

# NEWSLETTER



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The G7 (Group of Seven) is an inter-government political forum/organization consisting of the 7 world's wealthiest countries of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and United States of America that meets every year with the recent meeting having been held in Cornwall – United Kingdom on the 11-13 June 2021.

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## COSW Networks Increase and Advances Advocacy for all - June Board Meeting

The COSW Board met online on 26 June 2021. The two hour meeting included the following topics, many of which are reported in this Newsletter: human rights for all in the Commonwealth; future conferences, webinars and research; communications update including website and social media; governance arrangements, especially membership criteria; networking across the Commonwealth including the second postponement of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting due to the pandemic, which has created considerable uncertainty and added problems for the co-ordinated submission to CHOGM by Commonwealth Organisations on the CHOGM themes (<https://www.chogm2021.rw/>) - COSW continues to contribute to development of these briefing papers.

Also discussed were: links with the Independent Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) ([www.ifco.online/ifco-history](http://www.ifco.online/ifco-history)), the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work; and engagement with the Commonwealth Sustainable

Cities Network ([www.commonwealthsustainablecities.org/](http://www.commonwealthsustainablecities.org/)) and in the Commonwealth Health Professions & Partners Alliance ([www.chppa.co/](http://www.chppa.co/)). It was noted that proposals are underway in IFCO to launch a health and wellbeing cluster of organisations interested in health and social service issues and a similar children's cluster. COSW is active in both. The Board noted that the 2019-2020 annual accounts had been accepted by Companies House in London.



### Committed To Supporting Communities In Difficult Times



I am pleased to welcome you to our second newsletter in this new format. Since the first newsletter in March, the Commonwealth has continued to be affected by the pandemic. COSW has been active with others in campaigning for equity in distribution of vaccines and for recognition of the crucial role of social workers in supporting communities in these difficult times. We are pleased to be partnering with IFSW and UNRISD in the new social summit exploring the creation of a fairer, eco-social world after the pandemic. Elsewhere in the newsletter you can read about the many ways in which COSW is ensuring that the experience of social workers is heard where it matters and our new partnership with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

Many Commonwealth countries are seeing years of development being wiped out by the Covid pandemic. These are troubling times. The insights and experience of social workers are needed now more than ever - and we aim to rise to that challenge. I pray that all our readers are safe and healthy. I wish you blessings in your important work. **Dr. Sylvia Daisy Romanus (COSW Chairperson)**

## COSW SENDS CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO THE ROYAL FAMILY



The late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, sharing light moments with guests at Marlborough House (Commonwealth HQ)

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, died on 9 April 2021 a few weeks before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. As the husband of Queen Elizabeth II he played a key role in the Commonwealth over many years.

Sylvia Daisy Romanus, Chair, Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) sent a message of condolence to the Royal Family: 'The Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work was saddened to receive the news of the death of Prince Philip, husband and consort of Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth.'

'COSW recognises the long and distinguished service of Prince Philip to the Commonwealth and sends deepest condolences to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.'

<https://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/commonwealth-pays-tribute-prince-philip-duke-edinburgh>

## CHOGM Postponed for the Second Time



The second postponement of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting due to the pandemic has created considerable uncertainty and caused added challenges for the co-ordinated submission to Heads of Governments by Commonwealth Organisations on the CHOGM themes

(<https://www.chogm2021.rw/>). COSW has played a leading role in collating submissions on *health and wellbeing* and on *information and communication technology and innovation* and continues to contribute to development of these briefing papers. COSW has also continued to work with lead members of the urban cluster promoting activity around building sustainable urban physical and social environments. It now seems probable that the 2020 CHOGM has been abandoned and the next CHOGM will be in 2022, with most people assuming this will at last be held in Kigali, Rwanda. The COSW input into these processes is coordinated by David N Jones and Godfred Boahen with others involved on specific subjects.

## Commonwealth Organisations are the 'beacons of light' - Secretary General



The Commonwealth Secretary-General (SG) The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC (*in the photo*) invites Commonwealth Organisations (COs) to what is called 'a dialogue' twice a year. In practice this involves around an

hour or more of presentations about Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec) activities including information of crucial relevance to COs. A question and answer session is always on the agenda, with answers from the SG or senior staff. The second virtual event was held in April 2021 and was attended by around 50 people including around 40 COs. Subjects

addressed included plans for CHOGM (since postponed), including exciting plans for the Women's, People's, Youth and Business Forums. There was a presentation about new proposals for the periodic re-accreditation of Commonwealth Organisations and discussion of the new strategic plans for the Secretariat and Foundation. The Secretary General closed the virtual meeting by saying that Commonwealth Organisations are 'beacons of light' during the pandemic and they have 'made life better and more worthwhile for millions of people'. She recorded 'special thanks' to doctors, nurses, pharmacists and social workers who have made such important contributions during the pandemic.

Outside the formal meeting, COSW has had discussions with Secretariat officials about strengthening recognition of social work associations in Commonwealth countries and joint work on policy areas such as young carers.



### Statement on Human Rights in the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) has adopted a statement on 'Human Rights for all Peoples in the Commonwealth' which restates the values and principles of the Organisation and reaffirms COSW support for the Commonwealth Charter.

Launching the statement, COSW Chair Sylvia Daisy Romanus said: *'The COSW statement on human rights for all makes clear that, as a Commonwealth Organisation, we cannot ignore the legacy of colonialism, racism and other discriminations which have left an indelible legacy within the Commonwealth. Therefore, in response to the worldwide #BlackLivesMatter protests and the indisputable evidence of structural racism and of persistent discrimination faced by Indigenous Peoples and other minorities around the Commonwealth, we reaffirm our commitment to the values expressed in the words of the Commonwealth Charter and recognise our responsibility to uphold those principles in the practice of social work and the education of social workers and to take action to challenge and correct past abuses.'*

*'These principles and commitments are not new in social work', said Dr Sylvia, 'but at this crucial and troubling time in the world, we need to restate them and be ready to stand by them'.*

The press release and the statement can be found on the [COSW website](#).

### YOUNG CARERS CHARTER

Young carers are young people aged 18 or under who are providing care to parents, grandparents, relatives and/or siblings due to the physical or mental illness, disability or death of the parent carer. Many AIDS orphans are young carers.

COSW has been working with national social work associations and other partners in East Africa and the UK-based Children's Society since 2006 to develop awareness of the situation of young carers (often known as orphans or vulnerable children). Following a 2006 conference in Nairobi involving practitioners, academics, politicians and young carers, COSW has jointly sponsored young carer festivals in Nairobi in 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2019 for young people from East Africa and their social workers. The model has been inspired by the UK-based Children's Society Young Carer Festivals which attract over 1,000 young people to a festival every year. The festivals offer opportunities for relaxation, enjoyment and reflection as well as time for discussion and publicity.

COSW has also been represented by young social workers at assemblies convened by the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) and discussions have started about the widening of the young carer project with support from the CYP. The 2019 festival in Nairobi attracted Commonwealth funding to extend the network to involve young carers in Australia, Canada and the UK using internet connections. Groups in India and

Nigeria have also been brought in and a major TV programme on young carers in New Zealand has fed into the project.

The plan is to support young carers to develop a Commonwealth Young Carer Charter, in partnership with the CYP, with the aim of getting this endorsed by Commonwealth Heads of Government. This is already well advanced. Expressions of interest from other partners would be welcome to [ComSocWk@aol.com](mailto:ComSocWk@aol.com).



Young carers in Nairobi sharing experiences by Skype with young carers in the UK – December 2019

### REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCES 2021

Regional social work conferences in 2021 are planned in two Commonwealth countries. The Africa region conference will be hybrid in Rwanda on 23-26 November 2021 with full participation possible online ([www.ubuntusocialwork.live/](http://www.ubuntusocialwork.live/)). The Asia Pacific conference in Australia will be held [online](#) on 11-13 November 2021. The European region conference will be [online](#) also on 11-13 October 2021.

### International Social Service (ISS) – A New COSW Partner - Carolyn Housman



International Social Service (ISS) became an accredited member of the Commonwealth in 2020. ISS is a network of national entities that assist children and families confronted with complex social problems as a result of migration. In joining the Commonwealth, ISS will be able to work alongside the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) to promote the role of social work across the Commonwealth and globally. International Social Service (ISS) has supported several million children and families over its 90-year history. It was established in 1924, in response to large scale European migration after World War I. There was a rapid development of various intercountry relationships that required a new type of social services. In this context ISS was founded and offices were established at key locations to provide information and assistance to migrants.

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countries and helps approximately 75,000 families each year. Its expertise and reputation mean that it is central to child protection and child welfare activities worldwide.

In addition to its work on the ground, ISS undertakes training projects, awareness raising and advocacy work in an effort to better respect children's rights. It engages in training and capacity building projects for social workers and care givers, as well as with officials from government authorities. At the heart of all of ISS's work is the promotion of the respect of children's best interest and rights. Its advocacy, research and policy development strive to find solutions that enhance the protection of children in vulnerable situations.

By becoming an Accredited Commonwealth Organisation, ISS will be able to work alongside the COSW to enhance the profile of children and families within the Commonwealth. Both organisations are active contributors to the Independent Forum for Commonwealth Organisations, which provides a unique opportunity to ensure that children's right are at the centre of the discussion. We were delighted to start a dialogue with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth in November 2020 and look forward to many more productive discussions to enhance the profile of children and families within the Commonwealth. **Carolyn Housman is the Chief Executive Of Children and Families Across Borders (ISS-UK).**

Since then, the network has adapted its activities to match new challenges, including issues around international family conflict, international child abduction, and alternative care for children. All ISS members share a common expertise in international social work and as such are able to provide efficient intercountry casework services in their country and across borders. ISS now has a presence in more than 120

### IASSW Regional Resource Center Launched at Makerere University Uganda - Dr. Janestic Twikirize

In April 2021, Makerere University Department of Social Work, Uganda, was granted a Regional Resource Center (RRC) status by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). Regional Resource Centers are part of a core strategy through which the IASSW builds the capacity of schools of social work to promote excellence in social work education. The RRC status is granted to institutions that demonstrate leadership and excellence in social work education, whose mission and objectives are well aligned to the IASSW mission; and are ready to spearhead capacity building initiatives across the region. The Resource Center at Makerere University is the 4<sup>th</sup> globally and the first in Africa. The centre aims to lead capacity building efforts in the region and to develop a strong foundation for social work education and research underpinned by decolonial perspectives.

The RRC will work closely with the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA). Some of the planned activities in the short and medium term include the development of a virtual, interactive online platforms to enhance communication and resource sharing amongst schools of social work, with a plan to launch a regional journal of social work. This is particularly important to nurture a stronger social work scientific community in Africa. Other activities include periodic seminars and workshops on topical issues, joint research projects and publications. The centre will seek to develop partnerships with other RRCs as well as different stakeholders regionally and internationally to pursue its objectives.

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### The Quest for the Decolonization of Social Work - By Dr. Peninah Kansiime



There are resounding calls across the globe for the need to provide relevant, contextual, and culturally appropriate social work services. From Western countries bustling with indigenous and immigrant populations, down to the Global south where social work is still largely taught, researched, and practiced in a Eurocentric manner, there is a realisation that social work's international definition and desire for a one-size-fits all standard and ethos is nothing but a mirage. It is imperative upon social workers across the globe to critically reflect on the services they offer to clients, be it in research, policy, academia, or practice, and ensure that they are in line with the sociopolitical context. In many countries across the globe, Western social work practices have breached the ethical principle of nonmaleficence, leaving a trail of intergenerational trauma and populations doubtful about the intentions of the profession. Social work research across the globe has also

revealed a failure by the profession to factor in the history, cultures, and the changing global dynamics. The good news is that some social workers are rising up to challenge the status quo and question the relevance of Western social work in their contexts. Embedded in the principle of social justice, these social workers are using a bottom-up approach to champion indigenous knowledges and decolonised methodologies of social work. This is the ethical approach that social work should take for the sake of the people that we serve.

### Comparative Histories Of The Development Of Social Work Across The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) and the London University Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICwS) have launched a global project to document the history and development of social work across the Commonwealth. The first event of this comparative histories of social work project was a global webinar on Monday 29th March, as part of the World Social Work Day celebrations, featuring contributions from New Zealand, Singapore, Kenya, Caribbean and the UK. The event was organised by the Social Work History Network.

The second event is planned as an online conference to be held early in 2022. Abstracts of proposed papers will be invited from researchers and practitioners.

This major study of the diverse histories of social work across the Commonwealth will involve a partnership of Commonwealth universities alongside COSW and ICwS. This webinar therefore sets the scene for this bigger study, which comes at a significant moment in social work education, as the discourse on 'decolonising' the social work curriculum gathers momentum.

COSW Chair, Dr Sylvia Daisy Romanus, commented: 'COSW is excited to form this partnership with ICWS and looks forward to expanding the network to include other universities and practice settings in all regions of the Commonwealth. Social work in Commonwealth countries has a rich and diverse history and we have a responsibility to ensure that our experience is recorded accurately.'

### IFSW World Conference 2022

International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) has invited COSW to be a formal partner in a new format world summit on 'Co-building a new eco-social world: leaving no one behind' on 29 June to 2 July 2022, organised jointly with the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) (<http://www.newecosocialworld.com>). COSW responded enthusiastically and nominated David Jones to be the representative to the planning committee.

This summit is for everyone. It brings together community representatives, global organisations, government leaders, health and social work professions, environmental campaigners, people with lived experience, trade unions, civil rights champions, individuals and members of communities, in partnership to begin this process.

The summit is timed to take place immediately before the United Nations High-Level Political Forum in July 2022. The conclusions from our summit will be delivered to the United Nations and all the world's leaders.

Our vision is that when we emerge from this pandemic, we co-build a world based on values that ensure our planet will be sustainable, and together we can provide good quality life-cycles, not only for each human being, but for each part of our eco-systems on which we all depend, leaving no one behind.



### Social Workers Celebrate Terry Bamford in a Memorial Webinar

On 28 February 2020, family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of former COSW Board member Terry Bamford. A memorial event in 2020 was postponed due to the pandemic and instead an online memorial was held on 12 May 2021. The recording of that online event is available as a YouTube [video](#) lasting around two hours.

Terry was a passionate advocate of social justice, international social work and human rights. His contribution to COSW as a founding Board Member, leader, advisor and friend will always be valued. He made a significant contribution to the International Federation of Social Workers as Parliamentarian in General Meetings and on human rights. He was a former Chair of the British Association and had many significant roles throughout his career.

The memorial was chaired by Gerry Nosowska (BASW Chair) and speakers included Terry's wife Margaret (also a social worker), former COSW Chair Charles Mbugua, former IFSW Presidents Sue Dworak-Peck, Elis Envall, Imelda Dodds, David N Jones and Ruth Stark, current IFSW Secretary General Rory Truell, current BASW Chief Executive Ruth Allen and several

distinguished guests from politics, social work and other professions.

The video is a tribute to 'a social worker's social worker' (Sue Dworak-Peck) but also an oral history of social policy over six decades. Terry has left an enduring legacy and is greatly missed by all who knew him.



**Terry Bamford (1942 to 2020)**

### COSW & IFSW campaign for vaccine equity - Rory Truell and David N Jones

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**IFSW Secretary General Rory Truell and David Jones- COSW**

## COSW Delegates Attend CHPA AGM Linked to the 33<sup>RD</sup> Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting

The diversity in the areas of social work professional practice extends to every aspect of human life. COSW is an active member of the Commonwealth Health Professions and Partners Alliance (CHPA) represented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Dr. K.S. Ramesh (India) and Ms Naomi Spencer (Australia). COSW attended the Civil Society Policy Forum before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting, held virtually from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The theme was "Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies", ahead of the 74th World Health Assembly.

The Ministers appreciated the work of "...the CEPI, Gavi and WHO-led COVAX facility and recognized all efforts by Commonwealth member countries towards accelerating the development and manufacturing of life saving COVID-19 vaccines. We commend bilateral and regional efforts between Commonwealth member states to supply vaccines where most needed and welcome greater co-ordination among Commonwealth nations to enhance fair, fast and equitable access for every country and person."

The increasing demand for vaccines across the globe has resulted in scarcity, made worse by vaccine nationalism where countries manufacturing vaccines prioritize their population before exporting to other countries, according to COVAX. This has greatly affected

developing countries, with many of them having the least number of people vaccinated.

The meeting concluded with a call for all stakeholders to ensure sustainable and equitable access to medicines and vaccines, recommendations to adopt health systems and multi-disciplinary health workforce approaches to overcome inequalities in the health sector, prioritization of evaluating the impact of access to medicines policies to ensure equity gaps are sufficiently addressed and finally further collaboration with civil society organisations within the Commonwealth in sharing expertise and resources to facilitate universal access to Covid-19 vaccines for all Commonwealth citizens.



Commonwealth Health Ministers demand equal access to COVID-19 vaccines for the world in a [joint statement](#) issued after their annual meeting online in May 2021

## Second Wave Of Covid-19 Pandemic Experiences in Pacific and Uganda

The Covid-19 pandemic second wave was characterized by rapid community spread of Covid virus with several cases hospitalized and the death rates increasing. In Uganda the positivity rate raised to as high as 21.5% in the month of June, according to the statistics provided by the Ministry of Health, which led to the country being put under a lockdown with a call to strict adherence to the Covid Prevention Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.Ps). With such high rates of infection the effect was greatly felt by the health system and facilities which were overwhelmed with patients with only critical cases admitted in hospitals. The cost of treatment was the "other pandemic in a pandemic" with the average daily cost of treatment for a Covid patient in private hospitals being Shs. 3,500,000 approximately \$1,000.



However the Uganda government through her revenues and loans from partners is embarking on a recovery program which is also aiming to subsidise the cost of treatment in private health facilities and to vaccinate her population from 1%.

According to Naomi Spencer a COSW, Board Member based in Australia, the identification of new cases detected in Papua New Guinea increased rapidly from the month of March 2021 and by the start of June 2021 PNG had 15,910 cases and 162 deaths recorded. More cases were also recorded in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa,

Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Fiji. There are mixed responses to managing Covid19. After avoiding the worst for many months, Covid19 outbreaks are now underway in a number of Pacific countries with vaccine supply and access more uncertain

<https://www.policyforum.net/covid-19-the-pacific-response-3-june-2/>



### Message From The Newsletter Chief Editor – Okiria Gerald













We appreciate you for supporting the COSW Newsletter vision of keeping the Social Work Commonwealth fraternity and beyond timely informed on issues that will facilitate best their efforts in reaching out to the wide range of their clients at both individual, family and community.

As you may have noted in this second issue, as the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) has spent a great part in the months from March to August 2021 advocating for equitable distribution and access to Covid19 vaccine most especially to developing countries as one of the ways for us a global community to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. It should thus be our joint effort to break the *Vaccines Nationalism* and the *Vaccine hesitance* in the population in the spirit of Ubuntu to end this pandemic.

Special thanks goes to articles contributors and writers in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue and the editorial from the five contents of the Commonwealth of Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Pacific for setting the pace for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition and I trust we will continue widening perspective that newsletter continues to give to its audience.

We continue appreciating our growing number of partners and networks through whom we guide international policies and interventions to humanity. It's on that basis that we welcome feedback and contribution of articles in our next newsletter in December 2021. Please email them to [geraldokiria@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldokiria@yahoo.com) and [comsocwk@aol.com](mailto:comsocwk@aol.com).

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