



CODE OF ETHICS

Somali Social Workers Association (SSWA)

Preamble

This Code of Ethics outlines the core values, principles, and professional standards that guide members of the Somali Social Workers Association (SSWA). All members are required to uphold these ethical standards in their professional conduct to protect individuals, families, communities, and the integrity of the social work profession.

Article 1: Core Ethical Principles

1.1 Respect for Human Dignity

Social workers shall respect the inherent dignity, worth, and rights of all individuals without discrimination based on gender, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, political opinion, or social status.

1.2 Social Justice

Members shall promote social justice, equality, and fairness, and work to challenge social injustice, oppression, and discrimination.

1.3 Professional Integrity

Social workers shall act honestly, responsibly, and transparently in all professional relationships and activities.

1.4 Service to Humanity

The primary responsibility of social workers is to enhance human well-being and support vulnerable individuals and communities.

Article 2: Professional Conduct

1. Members shall practice within their areas of competence and seek professional development.
2. Members shall not misuse their professional position for personal gain.
3. Confidential information shall be protected unless disclosure is required by law or to prevent serious harm.
4. Social workers shall maintain respectful professional relationships with clients, colleagues, and institutions.

Article 3: Responsibilities to Clients and Communities

1. Promote client participation and informed decision-making.
2. Protect clients from harm, exploitation, or abuse.
3. Respect cultural values while upholding human rights.
4. Advocate for access to services and social protection systems.

Article 4: Responsibilities to the Profession

1. Uphold the reputation and integrity of the social work profession.
2. Contribute to research, knowledge sharing, and evidence-based practice.
3. Report unethical conduct through appropriate Association mechanisms.

Article 5: Compliance and Disciplinary Measures

1. All members must comply with this Code of Ethics.
2. Violations may result in warnings, suspension, or termination of membership according to Association procedures.

Article 6: Adoption

This Code of Ethics was adopted by the General Assembly of the Somali Social Workers Association on 20 December 2025 and is binding on all members.

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