



Social work intervention on human rights violation of Tangkhul community in Ukhrul district, Manipur

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Abstract

The Tangkhul tribal community had been a victim for violation of human rights in many ways; the Indian Arm Forces have committed several human rights violation like fake encounter, torture, rape and arrest without warrant in Ukhrul district while suppressing a separatist insurgency in the region. Violation like abduction, ransom demand, loot and imposing tax by the insurgents affect the socio economic of Tangkhul community in Ukhrul district. The attacked on the Civilians by the Indian Arm Force and other unidentified insurgents has disintegrated the Tangkhul community into various support groups and this has brought tremendously effect on the growth and socio economic of the Tangkhul community. For decades violation of human rights has adversely hampered the overall growth of the Human resources that is needed for the development of the Tangkhul community and therefore many social worker has come out to intervene in such crisis to maintain peace and harmony.

Keywords: Violation, Human rights, Tangkhul community, Arm forces, Social worker.

Introduction

“Human rights” means the rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the constitution or embodied in the International covenants and enforceable by courts in India. And according to National Human Rights Commission all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights known as human rights, as commonly understood, are the rights that every human being is entitled to enjoy freely irrespective of his religion, race, caste, sex and nationality etc. Human rights exist, as embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the entire body of international human rights law. They are recognized—at least in principle—by most nations and form the heart of many national constitutions. Yet the actual situation in the world is far distant from the ideals envisioned in the Declaration.

Social work is often a challenging task, yet worthwhile profession. Social workers took initiatives and responsibility to help individuals, families, groups and community to cope with the problems they are facing so as to improve their lives and remain invulnerable. Social workers give counseling to the broken families, mentoring, capacity building, training and rehabilitation are the work taken by the Social workers. Social workers normally address human rights legal issues, advocating and

assisting with the hearings, helping in preparing testimonies and other relevant legal documentation. Social workers does not confine only in advocacy and legal issues rather engage in research work, policy making, giving training, development work and capacity building.

Social workers maintain records and case history files and prepare reports for presentation. Social worker responsibility can be the kind work which requires overtime and optimum utilization of minimum available resources. One of the basic aspects of social worker is controlled emotional involvement separating the emotional aspects of their individual life from their profession job. Right base approaches are made and seek to analyze the inequalities which hinders the society and creating development problems. Social workers redress discriminatory practices, unlawful act, human rights violation, unjust distributions man miss used of power that hamper human growth and developmental progress.

Social work intervention

Social work has been concerned with the several roles of the social work profession and the social welfare system in dealing with the human necessitate. The main purpose of social work is to enhance social functioning by providing interventions to individuals, victim families, groups and the community in order to assist them in their issues and problems. Social work interventions are engages to aid the clients to ease their problems and do need assessment along with the client for their well-being. The purpose of social worker is to enables the individuals, families, groups and communities to function more efficiently in their own capacity within their social settings. The main purpose of the social work profession is to develop human well-being and to meet the primary human needs by empowering the community who are oppressed, vulnerable and living in pathetic conditions.

The role of Social workers is to eliminate social evil and discrimination and to create healthy social environments. Social workers provide advocacy for the needs of clients and the community and enable to empower clients and communities in addressing their needs. Social workers also advocate for the clients and the community and focused on elimination of discrimination and exploitation. In doing advocacy social worker will discuss a number of problems that have arisen regarding needs, including social justice, and human rights; and how to put together theories of human needs and of human capabilities.

Social workers are not confined in only one aspect they work in different types of settings, which includes child welfare centers, hospitals, mental health care, guidance clinics, observation home, schools, colleges, NGOs and prison. Social work interventions are on the basis of issues and needs; it varies on the type of the problems of the client and is determined on psychosocial assessment conducted by the social worker.

Active Social organization in Ukhurul

Tangkhul Mayar Ngala Long (TMNL), Tangkhul Katamnao Long (TKL), Tangkhul Shanao Long (TSL), Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL) and Naga People Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR).

Methods of social work intervention

Social workers are professional expert which focus on the whole aspect of the person's life, social existence, and the environment of the society. Social worker helps in capacity to in order to manage the situations where risks are very finely balanced with the circumstances which hare often difficult. Social workers establish trust and engage quickly to the problems of the clients and avoid high risk by establishing relationship between the social worker and the troublemaker. Social workers assist people either to directly access to support in different form, to reach the level where social workers can participate more independent and fully.

There are three main methods of social work intervention:

1. Case work
2. Group work
3. Community organization

Scope of the study

Human rights are a set of individual and collective rights that have been formally promoted and protected through international and domestic law since the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The study is exclusively for the Tangkhul tribal community residing in Ukhrul district. Tangkhul community has been living in a dark corner of human rights violation and due to their ignorance about their rights they have been deprived from all aspect of rights.

Respondents

The respondents of this research are from the selected individuals from the seven most violated villages from four different blocks of Ukhrul district. These respondents are chosen and selected from the victims of the human rights violation and the Sufferer of violation.

Table no. 1
showing the no. of Blocks, Villages, Household and Sample size of 5%

Sl. No.	Blocks	Total no. of villages	No. of household	Selected villages		Sample size of 5%
				Village	Household	
1	Ukhrul	41	13668	1.Ukhrul (Urban)	5226	261
				2. Huining	688	34
2	Chingai	27	6102	1. Jessami	558	28
				2. Huishu	201	10
3	Lungchong Meiphei	28	7073	1. Talui	820	41
				2. Ngainga	267	13
4	Phungyar	37	3323	1. Kumrum	67	4
Total	4 Blocks			7 villages	7827	391

Analysis of Social Work Intervention on Human Rights Violation in Ukhrul district

In this research the role and importance of social worker in conflict and disturb areas where there is need for rehabilitation and normalcy is explained in brief. An attempt has been made to bring out the best solution for the problems, intense study was done without the interest of any party to make the study a reliable source and unbiased in its findings.

Table no. 2
Statement showing Civil Organization taking initiative to stop terrorism

Civil Organization initiative to stop terrorism	No. of Respondents	Percent
Taking initiative	332	84.9
No initiative	58	14.8
No knowledge	1	.3
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 84.9% responded that Civil Organization are taking initiative to stop terrorism, 14.8% responded that Civil Organization are not taking initiative to stop terrorism and .3% respondents did not have any knowledge regarding Civil Organization are taking initiative to stop terrorism.

Table no. 3
Statement showing the measures to reduce terrorism

Measures to reduce terrorism	No. of Respondents	Percent
Removal of AFSPA	69	17.6
Respecting Human Rights	254	65.0
Stop Misusing power	60	15.3
Evacuation of Military	7	1.8
Others	1	.3
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 17.6% responded that the means to reduce terrorism is removal of AFSPA, 65.0% responded that respecting Human rights will reduce terrorism and 1.8% responded that evacuation of military power will reduce terrorism. Only .3% respondents give other opinion for reducing terrorism.

Table no. 4
Statement showing threatening by Military when initiating Human Rights movement

Threatening by Military when initiating Human Rights movement	No. of Respondents	Percent
Threaten	305	78.0
Not threaten	80	20.5
Not applicable	6	1.5
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 78.0% responded that Indian military threaten when initiating Human rights movement and 20.05% responded that Indian military did not threaten when initiating Human rights movement. Only 1.5% respondents do not give any opinion about Indian military threatening when initiating Human rights movement.

Table no. 5
Statement showing the participation Woman group in Human Rights movement

Participation of Woman group in Human rights movement	No. of Respondents	Percent
Participate	363	92.8
Not participate	28	7.2
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 98.2% responded that the woman group participate in Human rights movement and 7.2% responded that the woman group did not participate in Human rights movement.

Table no. 6
Statement showing Human Rights Movement can stop terrorism

Human Rights Movement can stop terrorism	No. of Respondents	Percent
Can stop	323	82.6
Cannot stop	68	17.4
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 82.6% responded that Human rights movement can stop terrorism and 17.4% responded that Human rights movement cannot stop terrorism. Thus majority responded that Human rights movement can stop terrorism.

Table no. 7

Statement showing collaboration with NGOs for solving violation problems

Collaboration with NGOs for solving violation problems	No. of Respondents	Percent
Wants to collaborate	365	93.4
Not need	24	6.1
Not applicable	2	.5
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 93.4% responded that they wanted to collaborate with NGOs for solving violation problems and 6.1% responded that they did not want to collaborate with NGOs for solving violation problems. Only .5% respondents did not give any opinion about collaboration with NGOs for solving violation problems.

Table no. 8

Statement showing the expectation from social worker

Expectation from social worker	No. of Respondents	Percent
Initiating peace	124	31.7
Giving training	49	12.5
Releasing social tension	26	6.6
Bringing social change	192	49.1
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 49.1% responded that they expect bringing social change from social worker and 31.7% responded that they expect initiating peace from social worker. Only 6.6% respondents expect releasing social tension from social worker.

Table no. 9

Statement showing opinion of Military towards social workers intervention plea for justice

Opinion of Military towards social worker's intervention	No. of Respondents	Percent
Consider	273	69.8
Not consider	118	30.2
Total	391	100.0

The above statement clearly shows that out of 391 samples 69.8% responded that the Indian Military will consider social workers intervention plea for justice and 30.2% responded that the Indian Military will not consider social workers intervention plea for justice.

Findings

Regarding the level and method of social work intervention there are various organizations working for Human rights violation officially and unofficially. Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL), Tangkhul katamano Long (TKL), Tangkhul Shanao Long (TSL) and Naga People Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) are the active organization who looks after the welfare and safety of the Tangkhul community. Due to the support given by the social activist most of the respondents reported their cases to them. In many cases the social activist comes for direct contact with the victims of human rights violation and proceeds for the further investigation. Majority of the respondents wants intervention of social worker for solving the atrocities committed by the Arm Forces and the cases related to human rights violation. Most of the respondents received good responses from the social activist and they are willing to approach in days to come. The respondents are longing for assistance in the form of rehabilitation, counseling centers and providing moral support to the victims.

Conclusion

Human rights violation should be check and monitor by the state government and central government, the concern authority should not be just a mere spectator when the community is suffering. Government should encourage and appreciate the work of various civil organizations who are taking initiative role to intervene in human rights violation matter. Discrimination on the basis of caste, tribe, and religion should be abolished; equal treatment should be given the entire citizen and justice should be done for any atrocities. It is concluded that respect should be given to human rights activist and must abide law and order for better governance. Respecting humanity is the first step to development and it is assured that if the Arm Forces give respect to humanity human rights violation will be minimized and there will be peace and harmony in the society.

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