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Question: With reference to the functions of social work, in what ways can social workers help to solve social problems in your society?

What are the functions of Social Work: There are three functions of social work which are

1. Restoration
2. Provision of possessions
3. Prevention

These are the three functions of social and they are two which have characteristics which is curative, rehabilitative, developmental and educational.

* Restoration function has two characteristics which are

1. Curative: This aspect eliminates the factors responsible for the individual’s impaired social functioning. This means that they are distributed interpersonal dealings that are corrected through removing the factors responsible for it. After removing the factors for the problem, the individual has to adjust to a new remedy.
2. Rehabilitative: This function entails helping the individual to adjust to the needs of the new situation.

* Provision of possession also has two characteristics which are

1. The developmental aspect is intended to enhance effectiveness of the possessions and to improve personality factors for effective social interaction.
2. The educational aspect is intended to inform the public about specific circumstances and needs for new or changing situations.

* Prevention of social dysfunctioning: It comprises early detection, control or elimination of circumstances and situations that potentially could hamper effective social functioning.

How to solve social problems in our society

We all know they are various social problems in our society or better still our country. And they are different ways of solving the problems which social workers can use to solve the problems in our society. Using the curative method we can eliminate the factors responsible for their actions and after that the person is to adjust to a new remedy and using the rehabilitative entails helping to adjust to the needs of the new situation e.g. when a person is caught stealing they are going to eliminate the factors responsible for the stealing and give the person a new remedy and then the person needs to adjust to the new situation. The developmental has to enhance the effectiveness of the possessions and it has to improve their personalities for effective social interaction e.g. When the robber has adjusted to the new remedy they are then allowed to interact with others. The educational aspect has to do with informing the public about the consequences and the causes about stealing this are also called public enlightenment. The last one which talks about early detection, control and elimination of circumstances this means that they will eliminate the consequences for all the crime committed.