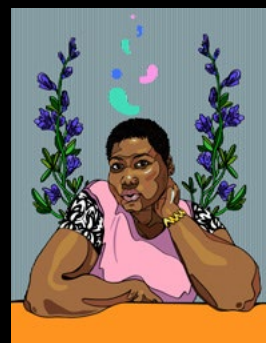




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About NSWP



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 Statement¹ 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 parties², 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.

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

² 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 as of 31 Dec 2021

PRESIDENT: Phelister Abdalla (KESWA, Kenya)

AFRICA: Patrick Fotso (Alcondoms, Cameroon) and Pamela Chakuvinga (SISONKE, South Africa)

ASIA PACIFIC: Sherry Sherqueshaa (Project X, Singapore) and Rajeshwari Prajapati (SWAN Nepal, Nepal)

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 as of 31 Dec 2021

GLOBAL COORDINATOR:

Ruth Morgan Thomas

OPERATIONS & PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Operations Manager: Gillian Galbraith

Operations and Membership Officer: Manuela Nehrig

Programme Officer: Hannah Lewis

POLICY, PROGRAMME & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:

Senior Policy Officer: Neil McCulloch

Policy Officers: Anna Shapiro, Nadine Gloss

Senior Programme Officer: Mick Matthews

Communications Officer: Hannah Wright

The View from 2021



Sex workers organising globally continued to face many challenges as well as opportunities in 2021, many of which were exacerbated by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

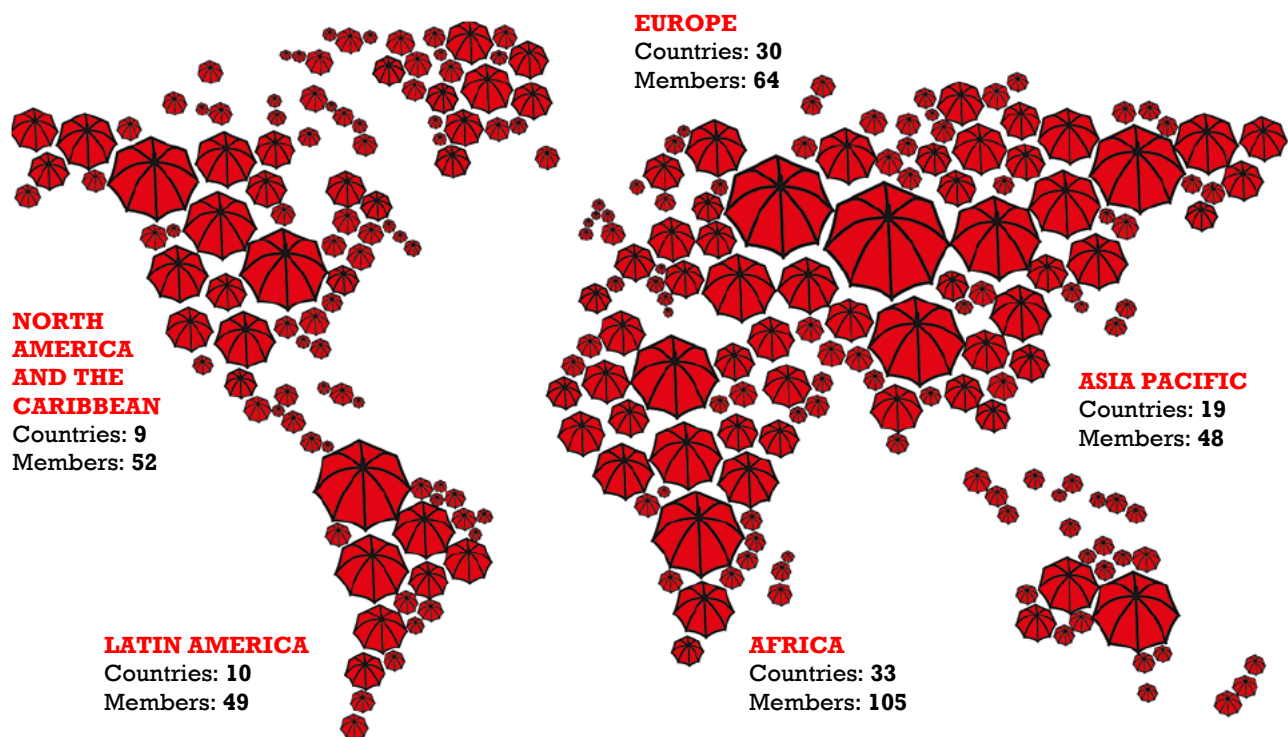
The NSWSP Board approved the extension of the [Strategic Plan 2016-20](#) to the end of 2021 due to delayed consultations with members due to COVID-19. NSWSP continued to implement various strategies as set out in our Strategic Plan 2016-20:

- To convene and further build on NSWSP 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, NSWSP 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, NSWSP developed a range of advocacy tools, highlighted below, that bring the human rights of sex workers strongly into focus.

NSWP Membership

In 2021, NSWP membership grew to 318 members in 101 countries, spread across the five NSWP regions.



NSWP Highlights



Making the Global Fund work for sex workers

In 2021, Global Fund's Communities, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG-SI) funded a new 3-year capacity-building programme. The programme is aimed at strengthening the capacity of sex worker-led organisations and networks to engage effectively in the development, implementation and oversight of Global Fund funding proposals and related processes at national level.

The NSWP CRG SI Programme offered training, technical support and mentoring to national sex worker-led organisations and sex worker leaders, focussed on engagement in national Global Fund processes, in six countries. All six national partners also received technical support on financial reporting, managing exchange rates, and narrative reporting. Through the CRG-SI, sex worker-led organisations have become leading advocates for meaningful involvement of sex workers, effectively using training and technical support, and increasing sex worker engagement in Global Fund and other national processes. For example, in Kyrgyzstan, Tais Plus ensured that all sex worker priorities were included in the final draft of the national HIV programme 2022-2026, which is awaiting government approval. In Ghana, WODA achieved observer status on the CCM. In South Sudan, FEMISS have a strengthened relationship with the CCM, developing positive relationships with UNAIDS and UNDP and FEMISS' Director has been elected to the Board of the National Network of AIDS Service Organisations, increasing opportunities for dialogue with government representatives. In Suriname, SUCOS became the first ever sex worker representative on the Suriname CCM.

In 2021, NSWP created 3 Global Fund Basics videos looking at key areas of the Global Fund: The Board, Constituencies/Delegations, and Committees;

Country Coordinating Mechanisms; and Catalytic Investment. These videos have provided the sex worker-led organisations in Global Fund eligible countries with relevant and useful information.

Training and technical support, combined with the video series, supported sex worker-led organisations engagement in national policy and decision-making processes.

NSWP also facilitated three 'Ask Any Questions' sessions during 2021, to offer sex worker-led organisations the chance to ask experts questions about specific areas of the Global Fund. One South-South, Peer to Peer Exchange' session was organised for sex worker-led organisations to share experiences, learning, and skills with each other.

C19RM

Known as C19RM, the COVID-19 Response Mechanism funded NSWP to support sex worker-led organisations in 9 countries to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria. NSWP facilitated contact with other key-population-led networks and Regional Communication Platforms, and provided regular technical support to all national partners covering topics such as communication with CCMs, identifying sex worker priorities within the C19RM funding criteria, and C19RM processes.

"From my more than 6 years with different CCMs, I know how complex and hard to understand the Global Fund and CCM can be, and I am full of praise for the videos you produced. Technical aspects are well broken-down and the language used and the explanations provided make it so much easier to understand what these complex issues are all about."

Annekatriin El Oumrany, CCM Oversight Integrated Expert, Zambia

Establishing a learning and support programme for the Sex Worker Networks Consortium

Together with the regional networks, NSWP Secretariat Implemented a structured programme of monthly calls to strengthen communication and working relationships with regional and national partners and facilitate a consistent flow of high-quality information for financial and programme management. Monthly calls were held with 5 regional networks and 6 national sex worker-led organisations. Present on calls were NSWP Operations and Programme Management Team and Programme and Finance officers from regional and national partners.

NSWP provided each partner with a financial reporting spreadsheet and a narrative reporting template, to be submitted monthly by each partner. In addition, partners also submitted an annual activity calendar at the beginning of each year. These 3 documents provided the basis for the monthly calls, Zoom has allowed for interactive sessions, for example, by sharing screens, the effect of changing exchange rates on a partner's annual budget can be demonstrated. On each monthly call, the NSWP Operations and Programme Management team went through the latest submitted reports and raised any queries, giving the partner the opportunity to ask questions about the report submitted and/or upcoming activities.

Monthly calls have also helped identify technical support needs and establish a consistent exchange of up-to-date and accurate information, strengthening both organisational development and programme management. Since implementing the monthly calls, NSWP have found that regional networks have been better able to document their work with standardised tools and procedures, which

they themselves have now adapted and shared with their national partners. In addition, there has been cross-learning between finance staff and programme staff, helping to clarify and consolidate roles and responsibilities within the partners staff teams.

Monthly calls have also strengthened working relationships between NSWP staff and regional and national partners, and as they are monthly, NSWP staff are more aware of the progress of activity implementation and can provide support where activities are off-track. As a result of improved working relationships, NSWP have found that regional staff are far more likely to ask for guidance and help at an earlier stage, thus reducing significant deviations from approved workplans and budgets.

“I have learnt how to come up with an organisational budget and how to track our members grants expenditure; it has changed how we communicate with our members as we now are also having monthly calls with them.”

Rachael Kamau, Finance Operations Manager, ASWA.



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Virtual working

As a global network, NSWP has always worked online, however the COVID-19 pandemic has shifted more work with members, regional networks, national partners, external stakeholders, and allies to the virtual world. This shift has presented both opportunities and challenges.

During the pandemic, new technology was invested in to assist virtual working, which helped increase communication and productivity internally. The NSWP Secretariat also began holding virtual weekly team meetings.

“In the past, most day-to-day contact was exchanging emails... virtual communication platforms mean there is much more contact, often multiple times a day, in addition to planned chats. So liaison is fast, instant and regular. This has very much increased our effectiveness, responsiveness and improved our ability to deliver everything on time.”

Neil McCulloch, Senior Policy Officer, NSWP

The shift to virtual working has also prompted NSWP to engage with members in new ways. The virtual ‘Ask Any Questions’ sessions on the Global Fund, which were held on Zoom with simultaneous interpretation into 4 languages, began in 2021. These sessions enabled members to connect across the world and learn from one another, as well as from NSWP’s Senior Programme Officer and Global Fund staff.

One of the greatest challenges COVID-19 pandemic presented was travel restrictions, limiting opportunities for face-to-face interaction with and between sex worker-led organisations.

“Virtual working does make this more challenging, and it is necessary to work harder to maintain a strong connection with national partners...for me personally, having visited Kyrgyzstan, and South Sudan on a number of occasions, and also Bangkok with the regional network, when we have conversations my level of understanding is much higher than with Ghana and Cote d’Ivoire, where we have built a good virtual relationship, but I have never been to the countries.”

Mick Matthews, Senior Programme Officer, NSWP

Travel restrictions and lack of in-person meetings also presented challenges to ensuring that sex workers’ voices and priorities are given platforms. Many fora and conferences pivoted to hybrid or fully virtual formats, reducing time for speakers’ presentations and limiting opportunities to network and exert influence. It has made it harder to ensure sex worker and other civil society voices are heard in some spaces, such as CEDAW processes, International AIDS Conferences, and Generation Equality Forums.



Angela Villón from Miluska Vida y Dignidad, Peru, speaking at an online seminar on crime prevention measures (2021)

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Due to the digital format, participation was often limited to listening to speakers at each session and submitting questions and comments in the chat section. This format has not allowed for the meaningful involvement of sex worker-led organisations and other civil society groups. When sex workers have been given opportunities to voice their communities' issues and perspectives, there is often insufficient time for discussion, and participants rarely receive feedback on their input. Time zone differences have also hindered participation in live online international events, particularly for individuals located in the Asia-Pacific region, as events take place almost exclusively in North American or European time zones.

The need for affordable and stable internet connections presents one of the greatest challenges to virtual working and reinforces inequalities globally. Denise Carr, founder of the Suriname Collection of Sex Workers, reported that they were not able to maintain contact with some sex workers during curfew, since some sex workers, especially those in rural areas, did not have a smart phone or computer and could not afford data or airtime. To address this digital divide, sex worker-led organisations had to rapidly learn new technologies and find resources.

“We had to overcome many gaps – learning this technological toolkit, having money to pay for connectivity, computer management, smart phones. We overcame all of this to be able to meet among community members.”

Karina Bravo, Regional Coordinator, PLAPERTS

Even for those with internet connections, technical difficulties associated with online meetings and platforms have posed an additional barrier to effective civil society participation. Sex worker-led organisations in countries with expensive and

limited internet infrastructure were often at a disadvantage for online events. In addition, online meeting platforms seldom consider the needs of people who do not speak any of the colonial languages and people with disabilities, or may be technically complex, excluding participants and those less familiar with technology. This was a major issue reported by several sex worker-led organisations after the Generation Equality Forum.

“The system of virtual calls didn’t work well with us in PNG because of the mountainous provinces. The only way I communicated with my members was through phone calls, and that has consumed a lot of money for me to use to buy top-up cards for the leaders for Sex Workers in the Provinces.”

Cathy Ketepa, National Coordinator, Friends Frangipani



Flyer for an online event by ASWA (September 2021)

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NSWP Achievements



Strengthened capacity within sex worker-led networks and organisations

Technical Support

In 2021, NSWP continued to provide virtual technical support on strengthening capacity to five regional networks (APNSW, ASWA, CSWC, PLAPERTS and SWAN) and 6 GF country partners (FEMISS: South Sudan, WODA: Ghana, COVIE: Cote D'ivoire, Tais Plus: Kyrgyzstan, AMA: Myanmar and Friends Frangipani: Papua New Guinea), with financial support from [Global Fund CRG Strategic Initiative](#) and [Robert Carr Fund \(RCF\)](#). The NSWP Programme Management and Operations team had monthly calls with both regional networks and national partners. Technical support was also provided to Global Fund CRG Strategic Initiative national partners to draft outcome statements describing the desired change to be achieved by 2023 and develop advocacy plans with concrete steps for achieving their outcomes.

APNSW: NSWP continued to provide technical support to APNSW's Management Committee and Secretariat to strengthen capacity around organisational development, financial management, budgeting, adjusting workplans and human resource management. The Senior Policy Officer provided technical support on good governance practice and acted as returning officer for APNSW elections.

ASWA: NSWP continued to provide technical support to ASWA Secretariat to strengthen capacity around governance and organisational development, financial management, budgeting, managing exchange rates and human resource management. The Senior Policy Officer provided technical support on good governance practice and acted as returning officer for ASWA elections. NSWP 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 2021, attended by sex workers from Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia and Central African Republic and Kenya.

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 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 PLAPERTS' 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 human resource management, governance, leadership and organisational development.

ESWA: NSWP provided virtual technical support on specific policy issues as requested.

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 the local and national level within the five NSWP regions.

[Sex Worker Networks Consortium](#)

Through the Robert Carr Fund (RCF) grant to the Sex Worker Networks 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 – in-person community empowerment and capacity building activities were not always possible due to social distancing and travel restrictions. Many local, national and regional activities were conducted online, where activities were possible, organisations needed to make adjustments, such as conducting trainings with smaller groups, in external areas and supplying PPE.

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

Global Fund

All six country partners received virtual technical support on financial reporting, managing exchange rates and narrative reporting. In addition, technical support was provided to AMA, Myanmar on managing the programme throughout the military coup and resulting civil unrest.

CEDAW

NSWP worked with three countries in southern Africa to provide technical support for engaging with the CEDAW country review process. Sisonke in South Africa received support from NSWP to update and submit their shadow report to the 80th CEDAW session and to prepare a statement for the NGO hearing during the session. The report was updated to include a specific focus on the impact of COVID on rates of violence against sex workers in South Africa. Tiyané Vavassate in Mozambique and Sisonke Botswana received technical support for developing a national monitoring system to track their governments' response to the latest CEDAW Concluding Observations related to sex work published for each country. The process of drafting the national monitoring system is intended to

support Tiyané Vavassate and Sisonke Botswana in holding their governments accountable for responding to CEDAW Concluding Observations that affirm the human rights of sex workers. The data collected through the national monitoring systems will provide evidence to inform future shadow reports to the CEDAW Committee when each country's progress is reviewed.

Engagement in International Policy and Programme Platforms

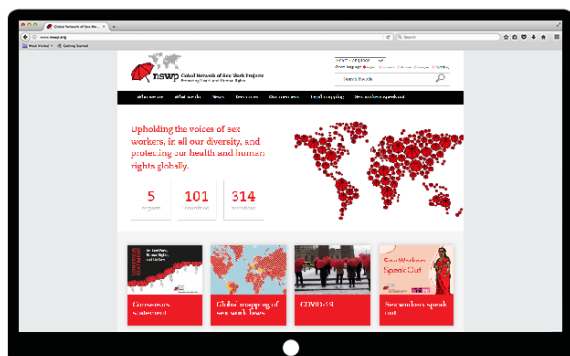
During 2021, NSWP representatives sat on the World Health Organization Civil Society Reference Group; The Global Fund Communities, Rights and Gender Advisory Group; the Global Fund Communities Delegation; Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC) Working Group; Interagency Working Group on Key Populations and the UN Steering Committee on HIV and Sex Work.

Additional to those reported above, during 2021 NSWP and members participated in a variety of international policy platforms including: conducting a Values and Preferences study for the updating of WHO Consolidated Key Population Guidelines and membership of the Guidelines Development Group; co-editing and contributing to Sex Work, Health and Human Rights published by Springer; participating in United Nations High Level Meeting on AIDS; attending the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings; participating in the GPC Key Population Community of Practice and the South-South Learning Network advisory groups and events.

In 2021, NSWP also co-hosted two events at CSW65. One side event was co-sponsored by the Kingdom of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of New Zealand, and the CMI Consortium: "Ensuring Public Participation, Amplified Voice and Safe Spaces for Sex Workers"

Rights Advocacy.” In addition, NSWP co-hosted the parallel event, “Inclusive Feminist Perspectives on the Meaningful Involvement of Sex Workers,” together with the Sex Worker Inclusive Feminist Alliance (SWIFA).

NSWP website and social media platforms



[NSWP's website](#) had 1,356,793 page views during 2021, an increase of 56.36% from 2020 and was accessed by 943,719 users, 8% of whom were returning visitors, and representing a 69.81% increase from 2020. 795,763 (84%) visitors entered the NSWP website via a search engine; 132,655 (14%) visitors entered by directly typing the URL of the website into their browser; and 6,354 (0.7%) visitors entered via social media.

355,761 (26%) of all visits to the NSWP website in 2021 were to pages in our [Members' section](#). In 2021, 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, 76,444 times (6% of all website hits). [News pages](#) were visited 90,849 times (7%) in 2021. The Communications Officer drafted 49 news stories for the website in

2021 – 5 from Africa, 5 from Asia Pacific, 8 from Europe, 1 from Latin America, 8 from North America and the Caribbean, and 22 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 2021, the group had 2,177 members. [The NSWP Facebook Page](#), created in July 2016 to communicate to NSWP members and external stakeholders, had 3,569 likes and 3,725 followers as of 31 December 2021 and the NSWP Twitter account, [@GlobalSexWork](#), has a wide reach with 24,486 followers as of 31 December 2021.

NSWP publications

In 2021 NSWP added infographics, videos, and animated videos to the range of formats we use for our advocacy tools.

Briefing Papers

The Consequences of Misinformation about Sex Work and Sex Workers (December 2021): This Briefing Paper examines the most common forms of misinformation about sex work and sex workers, as well as their impacts on policy, research, public discourse, and sex workers' everyday lives. This paper also explores strategies of how sex worker-led organisations have resisted and challenged misinformation, concluding with a list of recommendations for addressing the sources and impacts of misinformation about sex work and sex workers.

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

Policy Briefs

COVID-19 and Sex Workers/ Sex Worker-led Organisations (November 2021): This brief documents how sex worker-led organisations supported sex workers where states failed to provide adequate assistance in their social protection mechanisms and emergency responses. Finally, this paper examines the threats to sex workers and sex worker-led organisations as the world emerges from the pandemic, looks at how we can mitigate the harms and prepare sex worker-led organisations for future crises, and asks what lessons can be learned that might strengthen advocacy for sex workers' rights going forward.

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

Briefing Notes

Sex Workers' Participation in Public Life (March 2021): This Briefing Note was produced to provide information relating to the theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65). In March 2021, CSW65 was held virtually to explore women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

'Sexual Exploitation' in the Global Fund's Codes of Conduct (June 2021): The Global Fund has established Codes of Conduct which employees, resource recipients, suppliers, Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) members, and governance officials must uphold while carrying out their work. One of the requirements, which applies to all parties under these codes, is to prohibit 'sexual exploitation.' Due to widespread connotations of sex work with 'sexual exploitation,' however, there is concern that this provision may be misinterpreted to exclude sex workers. This Briefing Note clarifies this provision and provides

information which members can use if they are challenged by Global Fund stakeholders.

Guide for Allies to Meaningful Partnership and Engagement with Sex Worker-Led Organisations (October 2021): This Briefing Note reaffirms principles and best practices for meaningful engagement and partnership with sex worker-led organisations, provides practical examples illustrating the consequences of these actions and reiterates roles and expectations for allies to foster strong and sustainable partnerships.

Smart Guides



Smart Sex Worker's Guide to Digital Security (October 2021): This Smart Guide identifies some of the current trends in the use of ICT, exploring good and bad practices, and examines the threats and challenges to sex workers' safety, privacy, and well-being. It highlights the need for ICT developments that meet the highest security standards, are community-led and owned, that protect the health and other human rights of sex workers, and that do not replace essential face-to-face services for sex workers or undermine community empowerment at grassroots level. The Smart Guide draws on the

expertise of sex workers and key informants and concludes with recommendations for different stakeholders.

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

Statements and Responses

NSWP Statement of Support for the Decriminalisation of Sex Work in Malta (March 2021): NSWP released a statement strongly supporting efforts to decriminalise sex work that have been put forward by the Government of Malta. The statement reiterated the need for a human rights-based approach to sex work and encourage the Maltese government to continue with the law reform towards the full decriminalisation of sex work.

NSWP Welcomes OnlyFans' Reversal of Decision to Ban Sexually-Explicit Content (September 2021): NSWP published a statement welcoming reports that the online platform OnlyFans had reversed its decision to ban content containing "sexually-explicit conduct" on its website from October 2021, after the backlash the announcement received from its users. The plan would have resulted in a severe loss of income for many sex workers, including those who have moved online to work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for whom OnlyFans has become a main source of income as the pandemic continues.

NSWP Statement on the High Level Meeting on Trafficking of Persons: Conflation of Sex Work and Trafficking (November 2021): NSWP published a statement in response to the High Level Meeting on Trafficking in Persons. The conflation of sex work with trafficking and with 'sexual exploitation' is a major factor in perpetuating precarious working conditions in sex work. This conflation has led to extremely harmful legislation that limits sex workers' access to justice and services, and prevents them from organising for better work

conditions or asserting their human and labour rights.

Joint Publications

Sex Work, Health, and Human Rights: Global Inequities, Challenges, and Opportunities for Action (April 2021): This open access book provides a comprehensive overview of the health inequities and human rights issues faced by sex workers globally across diverse contexts, and outlines evidence-based strategies and best practices.

Support Sex Workers' Health & Human Rights: An Infographic of Evidence-Based Recommendations for Policy Makers (April 2021): This infographic, based on the open access book, highlights key evidence-based recommendations for policy makers.

Support Sex Workers' Health & Human Rights: An Infographic of Evidence-Based Recommendations for Researchers (April 2021): This infographic, based on the open access book, highlights key evidence-based recommendations for researchers.

Support Sex Workers' Health & Human Rights: An Infographic of Evidence-Based Recommendations for Service Providers (April 2021): This infographic, based on the open access book, highlights key evidence-based recommendations for service providers.

The success and challenges of GF - C19RM in meeting the needs of Key Populations (December 2021): The success and challenges of GF - C19RM in meeting the needs of Key Populations is a community-led report by MPact in partnership with NSWP, INPUD and GATE. The report was supported by Global Fund: Community Rights and Gender – Strategic Initiative.

Case Studies

Sex Worker-led Organisations' Engagement with International Policies and Guidelines: A Review of Policy Impacts from 2016–2020 (January 2021):

This case study is the fourth and final instalment in a series produced by NSWP over a five-year period. Spanning the years 2015 to 2019, three previous case studies documented the role of NSWP and its member organisations in the development, implementation, and monitoring of rights-affirming international guidelines and policies on sex work. These case studies also examined the usage and impact of international guidelines and policies in local, national, and regional sex worker advocacy.



Sex Worker-led
Organisations' Engagement
with the Women's
Movement

Case Study: Sex Worker-led Organisations' Engagement with the Women's Movement

(December 2021): This case study documents the evolution of NSWP and its network's diverse engagements within the women's movement, examining the most significant challenges and achievements, as well as their impacts. Additionally, this case study showcases perspectives from external stakeholders within the women's movement who have engaged closely with sex worker-led organisations. Finally, this case study explores lessons learned from these engagements and discusses strategies for addressing ongoing and emerging challenges.

Animated Videos

NSWP Consensus Statement on Sex Work, Human Rights, and the Law (January 2021)

The Impact of Anti-trafficking Legislation and Initiatives on Sex Workers (January 2021)

Challenging the introduction of the Nordic Model (January 2021)

Sex Work and the Law (January 2021)

Sex Work as Work (January 2021)

Videos

Sex Workers Speak Out (December 2021): In December, NSWP launched the first 17 videos of the Sex Workers Speak Out project. The Sex Workers Speak Out project gives sex workers the chance to speak out about sex work and decent work; and sex work, sexual and reproductive health & rights (SRHR) and bodily autonomy. Eventually the project will feature 100 videos of sex workers from around the world.

Global Fund Basics: The Board, Constituencies/Delegations, and Committees (May 2021)

Global Fund Basics: Country Coordinating Mechanisms (July 2021)

Global Fund Basics: Catalytic Investments (November 2021)

Infographics

NSWP Consensus Statement on Sex Work, Human Rights, and the Law (January 2021)

The Decriminalisation of Third Parties (January 2021)

Smart Service Provider's Guide to ICT and Sex Work (January 2021)

The Impact of Anti-trafficking Legislation and Initiatives on Sex Workers (January 2021)



The Impact of Criminalisation on Sex Workers' Vulnerability to HIV and Violence (January 2021)

The Meaningful Involvement of Sex Workers in the Development of Health Services Aimed At Them (January 2021)

Challenging the Introduction of the Nordic Model (January 2021)

Sex Work and the Law (January 2021)

Sex Work as Work (January 2021)

The Smart Sex Worker's Guide to SWIT (January 2021)

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 General Assembly, Special Rapporteurs and Human Rights Council and Working Groups

UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, for her annual thematic report on Disinformation (February 2021)

UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing for his thematic reports to the GA and HRC on "Housing Discrimination and spatial segregation" (April 2021)

Impact: The Special Rapporteur's resulting report to the HRC highlights systematic discrimination, stigmatisation and criminalisation against sex workers, including in States where sex work is legalised with regulation, and countries that implement a Nordic Model approach. NSWP partnered with the Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) in a joint statement given live at the interactive dialogue at the HRC in March 2022 where the report was launched, underlining the continuing role of criminalisation in this discrimination. The webcast of SRI delivering the statement available [here](#). [Statement text](#) on SRI website and on Twitter [here](#).

Joint response with IWRAW-AP to the Summary Report of UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights at 10 (UNGPS10+) Consultation on the Gender Dimensions of Business and Human Rights: "Ensuring Protection of Rights of Sex Workers as Vulnerable Workers and Rights-Holders in the Global Economy" (May 2021)

UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, for a thematic report on "The right to sexual and reproductive

health – challenges and opportunities during COVID – 19. (June 2021)

Impact: The Special Rapporteur's report highlighted the heavy toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on sex workers caused by criminalisation, including content on the specific impacts, lack of financial support and social protection, and reduced access to commodities and testing & treatment for STIs. Report highlighted NSWPs COVID impact survey. Subsequently, the O'Neill Institute hosted a conversation with the Special Rapporteur (Tlaleng Mofokeng) on her recent report on sexual and reproductive health rights during COVID-19 in October 2021 – which included mentions of the impact on sex workers.

Written statement on the Conflation of Sex Work and Trafficking to UNGA High Level Meeting on Trafficking In Persons (November 2021):

Published on UNGA HLM and UNODC website in advance of the HLM: (NSWP's statement is on pages 12-16 in the compilation document comprising all the submitted statements [third block of text]).

Member States

NSWP Statement of Support for the Decriminalisation of Sex Work in Malta (March 2021)

Impact: Subsequently featured in Maltese press.

Submission to Ministry of Women and Child Development India for public consultation on Draft Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021 (India) (July 2021)

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 2021, 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.
- **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 2022



The following advocacy tools will be developed in 2022:

- Briefing Paper and Community Guide on the Impact of Anti-Rights Movements on Sex Workers
- Briefing Paper and Community Guide on Migration and Sex Work
- Smart Sex Worker's Guide to Community-led Responses to COVID-19
- Smart Sex Worker's Guide to the Global Fund Strategy
- Smart Sex Worker's Guide to Social Protection and Sex Work
- Updating of NSWP legal mapping of sex work related laws, 10 new national case studies and a regional briefing paper reflecting on laws in Africa.

Financial Summary 2021



Income 2021

NSWP would like to thank the following donors for their financial support during 2021:

INCOME	£
Aids Fonds – Hands Off	9,015
Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks (RCF)	964,536
The Global Fund	196,999
Love Alliance	85,617
Open Society Foundations – Sexual Health and Rights Program	11,991
UNAIDS	8,675
CREA/CMI	3,843
KP e-learning	5,132
WHO	16,069
AJWS	2,294
Georgetown University	435
SOZE	1,544
Miscellaneous	8,295
TOTAL INCOME	£1,314,445

Expenditure 2021

EXPENSES	£
Global Personnel (staff and global, national and task consultants)	391,379
Global activities	60,672
Global operating costs	59,112
Capital costs	5,462
Regional Sex Worker-led Networks activities:	
Africa	245,423
Asia Pacific	253,849
Europe	148,170
Latin America	67,499
North America and Caribbean	70,588
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,302,154



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