

## Press Release

### World Social Work Day Yemen 18 march 2014

The Yemeni General Union of Sociologists, Social Workers and Psychologists with more than 600 Yemeni social workers and Organizations celebrated the World Social Work Day 18 march 2014 for the second time and it was a great day for Yemen.

The YGUSSWP and the Department of Social Work, Sana'a University organized this WSWD celebration under the slogan " Social and Economic crises - social work solutions".

The celebration of the WSWD in Yemen begins by showing a video message from **Dr. Rory Truell** the IFSW Secretary General to Yemen which conveyed hope and support to Yemeni social workers and he expressed his appreciated for the YGUSSWP achievements and work toward promoting the social work profession in Yemen and increasing the awareness of the world social work.

Then the President of YGUSSWP **Mr. Refat Hassan** in his speech congratulated all YGUSSWP members and Yemeni social workers whom celebrate the WSWD 18 march 2014, he also talked about the importance of promoting social work profession in Yemen and he admired all social workers whom have been working very hard toward the developing of social work. Also he congratulated the winners of the the IFSW and YGUSSW Yearly Social Work Award for outstanding and distinguished social worker and organization who have contributed to the improvement and support of social work in Yemen over the past year 2013. The three outstanding winners;

- The most prominent governor social figure contributed to the social work , social development and peace in Yemen over the past year 2013 is Mr. Shawqi Ahmed Hayeel Saeed the Governor of Taiz Governorate .
- The best and notable organization support the social work and human rights in Yemen over the past year 2013 which is the Penal Reform International Organization in Yemen, the PRI deserves this certificate because they have conduct some



Dr. Rory Truell with Mr.Talaat Baraz the  
YGUSSWP Secretary General



Mr. Refat Hassan



Mr. Shawqi Ahmed Hayeel Saeed

important training workshop for social workers and created a special guide for social work practice in the Yemeni government foundation such as" the police stations and courts.

- Yemen Bank Reconstruction Development" have been chosen as the most significant funding agency that provide financial support for social work activities in Yemen over the past year 2013.

The YGUSSWP members and all Yemeni social workers were very happy to hear **and see the** video message of the IFSW Asia Pacific President **Mr. John Ang** which included his congratulations to Yemeni social workers on World Social Work Day; 18 March 2014. **Mr. John Ang** stated in his speech that "I want to encourage the members of this Union and other social workers who are yet to be members to support this young organisation and its leaders because they are doing a fantastic job in promoting social work and in putting your society and what you are working towards, on the world map. We in Asia Pacific are very excited about the potential of social work in your country and its wider influence in the

Arab world." He also congratulated the winners of the yearly social work award "I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the worthy awardees whose various contributions are celebrated in this meeting. You have shown, by your example, what a great heart you have and how it is matched by your action. The International Federation of Social Workers and we in the Asia Pacific region salute you."

The Information and Public Relation Officer of the YGUSSWP **Mr. Amr Alnood** translate the video message of both **Dr. Rory Truell** and **Mr. John Ang**.

It was great day when the YGUSSWP also award " 150 " social workers, social work organization and NGOs, for their contribution to social work education, profession and people in Yemen.

The YGUSSWP Secretary General Mr. Talaat Hasan Baraz declared the National Introduction Campaign of Social work Profession in Yemen, which aimed to promote social work and increase the awareness on the importance and contribution of social work in people's lives. Social workers students in the Department of So-



Yemen Bank Reconstruction Development



IFSW Asia Pacific President Mr. John Ang





cial Work in Sana'a University conducted an exposition about social work profession and its fields.

The International Federation of Social Workers and the IFSW Asia Pacific Region with the YGUSSWP and the Social Work Department at Sana'a University and awarded three of the most notable social workers who contributed and still working toward the improvements of social work profession, practice and education in Yemen in the last three years.;

- Mr. Refat Hassan Hamoud, the YGUSSWP President, due to his significant and outstanding role as he was the first one in Yemen to call for establishing the YGUSSWP. And his effort to guide the YGUSSWP to get the IFSW membership.
- Mr. Amr Mohammed Alnood the Information and Public Relation Officer of the YGUSSWP; the most notable YGUSSWP member who have played a special role and outstanding effort in holding and supervision the YGUSSWP membership application for the IFSW, and who call for the first time in Yemen to celebrate the World Social Work Day, and to his special effort to the success of the YGUSSWP activities.
- Mr. Talaat Hasan Baraz the YGUSSWP Secretary General ; For his notable role in improving the social work education and practice in Yemen, and his great effort in the success of the YGUSSWP activities in the last two years. Also for his great proposal to establish an Arabic Federation of social workers.

As a result of the YGUSSWP achievement toward increasing the awareness and promoting social work and the WSWD, the Social work Department in both Aden and Hadrmoate Universities organized a celebration of the World Social Work Day for the first time. Aden and Hadrmoate are two of the largest provinces in Yemen.



Social workers Students



Mr. Talaat Hasan Baraz







UNICEF representative officer to the WSWD celebration



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