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Celebrating International Child & Youth Care Worker Week: Making Moments Meaningful

International Child and Youth Care Workers' Week is celebrated globally the first week of May. CYCW Week is celebrated at a time where the world is dealing with the impact of COVID-19. This year's theme, "Making Moments Meaningful," emphasizes the importance of meaningful professional engagements by child and youth care workers in the lives of children, youth, families and communities as they cope and adjust to new routines.

During this special week we recognize and celebrate the important role of child and youth care workers. [Learn more about the week, download resources and submit stories of impact.](#) Join the conversation online at [#MakingMomentsMeaningful](#).



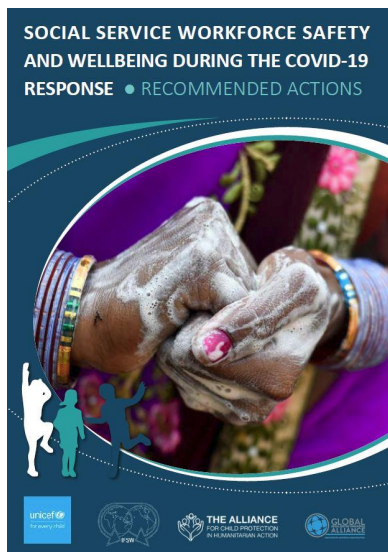
New Technical Note: SSW Safety and Wellbeing during the COVID-19 Response

A well-supported, appropriately equipped, empowered, and protected social service workforce is essential to mitigating



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the damaging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Social service workers can build on their existing strong ties to children, families, and communities to rapidly respond in ways that are effective. However, to do so, they must stay safe and healthy. The new technical note [Social Service Workforce Safety and Wellbeing during the COVID-19 Response](#)



provides guidance and recommended actions to support the social service workforce and empower them to safely serve children, families, and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The document is a collaboration between the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance, UNICEF, International Federation of Social Workers and Alliance for Children Protection in Humanitarian Action. [Download the new guidance and review the recommended actions now.](#)

Resources

COVID-19 Resources

Visit our website for [COVID-19 resources and tools](#) on topics relevant to the roles of the social service workforce, including mental health and psychosocial support, child protection, case management, alternative care and separated children, gender-based violence, working with communities, communications/key messages and webinars.

Opportunities

Director, Global Social Service Workforce Alliance

The Alliance is currently hiring for a Director. The Director is responsible for managing and providing strategic direction to the overall work of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance. In collaboration with the Steering Committee, the Director represents the Alliance with key stakeholders and members and provides leadership and strategic support to achieve the Alliance's mission, strategy, goals and objectives. A combination of leadership, management, and

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business development skills is required. This is a full-time, fully remote role. [Review the full job description and how to apply.](#)

Individual Consultant, Social Service Workforce Strengthening Technical Support to Country Teams

The primary role of the Consultant, Social Service Workforce Strengthening Technical Support to Country Teams is to provide technical guidance to country teams in up to five countries in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region on effective approaches of strengthening the social service workforce. The consultancy is estimated to be completed in up to 15 days of work during May 2020 – June 2020. This is a fully remote, home-based consultancy. [Review the TOR for additional information and to apply.](#)

Individual Consultant, Scoping of Social Service Workforce Strengthening Normative Framework in Eastern and Southern Africa

The primary role of the Alliance Consultant, Scoping of Social Service Workforce Strengthening Normative Framework in Eastern and Southern Africa, is to carry out a desk review, scoping and analysis of the normative framework and human resource information management systems in Eastern and Southern Africa. The consultancy is estimated to be completed through 20 days of work during May 2020 – July 2020. This is a fully remote, home-based consultancy. [Review the TOR for additional information and to apply.](#)

Giving Tuesday

This **#GivingTuesday**, we invite you to be a spark of change and donate to the Alliance. Together, we must continue to connect and engage workforce leaders across countries and organizations to increase opportunities to learn from one another and advocate. Every child and family should have access to a quality social service provider and have the support they need to survive and thrive.

We are inviting you to make a personal on-line donation in any amount to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000 in individual donations. Please click on this [link to donate](#) and follow the easy steps. The on-line donation is safe and

confidential and a great way to support the Alliance on
#GivingTuesday.

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