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## Reflections on Social Work Field Education in Kenya: Identifying Gaps and Opportunities

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### Abstract

This session will explore important issues that are worth noting in the current status of social work field education, student placement processes and supervision in Kenya today. It captures current practices for the different levels of social work training in Kenya from certificate, Diploma, Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate levels and the nature of fieldwork experiences by key stakeholders, including the student, the college supervisor and the field/agency supervisor. The information shared is based on informal conversations with these individuals and personal observations of current placement practices in many Kenyan institutions of higher learning. Social work agency placements remain the single most important factor in the preparation of social work practitioners, but are most vulnerable to lack of standardization, unavailability of trained high-quality field instructors, poor quality control and it is often allocated little if any resources to manage.

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