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President's Message on the International Social Work Month (March 2019)

Greetings and salutations to all Social Workers in Zimbabwe and across the World. The Month of March is significant on the Social Work calendar across the globe. Social Workers celebrate, and reflect on the achievements of the profession in promoting peace, equality, social justice, and human development.

This year's theme is promoting the importance of human relationships. The theme is coincidental and opportune considering the social, political, and economic problems threatening World peace. This is a clarion call for Social Workers, professional Social Work bodies, academic institutions, and Social Work service providers to find a common purpose and unite the World. We need to uphold the values of 'Ubuntu' as human relationships are essential for the prosperity of every society.

Social workers are working in diverse settings responding to the needs and rights of marginalized and suffering populations, promoting rights to housing, health, and justice. Our professional role is to facilitate processes where all these rights are respected and balanced in the context of equality and mutually empowering relationships.

Social Workers across the world are underpaid and their work is often unrecognized. NASW-Z honors and celebrates your unwavering commitment to serving humanity. We strongly believe that a motivated Social Worker is essential to empower communities. Let us not grow weary of doing good.

On behalf of NASW-Z, I would want to wish all bonafide Social Workers a productive and fruitful International Social Work Month.

Yours sincerely

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