

VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK :

WHY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK

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MEANING – VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK

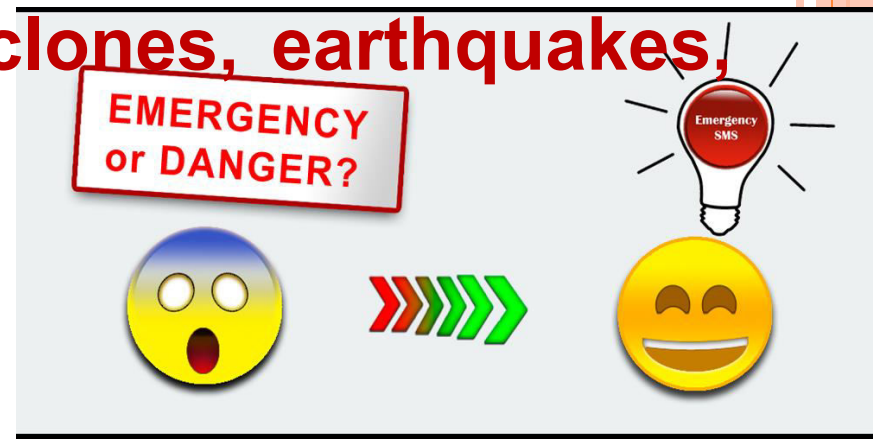
- In general terms, volunteering is the practice of people
 - ➔ *working on behalf of others*
 - ➔ *without payment for their time and services.*
- Apart from this, there are other types of voluntary work that, though aiming
 - ➔ *to improve the situation of people,*
 - ➔ *different categories of voluntary service such as environmental, cultural, leisure and community work.*



**Do you
know what
to do?**

VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK

- But in the context we are currently dealing with, voluntary social work can be considered as the type of service **devoted to people with special needs.**
- Normally it is done during emergency situation like **war, fire, famine, cyclones, earthquakes, and massive accident.**



REASON FOR VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK

There are 4 main reasons for Voluntary Social Work

- A Sense of Urgency
- Self – Sacrifice
- Responsibility towards the community
- Dignity and interest in Services



PRINCIPLES OF VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORKER

- ✓ Sense of human touch, flexibility.
- ✓ Sense of belonging and helping.
- ✓ Dependable, punctual, honest and emotionally balanced.
- ✓ Keep proper records of attendance and work done.
- ✓ Consider the people suggestion, should encourage the people.
- ✓ Able to get fullest co-operation from the community for Voluntary social work.



AREAS OF VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK


Volunteering is one of the most effective ways to gain meaningful, hands-on experience in the social work field.

- Child, Family, and School Social Workers
 - Medical Social Workers
 - Industrial Social Workers
 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
 - Military Social Workers
 - Community Social Workers
 - Social Work Administrators, Researchers, Planners and Policymakers
 - International Opportunities
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WHY SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION?



WHAT IS PROFESSION

- A paid occupation, especially one that involves **prolonged training and a formal qualification.**
 - A **profession** is a disciplined group of individuals who adhere to **ethical standards.**
 - Professionals are governed by **codes of ethics, and profess commitment to competence, integrity and morality, altruism,** and the promotion of the public good within their expert domain.
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CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROFESSION

- Great responsibility. ...
- Prescribed Academic Qualification...
- Based on Specialized, Theoretical Knowledge. ...
- Institutional Preparation. ...
- Specified Course of Study ...
- Clients rather than customers. ...
- Direct Working Relationships. ...
- Ethical Constraints
- Long term of Preparation



SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION

- The social work profession **promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being.**
- Social work in its various forms addresses the multiple, complex transactions between people and their environments.
- Its mission is to enable all people to develop their full potential, enrich their lives, and prevent dysfunction.
- Professional social work is focused on problem solving and change. As such, social workers are change agents in society and in the lives of the individuals, families and communities they serve. Social work is an interrelated system of values, theory and practice.



QUALITY ENHANCEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION


- **Values** : Social work grew out of humanitarian and democratic ideals, and its values are based on respect for the equality, worth, and dignity of all people.
- **Theory** : Social work bases its methodology on a systematic body of evidence-based knowledge derived from research and practice evaluation, including local and indigenous knowledge specific to its context.
- **Practice** : Social work addresses the barriers, inequities and injustices that exist in society. It responds to crises and emergencies as well as to everyday personal and social problems

WHAT DO SOCIAL WORKERS DO?

- Social workers help individuals, families, and groups restore or enhance their capacity for social functioning, and work to create societal conditions that support communities in need.
- The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior, of social, economic and cultural institutions, and of the interaction of all these factors.



WHAT DO SOCIAL WORKERS DO?

- Social workers help people of all backgrounds address their own needs through psychosocial services and advocacy.
 - Social workers help people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges: poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, physical illness, divorce, loss, unemployment, educational problems, disability, and mental illness. They help prevent crises and counsel individuals, families, and communities to cope more effectively with the stresses of everyday life.
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**VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK
VS
PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK**



VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK VS PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK

- Need to Pay
- Member of Specific Community
- Fixed Time
- Field Of Practice
- Work for Org.
- No Pay
- Non – Professional
- At any Time
- No Need of Practice
- Work for Community



***“God is everywhere.
He sleeps in stones,
Awakes in plants and
Speaks only in man.
Service to man, therefore,
Is the highest worship of
God?”***



THANK YOU

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