Requirements for Activating the Role of Social Workers in National Health Sector Initiatives

Abstract:

This research provides an analytical study of national initiatives in the health sector aimed at achieving social justice by offering healthcare services to all citizens without discrimination. These initiatives focus on collecting comprehensive data on the health status of the Egyptian population and disease prevalence rates. The collected data is utilized to set health sector priorities and formulate an inclusive health policy tailored to enhance the sector's efficiency. This policy relies on the continuous flow of information and an in-depth understanding of prevalent diseases, alongside mobilizing human, material, and logistical resources to design and implement effective control and eradication programs.

Achieving the objectives of these national initiatives requires mobilizing all human resources, including social workers, to deliver services simultaneously across all health units nationwide. The goals of national initiatives align with those of social work in the medical field, particularly in raising community awareness about health issues and their potential risks. These risks not only impact individuals and their families but also pose significant economic and social challenges with long-term consequences. Addressing such issues demands the collective efforts of civil, private, and government sectors to tackle health challenges that exceed the state's current capabilities and resources.

This study aims to analyze the current state of social workers in the medical field to identify gaps between their existing readiness and the required competencies. Enhancing their skills is crucial for their effective participation in national health sector initiatives, which aim not only to address accumulated health problems affecting citizens but also to indirectly improve the overall health service system.

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