

# NPSIA Works: Career Futures

## SOCIAL POLICY

### Description of the Field

Social policy issues, such as health and education, are among the foundations of economic and social development. Human resource development depends on a nation's quality of life, and there is now greater recognition of the importance of all social policies, including social support systems. This is reflected by the increasing number of emerging job opportunities in this area.

Most people involved with social policy issues will be working for NGOs, government departments or aid agencies, national (e.g. CIDA) or international (e.g. World Bank, UN). The work of NGOs in post-conflict situations, with goals of reconstruction and reconciliation, often focuses primarily on aspects of health, education and social support. Gender and children are cross-cutting themes in practically all sectors of relief and development work. Positions in social policy may require that these principles be incorporated into policy.

### Selected Alumni Job Titles

**Associate Social Affairs Officer**, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, UN International Health

**Information Officer**, Research Matters in Governance Equity and Health, International Development Research Centre/Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

**International Health Programs Consultant**, International Affairs Directorate, Health Canada

**Programs Consultant**, International Affairs Directorate, Health Canada

**Project Manager**, Global Drug Facility (GDF), World Health Organization

**Executive Assistant**, Research and Planning, Canadian Bureau for International Education

**Senior Education Economist**, Human Development, Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office, World Bank

**Senior Policy Advisor**, International Relations and Policy Development, Canadian Heritage

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