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

Answer:

Social workers can be defined as trained personnel with the aim of alleviating the conditions of those people in a community suffering from one social problem or the other.

Social problems can be defined as an issue that influences the lives of many citizens negatively.

There are a lot of social problems plaguing the community and the world. Some of the social problems in Nigeria include

1. Poverty
2. Corruption
3. Terrorism
4. Unemployment
5. Poor education
6. Tribalism
7. Rapid population growth.

Understanding the link between different social issues and their solutions.

The social problem of poverty as a social worker on their functions includes provision of resources. Poverty is a state when someone cannot afford the basic necessities and are unable to meet the standard of living in the society. Unemployment is directly related to poverty therefore the provision of jobs for people who are qualified or even unqualified could be said to be a function of a social worker. A social worker helps to identify people and communities that need help. And they also help people to cope with the situations handed to them in life.

There are different types of social workers

1. There are social workers that help to diagnose and treat mental, emotional and behavioral disorders.
2. There are also bachelor social workers that help the community to develop or improve programs, services and social conditions. In the case of unemployment in Nigeria more organizations’ can be created to provide jobs. Just like NAPEP which helps uneducated citizens by providing them with a vehicle (kekenapep) to drive and at least have a source of income and in this helps to reduce the rate of crime as youths or individuals now have a healthy way to divert their energy and attention.
3. There are also child and family social workers especially now that things like domestic abuse is becoming more recognized and more women are encourage to break that cycle they need social workers to at least counsel them and encourage them. Which solves the problem of
4. Tribalism in this community is very prominent. Hiring an individual nit because he is qualified but because he or she share the same local government or state as the individual offering the job is a social problem and as a social worker to discard such mentality.
5. Addictions is also a social problem, being addicted to drugs or alcohol has a negative effect on the individual and the society, a social worker also helps those with addictions and offers counseling which in turn can go a long way in allowing that individual to move or confront that problem therefore bettering the life of that individual, those around him and the society as a whole.
6. Rapid growth population is a problem as in some parts of Nigeria, people are prone to have a lot of children that they cannot care for properly and this leads to a lot of problems as those children could turn to vices and cries to feed and take care of themselves so as a social worker women should be educated and informed and birth control and family planning so as to help control the population.