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Professional Social Work towards Social Development and Poverty Reduction in East Africa (PROSOWO)

What is it about?

Promoting professional social work education and practice to more effectively contribute towards social development and poverty reduction in achieving the Millennium Development Goals in East Africa.

Why an intervention?

Social work in is not widely recognised in the region yet the profession has an important role to play in addressing poverty and enhancing human function, as well as strengthening the delivery of human services. There has been limited capacity for training professional social workers, insufficient research and generation of local scientific literature and a huge gap between the social work education institutions and the social work practitioners.

What does it change?

- Relevant material on Social work in Africa is available for teaching, practice and policy reference;
- The profile of social work in the region raised; higher quality of education;
- Better cooperation between academic institutions, practitioners, agencies and clients;

How does it work?

- Cooperation of various African and an Austrian university with a number of civil society stakeholders
- Empirical research and publications
- Training and capacity building
- Curriculum review and development
- Advocacy for the recognition and regulation of social work
- Building and strengthening partnerships and linkages

Who are the beneficiaries?

- Academic institutions;
- Professional associations e.g. National Association of Social Workers in Uganda; Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa;
- NGOs, FBOs and Community based organisations;
- Students, clients/ social service users;
- Government ministry (Policy makers)

Who could use that approach?

- All social work training institutions and associations in Africa
- Social development agencies both Government agencies, NGOs and FBOs
- Social welfare policy makers especially in developing countries
- Social work fraternity in the rest of the world

Who is already using it?

Makere University, Uganda; University of Nairobi, Kenya; Institute of social Work, Tanzania; University of Rwanda; Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Austria

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