

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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ENSURING CHILD WELL-BEING



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

SDGs:

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- 11
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ADDRESSING HEALTH CHALLENGES



SDGs:

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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

SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



SDGs:

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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 can ensure access to safe solutions and services.³

CALL TO ACTION

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.



¹WHO, Global Health Observation data, <http://www.who.int/gho/hiv/en/> ²The Bantwana Initiative <http://bantwana.org/what-we-do/our-model/> ³UNICEF (2016). Uprooted, The growing Crisis for Refugee and Migrant Children. ⁴WHO, Violence and Injury Prevention, http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/inspire/en/ ⁵Cluver, L. et. al. (2016). Reducing child abuse amongst adolescents in low- and middle-income countries: A pre-post trial in South Africa.