HOW TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS? STRENGTHEN OUR SOCIAL SERVICE WORKFORCE.

Failing to strengthen the workforce means wasting valuable resources. A well-planned, well-trained, and well-supported workforce is better equipped to respond to multiple challenges in our communities and ensure the positive impact of investments in social issues.

A strong social service workforce is comprised of paid and unpaid, governmental and nongovernmental workers who ensure the healthy development and well-being of children and families worldwide.

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Fact: An estimated 36.7 million people worldwide were living with HIV at the end of 2015.1
Example Action: In countries such as Uganda, social service workers help to fill gaps between health facilities and community-based care. The success of referrals to HIV-related health services increased from 50% in some settings to an average of 85%.2

Fact: Worldwide, nearly 1 out of 40 children have been uprooted from their home.3
Example Action: Unaccompanied children in the UK, Zambia, and Mexico are assigned social workers who are well-trained to understand their needs and rights and can ensure access to safe solutions and services.3

Fact: Approximately, one billion children worldwide have experienced physical, sexual or psychological violence in the past year.4
Example Action: Parenting programs, such as a 12-week session implemented by local well-trained child care workers in South Africa, result in reported reductions in child abuse and parental stress.5

By strengthening the social service workforce, policy and decision makers empower the people who will make our Global Goals a success.

Visit socialserviceworkforce.org to learn more about how you can strengthen the social service workforce.