

Research Summary
Skills of Social Work Professional Practice for Confronting the
Problem of Environmental Pollution in Saudi Arabian Community
From the Perspective of the Methods of
Social Group Work and Community Organization

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The environmental pollution represents a global phenomenon that has coped with scientific progress. It has even included developing countries and developed ones alike. Social work tackles different environmental problems and presents solutions as well as means of the effective confrontation of these problems through treating them within the empirical situation based on its different methods. One of these methods is Social Group Work and community organization.

Professional skills in social work in general and within the two methods of Social Group Work and community organization in particular are considered a basic necessity for the success of practice as they are regarded as one of these components that direct correct tracks in a clear and definite way. The skill in solving a problem, the skill of communication, the skill of leadership and the skill of decision-making are considered one of important skills of professional practice that can be used by social workers for facing the problem of the environmental pollution.

Thereupon, the objectives of this present study are represented in identifying forms and causes of the environmental pollution in Saudi Arabian community and defining the nature of the professional practice skills of social work that are required for confronting the problem of the environmental pollution within Saudi Arabian community from the perspective of the methods of Social Group Work and community organization through (defining the nature of professional practice for the skill of problem-solving, leadership skill, decision-making skill and communication skill) for the confrontation of the problem of the environmental pollution from the perspective of the methods of Social Group Work and community organization.

This study is considered one of descriptive studies. It has adopted the method of the comprehensive social survey for all Voluntary

Association that are concerned with the environment at the level of Jeddah and sampling social survey of male and female social workers who work in Voluntary Association. Data of this study have been collected via the use of a questionnaire form of male and female social workers who work in Voluntary Association and who are interested in preserving the environment from pollution at the level of Jeddah. The volume of this study sample has amounted to (٦١) individuals.

The important study results are represented in the following: the environmental pollution has several forms that are represented in: the pollution that is linked to sanitary drainage and pollution related to throwing rubbish in the environment. Study results have also shown that the causes of the environmental pollution in Saudi Arabian community are represented in permanent leakage of sanitary drainage networks, lack of the environmental awareness, wrong behavior and different industrial activities.

In addition, study results have shown that the nature of professional practice of problem-solving skill for facing the problem of environmental pollution has been strong as research individuals set definite objectives for confronting the environmental pollution. The nature of professional practice of leadership skill for facing the problem of environmental pollution within Saudi Arabian community has also been strong as research individuals have the ability to perform these priorities related to the environmental pollution as well as these efforts for confronting this pollution.

In addition, the nature of professional practice of decision-making skill for facing the problem of environmental pollution has been strong since research individuals inform the community individuals of the risk of pollution problem and use discussion and analysis for the sake of reaching a collective decision to face pollution. The nature of professional practice of communication skill for facing the problem of environmental pollution has also been strong since research individuals are keen on creating a positive relationship between community individuals and their environment. In addition, they contact experts specialized in the field of environment for confronting the environmental pollution.

Finally, this study has recommended conducting more studies and researches concerning environmental issues in general and the problem of the environmental pollution particularly the studies and researches of professional interference of social work. Increasing the awareness of the

community population and groups concerning the problem of the environmental pollution, developing the sense of social responsibility, the necessity and encouragement of teamwork within private communities for confronting the environmental pollution.