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Secretariat Updates

Global Social Service Workforce Alliance to deliver keynote address and host live panel at People's Summit

The Alliance is proud to announce our Director, Hugh Salmon, will deliver a keynote address during the [People's Summit](#) and we will also be hosting a live panel.

During the keynote address, to be held 1 July from 5-5:30 PM (UTC), we will explore some of the biggest issues impacting our world today, including COVID-19, armed conflict, migration, climate-related disasters and violence against children, and the role the social service workforce plays in responding to and addressing such issues to ensure a world in which no one is left behind.

The live panel, to be held 1 July from 5:30-6:30 PM (UTC), will explore how to better support social service workers working in emergency settings (including armed conflicts, natural disasters and public health emergencies). Lena Dominelli, Director of the Programme on Disaster Interventions and Humanitarian Aid at the University of Sterling will moderate a panel of social service practitioners familiar with working in emergency settings. Panelists will share their personal experiences, describe their work and provide insights into how organizations and humanitarian assistance systems can better support social service workers in emergency contexts.

[Register for the Summit to take part in either event.](#)

Survey deadline extended: Social service workforce in health

The Global Social Service Workforce Alliance is looking for practice examples and learning to inform a briefing paper on the optimal role and function of social service workers when located in or linked to health care facilities. If you work as a social worker, other social service worker or supervisor/manager in a health setting, or if you manage, supervise or work to strengthen the social service workforce in a health setting, we would very much like to receive your response to this survey. **Deadline to complete the survey has been extended to 31 May.**

[Take the survey.](#)

Upcoming Events

The events below can be found on the [Global Events](#) page of our website. If you have a new event to share, [please contact us](#).

[WEBINAR] Transforming Children's Care Webinar #9 - The Legal Framework of Orphanage Trafficking: Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda | 17 May 2022, 8-9:30am ET

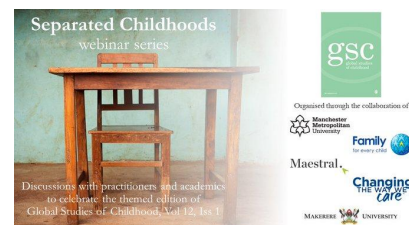
Orphanage trafficking involves the recruitment and/or transfer of children to residential care institutions for a purpose of exploitation and profit. To enhance the identification, prosecution, and prevention of orphanage trafficking, Griffith University and Better Care Network partnered on a multi-country, multi-stage research project to examine the legal frameworks of orphanage trafficking in Cambodia, Uganda, and Nepal. This webinar will present the findings from the stage one analysis of the legal, policy and procedural frameworks. It will also feature presentations on the situation of orphanage trafficking from in-country investigators and experts.



[Register for the webinar.](#)

[WEBINAR SERIES] Global Studies of Childhood: Separated Childhoods Webinar Series - Responding to Varied Experiences of Childhood Separation

To mark the launch of the 'Separated Childhoods' themed edition of Global Studies of Childhood, a series of three webinars will explore topics around separated childhoods and deepen connections between academic and practitioner research. The aim of the themed edition was to create the space to gather and share new findings about separated childhoods from around the world, centering on the voices of those with lived experience of separation and on the practical experiences of the social service workforce.



are varied and complex.

[Learn more and register.](#)

[SUMMIT] The People's Global Summit | Co-building a new eco-social world: Leaving no one behind | 29th June to 2nd July 2022

The Alliance is proud to be a partner for IFSW's upcoming People's Summit. The summit will bring together individuals and communities, people of lived experiences, along with global organizations to create a set of globally shared values for an eco-social world that leaves no one behind. It will provide spaces for individuals as well as for group representatives to advance their ideas and provide a platform for engagement across different cultures, diverse lived experiences, professional groups, and perspectives. All contributions will shape the Global Values Declaration for a new eco-social world that will be delivered to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum in July 2022 and will create a catalyst for further global action. The Alliance will be hosting a keynote address and live panel. Stay tuned for more details.



[Learn more and register.](#)

Resources

The resources below can be found in our [Resource Database](#). For resources specific to COVID-19, be sure to view our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page. If you have a new resource to share, [please contact us](#).

[REPORT] Creating Synergies Between Social Protection and Care Reform in Eastern and Southern Africa

Social protection is increasingly being used in Eastern and Southern Africa to address economic and social vulnerability. Many governments in the region are also engaged in care reform to prevent family separation, support families to care for children well and provide quality alternative care. There are many overlaps in the goals, interventions and target groups of care reform and social protection programmes. The same frontline workers are also often engaged in these two streams of work. Currently, synergies are yet to be maximized. This paper aims to address this gap.



[Access the report.](#)

[LEARNING CHANNEL] Child Protection Learning Channel

[Strategy 2021-2030](#). The list of courses is meant to support the learning and capacity development of our Child Protection workforce, as well as that of our partners.

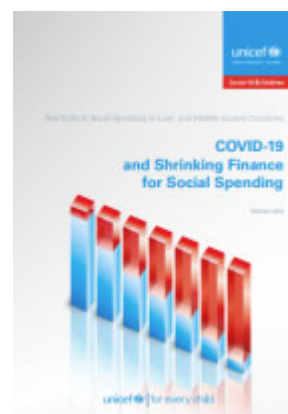


[Access the learning channel.](#)

[BRIEF] Shortfalls in Social Spending in Low- and Middle-income Countries COVID-19 and Shrinking Finance for Social Spending

Financing quality social services will require increased public investment and greater mobilization of both domestic and international resources in the post-COVID era. Currently, low- and middle-income countries invest, on average, just one third of their total government expenditure in social spending on education, health and social protection. However, the fiscal space to enhance social spending remains constrained in many parts of the world. Given the scale of the challenge facing many countries, a renewed focus on financing social spending is needed to address widening inequalities. This policy brief is the second in a series that assesses key issues affecting social

spending as part of UNICEF's work on Public Finance for Children. The brief examines how recent trends are impacting on the financing available for, and directed to, social spending in low- and middle-income countries in different regions, using secondary analysis of public expenditure data collected by international organizations.



[Access the brief.](#)

[ARTICLE] The Revolutionary Social Worker in Palestine: Living the Challenge of Colonialism through Non-violent Resistance—the Struggles of Munther Amira

This article explores Munther Amira's 'Pedagogy of Revolution', a unique approach of non-violent resistance that adopts the pedagogy of Paulo Freire and global social work values and principles, for educating, empowering and mobilising Palestinian refugees living in the West Bank, as a means for liberation from the oppression imposed by Israel's military occupation. The article provides a deeper understanding of the lived experiences of Palestinian refugees through the lived experiences of Munther Amira, a Palestinian refugee, social worker and human rights defender.

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