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## ABOUT US

### VISION OF THE NISD

To be a centre of excellence, nationally and globally in Social Work Education, Training and Research

### MISSION OF THE NISD

"To enhance human resource for Social Development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development"

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## New Year Ceremony 2020

New Year Ceremony was held on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 with the participation of all staff of the National Institute of Social Development. It was a great occasion for everyone to exchange wishes for a successful year. Director General (Acting), Additional Director General (academic) Ms. Shamini Attanayake and Directors of the respective divisions were present at this memorable event.



## Cabinet Decisions

- 1). Cabinet approval has been received on 06.02.2020 to include the Bachelor of Social Work Degree in the scheme of recruitment of the post of Development Officer and all other related job categories.
- 2). Cabinet approval has been received to upgrade the National Institute of Social Development as a Chartered University after preparing a Master Plan and the Action Plan for the Higher Education Sector.



## Short Term Training Programme

On request of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Security, a short term training programme was conducted for government officers dealing with the drug addicted persons identified at Covid 19 Quarantine centers. This course aimed to develop the skills of field level officers who are directly dealing with the drug addicts during the rehabilitation process. Fifty field level officers working in the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Security participated in this training programme conducted from 01.06.2020 to 06.06.2020 at Nillamba Samurdhi Training Center at Kandy.



## Short Term Training Programme for Frontline Health Officers on Stress Management

This programme was conducted for the frontline health workers dealing with Covid 19 patients and families to provide them with necessary support and guidance to manage their stress caused due to the pandemic situation. The target beneficiaries were frontline health workers of Ampara Base Hospital employed in 12 units who were directly dealing with Covid 19 patients. Twelve programmes were organized with the support of Mental Health Unit of Ampara Hospital and Mental Health Foundation of Ampara District with the resource contribution of the consultant psychiatrist of Ampara Hospital, Ms. Hiranya Wijesundara. This activity based training programme provided practice on various therapeutic applications for stress management.



## Study on Training need assessment of Women Empowerment Officers

National Institute of Social Development has conducted a research of national importance on training needs assessment for Women Development Officers. The Ministry of women, Child Affairs and Social Security had requested the NISD to conduct a training needs assessment for Women Development Officers of the Ministry to design a suitable training program for the professional development of the Women Development Officers.

Objectives of this study are to assess the training needs of the Women Development Officers attached to Ministry of Women, Child Affairs & Social Security. The research sample consisted of 156 and target districts were Colombo, Gampaha, Kaluthara, Puttlam, Kurunagala, Anuradapura, Polannaruwa, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya,

## Mobile Publicity Programme

This programme was conducted from 22.02.2020 to 29.02.2020 in Embilipitiya, Rathnapura District. It aimed to give publicity for the programmes conducted by the National Institute of Social Development.



Mr. Akira from JAICA project had a discussion with the NISD about the elders' issues in Sri Lanka and the contribution of the NISD in handling this social issue.



## "A Panel Discussion on Sri Lankan Social Workers' Response to COVID-19"

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**26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**4.00 pm**  
**to 5.30 pm**

"A Panel Discussion on Sri Lankan Social Workers' Response to COVID 19"

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**Panelists**



**Mrs. Shamini Attanayake**  
Director General  
National Institute of Social Development



**Mr. A. Ranaweera**  
President  
Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers



**Dr. Sarath Gamlath**  
Senior Lecturer  
Department of Sociology  
University of Peradenya



**Dr. Pamela D M Pieris**  
Freelance Senior Consultant  
Social Development  
and Organizational Development  
Rights Practitioner

**Moderator**



**Mr. Damith Chandimal**  
Social Worker/ Human Rights Activist

**Main Organizer**



**NISD**  
Together with SLAPSW and  
BSW Alumni Association

**Co-Organizers**



**TIKM**  
The International Institute  
of Knowledge  
Management



**WDRPA**  
World Disability and  
Rehabilitation Professionals  
Association



**ACY**  
Children and Youth  
Conference



**ICSS**  
International Conference  
on Social Sciences

**ZOOM FREE WEBINAR**

School of Social Work together with the BSW Alumni Association organized a Webinar on Sri Lankan Social Worker's Response to Covid 19 on 26th of April 2020 from 4.00 pm to 5.50 pm. This online platform was created with the technical support of TIIKM and there were 200 participants through ZOOM and more than 100 viewers from Facebook.

## International Workshop

International Workshop on "Strengthening Families: Role of Social Workers" was held on 20 & 21 January 2020 at Hotel Janaki Colombo, Sri Lanka. This was organized by the Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Development and Japanese Federation of Social Workers. This programme was funded by the Japanese Center for Social Welfare Promotion and National Examinations.



# Curriculum Review of the Bachelor of Social Work Degree programme

Curriculum review programme of Bachelor of Social Work Degree programme commenced on 29th of March 2020. The first phase of the reviewing process was initiated with external resource pool comprised of university academicians and the second phase is ongoing with the contribution internal faculty members. The reviewing programme is coordinated by Prof. Daya Edirisinghe.



## Community Work Field Assessment

Final assessments of the BSW 2015/2019 were conducted at three regional centers and the main branch of Seeduwa. Faculty members visited Thalawa, Killinochchi and Ampara regional centers during the first week of July to assess the community work projects of the final year students.



**Calling for** applications for the 2020 Intake of Bachelor of Social Work  
The closing date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

# EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW THESE 9 STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN SRI LANKA



- 01 Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
- 02 Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes
- 03 Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with the bend of your elbow or a tissue. If you use a tissue, dispose of it immediately in a closed bin and wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer
- 04 Avoid crowded places
- 05 Stay at home if you don't feel well (fever and respiratory symptoms)
- 06 If you have symptoms (fever, cough and difficulty breathing) seek medical care, first by phone
- 07 Keep up-to-date on the latest information from verified sources like Ministry of Health and WHO
- 08 Physically distance yourself from others, try to stay 1m from others
- 09 Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces





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# PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/ MEDIUM
<b>DEGREE PROGRAMMES</b>		
Master of Social Work	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two years/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Bachelor's of Social Work	Minimum requirements for university admissions passing the G.C.E.(A/L)	Four year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
<b>HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES</b>		
Higher Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 Subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination in any stream & Diploma in Social Work	Two year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Higher Diploma in Counseling	Completing a Diploma in Counseling	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
<b>DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES</b>		
Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination and 3 years working experience in social services & welfare sector	One year/ Fulltime & Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Diploma in Women Empowerment	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Counseling	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Correction	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala)
<b>CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES</b>		
Certificate course in Social Work	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)

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