

# Values in Field work for social work: Value ethics for sustainable and ethical future, for the field work in social Work

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## Abstract

Field work is core of social work practice. When we think about field work in social work education then, the educator must be experienced from field. The educator must know about the each and every aspects of field work. The students will accept the experiential learning approach, when the educator is experienced. When we think about the value education in social work, the social worker must accept the ethics & values of Social work. As, social work play an important role in community, values become an important part of it.

The values of social work are Democratic values, Human dignity, Human rights, welfare and access of resources, Security, humanity, freedom & self determination, social justice, equality, democracy, participation. When the educator is teaching about the values, the educator must accept that first. In the field of social work, when we think about the value education & that will be sustainable and important for ethical future, the educator must have to take an effort with students in their academics. The two or three year academic program of social work creates a good citizen & human being. The effort taken by the educator for the students, that will reflect when the students of social work started their career in own life. The values rooted at the time of courses that reflects in the field & also in personal life.

The present paper is based in the value ethics for sustainable and ethical future in social work profession. The present paper will discuss how the values are important in the field of social work. This will also discuss about how the values are reflects in educators teaching process. Field work is a part of social work and the values are important for field work that also reflects in this paper.

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The student social workers are in learning phase and they made many mistake in the field work. With this mistake the student social worker are learning different things in different ways. Students are comes from different background for the social work courses. Every student is different and educator must accept them as it is. To root the values through the academics, it will take some time. The student social workers come from different ideologies. Sometime they are not ready to accept the different values easily. At that time educator must take an effort to root the values within the students.

The student social worker when starts working as a social worker, he or she goes in to the field with confidence & values. They did not forget the values in their respective set up of social work field. But, during the field work they face many issues and challenges & the problem comes about the sustainability of the values. The competition in the field always makes a stress in the mind of social worker about sustainability of job, payments, timings, personal life and many more. Social workers are not ready to think about the values

which they learnt at the time of their academics. But, they have to behave with respective these values and also try to root these values toward the people with they are working.

The challenges in the social work are always about the values. The curriculum gives values to student social worker. But, in the field that values are not reflected. In other side social worker also not relate the theories with practices, which they learnt in curriculum. Same way after some time period the social worker are also not think about these values and not ready to relate with their field work. The problems are there in everybody life. But, forget the values are not the solution for that. The values and ethics are the core of social work and its different methods. While applying these methods the values & ethics are always important. When the social workers are working in community or differently able, the values give a direction to the members which are participated in social work method.

The social worker must be a good listener. When we think about humanity, dignity, democracy, human rights, welfare, freedom the social worker must listened the participated members first. Social worker has no right to impose their opinion on them. But, many times that things are happens. When we are discussing about the educators, they must respect the opinion of student social workers. Educator must be a good listener as well a good counselor. When the educators are applying the values and ethics in their own life, the students are also ready to accept this.

In the teaching process, the educator must open the class for discussion in many ways with respect to subjects. This can shows principle of participation & also gives equal opportunity for all. Educator has also a responsibility of development of student social worker. That take a time and that is not possible without the values & ethics. Educators also encourage the students for self express. The value of freedom is also important in the life of social worker. The most important, educator must be co operative in the field of academics, in all the streams. That co cooperativeness may reflect in students in the field, after education.

For sustain the values in life of social worker after education is important. Practically, during field work the social worker are not ready to accept the person. In other side we found the dictatorship. This things are happens just because of lack of commitment in their work. In the curriculum of social work educator are there to give knowledge about the values and ethics. Educators are trying for the sustainability of the ethics and values for long time. But, the commitment towards social work can make the changes in this ignorance type of attitude. Also In the social work the theory is always related with the field work. But, social workers are not ready to compare their field work with theories.

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## Conclusion

Commitment towards field work is a good way to sustain the values & ethics which learnt in curriculum.

Educator must be experienced and these values and ethics are must adopted by them first. That can also show the effect in the field.

Educator must have to take efforts for theory classes. Also at the time of field work, they should explain the relativity of this theory & Field work.

## Summary

Theory part of any education stream must include these values & ethics. In the field of social work the educator plays a vital role to root these values and ethics in students. When we discuss about the value

education, the thing come in mind about the curriculum of social work. But, after the course where this values goes? That question is still there. The part of commitment is also important in the life of professional social worker. The lack of commitment is leads towards non sustainability of ethical future. The educator must take an effort for commitment, confidence & create a good value education for sustainable and ethical future.

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