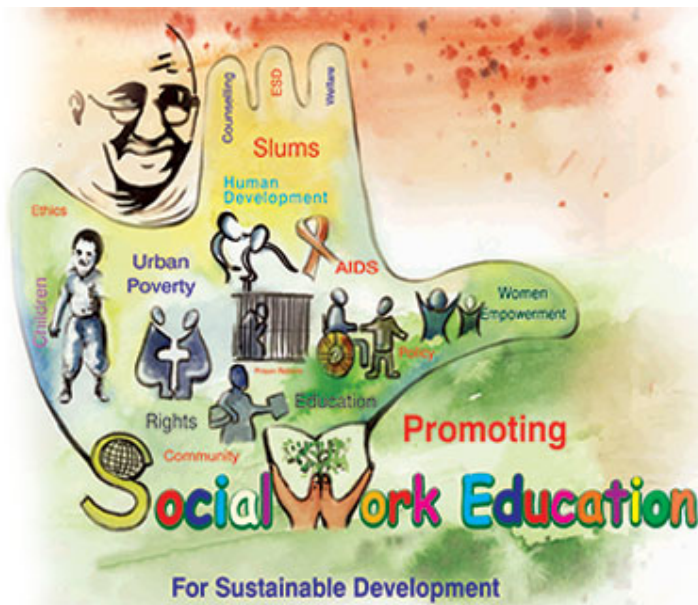


PROMOTING SOCIAL WORK-EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**Association of Professional Social Workers &
Development Practitioners (APSWDP)
Chandigarh (India)**

BACKGROUND

ABOUT APSWDP : Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit professional association of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control programme, urbanisation, youth issues of de-addiction and others have covered the whole gamut 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 requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement. The association focuses on creating a country wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate and develop key framework on evidence & practice based interventions, methods. Focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and working on various development issues. APSWDP will also offer 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 Work & 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 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 regional centre that the forum must be taken on a next higher level by attaining a 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)'.

AFFILIATION : Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is affiliated and registered with National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Former Planning Commission of India and European Commission under research and innovation.

MANDATE

IDENTITY : APSWDP is a non-government, not for profit, registered country-wide professional association of social work and development practitioners with a vision to strengthen Social Work Education and Profession in development sector. APSWDP construe that working in association with diverse stakeholders is a key to achieve the vision.

Our genesis as an association will assist us to focus on forming robust, reverential and germane vision which will strengthen our mission, objectives and relationships with the social work practitioners, under-privileged, most-disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. This relationship will further boost our mandate, assert our practice based learning at the grass root level to eloquent and publicize evolved models, practices and methods to build capacity, empower and to build leadership qualities among the masses for attainment of Sustainable Human Development.

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-under-privileged 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.

VALUES

- Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
- Respecting and Welcoming.
- Committed to disperse social work and developmental leadership at bottom of the pyramid.

PRINCIPLES OF APSWDP :

1. Work in partnership, team with brotherhood
2. Commitment to Vision, Mission and Values
3. Solidarity with poor, marginalized and vulnerable
4. Gender respecting and sensitive to specially abled
5. Respecting human, women and child rights
6. Cross cultural relationship across all social affiliation
7. Working across diversity of language, religions, ethnicity, geographical area
8. Committed to be goal driven, outcome oriented and honest to work approach in bringing visible social
9. Committed to build a social-economic equilibrium and sustainable social development
10. Work for global peace, resolving social conflict and better tomorrow

WHAT WE DO

Aims & OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote social work as a profession through national, regional & International cooperation and Network.
2. To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
3. To support social organizations, community based organizations

for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work trainings, monitoring & evaluation

4. To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession.
5. To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.

In order to achieve the Aims the Association shall:

1. Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
2. Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, researches, field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
3. Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
4. Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social Worker & international issues, including UN organizations.
5. Focus on strengthening relationship with professional Social Work organizations with SAARC countries with the view to provide impetus on regional development.
6. Establish working relationship between social work scholars, statesman administrators and corporate leaders in the country.
7. Undertake focused area based studies targeting international social issues with respect to Indian context.
8. Work for innovative development models through Public Private Partnership in Social Work profession.
9. Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plan to complex social issues of national importance to national, state and local government.
10. Examine social work curriculum taught by the universities from the prospective of professional career with a view to improving credibility of Social Work Profession.

11. Develop statistical tool and evidence based indicators pertaining to human development.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

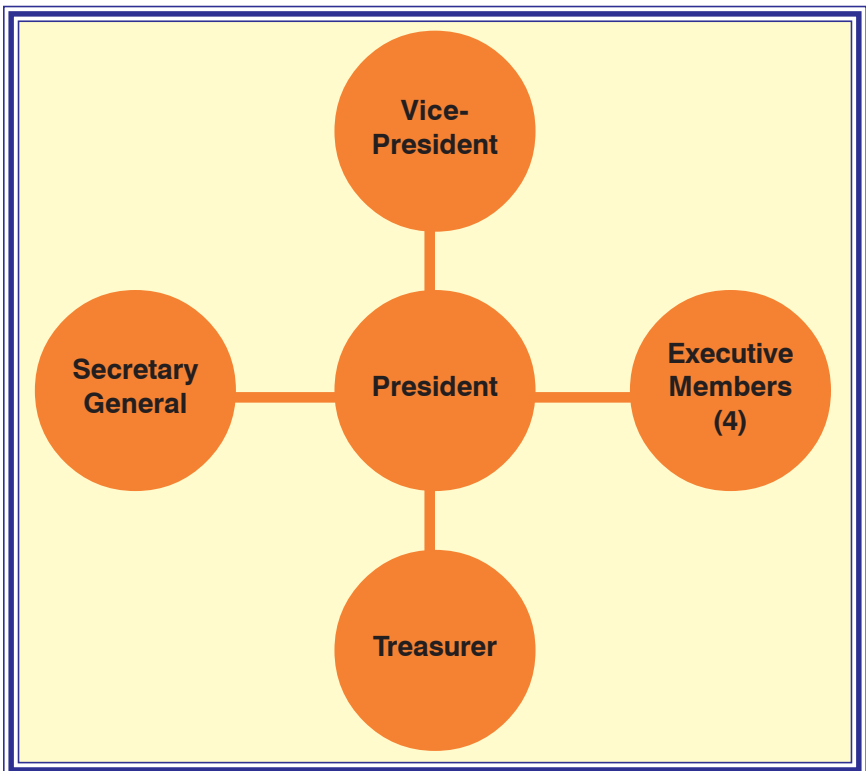
The Association shall strive to achieve its aims and objectives by undertaking the following activities:

1. Conduct of Training Courses with an inter-stakeholder approach where Social Work professional, policy makers, Civil Society representatives are invited for cross fertilization of ideas.
2. Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.
3. Conduct of Research Studies with emphasis on primary research through sample surveys, use of SPSS and other sophisticated statistical software and qualitative methods of research including Focus Group Interviews and Participant Observation.
4. Organization of Seminars, Workshops and Symposia for in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less!
5. Publication of a periodical Technical Journal/ News bulletin on Social Work and Development sector addressing frontier research and critical analytical techniques on the one hand and best practices in difficult existential situations on the other hand.
6. Special emphasis on Trainee Assignments in the form of Syndicate Reports, Individual Assignments and other instrumentalities with a view to challenging the Trainees capacity to think and im-bibe critical knowledge and skills.
7. Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs and reports with a view to sharing of project experiences and research outcomes.
8. Participation in citizens advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
9. Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.
10. Any other work deemed fit by the Governing Body in Social Welfare domain w.r.t any developmental project, international humani-

tarian context, international tie-ups with educational institutions, international trusts, organizations including intergovernmental and others.

11. Initiate, hold, direct, manage, take part in and contribute to conferences, congress, meetings, lectures and demonstrations on any aspect of Social Work Profession and social welfare for the purpose of advancing any of the objectives of the association.
12. Hold an Annual Convention and periodic meetings or conferences, CME of members of the association and of the social work and social development profession in general.
13. The association can join/partner any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
14. The association can establish its own academy, university, institute in future.

FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE OF APSWDP:



PARTNER WITH US

1. Join as formal member (Follow membership guidelines) & requisite criteria.
2. Be a volunteer (Register online/offline)
3. Be a contributor to APSWDP Journals

Membership Classification

S. No.	Type of Members	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
1.	Emeritus Members	Nil / Complimentary				
2.	Institutional Members	Rs.5000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.12000/-	Rs.15000/-	Rs.18000/-
3.	Corporate Members	Rs.10000/-	Rs.15000/-	Rs.25000/-	Rs.30000/-	Rs.35000/-
4.	Life Associate Members	Rs.1500/- + Rs.300/-* = Total Rs. 1800/- * Including membership kit				
5.	Youth/ Student Annual Members	Rs.500/-				

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