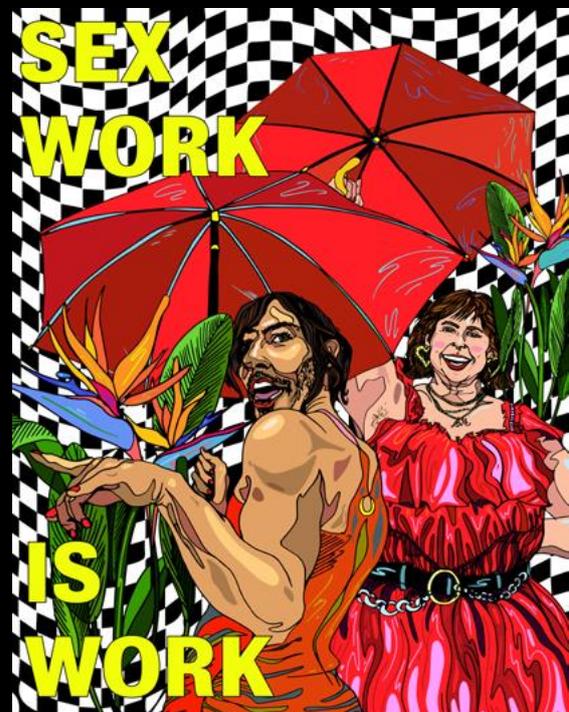
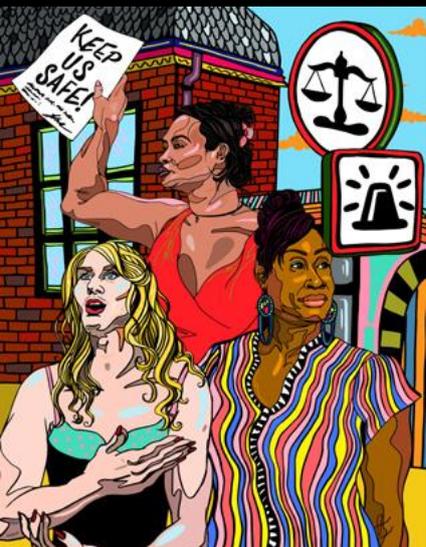




**Global Network of Sex Work Projects**  
Promoting Health and Human Rights



**ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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# About NSWP

**THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF SEX WORK PROJECTS (NSWP) is a membership organisation which exists to uphold the voices of sex workers, amplify the voices of sex worker-led organisations globally, and connect regional networks advocating for the rights of female, male, and transgender sex workers. It advocates for rights-based health and social services, freedom from abuse and discrimination, and self-determination for sex workers.**

NSWP members are sex worker-led organisations and networks from across the five NSWP regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe – including Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, and North America and the Caribbean. Our organisational culture and rules ensure that we are led by sex workers and that sex workers are meaningfully involved at all levels within NSWP. To become a member of NSWP, sex worker-led organisations must endorse the NSWP Consensus Statement<sup>1</sup> and core values:

- Acceptance of sex work as work.
- Opposition to all forms of criminalisation and other legal oppression of sex work (including sex workers, clients, third parties<sup>2</sup>, families, partners and friends).
- Supporting self-organisation and self-determination of sex workers.

NSWP members are from diverse cultures and have different experiences and organisational histories. Most are independent sex worker-led organisations, some are informal groups of sex workers within larger organisations, and some are non-governmental organisations who support sex workers' rights. Some member organisations provide services, some focus on advocacy, and some on mobilising to reduce vulnerability. All work on human rights issues that affect the health and well-being of sex workers.

<sup>1</sup> NSWP, 2013, [NSWP Consensus Statement on Sex Work, Human Rights, and the Law](#)

<sup>2</sup> The term 'third parties' includes managers, brothel keepers, receptionists, maids, drivers, landlords, hotels who rent rooms to sex workers, and anyone else who is seen as facilitating sex work

NSWP advocacy focuses on the following issues and goals:

- **Human rights:** Sex workers' human rights are promoted and protected.
- **Health:** Sex workers have universal access to health services, including for HIV.
- **Labour:** Sex work is recognised as work.
- **Stigma and discrimination:** Sex workers live free from stigma and discrimination.
- **Criminalisation and legal oppression:** Sex workers do not face criminalisation or legal punishment.
- **Violence:** Sex workers live free from all types of violence.
- **Migration and trafficking:** Sex work is not conflated with trafficking and sex workers can move and migrate freely.
- **Economic empowerment:** Sex workers have free choice of employment and economic security.

## Board Members in 2020

**PRESIDENT:** Kay Thi Win (APNSW, Thailand)

**AFRICA:** Patrick Fotso (Alcondoms, Cameroon) and Phelister Abdalla (KESWA, Kenya)

**ASIA PACIFIC:** Manjula Ramaiah (ASHODAYA SAMITHI, India) and Sherry Sherqueshaa (Project X, Singapore)

**EUROPE:** Dinah de Riquet-Bons (STRASS, France) and Nataliia Isaieva (Legalife-Ukraine, Ukraine)

**LATIN AMERICA:** Cynthia Navarrete Gil (APROASE, Mexico) and Miguel Angel Saurin Romero (Asociación Civil Cambio y Acción, Perú)

**NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:** Shaunna-May Trotman (Guyana Sex Work Coalition, Guyana) and Natasha Potvin (Peers Victoria Resources Society, Canada).

*All Board members are sex workers and four board members are openly living with HIV.*

## NSWP Secretariat

### GLOBAL COORDINATOR:

Ruth Morgan Thomas

### OPERATIONS & PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT TEAM:

**Operations Manager:** Gillian Galbraith

**Operations and Membership Officer:** Manuela Nehrig

**Programme Manager:** Aline Fantinatti

### POLICY, PROGRAMME & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:

**Senior Policy Officer:** Neil McCulloch

**Policy Officers:** Katherine Koster, Hannah Nicholls-Harrison, Ajita Banerjee, Anna Shapiro

**Senior Programme Officer:** Mick Matthews

**Communications Officer:** Dani Anderson, Hannah Wright

# The View from 2020



**Sex workers organising globally continued to face many challenges as well as opportunities in 2020, many of which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

NSWP continued to implement various strategies as set out in our [Strategic Plan 2016-20](#):

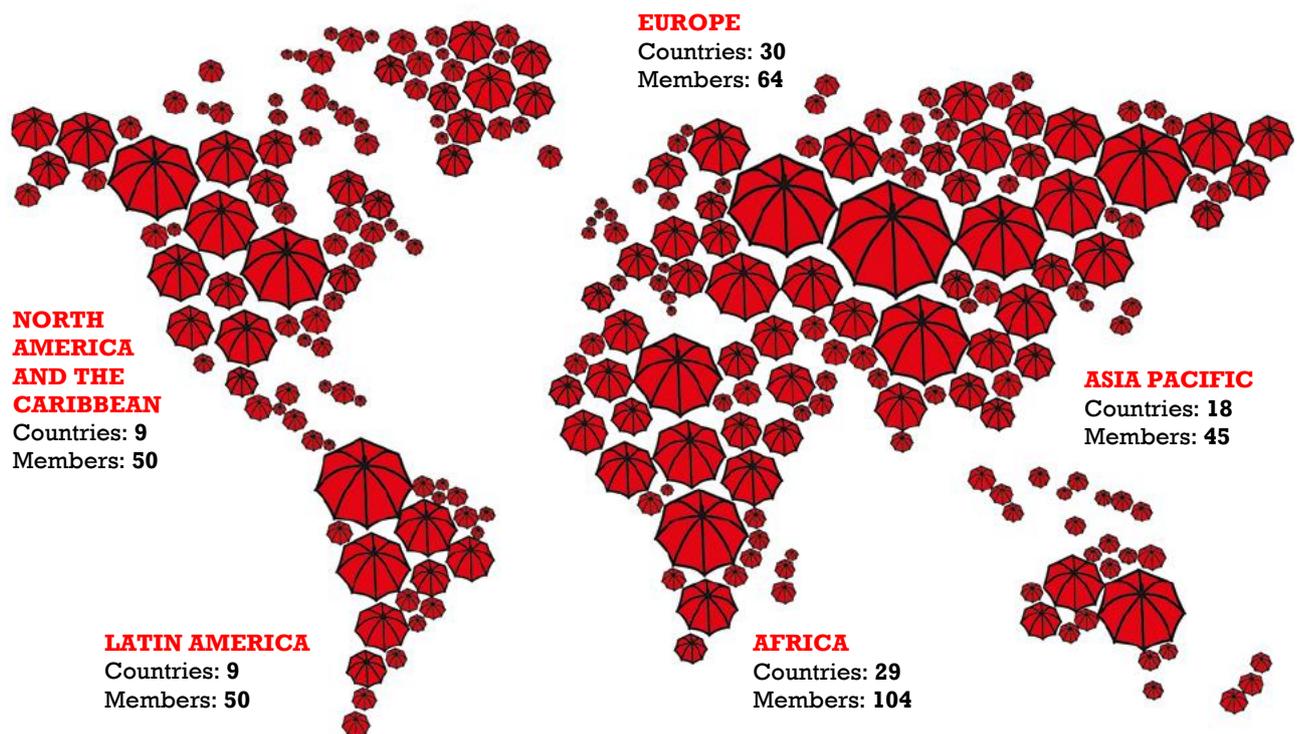
- To convene and further build on NSWP achievements as the global network committed to the realisation of sex workers' human rights.
- To build capacity within sex worker-led networks and organisations and support emerging sex worker leaders.
- To promote rights and evidence-based policies and programmes affecting sex workers.

Despite challenges imposed by the pandemic and travel restrictions, NSWP and our members participated in international and national dialogues and spaces, to promote rights and evidence-based policies and programmes affecting sex workers, using the [NSWP Consensus Statement](#) as the foundation for all global advocacy. In addition to capacity building and technical support provided to regional networks, NSWP developed a range of advocacy tools, highlighted below, that bring the human rights of sex workers strongly into focus.

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## NSWP Membership

In 2020, NSWP membership grew to 313 members in 95 countries, spread across the five NSWP regions.



# NSWP Highlights



## COVID-19

***“The pandemic has shone light not only on the vulnerabilities and precariousness of our community but – and even more so – on our resilience and strength.”***

ICRSE, NSWP Regional Network.

The COVID-19 pandemic, as with other health crises, has exposed existing inequalities and disproportionately affected people already criminalised, marginalised and living in financially precarious situations. NSWP acted quickly when COVID-19 began to spread across the world, reprogramming activities and focussing on supporting members to adapt and sustain their activities and responses to meet urgent needs.

NSWP released a joint statement with [UNAIDS](#) in April 2020, drawing attention to the particular hardships and concerns facing sex workers globally, and calling on countries to ensure the respect, protection and fulfilment of sex workers’ human rights.

Following this, the [COVID-19 Impact Survey](#) was launched to document the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on sex workers and their communities. At the end of 2020, the survey had received 194 responses from 59 countries. Data from the survey was used to provide a list of [sex worker community responses](#), including emergency funds and mutual aid efforts from around the world. The responses of sex workers and sex worker-led organisations to the survey were the basis of news stories which highlighted the impact of the pandemic on sex workers in countries from each of the five NSWP regions: [Bangladesh](#), [El Salvador](#), [North Macedonia](#), [Senegal](#) and the [United States of America](#).

Five regional reports looking at [Africa](#), [Asia and the Pacific](#), [Europe](#), [Latin America](#), and [North America and the Caribbean](#) were also published. These reports emphasise the difficult and dangerous situations that the pandemic has created, with sex workers reporting hardship, a total loss of income, lack of access to essential healthcare, and increased discrimination and harassment.

In September, NSWP published a [statement in response to the influx of consultations](#) that sought to include sex worker voices from around the world. The statement commended the push for greater inclusion of sex worker voices in global consultations but drew attention to the number of surveys that were circulating as unmanageable, and not considering the extreme circumstances in which many sex workers found themselves because of the pandemic.

COVID-19 has profoundly changed the world and the ways we live and work. The exclusion of sex workers from government social protection schemes has further highlighted the urgent need for the decriminalisation of sex work.



A member of Key Affected Populations Alliance of Lesotho (KAPAL) in a ‘sex work is work’ mask.

© KAPAL

# NSWP Achievements



## HIV2020: Communities Reclaiming the Global Response

HIV2020 aimed to reaffirm the role key populations and communities play in the global HIV response. It was the first large-scale global event focusing on the HIV response that deliberately sought to put key populations and communities at the front and centre, highlighting and emphasising the importance of their voices.

Prior to HIV2020, NSWP organised pre-conferences and meetings at International AIDS Conferences (IAC) to address the needs of the sex worker community. When IAS decided to host a second IAC in the USA in the same decade, global key-population-led networks came together to challenge the decision. On 14th September 2019, the first Sex Worker Pride, NSWP announced its full support for HIV2020, given the IAS decision to host the Conference in the USA. NSWP, alongside other key population networks – GNP+, INPUD, and MPACT – started planning HIV2020 as an alternative international and intersectional community-led conference that was due to take place in July 2020 in Mexico City.

***“HIV2020 Online has been conceived by and for the communities most impacted by HIV. We are challenging business as usual and we are inviting those in power to reflect on the potential of truly partnering with our communities.”***

Ruth Morgan Thomas, NSWP Global Coordinator.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV2020 was reimagined as HIV2020 Online – a series of two-hour sessions that took place online over four months from July through October 2020. The virtual series retained the original goals and objectives of HIV2020 and were offered in five languages simultaneously.

HIV2020 Online had a total of 2,921 registrants from 131 countries. Most of them participated multiple times over the four months of the conference which saw the participation of 7,397 participants over 33 successfully completed sessions who joined in to listen, participate, view, and interact with one another. Monthly video highlights of key messages of sessions were produced over the four months, and a final conference recap video was also produced. Conference organisers delivered recommendations to the IAS for how it could change its governance and conference structure to ensure key population concerns are heard, respected, and responded to seriously.

HIV2020 is a successful example of how, when, and why key population communities, armed with the necessary knowledge, funding, skills, and experience, can lead collective efforts to address the HIV epidemic.



Theater Performance about SWIT presented by NSWP member Tais Plus at HIV2020 (October 2020)

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## Enhancing Leadership Skills

NSWP advocates that community empowerment – through strengthening the capacity of sex worker-led organisations and networks – is the most effective way to ensure that sex workers' human rights are respected, protected and fulfilled. In 2020, NSWP supported regional networks and through them national member organisations to enhance leadership skills in a range of ways.

The Robert Carr Fund supported the Sex Worker Networks Consortium (Consortium) capacity building programme through which 2,227 sex workers in 48 countries engaged in national and regional activities to strengthen knowledge and advocacy around rights-based programming for sex workers. Through the Consortium regional and national capacity building programme, 72 sex worker leaders in 13 countries were supported in engaging in national policy and programme forums.

The end of 2020 marked the winding down of Making the Global Fund work for sex workers, funded by the Global Fund's Communities, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG-SI). Through interventions at global, regional and national levels, this three year-long programme strengthened the capacity of sex worker-led organisations and regional networks to effectively and safely engage in the development, implementation and overseeing of Global Fund funding proposals and related processes at national and regional levels. In 2020 a reduced programme was implemented with 7 country partners holding 47 activities. Activities included 19 trainings, 8 convenings, 8 community meetings to strategise or to update communities on different stages of country dialogues and 8 advocacy meetings were attended within national GF processes. Activities reached a total of 470 sex workers.

Through NSWP the Bridging the Gaps programme supported the Sex Worker Academy Africa, and following which 312 sex workers in 5 countries engaged in national activities to strengthen advocacy for rights-based programming for sex workers.



23rd Sex Worker Academy Africa, Kenya (November 2020)

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The NSWP policy team developed briefing notes, building block papers and supported sex worker leaders' engagement in 5 global policy platforms, including the Global Fund Strategy and UNAIDS Strategy. NSWP staff also worked face-to-face and virtually with 12 sex worker leaders to engage in CSW64 and global and regional Beijing +25 and Generation Equality processes during 2020.

***“Ecuador got funding through one of the Consortium national capacity-building grants from PLAPERTS and NSWP and this was used to host Global Fund trainings... With all this knowledge, 24 sex worker organisations engaged in the country dialogue. We all met and decided how we were going to influence issues such as HIV prevention, human rights, updates on sex workers' prevalence statistics, etc.”***

Karina Bravo – regional coordinator PLAPERTS and regional expert for Latin America

# NSWP Achievements



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## Strengthened capacity within sex worker-led networks and organisations

### Technical Support

In 2020, NSWP continued to provide virtual technical support on strengthening capacity to five regional networks (APNSW, ASWA, CSWC, PLAPERTS and SWAN) and virtual technical support as issues emerged (ICRSE), with financial support from [Bridging the Gaps](#) and [Robert Carr Fund \(RCF\)](#).

**APNSW:** NSWP continued to provide technical support to APNSW's Management Committee and Secretariat to strengthen capacity around organisational development, financial management, and human resource management.

**ASWA:** NSWP continued to provide technical support to ASWA Secretariat to strengthen capacity around governance and organisational development, financial management and human resource management. Senior Policy Officer provided technical support on good governance practice and acted as returning officer for ASWA elections. NSWP also continued to provide technical support to the South-South learning programme, the Sex Worker Academy Africa (SWAA), a programme based on the SWIT implemented by ASWA. The faculty of Kenyan sex workers facilitated two academies in 2020, attended by sex workers from Ghana, Burundi, Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya. SWAA is funded through NSWP by Bridging the Gaps and the Sex Worker Networks Consortium Africa region grant from RCF.

**CSWC:** NSWP continued to provide technical support on onward granting, financial management, managing exchange rates, sharing good practice and monthly financial reporting. Additionally, NSWP

supported the implementation of a new monitoring and evaluation framework (agreed at the Consortium meeting in January) and monthly activity reports.

**PLAPERTS:** NSWP provided technical support to PLAPERTS to strengthen capacity around governance and organisational development, and financial management. NSWP also provided technical support to PLAPERT's regional coordinator on a range of leadership and institutional strengthening issues.

**SWAN:** NSWP continued to provide technical support to SWAN to strengthen their capacity around governance, leadership and organisational development.

**ICRSE:** NSWP provided technical support to ICRSE's regional coordinator on a range of leadership and organisational development issues.

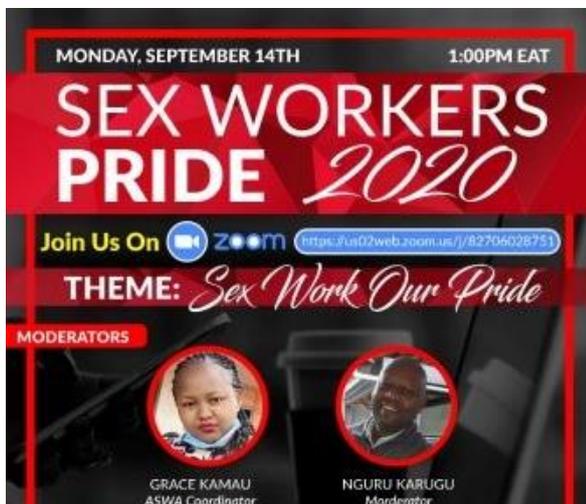
**Regional networks** continued to provide technical support and work with sex worker-led organisations in their regions to strengthen their institutional capacity as well as their capacity to influence rights-affirming sex work policies and programmes at local and national level within the five NSWP region.

### **Sex Worker Networks Consortium**

Through the Robert Carr Fund (RCF) grant to the Sex Worker Networks Consortium (Consortium), NSWP continued to work with regional sex worker-led networks to advocate for a rights-based approach to sex work and to build the capacity of sex worker-led organisations. The COVID-19 pandemic changed how sex worker-led organisations work given in-person community empowerment and capacity building activities were not always possible due to social distancing and travel restrictions. Where activities were possible, organisations needed to make adjustments such as trainings with smaller groups, in external areas and, where feasible, online.

NSWP reprogrammed funds to include the purchase of webcams for staff, regional networks, and member organisations to support virtual working, online capacity-building and advocacy activities, supporting the amplification of sex workers' voices and sustainability of sex worker-led organisations.

NSWP worked virtually with regional networks to support them in maintaining good governance and financial management practices, implementing reimagined programmes and developing evidence-based advocacy tools to respond to emerging challenges.



Flyer for ASWA's online event for Sex Worker Pride (September 2020)

© ICRSE

## Engagement in International Policy and Programme Platforms

During 2020, NSWP representatives sat on the World Health Organization Civil Society Reference Group; The Global Fund Communities, Rights and Gender Advisory Group; the Global Fund Communities Delegation; Global HIV Prevention Coalition

Working Group; and the UN Steering Committee on HIV and Sex Work. In addition, NSWP has a seat on the Bridging the Gaps Board.

Additional to those reported already, during 2020 NSWP and members from all five regions participated in a variety of international policy forums including: UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board; global and regional consultations and focus group discussions on the development of UNAIDS new Global AIDS Strategy; global consultation on the Global Fund new strategy; and global and regional expert meetings and consultations on the development of the CEDAW General Recommendation on trafficking of women and girls in the context of global migration. NSWP also participated in and provided support for the Count Me In! Consortium webinar: 'Leaving no one behind @Beijing+25 and COVID-19: Lessons About Equality and Justice From Sex Workers'.

## NSWP website and social media platforms

NSWP's website had 867,757 page views during 2020, an increase of 25.69% from 2019 and was accessed by 555,760 users, 8% of whom were returning visitors, and representing a 39.60% increase from 2019. 431,011 (77%) visitors entered the NSWP website via a search engine; 110,470 (20%) visitors entered by directly typing the URL of the website into their browser; and 9,465 (1.66%) visitors entered via social media.

287,624 (33%) of all visits to the NSWP website in 2020 were to pages in our Members' section. In 2020, the Communications Officer worked with member organisations to produce 13 featured members' profiles for the NSWP website. Resources were accessed either directly or through browsing the [Resources section of the website](#), 55,422 times (6% of all website hits). News pages were visited 68,027

times (8%) in 2020. The Communications Officer drafted 68 news stories for the website in 2020 – 8 from Africa, 10 from Asia Pacific, 9 from Europe, 5 from Latin America, 6 from North America and the Caribbean, and 30 from a global perspective.

NSWP continued to publish the *Sex Work Digest*, a quarterly newsletter, and used social media platforms to engage and share information with members and beyond in 2020. NSWP continued to use global and regional listservs to support information-sharing among members. NSWP maintained a private group on Facebook for sex workers and sex workers' rights advocates to discuss issues and organise around common causes. As of 31 December 2020, the group had 2,202 members. The [NSWP Facebook Page](#), created in July 2016 to communicate to NSWP members and external stakeholders, had 3,226 likes and 3,334 followers as of 31 December 2020 and the NSWP Twitter account, [@GlobalSexWork](#), has a wide reach with 21,641 followers as of 31 December 2020.

## NSWP publications

### Legal Mapping

**[Global Mapping of Sex Work Laws](#)** (June 2020): NSWP published an update to the global mapping of sex work laws used to regulate and criminalise sex work in 208 countries and dependencies, with sub-national legislation included for some countries. The update was funded by HIV Policy Lab (O'Neill Institute at Georgetown University) and data was used by HIV Policy Lab for their online platform: <https://www.hivpolicylab.org/>

### Briefing Papers

**[Shrinking Spaces and Silencing Voices](#)** (March 2020): This briefing paper exposes and examines the ways in which sex workers' direct input is excluded from key spaces at local, national, regional and international levels. Highlighting the importance of human rights, community

empowerment and self-determination for sex workers, this paper also provides specific recommendations to remedy these problems going forward.

[Briefing Paper](#) | [Community Guide](#)

**[Sex Workers' Lack of Access to Justice](#)** (May 2020): Sex workers experience discrimination at all stages of the justice system; reports of crimes are dismissed by police officers and sex workers receive unjust rulings from judges in the court system. This briefing paper examines the main challenges faced by sex workers, identifies the rights violations they experience when seeking to access justice, and provides recommendations to remedy these problems to ensure sex workers' safety, health and well-being.

[Briefing Paper](#) | [Community Guide](#)

**[Economic Empowerment for Sex Workers](#)** (October 2020): The criminalisation of sex work creates a range of barriers for sex workers when it comes to accessing their economic rights. This briefing paper examines the impact of criminalisation on economic empowerment and documents existing programmes for and by sex workers, identifying good practices and key recommendations.

[Briefing Paper](#) | [Community Guide](#)

**[Universal Health Coverage: Putting the Last Mile First](#)** (November 2020): Drawing on an exploration of sex workers' current experiences with UHC at country-level, this briefing paper highlights some of the consequences of being side-lined at the planning stages of UHC and the continued challenges sex workers face accessing health services. It concludes with recommendations on how to strategically engage with UHC processes and structures to ensure that sex workers are not left behind.

[Briefing Paper](#) | [Community Guide](#)

## Briefing Notes

**Beijing+25** (February 2020): 2020 is the 25 year anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA). This Briefing Note outlines the Beijing+25 review process, how sex workers have engaged in this process thus far, and the priorities for inclusion in Beijing+25 actions. True progress towards gender equality, gender justice and fulfilment of women's human rights must be inclusive of women in all their diversity, including sex workers.

**Global Fund Strategy Development** (August 2020): This Briefing Note aims to provide some additional context and information, as well as some guidance for members on how they can play a role in the development of the future Global Fund strategy.

**Misinformation on Sex Work** (December 2020): Misinformation on sex work has flourished for centuries, fuelled by age-old stereotypes, myths, and moral judgments which continue to shape policies and public opinions. This Briefing Note outlines some of the most prevalent forms of misinformation surrounding sex work, providing recent examples to demonstrate their impacts in the realms of policy, research, and the protection of human rights.

## Smart Guides

**Recognising Sex Workers as Experts** (March 2020): This smart guide is a tool to support sex workers and their allies in advocating for the recognition of sex workers' expertise. Sex workers' have an indispensable knowledge of, and experience with the structural, legal, institutional, socio-economic and cultural barriers which impede their human and labour rights. Evidence shows that meaningful involvement of sex workers is critical to success in tackling inequality and inequity.

**Smart Sex Worker's Guide to Decriminalisation** (November 2020): This Smart Guide provides an overview of existing sex work legal models and details the processes that have been used to develop legislative models that respect and protect sex workers' human and labour rights.

[Smart Guide](#) | [Community Guide](#)

**Smart Sex Worker's Guide to Decent Work** (December 2020): This smart guide sets out how sex work fits within international labour standards, and in particular the Decent Work Agenda. It is intended as a tool for sex workers' rights organisations to use when campaigning for labour rights as fundamental to sex workers' rights in their respective countries.

[Smart Guide](#) | [Community Guide](#)

## Statements and Responses

**Recommendations to The International AIDS Society** (July 2020): NSWP joined MPACT, GNP+ and INPUD – as co-organisers of HIV2020 – in publishing a set of ten recommendations aimed at the International AIDS Society (IAS) to advocate for the meaningful, respectful, and equitable engagement of community advocates as experts.

**NSWP Statement of Support for Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng** (October 2020): NSWP released a statement of support for Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, who in July 2020 was appointed as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. Criticisms unjustly sought to discredit Dr. Mofokeng's expertise due to her advocacy for the human rights of sex workers and support for the decriminalisation of sex work and the sex workers' rights movement.

**NSWP Statement on CEDAW committee general recommendation no. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration** (November 2020): As a global network committed to ending exploitation and abuse, NSWP

strongly condemns the regressive and misinformed measures promoted within the CEDAW Committee's General Recommendation on Trafficking in Women and Girls in the Context of Global Migration. Rooted in fundamental feminist and abolitionist ideology which conflates sex work with trafficking and exploitation, this General Recommendation ignores the voices and lived experiences of sex workers worldwide to reassert a flawed policy agenda which is neither rights- nor evidence-based.

**World AIDS Day 2020: Centering Key Populations in the Global HIV Response** (November 2020): NSWP joined GATE, GNP+, Y+ Network, IRGT, INPUD, ICW and MPact to demand that global policymakers and donors urgently address key issues when developing their HIV strategies and funding priorities. If these inequities are not addressed, the HIV epidemic will continue to cost people their lives and livelihoods.

### Joint Publications

**Human Rights Mechanisms and Follow Up Advocacy** (March 2020): This manual is a joint project of the Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and NSWP. It was developed as a supplement to the Smart Sex Worker's Guide: Rights-Affirming International Policies Relating to Sex Work.

**Infographic: 'Sex Workers Have Rights'** (May 2020): UNAIDS and NSWP created an infographic to illustrate that sex workers have the same rights as everyone else and their rights must be respected.

**Infographic: The Human Rights Violations Behind End Demand Laws** (October 2020): Produced by NSWP and International Women's Right Actions Watch Asia Pacific, this series of infographics aims to raise public awareness about the deeply negative impact of 'End Demand' laws on

the human rights of sex workers, and to encourage collective action to demand State accountability for violations of sex workers' rights.

### Case Studies

**NSWP at CSW64** (June 2020): NSWP facilitated a delegation from member organisations to attend the 64th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Despite extreme circumstances and severe disruptions caused by COVID-19, some of the NSWP Delegation successfully took part in a wide range of independently organised meetings and events, continuing to advocate for the respect, protection and fulfilment of sex workers' human rights and the meaningful inclusion of sex workers' and their issues within the Beijing+25 agenda.

**Usha Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited – Economic Empowerment for Sex Workers** (September 2020): USHA is the largest and the first ever sex worker-led financial institution in South Asia. This case study explores the history of USHA, its economic empowerment schemes, education loans, and how economic security leads to political leverage.

**Making the Global Fund Work for Sex Workers: Global Fund Case Study 2020** (December 2020): This case study describes the challenges sex worker-led organisations face when engaging with the Global Fund and presents key interventions implemented to support communities in overcoming them. This includes the catalytic contribution of NSWP's Global Fund capacity-building programme and community-led solutions; these were critical to ensure sex workers' needs and demands were included in 2020 funding proposals and in further grant development processes.

### Submissions

NSWP made various submissions to UN Special Rapporteurs, member states, Human Rights Council

and working groups, and UN agencies / multi-lateral donors, including:

### **UN Special Rapporteurs and Human Rights Council and Working Groups**

**Submission: UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants on the right to freedom of association of migrants** (January 2020)

**Submission: UN consultation on Civic Space (Global Development Hub)** (January 2020)

**Submission: UK Parliament All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Inquiry into HIV and COVID** (June)

**Submission: for “Joint questionnaire by Special Procedure mandate holders on Protecting human rights during and after the COVID-19”** (June 2020)

**Submission: UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls on Women’s and girls’ sexual and reproductive health and rights in situations of crisis** (August 2020)

**Submission: Committee on Migrant Workers on Draft General comment No. 5 (2020) on migrants’ rights to liberty and freedom from arbitrary detention** (October 2020)

**Submission: UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women for a thematic report on rape as a grave and systematic human rights violation and gender-based violence against women** (December 2020)

### **Member States**

**Submission: Review of the Operation of Part 4 of**

**Ireland’s Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017** (September 2020)

**Submission: Scotland’s “Equally Safe” Consultation** (December 2020)

### **UN agencies / Multi-Lateral Donors**

**Submission: Global Fund strategy** (August 2020)

**Submission: UNAIDS strategy development** (September 2020)

# NSWP and *Partnership Working* to Advance Sex Workers' Rights



## **NSWP continued to invest in partnerships to enhance the health and human rights of sex workers.**

In 2020, NSWP maintained strong alliances with other global networks of key populations, including [MPact & INPUD](#), and strong working relationships with [GNP+](#), [ICW](#) and [ITPC](#) to ensure the needs of sex workers are integrated into their work and to strengthen NSWP's work around sex workers living with HIV and treatment advocacy.

- **UNAIDS Steering Committee on HIV and Sex Work:** to influence and improve UN policy on HIV and sex work.
- **WHO HIV Civil Society Reference Group:** to influence and improve WHO guidelines and policy on HIV and sex work.
- **Global Fund Board – Communities Delegations:** to influence and improve rights-based approaches to HIV prevention and treatment programmes for key populations, including sex workers.
- **Global Fund Communities, Rights and Gender Advisory Group:** to influence and improve rights-based approaches to HIV prevention and treatment programmes for sex workers.
- **Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+):** to ensure the needs of sex workers living with HIV are incorporated within the work of GNP+.
- **Sex Worker Inclusive Feminist Alliance (SWIFA):** to advance the acceptance of sex workers' rights within the women's movement.
- **IWRAW-Asia Pacific:** to increase sex worker-led organisations understanding of and engagement with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

# Looking Forward to 2021



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## **The following advocacy tools were developed in 2020 but will be published in 2021:**

- Briefing Note: Sex Workers' Participation in Public Life
- 10 infographic versions of NSWP advocacy tools
- 5 animations based on NSWP advocacy tools

## **The following advocacy tools will be developed in 2021:**

- Smart Guide on Digital Security
- Briefing Paper on Misinformation about Sex Work
- Policy Brief highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on sex workers and sex worker-led organisations

# Financial Summary 2020



## Income 2020

NSWP would like to thank the following donors for their financial support during 2020:

<b>INCOME</b> .....	<b>£</b>
Aids Fonds – Bridging the Gaps II Programme .....	419,098
Aids Fonds – Sex Work Team .....	42,603
Aids Fonds – Hands Off .....	4,979
Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks (RCF) .....	678,719
The Global Fund .....	122,187
Open Society Foundations – Sexual Health and Rights Program .....	38,310
Open Society Foundations – Springer book .....	1,511
MPACT .....	10,805
UNAIDS .....	1,084
UNDP/Linkages .....	2,065
Georgetown University .....	3,500
Miscellaneous .....	4,469
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>£1,329,330</b>

## Expenditure 2020

<b>EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>£</b>
Global Personnel (staff and global, national and task consultants) .....	423,017
Global activities .....	216,712
Global operating costs .....	65,889
Capital costs .....	6,699
Regional Sex Worker-led Networks activities:	
Africa .....	257,485
Asia Pacific .....	134,938
Europe .....	109,974
Latin America .....	53,601
North America and Caribbean .....	52,775
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> .....	<b>£1,321,090</b>



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