

In this area of work, more than ever, emphasis is being placed on:

- better networking in the districts in collaboration with those dealing with children issues.
- giving more attention to preventive work.
- promoting professionalism.
- improving quality of service delivery.

Main issues:

- Neglect
- Non c - Breach of the peace
- Sexually active children
- Domestic/Family violence
- Substance abuse
- Senior citizens' welfare
- Placement of children in alternative care
- Truancy
- Anti-social behaviour
- Teenage pregnancy

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

**COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORK
SECTION**



THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE SECTION ARE TO

- Maintain society and alleviate social problems by providing the necessary assistance.
- Safeguard the interest of the weak and vulnerable groups.
- Assist individuals and groups to restore their social functioning.
- Provide support and counselling to families and children in the community.
- Cooperate with other community resources in the education of individuals and families with regard to social forces which affect them.
- Provide assistance to senior citizens.
- Counsel families to take responsibility and care for their elderly parents.
- Empower service users to better fulfil their potentials.
- Man the Children's Helpline.

Since 1993, social work has been decentralised. It's aim was for social workers to work closer to the community and facilitate the working in partnership with it's other players in the field of social work.

This makes it that in almost all district administration offices in Seychelles, we have a social worker.

The social workers based in the districts work with the vulnerable groups who are at risk and need special attention, that can only be provided through the collaborative effort of all interested in the welfare of children.

Some duties of social workers are:

- to regularly visit the schools, health centres, police stations etc...of the respective districts.
- work with children and their families by providing services to dys-functional families to restore social functioning.
- counsel, support and guide families.
- safeguard the interest of the vulnerable.
- provide opportunity to express frustration, disappointment and anger in a safe setting.
- alleviate social problems.
- man the Children's Helpline (which is in operation on a 24 hour basis).
- provide alternative placement for children and undertake after care work.
- undertake case management and mobilise resources in the attempt to help service users.
- prepare reports for management, court and other agencies as required.
- lead the District Task Force.