

NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (NASoW)



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN NIGERIA

ADOPTED IN 1982

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1. I will hold as primary the welfare of the individual or group I serve. By this, I will give precedence to my professional responsibility to my client over my personal interest.
2. I will make distinction between my public work and private interests and would never allow the latter to becloud the former.
3. I will never discriminate negatively against my client on the basis of gender, age, ethnicity, belief, race, colour, social class and will prevent and protect my client against such negative discrimination in the work I do.
4. I will hold as strictly confidential and information with professional colleagues only in so far as to improve the quality of service render.
5. I will work to uphold the dignity of the human person and to respect the fundamental human rights of the clients I serve.
6. I will practice social work within the recognized knowledge and professional competence and will hold myself responsible for the quality of service I give to my client in relation to maximum utilization of available resources.
7. I will work to support the idea that social development work requires professional education and association.
8. I will take as my personal responsibility to contribute to the development of social work professional knowledge and practice and will treat with respect the findings, view and actions of other professional colleagues.
9. I accept responsibility to help, . protect individuals or groups against unwholesome or unethical practices by any individual, group or corporate organisation that is engaged in social development activities.
10. I will stand ready to provide professional service in times of public emergencies.
11. I will act with integrity in the professional work I do and make myself accountable for the work I have done or would do.

The Code of Conduct was adopted in 1982 by NASoW