



STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2023

Promoting Social Work Education for
Sustainable Development



The Guardians of Social Change
through Affirmative Social Action

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development
Practitioners (APSWDP), INDIA

In Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 2019

Affiliated with Department of Global Communications (DGC) of the United Nations since 2019

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ABOUT APSWDP

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit professional, membership-based and democratic organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. APSWDP has been conferred **Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** and **affiliation with the Department of Global Communication (DGC) of United Nations since 2019**. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, HIV/AIDS, environment, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control program, urbanization, youth issues of de-addiction, and others have covered the whole gamut of government, development agencies, and academic institutions.

Since the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, then the requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement. The association focuses on creating a countrywide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate, and develop a key framework on evidence & practice-based interventions, methods.



The focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and work on various development issues. APSWDP also offers a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.

GENESIS

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was founded initially by a group of professional social workers working in development sectors. It primarily started with a popular online social forum '**Alliance of Social Workers & Development Practitioners**' on the occasion of 65th Republic Day 2014 i.e. 26th January 2014.



The forum productively stretched to BSW and MSW learners of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with support from Regional Centre Chandigarh. An orientation programme-cum-workshop was organized jointly by the Forum of Professional Social Workers coinciding with World Social Work Day and Month for the first time at Chandigarh involving research scholars, learners, civil society, and line departments on 29th March 2014. It was felt during the workshop at the regional center that the forum must be taken to a next higher level by attaining legal status. On 1st December 2014, the World AIDS Day, the online forum received its legal status as an association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as 'Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)'. The association was formally launched on the occasion of World Social Work Day 2015 by the renowned social worker and the then **His Excellency Prof. Kaptain Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor, Punjab and Haryana, the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh at Raj Bhawan, U.T. Chandigarh.**

VISION

To be a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP will showcase a noteworthy role in promotion of social work education, and evolving practice based methods, approaches, skills and ethics through social innovation, proven models and vibrant social leadership.



MISSION



To achieve the vision of APSWDP, our mission is to work in proximity with togetherness, unlocking the inherent potential and building a sustainable network of professional social work and development practitioners by way of promoting social work profession to rural and urban-underprivileged youth, mid-aged to undertake the flagship of development, understand the global trend, be a partner and agent of social change at local stratum.

PURPOSE

APSWDP works to build a strong network of social work and development practitioners, where all the members can partner, express their professional views, discuss to work for change in social, welfare, development policies, implementation practices, models of innovations, social values, principles and ethics to warrant inclusive development.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS 2021-2023

- To advocate for the discipline, principles, values, skills, methods, and ethics of the Social Work Profession,
- To support and engage with members of the APSWDP, the field practitioners (government and non-government), activists, and researchers by promoting and providing global best practices, innovations, exchanges, conferences, panel discussions, virtual dialogue, continuing professional development support program, and web-based resources,
- To engage and collaborate with civil society networks, community-based organizations, corporates, government, and other organizations for social workers and development practitioners (field workers, program managers, welfare administrators, academicians, and students),
- Engage with the Post COVID 19 pandemic consequences, impacts and crisis, climate change impacts and other current and emerging global humanitarian crisis,
- Ensure the sustainability of APSWDP as a well-structured, administered, professional, effective organization with global expansion and affirming **Think Global and Act Local**.



KEY ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS

Advocacy

- Advocate for Promotion of Social Work Education for Sustainable Development and UN-SDG.
- Promote, disseminate and contribute to the ongoing development of global standards for Social Work Practice.
- Publish "The Voyage" monthly newsletter and introducing Journal.
- Contribute to publications, social work research, policy analysis and impact assessments.

Organizing

- Organizing and Commemorating World Social Work Day and other UN days for developing solidarity among professional social workers and development practitioners.
- Organizing Continuing Professional Development Programmes, Training Workshops, Capacity Building programmes, TOTs, Knowledge Exchanges for professionals in the government and non-government sector on management of NGOs and administration of programs.
- Promote and support local, regional, national and global conferences, Symposiums, Panel Discussions with potential partners on Social Work and Social Work Practice Areas.

Partnering

- Partnering with Grass Root Organizations, Community Based Organization and Civil Society Organizations for the dissemination of global knowledge and practices at the local level in layman language.
- Developing and forging partnerships through community development projects and programmes with the corporates, industry, government and non-government organizations/agencies.
- Conception of developmental and research projects under CSR support for developing a testing ground in the form of Social Innovation and Tool Laboratory for students of social work and development studies.

Engaging

- Engaging Social Work and Development Studies university students for developing professional social workers skills and understanding of the Social Work profession.
- Engaging Youth in Youth Parliaments on a diverse range of social issues and UN ECOSOC areas.
- Engaging members of APSWDP having diverse expertise in developing Think Tank and hand-holding for further developing the capacity of upcoming young social work and development professionals.
- Engaging members in UN forums, commissions through UN-DGC and UN-ECOSOC and UN Youth Envoy.

Ensuring

- Ensuring the APSWDP is a well-run, state-of-the-art organization with a vision to expand globally with an active and informed Governing Body and Board members.
- Ensuring strategic direction in line with the organization's purpose, vision, and values.
- Develop and implement appropriate mechanisms and checks to direct and oversee the progress and performance of the organization.

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