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## Social Work in a Developing Continent: The Case of Africa

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### Abstract

Social work is a professional approach to ameliorating social problems. It is generally understood as a helping profession that utilizes professionally qualified personnel who use its knowledge base to help people tackle their social problems (Mupedziswa, 2005).

Nevertheless, in developing countries, social work is a

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relatively young profession  
which was influenced by  
colonialism in its formation.  
The type of social work  
practiced in these countries