

MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSWOL)

(MSWOL First Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

Course Titles

MSW-001 : Origin and Development of Social Work

MSW-002 : Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives

MSW-003 : Basic Social Science Concepts

MSW-004 : Social Work and Social Development

MSW-005 : Social Work Practicum and Supervision

MSW-006 : Social Work Research

MSWE-010 : Social Work in African Context

MSW-032 : Social Work and Criminal Justice

Last Date to upload the Assignment on the LMS July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027 January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027

Note : Kindly prepare the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work [MSWOL]** Programme at IGNOU.

Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in.
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

Important Notes on Assignments:

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and signed before upload.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write all the details like Name of programme, Name of course, Enrolment No., Academic Year, Regional Centre etc. on the front page of assignment.
- Write in your own words and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

Social Work in African Context

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSWE-010

Total Marks: 100

Note: (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **600** words each

1. Explain the historical and theoretical foundations related to the development of social welfare practices in Africa. 20

Or

Discuss the challenges faced by education in Ethiopia. 20

2. Illustrate the theories in the context of social group work. 20

Or

Describe the socio-economic situation of vulnerable groups in Ethiopia. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **300** words each:

- a) Discuss the elements of primary health care in Ethiopia. 10
- b) List out the types of schools found in Ethiopia. 10
- c) Describe the major characteristics of social work research. 10
- d) Highlight the legal system in Ethiopia. 10

4. Attempt any **four** of the following in about **150** words each:

- a) What are the major problems faced by girl children in Ethiopia? 5
- b) Explain the contributions of International Agencies for the provision of welfare services in Ethiopia. 5
- c) Discuss the application of social work practices in solving community problems. 5
- d) List out the social movements in Ethiopia. 5
- e) How has the neoliberal economic policy impacted social work education and practice in African? 5
- f) What are the major causes of human problem in Ethiopia? 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100** words each:

- a) Social Welfare Programmes in Ethiopia 4
- b) Association for Social Work Education in Africa 4
- c) Family-Based Community Development (FBCD) 4
- d) Feminist Community Work 4
- e) Social Movement 4
- f) Community Policing 4
- g) Social Protection in Ethiopia 4
- h) Weaknesses of the NGOs and FBOs 4