

Abstract

SOCIAL WORKERS' ROLE AND PRACTICE IN UNACCOMPANIED MINORS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM, IN THE CASE OF HOPE FOR JUSTICE ETHIOPIA

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This study will inquire about the role social workers play in the reintegration of unaccompanied minors returnees in Ethiopia and seek more questions on the challenges and the coping mechanisms used to tackle all the challenges. A qualitative approach is deployed for the research, and a case study method is used to analyze the research. The study deploys the capabilities approach and post-colonial theory to understand the mitigation tools used to sustain reintegration. The finding of the thesis reveals that the area is understudied, and the social work intervention to prevent it is not yet contextualized to the country's situation. Nonetheless, NGOs' efforts to help the reintegration of the returnees and social work play a key role in it. The number of cases reported and the social worker in the interventions is not balanced, affecting the service quality. Reintegration is faster than usual standards of organizations parted in a reintegration program to control this overwhelming number of cases.

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