Environmental Management Role of Social Worker as a Change Agent

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Environmental Management

EM is a process of planning, review, assessment, decision-making and the like which is essential in the real life situation of limited resources and changing priorities.

Need of Environmental Management

Environment involves everything, living or non-living, that surround us. Every one of us has a right to live in an environment of quality.

Therefore, it is essential to understand the function and interaction of physical and biological elements of the environment and apply this knowledge in sound management programmes to conserve the natural resources and culture.

So, overall system of management is required to integrate our efforts in this direction.

Important Aspects of EM

- To create a pollution-free environment,
- To protect man and animals from pollution,
- · To protect the bio-diversity of the world,
- To establish coordination between govt. and non-government organization,
- To analyse the impact of development plans on environment,
- To help in formulation in regional and national policies,



Important Aspects of EM

- To monitor the ongoing plans for the quality management,
- To educate people at all levels,
- To develop short term and long term plan for the conservation, and
- To encourage research in the various fields of environment,

Approaches to Environmental Management

- Ad hoc Approach
- · Problem Solving Approach
- System Approach
- Regional Approach
- · Specialist Discipline Approach

Approaches to Environmental Management

- Voluntary Sector Approach
- Commercial Approach
- Human Ecology Approach
- Political Ecology Approach
- Integrated Approach

Definition of Social Work: - IFSW

The Social Work Profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

5W in its various forms addresses the multiple, complex transactions between people and their environments.

Its mission is to enable all people to develop their full potential, enrich their lives, and prevent dysfunction.

SW utilises a variety of skills, techniques, and activities consistent with its holistic focus on persons and their environments.

PSW is focused on problem solving and change. As such, social workers are change agents in society and in the lives of the individuals, families and communities they serve.

Role Of Social Worker As A Change Agent

- Social worker can provide information for correct understanding of different aspects of environment,
- Social worker can present facts before people to enable them to take right decisions,
- Social worker can develop such attitudes and values in the personality of people as may develop and sustain the feeling of respect for environment,
- Social worker can substitute the existing harmful values of materialism and hedonism leading to environmental degradation by propagating and developing the values of plain and simple living,



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- Social worker can motivate man to adopt a friendly behaviour towards environment,
- Social worker can mobilize and organize people to the conservation and development of environment,
- Social worker can impress upon policy makers to formulate such policies and enact such laws to promotion of cordial relationship between man and his environment,
- Social worker can appeal and prepare people in general in the community to lend their maximum possible cooperation in the task of environmental conservation and development,



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- Social Worker can help in fixing the responsibility of those employees of the enforcement machinery who deliberately ignore the infringement of legal provisions or slackness in dealing with the law breakers and can ensure that suitable action, and
- Social Worker in collaboration with other discipline may undertake scientific research to explore various unexplored aspect of environment especially to highlight a friendly relationship between man and environment.

Awareness



Participation



Save Earth



