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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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National Institute of Social Development

The National Institute of Social Development is the only higher education institution in Sri Lanka that produces social work professionals through providing social work education. The main objective of our organization is to improve human resources for social development by preparing a skilled workforce for social work, generate and disseminate new knowledge for social work, and provide specialized services for social welfare and social development. In order to achieve these goals, the National Institute of Social Development was declared as a degree-granting higher education institution on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission under Section 25 of the University Act No. 16 of 1978 in the year 2005. From the beginning, the degree program in Social Work was conducted only in English medium and with a view to provide students with the opportunity to study this degree in their mother tongue, undergraduate and postgraduate courses were started in Sinhala and Tamil mediums. And the institution operates under 4 divisions namely School of Social Work, training division and the research and publications division. The School of Social Work is the main division of the National Institute of Social Development which conducts degree courses in social work. Social work scholars who have obtained degrees and post-graduate qualifications are scattered all over Sri Lanka. Currently, the School of Social Work is successfully running Master's Degree in Social Work, Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Advanced Diploma in Social Work, Diploma in Social Work, Diploma in Women Empowerment and Diploma in Sign Language Interpretation

Also, the training division conducts training programmes by assessing the needs of various sectors for social development. The training requirements of the employees of various institutions engaged in the field of development are fulfilled by this division. Employees recommended by the Ministries and other organizations are trained under various development related themes. By identifying the training needs of the relevant fields, human resource training is carried out to meet the training needs of the country, as well as training programs are designed, developed and implemented according to the needs of the client. Also, this division conducts short-term training programs in many fields as per the requests made by non-governmental organizations. The research and publications division carry out research of current importance by applying social work theory in practice. This division conducts various research on contemporary social problems and thereby supports the community to solve these problems. The findings of these research contribute to the formulation of social policies. The publications of this division also contribute to generating and disseminating new knowledge about social work important to social workers involved in social empowerment and development in the country. This year's newsletter contains news on various academic research and training activities carried out by our institution. As a whole, the National Institute of Social Development aims at the overall development of individuals, families, groups and communities by promoting human and physical resources in a formal and systematic way for their development. We can be proud of the services rendered by the National Institute of Social Development for the social development of the country

Shamini Attanayake Director General (Act.) National Institute of Social Development.

The potential role of professional Social Work for Sri Lanka Administrative Service officers to enhance their duties

Being the premier service in Sri Lanka Sri Lanka Administrative Service has a long prestigious history more than five decades. Till then its contribution to the advancement of the country has significant and today over 2500 SLAS officers hold the key government positions to serve the country and the people.

The working context of the SLAS officer is multifaceted and they need different managerial skills in public administration to work with people, human service organizations and build up productive relationships towards the achievement of their goals. Therefore, SLAS officers work as social work managers at all levels of management, such as top level middle level and supervisory level management

The main objective of the Master's Program in Social Work is to improve the academic and professional skills required to carry out the duties as managers, planners and policy makers in the fields of social work, social welfare and social development. There are more than 08 SLAS officers are following MSW in 2020 /21 batch and another 10 were selected for the next batch. This will be a great opportunity for them to enhance their job duties and practices with the time in order to become qualified professionals to serve the betterment of people in the country following the saying "Service First".

Senior Lecturer
Manjula Wijesekera

Extracurricular Activities

Training Programme

Activities conducted by the social work students in collaboration with the LEO club

The LEO club of Bachelor of Social Work organized a one day workshop at the National Institute of Social Development to commemorate the International Girl Child Day on 22nd October 2022. Twenty volunteer undergraduate were selected and trained at this workshop. By Taek Wondo Instructor Ms. Nirosha Fernando.



International Conference on Role of Social work in Achieving Sustainable development goals

I am very happy to have the 9th International Consortium for Social Development – Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) branch biennial Conference on “Sustainable Development Efforts in Times of Crises” during 29 November – 1 December 2022 at Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, Thailand. The COVID – 19 health Pandemic had an unprecedented socio – economic impacts and affected the Living of the people globally.



In Asia alone, a large number of people lost their lives, experienced shock, trauma, fear and anxiety, resulted in loss of jobs and changed livelihood. As the recent reports show, in the post COVID era, the Asia – pacific countries are lagging behind in achieving SDGs and building inclusive societies, the present theme of the conference is very relevant and upcoming issue.

Shamini Attanayake Director General (Act.)

Mahapola Scholarship Award

Mahapola Scholarship Award Ceremony was held on 20.10.2022 at The National Institute of Social Development. Ten students from low income families received the Mahapola Scholarship at this ceremony.



Field Study Programme - Service Delivery in Human Settlements.

The field study programme on service delivery in human settlements was conducted in Negambo area based on a Fisheries village named pitipana. This programme was conducted for 10 days as a partial requirement of the bachelor of Social Work Degree of the 2018/2019 student batch. The student Social Workers stayed in the feild for 10 days and collected data from the fisheies community. The objective of this field study was to identyfy the gaps in the sevice Delivery system of the said community.





Short term training programme on "Leadership and Attitude Development" for the prefects of H/ Wadiyagoda Vidyalaya- Ranna

This training programme was conducted to develop leadership skills and positive attitudes of school students. The programme was conducted on 04.09.2022 at the H/ Wadiyagoda Vidyalaya in Ranna for 25 prefects.

Training program on Leadership and Career Guidance

Training programme on leadership and career guidance was conducted to enhance the awareness on career opportunities for students who passed the A/L examination in Ranna. The programme was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 21.03.2022.



Training Program on Mental Health of Elderly People

This programme was conducted to develop the mental health of elders. The programme was conducted at the Ranna DS Division on 30.03.2022 with 25 participants of the elders societies.





Short Training Program for Counseling Teachers

This short training programme was conducted on empowering the counseling teachers by discussing the problems faced in the school community. The programme was conducted at the Thalawa Regional Centre on 15.11.2022 with 35 counseling teachers.

Training program on Leadership and Career Guidance

This training programme was conducted on leadership and career guidance opportunities for Samurdhi community leaders in Ranna. The programme was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 22.06.2022 for 30 members of Samurdhi community.



Training Programme on Project management and Project proposal preparation

This training programme was conducted on project management and proposal preparation for Development officers. The programme was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 23.06.2022 for 28 Samurdhi development officers.



5-day short training program for pre-school teachers

This program was prepared to empower the pre-school teachers of Talawa Divisional Secretariat and Tambuttegama Divisional Secretariat. at Talawa Center of the National Social Development. The objective of this programme was to empower teachers by discussing their personal as well as job issues while running pre-school activities. The programme was conducted at the Thalawa Regional Centre from 15.08.2022 to 18.08.2022 with 98 pre-school teachers.

World Mental Health Day

This training programme was conducted to improve the mental health of health workers and to reduce suicide. The programme was conducted at the Regional Health Services Office, Ampara on 10.10.2022 for health officers.



Parental Stress Management Program

This short training programme was conducted to empower and introduce simple ways to cope with the daily stressors of parents of children with special needs. The programme was conducted at the Ampara Kawanthissa College on 16.07.2022.

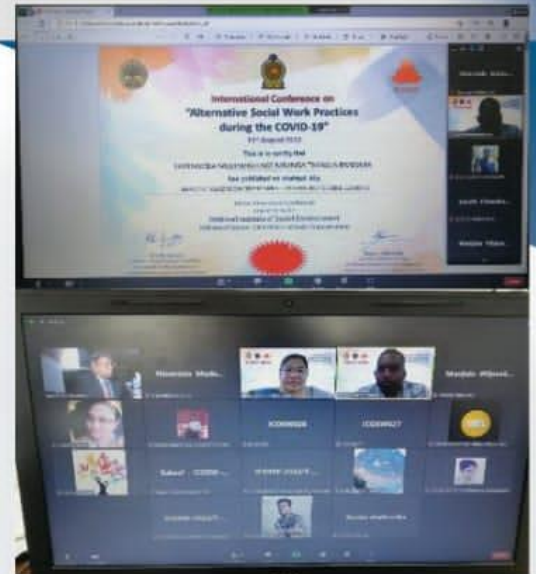


Capacity Development Program

This training programme was conducted for social service officers of the Uwa Provincial Council. The objective of this training programme was to give a basic training on counseling skills for effective service delivery during the phase of current economic crisis. This programme was conducted on 28.10.2022 at Badulla Palugahatenna Training center.

'International Conference on Alternative Social Work Practices during the Covid –31st August 2022

The National Institute of Social Development organized an International Conference on "Alternative Social Work Practices during the Covid- 19". This was the first time a conference was conducted by NISD using the virtual platform. The Covid 19 pandemic has caused a major public health disaster that has impacted several aspects of people's lives and communities. Social work education and practice in Sri Lanka faced the challenge of meeting needs in areas of health, social welfare and other service providing settings, while delivering other required services coming under social work. The International conference was conducted on 2022.08.31 on 9:00 am with the participation of Mrs. Shamini Attanayake (Director General of NISD), Mrs. Hema Perera (Additional Secretary of Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment) and many other academics



Research on Environmental Impact of COVID 19 Health Care and Waste Management: Societal Resilience for the Future

The COVID-19 crisis has clearly demonstrated that societies need to strengthen their resilience to healthcare waste management system. The study will concern both short term and long term healthcare waste management systems and addressing the immediate impacts of the COVID 19. This research was conducted focusing the Colombo Municipal Council, Maligawatta, Gunasinghepura, Wallawatta using 500 families as the sample. This survey was conducted with the objective of examining the existing practices of waste management during the COVID-19 pandemic. This study aims to identify an appropriate waste management practice operationally and technically in line with local conditions and to analysis the Societal Resilience for the future to adapt existing protocols and practices of COVID-19 in a practical manner at both emergency and recovery and to develop a homegrown social work intervention model for societal resilience.

Research on issues faced by the persons recovered from COVID-19 in maintaining their inter relationship

This survey was conducted with the aim of identifying the psychosocial issues faced by the recovered persons from COVID 19. Patients from Gamapha District were selected for this survey.

Calling for Papers

The Research Division has called for papers for the following peer reviewed journals 2023. We welcome high quality work that focuses on research, development and publications in the aforesaid areas social work, counseling, psycho social, sociology, nature science, technology and clinical and medical research on regular basis.

Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work
Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development
E-Journal of Social Work (EJSW) (Biannual – Peer Reviewed)
Student Journal of Social Work

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/ MEDIUM
DEGREE PROGRAMMES		
Master of Social Work	Bachelors Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two year/ Part-time (English Medium)
Bachelor's of Social Work	Minimum requirements for university admissions passing the G.C.E.(A/L)	Four year/ Fulltime (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
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 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
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 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Correction	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala)
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES		
Certificate course in Social Work	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)

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