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APPLICATION FOR SUBVENTIONS SUBMITTED BY  
ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION IN  
AFRICA (ASWEA)



## ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL WORK

EDUCATION IN AFRICA

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The Director,  
Finance Department  
Organization of African Unity  
P.O.Box 3243,  
Addis Ababa,  
Ethiopia

November 7, 1983

Subject: Application for Subvention

Dear Sir,

The Association for Social Work Education in Africa (ASWEA) presents its compliments to the Finance Department of the Organization of African Unity and has the privilege of enclosing herewith application for subvention for 1984/85.

As you know, ASWEA was established in 1971 to promote, among other things, co-operation amongst Schools of Social Work, Community Development Training Centres, and other institutions carrying out National Programmes of education in the field of Social Service and Social Development. Being the only one of its kind in the continent, ASWEA was granted Observer Status with the OAU in April 1974. At present, the Association has a membership of over 50 University-affiliated Schools of Social Work and Post Secondary Social Development Training Institutions, and over 140 Social Work Educators from 32 African Countries.

During the past 12 years, ASWEA has been making modest contributions to Social Development Education in Africa by: (a) organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, expert group meetings on relevant themes; (b) compiling and distributing case study materials in social development for class room use; (c) producing and distributing professional documents in social development to serve as references and to supplement existing teaching materials; and (d) publishing a Journal for Social Work Education in Africa which serves as a forum for Trainers and Practitioners etc.

It is evident that an organization like ASWEA needs the support - moral, political, financial and material - of African governments, Regional and International organizations. In this regard, it is gratifying to note OAU's encouragement and financial contribution which has facilitated the work of our Association. It is our earnest hope that the OAU will continue supporting our Association so as to enable it to achieve its Pan-African objectives.

With the hope that the OAU has already realized the intent and extent of our Regional Programme, we hereby submit an application for subvention of US\$97,900 for the year 1984/85 to be used towards the financing of its 5th Conference on the Theme "Training and Research for Social Development in Africa: Implications for Rural Transformation", scheduled to take place in the first half of 1984.

For your reference and favourable consideration, we enclose herewith the following documents:

- Statement on the History and Objectives of the Association;
- Summary of Activities for 1982 and 1983;
- Plan of Work/budget for 1984/85;
- Statement justifying the Application for Subvention;
- Copy of the Association's Constitution.

The Association for Social Work Education in Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Finance Department of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

Signed

Arega Yimam  
Executive Secretary

cc. - Prof. E.P. Kibuka  
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Makerere University  
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DOCUMENT ON THE HISTORY, OBJECTIVES, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR 1982 AND 1983 AND PLAN OF WORK FOR 1984/85 OF THE  
ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION  
IN AFRICA (ASWEA)

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES/FUNCTIONS

The history of the Association for Social Work Education in Africa goes back to the 1965 Alexandria Seminar for Social Work Educators in Africa. The seminar strongly recommended the formation of an Association for Social Work Education in Africa to initiate and co-ordinate Social Work Education in the continent. Upon the recommendation of the Seminar, an Interim Committee (the members of which came from Egypt, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Mali, and Tunisia) was entrusted to draft the constitution for the proposed association.

In 1967, the constitution was drafted and circulated to institutions which expressed willingness to form the Association. These institutions were from Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Senegal, Rwanda, Nigeria, Togo, Zaire and Madagascar.

In 1969, the Second Expert Group Meeting of Social Work Educators in Africa was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. To carry the work of establishing an Association further, a new working committee was formed whose duty was to contact as many institutions as possible inviting them to be founding members.

In 1971, the Third Expert Group Meeting of Social Work Educators and Administrators was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Believing that the profession of Social Work in Africa will be advanced by greater unity of thought, sympathy and purpose the meeting resolved that an Association of Social Work Education in Africa be established. Hence, on the 15th of March 1971, i.e. the opening day of the Expert Meeting, the Association was formally inaugurated and the first General Assembly was held.

OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Association, as laid down in the constitution, are as follows:

- a. To promote teaching and research in the field of Social Work in Africa;
- b. To establish and maintain higher standards among all types of Institutions engaged in different levels of Social Work Education;
- c. To promote the exchange of information and experience in Social Work Education among Social Work Educators in Africa and others interested in the profession throughout the world;
- d. To promote co-operation between Schools of Social Work, Institutions and Centres carrying out national programmes of education in the Field of Social Services and Social Development;
- e. To take an interest in all problems connected with social work education in Africa, to maintain higher standards of ethical conduct in Social Work in Africa, to advance the professional education of social workers in Africa, and to enhance the status of Social Work in Africa;
- f. To uphold the principles of Universal Human Rights for all people in collaboration with International Organizations;
- g. To encourage Social Workers to fulfil their responsibilities in National Social Development Planning including the promotion of popular participation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

The Governing Body of the Association is the General Assembly which elects the members of the Executive Board which represent the different sub-regions of Africa. Currently, the Executive Committee members are:

Prof. Eric P. Kibuka (Uganda)	President
Dr. Ndidi Chibogu (Nigeria)	1st Vice-President
Mme Helene Eklou (Togo)	2nd Vice-President
Dr. Andargatchew Tesfaye (Ethiopia)	Treasurer
Dr. John Ngwisha (Zambia)	Member
Mrs. Gloria Jinadu (Nigeria)	Member
Prof. T.A. Pancrace (Rwanda)	Member
Mr. Youssef Alouane (Tunisia)	Member
Organization of African Unity (OAU)	Ex-Officio Member
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	Ex-Officio Member
Mr. Arega Himam (Ethiopia)	Executive Secretary

#### FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

Based upon the objectives of the Association, the Secretariat of ASWEA has the following duties to perform:

- a. The production and distribution of a journal;
- b. The promotion of Staff Exchange Programme among Schools of Social Work;
- c. Providing Social Work Schools/Training Centres with information about new books in the field of Social Work;
- d. Answering all enquires about Social Work Education in Africa;
- e. Organizing Meetings, Seminars, Conferences, etc., in the area of Social Work Education;
- f. Encouraging the participation of African Schools of Social Work in the continent of Africa whenever the need arises;
- g. Facilitating the production, distribution and use of indigenous teaching materials by;
  - i) Encouraging Social Workers and Social Work Educators in Africa to record their field experiences, and put them in forms which will be useful for teaching purposes;

- ii) Encouraging Social Workers and Social Work Educators in Africa to write monographs, text-books, etc., in the field of Social work and related areas and causing them to be published;
- iii) Promoting the development of audio-visual materials suitable for Social Work Education;
- iv) Creating opportunities for Social Work Educators in Africa to exchange ideas and experiences about the effective use of teaching materials that are available by organizing periodic meetings;
- iv) Encouraging the exchange and development of curricula.

## II. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1982 AND 1983

Since its establishment in March 1971, the Association for Social Work Education in Africa has undertaken quite a number of activities based on the objectives and functions set out for it by the General Assembly. However, for the purpose of this application, we will restrict ourselves to the summary of activities for the years 1982 and 1983.

### 1. SEMINAR ON THEME "THE ORGANIZATION AND DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS".

The Seminar was organized under the joint sponsorship of the Association for Social Work Education in Africa and the University of Minia. It was officially opened by H.E. Dr. Amal Othman, Minister of Social Affairs of Egypt. The Seminar was held in the premises of the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences of the University of Minia, Egypt.

#### The Objectives of the Seminar were:

- 1. To acquaint participants with the major problems of rural development and the importance of social services as one of the major components in rural development.

2. To examine the content of rural development courses within the social development curricula and study possibility of strengthening the courses, and where rural development is not offered as a course, to study the possibility of incorporating such a course in the social development curricula.
3. To enable participants to exchange ideas and experiences on current practices of social service delivery to rural areas and propose possible ways of improving such practices.
4. To compile the findings and recommendations of the seminar and make them available to member Institutions and other relevant agencies/ organizations throughout the Africa Region for reference purposes.

### Participants

Representatives of Social Development Institutions affiliated with ASWEA, representatives of Departments of Social Affairs, representatives of Research Institutions, representatives of International Organizations such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization and the International Institute of Labour Studies attended the Seminar. All in all about sixty participants attended.

### Keynote Address

The Keynote address was delivered by Mr. David R.L. Jack, O.O.N., Director of Social Development Directorate, Federal Ministry of Social Development, Youth, Sports and Culture of Nigeria. The topic of his address was "The Significance of Social infrastructure to Rural Development in Africa".

### Substantive Papers

In addition to the Keynote address and country statements, the following Resource papers were also presented and discussed.



1. Organization and delivery of Social Services in Africa;
2. Integrated Rural Development in Africa: Problems and practices;
3. The Contribution of Social Science Research to Rural Development;
4. Human Resources Development in Africa: implications for Social Development;
5. The Role of Women in Rural Development: implications for Social Services.

#### Outcome of Seminar

After listening to plenary presentations of resource papers, country statements and discussing these in both plenary and sub-committees, the Seminar has adopted a number of useful recommendations:

#### 2. ASWEA PUBLICATIONS

Since 1971, ASWEA has produced and published quite a number of monographs, newsletters, case studies, professional documents, and some volumes of ASWEA journal. During the period 1982-1983 the following publications have been produced and distributed to ASWEA Members and other relevant institutions throughout the World.

- a. ASWEA Document No. 17 Report of the proceedings of the ASWEA 4th Conference on "Social Development Training in Africa: Experiences of the 1970's and Emerging Trends of the 1980's" held in Addis Ababa, from June 1 - 4, 1981.
- b. ASWEA Document No. 18 An updated and enlarged edition of the "Survey of Curricula of Social Development Training Institutions in Africa".
- c. ASWEA Document No. 19 Report of the proceedings of the ASWEA 3rd Seminar on "The Organization and Delivery of Social Services to Rural Areas", held in Minia, Egypt, from December 4 - 8, 1982.

d. The Journal for Social Work Education in Africa.

Volume V of December 1981 was published and distributed to members and other readers during the first half of 1982.

e. The Journal for Social Work Education in Africa

Volume VI (under preparation).

3. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

During the period under consideration it was possible to recruit 16 Associate and one Life member to ASWEA.

4. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

The officials of ASWEA still continue to take active part in International Meetings having direct relevance to Social Development in general and Social Work Education in particular. During the past two years ASWEA Officials took part in the following International meetings:

- a. Seminar on Aging: ASWEA Executive Secretary attended the African Regional Inter-Governmental Meeting on Aging which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from March 1 - 5, 1982. The meeting was meant to promote exchange of experience relating to existing policies and programmes for the aged, and to provide a forum for launching a regional programme of action.
- b. Symposium on the Democratization of National Development in Africa: The International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS) in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) organized a Symposium in Dakar, Senegal, from March 15 - 18, 1982 on the theme "The Democratization of National Development in Africa." The symposium exchanged views on the economic, social, cultural factors involved in democratizing national

development in Africa. ASWEA Executive Secretary attended the Symposium and presented a paper on the topic "Integrated Rural Development and the Democratization of National Development in Africa."

c. CAFS Advisory Board Meeting: The Executive Secretary of ASWEA attended the Advisory Board Meeting of the Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS) on June 5, 1982 in Nairobi, Kenya. ASWEA is a member of the Board.

d. IASSW Congress: The President, the Treasurer and the Executive Secretary of ASWEA attended the XXI IASSW Congress held in Brighton, England, from August 23 - 27, 1982. The Theme of the Congress was "Trends in Social Welfare, the Statutory, Voluntary and Informal Response: Challenges to Education, Training and Practice." After the Congress, the IASSW General Assembly was held and ASWEA was represented by its President and Executive Secretary. ASWEA's Executive Secretary has been elected as Chairman of the 1984 Nominations' Committee of the IASSW Executive Board.

e. Regional Meeting on International Youth Year (IYY)

The Executive Secretary of ASWEA attended a Regional meeting on "International Youth Year: Participation, Development and Peace" held in Addis Ababa, from 20 - 24 June, 1983.

PROPOSED ASWEA WORK PLAN/BUDGET FOR 1984/85

Ser. No.	Type of Activity	Cost Estimates in US\$
I	<u>Administrative Matters</u> Salaries and Running Cost	50,000
II	<u>Publications</u> 1. Production and distribution ASWEA Journal Vol. 6 and Vol. 7 2. Production and distribution of ASWEA Brochure 3. Production and distribution of ASWEA Doc. No.20	10,000 1,000 3,000
III	<u>Professional Meetings</u> 1. Organization of ASWEA's 5th Conference and General Assembly 2. Organization of a training workshop for social work and community development trainers 3. Expert Group Meeting for Selected Social Work Educators and other Social Scientists	97,900 75,000 38,000
IV	<u>Other Projects</u> 1. Preparation and publication of a READER in Social Development 2. Preparation and production of a reference material in family welfare (text book) 3. Promotion of Staff Exchange programmes for 6 African Social Work Educators and Community Development Trainers	50,000 33,000 38,000
V	<u>Miscellaneous Activities</u> 1. Fund-raising and Membership campaign 2. Establish and maintain contact with other International Organizations 3. Participation in International Meetings 4. Consultation and Advisory Services to member schools	unspecified unspecified 10,000 unspecified

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1984/85.

Some of the major activities of ASWEA Secretariat foreseen for the period 1984/85 are shown in the preceding table. As shown in the table, ASWEA's programme of work for the coming year will focus on: Production of Publications, Organization of professional meetings, undertaking joint projects with international organizations, promoting fund-raising and membership campaign, and the maintenance of continuous contact with member-institutions and associate members. In addition, efforts will also be made to strengthen the Secretariat. Detailed plan of work is already prepared for each of the major projects and formal contact has already been initiated with the prospective sponsoring/funding organizations. However, for the sake of general information, a short description of some of the proposed projects is given below

1. PUBLICATIONS

The Secretariat of ASWEA plans to continue with the production of documents, journals and other publications. As such, it is hoped to produce ASWEA Journal Vol.6 and Vol.7; to prepare and publish ASWEA Document No.20, and ASWEA Brochure. If time and financial resources permit we hope to start work on the preparation of a new Edition of the Directory of Social Welfare Activities in Africa.

2. PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- a. ASWEA - CAFS Training Workshop: As a result of a number of consultations and negotiations the Association for Social Work Education in Africa (ASWEA) and the Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS) will be undertaking a joint project. The project will be a Training Workshop for 25 Social Work Educators on the topic "Populations and Development." The project will be funded by CIDA and will be implemented in March 1984.

The 4 week Training Workshop which is scheduled to take place in Mombasa, Kenya, is hoped to impart knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. Population Growth and Social Development
  2. Women and Development in Africa
  3. The family in Contemporary African Society
  4. Family Life Education
  5. Principles and Methods of Family Planning
  6. Family Health, Nutrition and Fertility
- b. Expert Group Meeting: Sometime in 1984 ASWEA plans to organize an Expert Group Meeting for 25 Social Scientists of known competence in the field of social development to consider ways and means of improving the training and Research capabilities of African Social Development Institutions within the general framework of the Lagos Plan of Action. The specific objectives of the meeting will be to:
- i. Assess Social Policy trends in the Region;
  - ii. Relate the findings in respect of (1) above to the social prerequisites and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action;
  - iii. Assess the qualitative manpower requirements for the implementation of the social aspects of the Lagos Plan of Action.

### 3. OTHER PROJECTS

- a. ASWEA-CERDAS Joint Project: Both ASWEA and the Centre for the Co-ordination of Social Science Research and Documentation in Africa South of the Sahara (CERDAS) enjoy Observer Status with the OAU and are concerned with the various aspects of social development in Africa. As such, they are undertaking a joint project which leads to the writing, compiling, editing and publishing of a READER in Social Development in Africa.

The project is hoped to establish a basis for the formulation of relevant concepts and research methodology in Social Development in Africa. The READER will have five chapters containing twenty articles on a variety of topics.

- b. ASWEA-IPPF Joint Project: As a follow-up to earlier joint programmes on the preparation of guidelines for the development of a family welfare curricula for Schools of Social Work in Africa, ASWEA and the Africa Regional Office of IPPF have planned for a "Writing Workshop" sometime in 1985 to prepare a Teaching/Reference material in family welfare for ASWEA Member Institutions. According to the agreement five experts in the area of family welfare and population dynamics will be invited in their personal capacities, to attend the Workshop and analyse articles which they will have produced prior to the Workshop. The articles will then be edited and compiled into a major publication entitled "A Handbook in Family Welfare for use by African Social Development Training Institutions." The Handbook will later on be reviewed and endorsed by representatives of ASWEA member institutions before it is finally printed. The venue of the Workshop will be either Addis Ababa or Nairobi to enable the participants to make use of the facilities of either ASWEA or IPPF.

- c. Staff Exchange Programme: During 1979 and 1980 ASWEA undertook a Staff Exchange Programme between two Universities in Eastern Africa Region. The Programme was undertaken on a pilot basis and was funded by UNICEF/EARO. Based on the experiences gained from the pilot project, a new project proposal has been prepared and submitted to some funding agencies for consideration. If funds are secured, the programme is hoped to involve participants from many ASWEA member institutions. Some of the major objectives of the programme are:

- i) To give opportunity to some Social Work/  
Community Development Trainers from selected  
African Institutions to travel to other  
Institutions in the region in order to make  
observation as to what is taking place in the  
new environment and enrich their experiences;
- ii) To offer opportunities to participating  
trainers to broaden their knowledge, and  
discover/acquire new methods, techniques and  
insights into their training functions;
- iii) To offer opportunities to participants for the  
application of innovative teaching methods,  
for the development of indigenous teaching  
materials, and for the designing of better  
course contents upon return to their respective  
institutions;
- iv) To alleviate staff shortage problems of some  
institutions by encouraging individual parti-  
cipants to give teaching assistance in their  
respective fields of specialization;
- v) To enable participants to see their activities  
in a more professional perspective, to assess  
their own experience and knowledge, their respective  
institutions.

#### REQUEST FOR OAU ASSISTANCE

ASWEA 5th Conference and General Assembly: As part of its 1984/85 activity ASWEA plans to organize its 5th Conference sometime in 1984. The theme of the Conference will be "Training and Research for Social Development in Africa: implications for rural transformation" and is hoped to be jointly sponsored by ASWEA, the OAU and the hosting country. The conference will be followed by ASWEA's 5th General Assembly.



1. Background: During the last 12 years ASWEA has organized four conferences, on the following themes: (1) "Social Work-Training and Administration" (1971). (2) "The Relationship between Curricula of Schools of Social Work and National Social Development Planning" (1973), (3) "Social Realities and the Response of Social Work Education in Africa" (1976), and (4) "Social Development Training in Africa: Experiences of the 1970's and Emerging Trends of the 1980's" (1981). These Conference have brought together a large number of prominent African Social Work Educators, Community Development Trainers and other Social Scientists who were able to exchange ideas and experiences and analyse common training problems:

The present Conference on the theme "Training and Research for Social Development in Africa: Implications for Rural Transformation" is a logical continuation of the previous ASWEA Conferences and is hoped to be concerned is Social Development, the strengthening of the existing curricula, and the possibility of developing local teaching materials. The ultimate goal of such effort is to increase the receptivity and efficiency of the social development practitioners who will be engaged to promote planned social change in rural communities.

2. Specific Objectives

1. To assess the existing Training and Research facilities in the area of Social Development in Africa and propose appropriate measures for the proper utilization of those facilities.
2. examine existing policies, strategies and resources in rural development aimed at bringing about rural transformation in Africa.
3. identify possible areas of regional/sub-regional co-operation in the field of social development research and training.

4. enable participants to analyse the various aspects for the organization and delivery of social services to rural areas.
  5. enable participants to exchange views and experiences in the idigenization of their training programmes.
3. Sub-Theme to be examined
1. Training and Research within the context of National Social Development Planning;
  2. The Significance of Regional/Sub-Regional Co-operation for Human Resources Development;
  3. Policies and strategies pertaining to Rural Development in Africa;
  4. Problems and Prospects of Social Development Training in Africa with reference to staff, curricula and teaching materials;
  5. The Organization and Delivery of Social Service programmes to accelerate the process of Rural Transformation in Africa;
  6. Rural-Urban migration: Trends and its implications for rural transformation.



Cost Estimates for ASWEA 5th Conference

1. Ticket for 50 participants at US\$1,000/persons	50,000
2. Perdiem for 50 participants at US\$40/persons/day for 8 days	16,000
3. Honoraria for 8 Resource Persons at the rate of US\$250/persons	2,000
4. Stationery and typing	1,000
5. Correspondence and Telegram	1,000
6. Translation and Interpretation	6,000
7. Conference room rent	1,000
8. Printing of Proceedings in E + F	10,000
9. Unforeseen Expenses	<u>2,000</u>
	Total
	89,000
10. 10% overhead charge	<u>8,900</u>
	Grand Total
	<u>97,900</u>

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