

The Commemoration of World Social Work Day is a time for people involved in the social service sector to be proud of their goals as well as to raise awareness of their role in the lives of vulnerable families and communities



## HOPE RECOGNISES THE WORK OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS

Hope Worldwide- Pakistan celebrated World Social Work Day with a commemorative dinner at Massey Community Hall in Auckland, New Zealand,

on March 16. Social workers from 10 different organisations were honoured for their outstanding efforts and commitment to social justice in Auckland, New Zealand, and the support they have given our community.

Many people shared their experiences and joined a discussion on possible scenarios for the future of the social work sector. Social workers also enjoyed cultural performances. HOPE acknowledged more than 30 social workers from our community with certificates for their great work and support.

### History of World Social Work Day

The first World Social Work Day was held in 2007, and was a combined event with the United Nations and International Federation of Social Workers. Members of the two organisations agreed to celebrate World Social Work Day every year on the third Tuesday of every March.

HOPE believes it is important to recognise those who give their life and work hard towards building healthier and thriving communities around the world. That is why we were happy to have celebrated this day with ANZAC (Aotearoa, New Zealand Association of Social Workers), who share the same vision of serving humanity, eradicating poverty and promoting human rights.

Now, all social organisations around the world share a general theme for the day. In 2021, the World Social Day theme was: "Ubuntu: I am Because We Are"; a famous concept made known by Nelson Mandela and drawn from indigenous peoples of South Africa.

It is a powerful message that expands the idea that we are all one. All of us have responsibilities towards the world and towards other members of our community, Ubuntu interconnects our cultures, nationalities and social classes. It is a message of inclusion and working together.