

CHAPTER # 01

INTRODUCTION

Lecture no: 03

In today's lecture we will go through the following points.

- *The nature of social work*
- *Social work and some other related concepts*

THE NATURE OF SOCIAL WORK

As we have already define social work that it is the art as well as service to create adjustment between available resources and needs of an individual, group and community by applying scientific method of helping people to help themselves. The process is carried out through a professional social worker or workers, who is attached to an agency or organization.

Social work is not a charitable activity, that is carried out through helping the people for some specific time frame, but it is actually an enabling activity, through which the individual or a group of people are made self sufficient to work by themselves, (conti

So that they may help themselves through self efforts. Social work doesn't provide a caught fish, but it teaches the technique that how to catch a fish. A well known hadees of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) reflects completely the basic moto and spirit of social work.

One day one of the companion(sahabi) of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) approached to the Prophet and craved that I have nothing to eat. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) instead giving some Rashan gave him an axe and said to go to the nearer mountain and cut the wood, bring them to market and sell, and repeat the activity daily, after some days the companion came to the Prophet and said I have earned more than that of my consumption. So, this is one of the fine practice and example of social work which made the companion self sufficient.

SOCIAL WORK AND OTHER RELATED CONCEPTS

To differentiate among social work and other concepts we are going to describe each concept below.

1) Social work

"it is a professional service based upon the scientific knowledge and skill in the human relation, which enables the individual, groups and community to achieve individual as well as collective independence through self-help. It is usually performed by an agency or organization. It is carried out through a professional social worker".

2) Social welfare

"unlike social work, social welfare is a general and broader approach. It is just like a department, which is an organized system of institutions and services developed to aid the individual, group and community to attain their life goals and needs".

Under the social welfare umbrella many agencies are working in different places, which provides different kind of support to the needy people through mobilizing their resources. It plays the role of a department.

Social security

"the aid which is provided to needy people against the contingencies of future life or the modern world, like old age assistance, unemployment, life security and other social needs is known as social security".

Social security is the basic responsibility of any welfare state. The state must provide social security to its inhabitants so that they may overcome the future contingencies of life. In developing countries it is a big problem to provide social security to their citizens.

Social assistance

"the aid which is provided at the time of natural calamities or disasters to the people of community so that to get rid of the unexpected challenges is called social assistance. Like flood, famine, earth quake, epidemic etc."

Some time the word is dealt synonym to social work, however, there is clear difference between the two words. Social assistance is an emergency assistance provided by the government as well as non governmental agencies at the time of natural disasters or other unexpected calamities.

Social services

"it has a broad domain, which consists the work and activities that utilizes the human resources for the services of the human beings, so that to protect them from social handicaps. Such as health care, education, rural development, shelter, hygienic services etc."

It usually promotes the social well-being. It is broad based service, needed by the people through out their life. The services are provided by government as well as non governmental agencies to the community people.

Social policy

"it is a technical concept, which serves as inter-related principles according to which attempts are made to find solution to the problems or achieve the social goals. It is changed continuously as a result of changing circumstances.

Social work policy

"it is a system of inter-related principles and courses of action by a welfare agency to

- *Determine the nature and range of social work interaction.*
- *Formulate programs for service delivery*
- *Maintain and improve the expertise of social workers and other service workers and*
- *Promote social work research.*

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