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Relationship between Youth Voluntary Social Work in Universities and the Transmission of Youth Volunteerism 2009 AD

I- Problem of the Study:

Youth is one of the most important stages in human lifetime. In this stage, the personality takes shape and begins to have clear attitudes. Hence, social sciences focus on youth stage and link it with the issue of discovering and achieving self-identity. If puberty is merely biological stage, youth is primarily a social fact. One can say that participation on the part of youth is the backbone of human development- that leads to human growth. Youth is an overwhelming population majority, and thus, the basis of voluntary activity in any society. To increase the benefit of their voluntary activity, we should pay the most attention to this category. In spite of the increase of effectiveness of voluntary efforts and volunteers, one can find some kind of reluctance from this in different the developed as well as the developing countries. One can say that voluntary work reinforces their attitudes towards participation and feelings of social responsibility, solidarity, giving, and belongingness to group and homeland.

The culture of volunteerism is a part of the social construction. Thus, there are obstacles for the voluntary work, such as, the poor culture of volunteerism. According to the relationship between social work and human resources, one can say that the youth are the backbone of the human resources practicing the social work, since youth exemplifies the majority of world population. They are considered as the most important component in the process of social development.

Hence, the investigation of relationship between the culture of youth volunteerism and the voluntary social work, aiming to attract the largest possible participation of youth in the civil associations' activities, would render the desirable change in the society, in order to reach comprehensive development based on sustainability and volunteerism. This has special importance in the society comparing to other fields.

In spite of the importance of the culture of volunteerism in community organization on one hand, and its importance for university youth on the other, the Community Organization Method has many theories, tasks and values that enable it to support the aspects related to the culture of volunteerism among youth. This raise a question about reasons leading to the reluctance of youth from social work. Hence, the current study identifies the nature of relationship between voluntary social work and the spread of the culture of volunteerism among university youth.

II- **Concepts of the Study:** professional intervention, voluntary social work, and university youth

III- **Methodology of the Study:**

- a. **Type of the study:** experimental study based on both quantitative and qualitative methods
- b. **Method used:** social survey for a sample of university youth (n=100 units) of the third grade students, i.e., 10% of the general framework of sampling/research population (n=980)

c. **Tools of the Study:** a scale to measure the effect of a professional intervention based upon Community Organization Method on supporting voluntary social work among university youth and the spread of the youth voluntary work (developed by the researcher).

d. **Fields of the Study:**

- **Location:** Faculty of Social Work, Fayoum University
- **Sampling:** a sample drawn from the 3rd grade students at the Faculty of Social Work of 10% (n= 100 units) of the general framework of sampling (980 units).
- **Duration:** the study took six months starting from October 2008 till April 2009, including the preparatory period and the period taken for the implementation of the professional intervention.

IV- **Results of the Study:**

- a. Transmission of the culture of volunteerism among youth and clarifying its importance for individuals and the society aiming to the social empowerment of youth
- b. The university should adopt a set of projects that serve the surrounding community in a way consistent with nature and capacities of youth
- c. To orient youth about voluntary work, its goals and inviting them to participate in charitable work
- d. To provide job opportunities for ambitious youth in some associations
- e. To encourage youth participate in voluntary work, presenting role models for voluntary youth in mass media, and honoring volunteers in a certain day in each governorate
- f. To give youth certificates of appreciation on their voluntary work as an advantage from which they can benefit when applying to a job