

## **Urban Community Development and Village-AID Program**

Experimental projects on urban community development and medical social work were started at Karachi and Lahore at the last quarter of 1953 and 1954 respectively. Main objectives of these projects were.

- To aware the people about their social problems.
- To improve the capacities and abilities of the people for solution of their own problems on self help basis.
- To guide the people for local leadership.
- To identify the social problems of that area and to take initiative for the solution of these problems.

Govt. tried to appoint trained social workers at all these projects for positive results. Now these projects are going very well and providing a lot number of other services in communities.

In close cooperation with I C A (International Cooperation Administration) of United States and the Govt. of Pakistan introduced the Village AID program in 1953. The main objectives of that program were.

- To develop projects of rural community development.
- To provide drinking water and water for crops.
- To set up educational institutions and hospitals in rural areas. The programmes, however, died an immature death.

## **National and Provincial Councils of Social Welfare**

For implementation of the program of Grants-in-AID the National Council of Social Welfare was established in the year 1955. It was followed by the formation of the provincial councils of Social Welfare in East Pakistan and West Pakistan in the year 1956. Separation of East Pakistan and end of one unit, West Pakistan came back in the usual state of four provinces and separate provincial councils were set up in all four provinces. Every provincial council has to handle the programs of welfare in that province.

Main tasks of national council of social welfare are.

- Policy making, program formulation and legislation for social welfare.
- To assess the needs and problems of NGOs and suggestions for solution
- To improve the working of voluntary social welfare agencies.
- To evaluate the voluntary social welfare programs
- To set up new voluntary social welfare agencies where it is felt need
- To remain in contact with provincial councils of social welfare and to guide them.
- To encourage the efforts for research on social welfare.
- To publish and improve literature on social welfare.

Mostly, National council supports financially to welfare agencies working in following fields.

- Child Welfare
- Youth Welfare

- Women Welfare
- Welfare of physically and mentally handicapped
- Family Planning
- Rehabilitation of beggars
- Probation of offenders services
- Welfare and rehabilitation of patients
- Publication and research
- Rehabilitation of socially handicapped

**Ministry of Social Welfare**

In 1958, a separate Ministry of Health and Social welfare was established in the Central Govt. and in October 1959, the ministry of Health, Labor and Social Welfare was formed under a secretary with three-divisions each headed by a joint secretary. In 1962, the administration of social welfare program was transferred to the provincial govts.