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# SPAN

## Soroptimist Programme Action News

**Welcome** to the July 2022 edition of the Programme Action News

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**FROM OUR PROGRAMME CONVENOR**



Welcome back to eSpan. Congratulations to all clubs who held events and activities for Environment Month. Our Zone coordinators are sharing your good work seen in the programme reports, to inspire others and to recognise that every little deed helps build relationships that benefit all.

In the past month, many international events reiterate that 'suicidal war with nature' must stop, so we can restore environmental systems on which our healthy lives depend. What we do locally, contributes to better care nationally and globally. Here although most report cards are grim, ocean pollution has reduced up to 30% in our Federation according to the [World Economic Forum](#), and the Blue Economy (ocean health, productivity for coastal and island peoples, eco-tourism) benefits. Other ecosystems are dire. [SDG Report 2022](#) SDG 13 (Climate action), SDG 14 (Life below water), SDG 15 (Life on land), SDG 6 (Water), SDG 12 (War on waste), SDG 7 (Renewable energy).

UN Habitat (SDG 11 Sustainable communities) held World Urban Forum in Poland directing us on humanitarian migration, spatial justice (who uses, who benefits, who pays), and better governance towards better participation by residents in long-term decision-making, so land is used for the highest value – maybe growing food instead of more concrete houses that flood. For some places it's too late, so food is grown on roofs, walls, old carparks or in hydroponic sheds. Read more [HERE](#).

In our Soroptimist world, the global AGM shared outstanding projects helping lives of girls and women within each Federation and our countries have signed the '[Every Women Treaty](#)'. Soroptimists everywhere are urging our members of parliaments to read, promote and implement it. (hotlink). In the Global Impact and Global Policy Committee we are appointing youth representative so that we canvass matters with future focus and language. **Lauren Johnson** (29-year-old dental nurse) from SI Launceston joined Global Impact and we expect to welcome others soon.

July and August UN Day Observances can be found further down in the eSpan, click on the link to find informative information.

**UN Oceans 2022 – Super Year for the Ocean**

2022 has also become a super year for the ocean with a number of key breakthroughs with the Ocean Conference introducing a new chapter on ocean action. The UN Environment Assembly in March consensually agreed to begin negotiations for a binding global treaty to end plastic pollution. While last month, the World Trade Organization succeeded in reaching general consensus on banning harmful fisheries subsidies. This year's Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction could also lead to strengthening governance of the high seas. Later this year, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) is an opportunity to achieve a new target to protect 30 per cent of the planet's lands and seas by 2030. UNFCCC COP 27 to take place in November, will see a focus on climate adaptation measures and financing required to build ocean resilience.

You can find more details here:

[Climate Health in the Pacific](#)

[SDG Report 2022](#)

Yay for Soroptimists who didn't drop the ball!

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### **Vale Hilary Page**

Soroptimist International President Maureen Maguire today announced that " Past International President Hilary Page passed away this morning (14 July 2022)".

Hilary was a Soroptimist for 50 years, and held many positions serving at Club, Region, Federation, and International levels. She was Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Federation President from 1989 to 1990, and Soroptimist International President from 1997 to 1999. She was

awarded honorary membership of SIGBI in 2011 in recognition of her contribution to the women's movement and lifetime commitment to gender equality. Please read President Maureen's full message [HERE](#).

I would also like to add my condolences on behalf of members and friends from South East Asia Pacific to the members of the Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and to Hilary's family. Hilary was well known and loved in our Federation. Hilary was a great mentor and she did indeed encourage and motivate women.

I first met Hilary in 1996 at a conference, and she took the time to speak with a 'newbie' and encouraged me to learn more about Soroptimist the work we do., and to become more involved and this encouragement continued for some years. Thank you Hilary for your years of service to women and girls through your involvement as a Soroptimist.

***Christine Johnstone***

***SISEAP President 2022-2024***



## SISEAP Special Appeal - Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis

South East Asia Pacific Soroptimists continue their support of their European sisters through the SISEAP Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

This month a further **\$6690.00** was **donated**, bringing a **total of \$10.412** from **our Federation**. These funds are to assist European Soroptimists with projects for the Ukraine Humanitarian response to aide women and girls.

There is still a great need for funds to assist clubs with their humanitarian aide, you can donate through the SISEAP website [HERE](#).

## FEDERATION PROJECT



As you know this is our current Federation project that enables clubs to apply for a grant to undertake a project. Has your club donated to this in the last 12 months? If not, there is still time to do so. Part of the grant includes regular updates and reports have been received from SI Bangsar, SI Petaling Jaya, and SI Port Moresby on the progress of their projects. Read more about their projects [HERE](#).

# SI PRESIDENT APPEAL



## OPENING DOORS TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

SI PRESIDENT'S  
APPEAL 2021 - 2023



SI President's appeal coordinator Linna Khorn brings us up to date on the project in Cambodia. The project is located in Sian Reap Cambodia, which is one of SISEAP Federation countries. The focus of the project is on girls aged to fifteen and newly widowed women. The programme gives extensive help to girls needing to return to education and continued support to ensure they transition from primary to secondary school. For widows and women who head households, the programme provides training to ensure they become financially independent.

SI with their partnership with Cambodia community dream Organisation (CCDO) in identifying and recruiting women and girls who will benefit from the programme has been more effective. During the first three months 1570 women and girls joined the programme from six different communities.

Linna shares with us the personal story of "Mrs. Makara CHHAK". During the pandemic COVID 19, her family completely lost income due to her husband Mr. SOK Met couldn't travel to work in the city. In early February 2022, when CCDO began to recruit women and girls for the empowerment program Makara heard about and decided to participate in the program for 2 years. Read her personal story [HERE](#).

To read more about the partnership of Soroptimist International with CCDO and the work which

has been achieved to this date in Sian Reap, read the two page spread in the latest edition of the HLPF report published this week. Which can be found on SI's website [HERE](#).

Headquarters is pleased to report that \$8,975.89 was transferred to Soroptimist International President's appeal from our Federation, to continue this valuable work it is important that clubs and individuals continue to support to donate to the project which is being implemented in our own Federation

DONATE NOW!

## SOUL SISTERS

### Celebrating

- Diversity
- Culture
- Harmony
- Friendships

Through **FOOD**

Commences August

Kemang Club, celebrity chefs Suharti and Devi



Clubs in Friendship - Make sure you reserve Sunday August 21 at 2pm AEST, to tune into the very first Soul Sisters event, every kitchen, every dish has a story. Join SI Kemang Club and their celebrity chefs Suharti and Devi as they demonstrate how to cook a traditional Indonesian dish and their club members talk about current club projects. Why not organise a club function to tune and watch?

Register to attend this fun event [HERE](#).

# ADVOCACY WORK



Advocacy work by SI Westland titled "New Zealand Soroptimists On-Line". SI Westland will host a series of webinars for their club members fellow Soroptimist and friends.

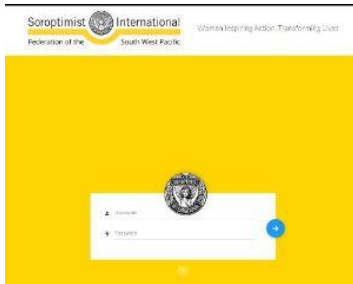
**16 August - "Humanitarian Relief"** SI Romania leaders will come on line to talk about their projects with Ukraine refugee women. The project involves all Romanian clubs.

**21 September - "The Big C Down There"** Ovarian Cancer is the national project by Soroptimist New Zealand, this webinar will host an Ovarian Cancer specialist, who will be joined by Kath Mazzella who will present Gyn cancer.

There will be additional webinars in October and November.

Watch out for registration links and further promotional material.

# PROGRAMME REPORTING DATABASE



The Programme Reporting database allows SISEAP to monitor and measure our impact. This collection of data assists to measure our work in terms of quality and quantity, it supports the work we do.

Our ECOSOC status is reliant on reporting on the valuable work we do, the programme reporting database provides the programme team with this data. The database provides a variety of reports for clubs, regions, countries, it reports against the 8 objectives and the SDG's.

Has your club reported your projects and activities for this year? If you do not know, why not ask the club at your next meeting? Don't know how to report then reach out to your zone coordinator or watch the webinar on the website. Report to the database and tell the world about your valuable work.

## Having problems with the Programme Database?

If you have any issues logging in to the SISEAP Programme Database, please contact Dr Donnell Davis, Programme Convenor [swpprogramme2020@siswp.org](mailto:swpprogramme2020@siswp.org).

## UN SDG WORK



CSW66 was held in March, with the Commission on the Status of Women adopting agreed conclusions on:

*"Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes".*

Soroptimist International participated in 4 side events during CSW66, you are able to listen to these recordings from the Soroptimist International website,

To listen or view click the name of each recording below.

[New Paradigm for Women: Dignity through Decent Work](#)

[Women, Water, Climate Change - Roles and risks tackling the challenges](#)

[Older Women's Universal Right to Economic Security](#)

[Opening Doors to a Brighter Future - Educating, Empowering and Enabling Women](#)

# Education & Empowerment

*Opening doors for women and girls following the COVID-19 pandemic*



Soroptimist International  
Report for the High-Level Political Forum 2022

**The High Level Political Forum (HLPF)** on sustainable development will be held in New York from **5-15 July 2022**. The HLPF is the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. It is the apex of the architecture for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda established by the 2030 Agenda and General Assembly resolution 70/299.

Member countries and major groups and other stakeholders are invited to prepare voluntary national reviews on their efforts to achieve the 2030 agenda. Soroptimist International have submitted their HLPF. This HLPF report highlights the thousands of projects undertaken by Soroptimists world wide which seek to improve the lives and status of all women and girls and address the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination they face. Download the HLPF report [HERE](#).

If you would like to know when your country last submitted a HLPF see below:

Australia 2018 , Cambodia 2019, Malaysia 2021, Singapore 2023, Indonesia 2021, Mongolia 2023, Thailand 2021

PNG 2020, New Zealand 2019, Samoa 2020, Fiji 2023

View your countries report [HERE](#).

## UN DAYS



### UN Day Observances

#### July

11 July - [World Population Day](#)

20 July - [International Moon Day](#)

30 July - [World Day Against Trafficking in Persons](#)

#### August

1-7 Aug - [Breastfeeding Week](#)

9 Aug - [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)

12 Aug - [International Youth Day](#)

19 Aug - [World Humanitarian Day](#)

23 Aug - [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition](#)

29 Aug - [International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#)

## AROUND THE FEDERATION



### Environment

### Environment Month - Club Activities

#### SI Lautoka, Fiji - Mangrove Planting and Compost Bins

SI Lautoka continued their Mangrove planting to coincide with World Ocean Day 2022. One Ocean, One Climate, One Future together, by planting mangrove seedlings at the Namoli Seashore on Saturday 11th June, an amazing 2,000 seedlings were planted.



### **SI Griffith - Donation of Bee Houses to Local Schools**

SI Griffith club members embraced the suggestion by one of their members, Jennifer Van Den Hoek to purchase Bee Houses and donate these to local schools as one of their contributions to Environment month. Of the 19 schools in the area who were approached, 15 took up the offer to receive one. The items were purchased from a local hardware store and delivered to the schools. Each Bee House had a label attached indicating that it had been donated by Soroptimist International Griffith for World Environment Month 2022.

The club is hoping that the children will be encouraged to monitor the behaviour of insects and bees, to safely navigate the spaces they share with these important creatures and to increase their respect for our precious environment.



### **SI Mackay - Revisited their Trees**

SI Mackay took on the challenge last year to plant 100 trees, in conjunction with the Mackay Regional Council. This year as part of the June environment celebrations, members enjoyed a morning tea to revisit their planting. These photos show the planting in action last year and the

group standing behind the bench this year with their last year's planting in the background. Look how the trees have grown in a little under 12 months. Amazing.

**From This**



**to This**



### **Club Environment Month Activities From Mongolia.**

It is summer in our most northern SISEAP region and the blue skies show what perfect weather they have had for being out in the environment. Members from the 3 clubs did not waste the opportunity to become involved with SISEAP Environment month.

**SI Erdenet** involved the girls from the SHUUDER girls centre to get involved with Environment month. The campaign involved the girls from the centre joining with the members from SI Erdenet to collect waste from around Khuvsgol Lake and also plant honey suckle seedlings.

SI Erdenet celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a special event attended by members from SI Darkhan, where both Clubs took the opportunity for members to obtain some blue honey suckle seedlings. These plants originated in Siberia and northeastern Asia but have been grown more recently in Japan, Russia and Canada where they have been found to have high levels of bioactive compounds associated with therapeutic uses. This is a new plant to Mongolia and is expected to do well given its tolerance to cold conditions.

*Images top left and right the Shuuder project, and bottom left and right the honey suckle planting*



### **SI Ulaanbaatar Club - Planted 60 Elms**

Members of the Ulaanbaatar Club planted 60 Elms in the Incheon Dream Grove. The Grove is part of the Incheon National Park project in Ulaanbaatar, an initiative to plant 10,000 trees in 10 years as a mark of Mongolian and Korean friendship.



### **SI Amgalan Park Beautification**

Soroptimist members from SI Amgalan, their family and friends environment activity brought all ages together to plant flowers in the local park. Creating a beautiful vista for people to enjoy during the coming months.



## DID YOU KNOW?



***Does your club have a brilliant project, and you want to tell the world about it!***

The SI 2023 convention organisers would like to give individual clubs, unions, regions, national association, or country an opportunity to share their successful, completed or ongoing programme action initiatives with the wide International Soroptimist community at the Soroptimist International Convention in Dublin in 2023.

All programmes must address one, or interrelated cluster of the UN Sustainable

Development Goals (SDG's). You will be asked to submit an overview of your work through our designated submission system and if successful, you will be asked to create a poster to summarise your work. 50 posters will be selected by a designated panel of SI members representing each Federation and showcased at the SI 2023 Convention in Dublin.

Visit the SI Convention website [HERE](#) to learn more about our three-step submission process.

**Poster applications due 31 July.**



We have just had a very successful environmental awareness month. There was many suggestions on how to change your behavior and create sustainable change to reduce your carbon footprint.

One Small Step, is a free mobile app with tailored programs to help you cut your carbon footprint. They use behavioural science to make green living simple, easy and fun. To download this free app go to the App Store, Google Play, or visit this website for more information [HERE](#).

# Women's Forum 10 Recommendations to G7 Leaders

## Strengthening Inclusive Climate Action

- 1** MAINSTREAM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN CLIMATE ACTION FROM MITIGATION TO ADAPTATION POLICIES  
*To address women's increased vulnerability to climate change and empower women in climate action*
- 2** ENSURE GENDER EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE GREEN ECONOMY AND SUPPORT WOMEN-LED SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS  
*To promote women's economic empowerment and accelerate diversity and inclusion*

## Breaking the Gender Bias

- 3** IMPLEMENT A GENDER EQUALITY INDEX  
*To monitor and correct gender imbalances in the private and public sector*
- 4** STRENGTHEN PARENTAL LEAVE POLICIES  
*To mitigate the effects of gender imbalances in care responsibilities*

## Fostering Healthy Lives for All

- 5** IDENTIFY AND TACKLE WOMEN'S HEALTH NEEDS  
*To ensure women's adequate treatment*
- 6** DESIGN TRULY INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS  
*To remove gender inequalities in the health sector and foster shared responsibilities in the care economy*

## Promoting Equal Representation in the Jobs of the Future

- 7** DEVELOP A GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION PLAN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL  
*To achieve gender parity in tertiary STEM education*
- 8** BUILD TAILORED RESKILLING AND UP-SKILLING PROGRAMMES  
*To equip women with STEM skills and facilitate their participation in the jobs of the future*

## Designing Feminist Diplomacy for Peace

- 9** ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY IN ALL FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMATIC BODIES  
*To ensure equal and diverse representation in all decision-making processes at the global level*
- 10** ENSURE 100% OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IS ALLOCATED TO FOSTER GENDER EQUALITY  
*To implement gender-responsive foreign policy and diplomacy*

A reminder to send in your work as soon as you have completed it. The Programme team love hearing and promoting club's advocacy and project work. It also helps provide ideas to other clubs in the Federation.

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