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2020 is an year that made severe impact on the human relationships in the form of COVID 19. It has changed the world order. Unavailability of vaccine to counter, health system advised people to protect themselves by using mask to cover mouth and nose, washing hands frequently and maintaining social distance . Maintaining social distance is a term wrongly used in place of physical distance. Social workers made corrections to this usage at many places because we can have and we must have social relationship even while maintaining a physical distance. Social Workers role was highly demanded and appreciated during COVID 19 around the world. Probably this may be an occasion in which social workers across the world worked for a single cause. The contribution of social workers were widely appreciated by society and governments.

COVID 19 has delayed or made to cancel many ongoing programmes. Lakhs of people lost job, brought many changes in the education systems with the introduction and wide application of online platforms. Work from home became a new way of job. Many changes in the social systems that CORONA has brought is like to stay in our society. People learned to lead a simple life especially in celebrating social functions at home and in community. The social workers could more observe the poor condition of people in many strata, calling the government for a redistribution of resources among the needy and progressing more as a welfare state.

COVID 19 has delayed the publication of this issue also. The first article studies the livelihoods of persons with disabilities in Vietnam. Le Thi Nhung studies the employment situations and training facilities for people with disabilities in Vietnam. The study also covers the gaps in the present policies and

programmes to address the issues of people with disabilities.

Second article by Alena Rose Anil, Ansia Badar, Sharilakshmi and Parvathy studies the resilience of children during the Kerala floods in 2018 which was one of most devastating natural calamity occurred in Kerala in the recent past. The study also covers the resilience and coping of children during flood.

Domestic violence has its implications in family. It also affects the children often becomes a reason for the abuse cases. In the third article Anne Carolin and Gladston Xavier covers the topic in detail.

The problems of elderly population is a matter of serious concern in the modern society where there is drastic changes in the culture and value systems. Bijo B Jose, Jeena Joby and Teresa John studies the attitude of youth towards elderly in the fourth article. the study also suggests possible measures to address the issue.

Society plays a major role in helping the children to overcome the abuse and its effects. Jennifer Sonya Rani and Gladston Xavier through the fifth article studies the problem and suggests how the existing institutions in the society can be useful in tackling the issue.

Stress, Self Compassion and Coping Mechanisms among Social Work Students is an area less addressed . the situation of social work students in Kerala has been studied by Jibimol and Jeslet Mathai in the sixth article.

The articles in this issue though limited in scope have touched upon different issues related to special population such as children and elderly. A special appreciation to all authors for their timely contribution for this issue. The knowledge shared through this issue will be highly useful for the practicing social workers.