional Conference and meeting in Bengaluru, India in September 2019. The regional report will then be updated and be included in the Ethics Commission global report for the next IFSW General Meeting in Calgary, Canada in 2020.

The report template has been emailed to the Regional President and the Executive Committee for their endorsement before circulating to all the member organizations of the AP region. The European region on 7th of June announced that Europe agreed to use the template for their regional report in Vienna and later for the global report in Calgary.

We hope that the report template will be useful for member organizations in our region to report their activities or as a guide for them to plan their activities for disseminating the Ethical Principles. IFSW has adopted the shorter version of the Ethical Principles due to practicality as compared to the IAASW Ethical Principles. The Ethics Commission would like to encourage member organizations to discuss both the IFSW and IAASW Global Ethical Principles. Views, comments and feedback for member organizations are crucial for IFSW to continue to upgrade and strengthen the Ethical Principles for all social workers across the globe.



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