



In the Name of God

# Iran Association of social Workers

## “Annual Report”

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## **A: Appreciations**

Thanks to:

- \* Board of Directors and all members of the Iranian Association of Social Workers
- \* Professors and experienced social workers
- \* Students and volunteers of the Association
- \* Directors of universities with social work curriculum
- \* Managers and experts of organizations providing social work services in public, non-governmental and private sectors, the Islamic Consultative Assembly, the judiciary, and the Expediency Council.
- \* The president, the Secretary General and members of the World Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Commissions and Executive Partners.
- \* The Asia-Pacific regional president and members of various committees and executive partners of the IFSW.
- \* All those help us with critical comments against the association's programs who guided us to work better with constructive reviews.
- \* Journalists and social media activists who work in line with social work missions
- \* Other individuals and organizations all who helped us in any ways.

## **B: Summary of actions:**

The association has carried out various activities in various fields at local, regional and international levels, some of which are listed below:

### **\*Social policy:**

- \*Participation in the development of the executive regulations of Article 6 of the Law on the Protection of Children and Adolescents: This law is believed to be a comprehensive and responsive law, particularly in the field of social work, which has given a lot of authority to social workers to protect children in danger. The association was greatly involved in the past ten years in the process of the preparation and enactment.
- \*Advising the Social Affairs Commission of the Parliament
- \*The head of the Association is the responsible of the Expediency Council Working Group on Social Issues and Injuries

- \*Participation in the meetings of specialized commissions in the government, including the commission for cultural affairs.
- \*Membership in the UNESCO Social Transformation Management (MOST) Working Group
- \*Membership in the headquarters of NGO organizations of the Islamic Council of Tehran
- \*Membership in the Women and Family Committee of the Anti-Narcotics Headquarters
- \*Membership in the social committee of the Strategic Council of the Martyr and Veterans Affairs Foundation
- \*Membership in the Management and Social Services Committee of the Comprehensive University of Applied Sciences
- \*Membership in the Audit Commission of the Comprehensive University of Applied Sciences: In this commission, any person who wants to teach practical courses and some theoretical courses at the university will be evaluated here. Before the meetings of this commission, there is a social work committee, which first examines the scientific qualification of the candidates. The Association representative is the responsible of the committee.
- \* Specialized cooperation with policy-making of the Center of Attorneys, Judicial Experts and Family Advisors: One of the areas of activity of this center is the activity of social workers as mediators and arbitrators in judicial affairs.
- \*being invite to Covid-19 affairs meetings in policy-making level
- \*Membership in the policy-making committee for organizing the homeless and socially disadvantaged in the municipality of Tehran and some other cities.
- \* Membership in the Elderly Health Committee of Tehran Municipality
- \*Membership of the Association's provincial representatives in policy-making working groups
- \*Membership in working groups for drafting documents and executive protocols related to crisis management
- \*Membership in the Police Social work Advisory Council
- \*Membership in various committees in the judiciary
- \*Membership in the Advisory Council for the Judicial Transformation Document Revision
- \*Cooperation with the Research Center of the parliament to prepare social policy reports (this center's responsibility is to prepare advisory and expert opinions on various policies and laws for members of the Parliament).
- \*Development of the Implementation Guideline to Promote Social Health in Work and Production Environments.

\*Cooperation in developing the Youth Empowerment Protocol (jointly with UNICEF office in Iran and the Ministry of Sport and Youth)

\*Implementation of the first part of the project on the making Social Work Regulations of Iran Exceptional Education Organization.

**\*Education:**

\*Managing educational courses for licensed mediators and recording 15 hours of teaching film.

\*Preparing educational videos on social harms prevention for NGOs under authorization of the Ministry of Sports and Youth

\*making 24 hours of short educational videos for school teachers and principals, students and their families to introduce social work, services of organizations providing social work, prevention of social harms, self-care, Resilience and so on. Post-tests were carried out, as well.

\*Moderating various educational courses for social workers and managers of governmental and non-governmental organizations

\*Moderating and teaching e-learning courses on social work professional ethics with emphasis on the Global Statement of Professional Ethics Principles and the Statement of Professional Ethics in Covid period.

**Research**

\*Membership in the Research Council of the Social Deputy of the Police

\*National Social Health Survey in the Work and Production Environments

\*Providing research advice to students in social work, psychology, sociology, law, criminology, so forth.

\*Doing research in the field of corona

\*Publication of first issue of the Quarterly Journal of Social Work and Social Welfare

\*planning for publishing the bilingual quarterly (Persian- English) of Social Work and Social Health

\* Compilation of 10<sup>th</sup> book from of the pioneers of social health series, for Professor Fatemeh, Ghasemzadeh

\*Authoring three books in the field of social health in work and production environments.

**\*Professional support:**

- \*Informing job opportunities for the Association's members
- \*Follow-up to re-submit the legal act in the Parliament on the establishment of Social Work Organization, which may play an important role to protect social workers and the service users' rights rights.
- \*advocacies for employment of social work graduates in government organizations in through legal channels
- \*Individual support from social workers against work-related risks.
- \*Contribution to the development of corona-related protocols in related organizations to support the of social workers
- \*Communicating with experienced social work to appreciate them and their families
- \*Participating in reviewing the of social work job description in organizations
- \*Scientific cooperation in developing the Standards for Social Work Services in Rehabilitation
- \*Organizing the annual General Assembly of the Association

### **Conferences and Meetings:**

- \* Collaboration in holding the second festival of student dissertations of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology on *social and domestic violence*
- \*Organizing the National Conference on Social Affairs in the Seventh Development Plan with the participation of more than seventy organizations, universities, and associations.
- \*Organizing the 3rd International Congress and the 35th National Conference of Social Work in Iran on "Social Work, Social Observation, and Social Solidarity", with cooperation of IFSW, IASSW, IFSW Asia-Pacific Region, and with presence of scholars from twenty-one countries.
- \*Organizing a conference on Social Observation and Social Solidarity in different provinces
- \* Organizing more than seventy webinars and virtual scientific events.

### **Media:**

- \* Being invited to the National Radio and Television programs
- \*Constant communication with the press, news agencies and publishing numerous notes and conducting various interviews .

### **Appreciation to Iranian social health pioneers:**

\*One of the annual programs of the Association is to appreciate pioneers of social health, with the aim of thanking them for their effective efforts and introducing them to the public and young social workers. We collect their lesson learnt and interesting professional experiences. This year, we thanked Dr. Fatemeh Ghasemzadeh- professor at the University of Tehran and child protection activist.

### **National Social Health Medal:**

\*The Association has already awards eleven National Medal of Social Health. In 2021, the award was presented to two great people: **prof. Fatemeh Ghasemzadeh** from Iran and **prof. Malcolm Payne**, an international social work professor and one of the greatest contemporary social work theorists in the world.

### **Interaction with various organizations:**

\*The Association has extensive contacts with various organizations providing social work services in or NGOs and has MOU with some of them. This year, we continued the same policy by signing MOU with:

\* Iran Exceptional Education Organization

\* Iran Red Crescent Society

\*Iran Scientific Association of Cooperation

\*Iran Scientific Association of Social Welfare

\* the Regulatory Audio-Visual Media Regulatory Authority (SATRA) affiliated to the Broadcasting Organization of Iran in order to provide social work services to victims of “cyberspace and social regulation programs”

### **Interaction with educational, scientific institutions, scientific-trade associations:**

\*The Association has a very good interaction with various associations in related fields. Some of these associations are:

\* Iran Sociology Association

\* Organization of Psychology and Counseling of Islamic Republic of Iran

\* Iranian Psychology Association

- \* Scientific Association of Social Welfare of Iran
- \* Iranian Scientific Association of Cooperation
- \* Iranian Association of Criminology
- \* Iranian Demography Association
- \* Iranian Association for Cultural Studies and Communication
- \* Child Rights Association
- \* Children's Aid Network
- \* Association of Higher Non-Governmental Rehabilitation Centers of Iran
- \* Labor Children supporters Association
- \* Iranian Scientific Society of Gerontology
- \* Working and Street Child Support Association
- \* Union of Scientific Law Associations of Iran
- \* Higher Institute for Social Security Research
- \* International Institute of Naghshe- Click (Data Processing)
- \* The Rebirth Society (in the field of treatment and harm reduction of drug addiction)
- \* The Sixtieth Congress Charity (in the field of treatment of drug addiction and psychactive substances)
- \* Cooperation with universities with the field of social work in the public and private parts as well as the Islamic Azad University and the Applied Science Comprehensive University
- \* Research Institute of Culture, Arts and Communications
- \* Iranian Students' Polling Agency (ISPA)
- \* Iranian Islamic Bioethics Association
- \* Iranian Medical Law Association
- \* Institute of Religious and Economic Studies
- \* Scientific Association of Child Rights
- \* Scientific Society for Suicide Prevention
- \* Iranian Autism Association
- \* Rare Diseases Foundation

- \* Kidney Patients Support Association
- \* Association of Iranian Short Statured Adults
- \* Association for the Support of People with Sexual Identity Disorders (MAHTA)
- \* Scientific-student associations of social work

### **International Affairs:**

Iranian Association of Social Workers has international activities. Here is a short list of that;

- \* Association with the IFSW and Asia- Pacific Regional office
- \* Taking responsibility of the Asia-Pacific Regional Ethics Committee
- \* Active presence in the United Nations Committee of the IFSW
- \* Collaborate on the development of the social work ethic protocol in Corona
- \* Strengthen communication with different associations in different countries with the aim of sharing mutual experiences
- \* Participate in World Day Conference in Japan
- \* Organizing the 20<sup>th</sup> social dialogue on the Updated Global Standards of Social Work Education and Trainings with the presence of global and regional officials of the IFSW and the IASSW and some Iranian professors
- \* Participation in Japanese social workers on the Corona crisis as trainer
- \* Interaction with the IASSW in several social work events
- \* Participation in the virtual Asia-Pacific Regional Congress in 2021 hosted by Australian association
- \* Cooperation with Kazakhstan association in development of codes of professional ethics for social work
- \* Celebrating the International Day of Social Workers in the house of one of the Iranian respected social workers and cutting the cake with the WSWD poster

### **Other activities:**

- \* Presence of colleagues of provincial branches to provide face-to-face as well as tele-services for COVID-19 survivors and their families



\* Meetings producers, writers and directors of television and cinema

\* Attending various events of related organizations