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**Primary 4 Social studies**

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## Term 3

### Theme: LIVING TOGETHER IN OUR DISTRICT

#### Topic 2/2: OUR LEADERS IN THE DISTRICT

##### Learning Outcome

The learner;

- Identifies people who provide social services in the district.
- Appreciates the value of different social services in the district.
- Suggests the solutions to the problems met in providing the social services.

##### Social Services

Social services are the important help and facilities provided by the government, leaders, and organizations to improve people's lives in the district. They make sure people live healthy, safe, and educated lives.

##### Examples of Social Services



Health care



Education

##### 1. Health Services

Hospitals, clinics, and health centers:

Provide medical care, treatment, and vaccinations.

##### 2. Education Services

3. Schools, teachers, and libraries.

Help children learn and prepare for the future.

#### **4. Security Services**

Police, army, and local defense units.

Protect people and their property.

#### **5. Water and Sanitation Services**

Boreholes, clean water supply, and waste disposal.

Prevent diseases and keep the environment clean.

#### **6. Transport Services**

Roads, bridges, and public transport.

Help people move goods and travel easily.

#### **7. Community Support Services**

NGOs, Red Cross, TASO, UWESO.

Provide support like food, counseling, and care for the needy.

#### **Exercise 1**

1. What are social services?
2. Mention two examples of health services.
3. Why is education considered a social service?
4. Who provides security services in the district?
5. Give one reason why clean water is important.
6. Mention two transport services in your district.
7. Name any two organizations that provide community support.
8. How do social services improve people's lives?
9. Why should leaders provide social services?
10. List any four social services found in your district.

## People Who Provide Social Services in Our District



Doctor



Policeman



Army Men

Social services are important facilities and help given to people to improve their lives. These services are provided by different people in our district. Each person plays a special role in making the community better.

### Local Leaders

These guide and organize people.

They ensure laws are followed and services reach the community.

### Teachers

Teachers provide education to children.

Teachers help learners gain knowledge and skills.

### Doctors & Nurses

These treat the sick and provide medical care.

They work in hospitals and health centers.

### Veterinary Officers

Care for animals and prevent animal diseases.

Support farmers with livestock health.

### **Police Officers**

Keep law and order.

Protect people and their property.

### **Farmers**

Grow crops and rear animals.

Provide food for the community.

### **Drivers**

Transport people and goods.

Connect communities through roads.

### **Carpenters**

Make furniture and repair wooden items.

Provide useful products for homes and schools.

### **Bankers**

Keep people's money safe.

Help with loans and financial services.

### **Chiefs**

Lead clans and preserve culture.

Solve disputes among community members.

### **Parents**

Care for children and provide basic needs.

Teach values and discipline.

## **Shopkeepers**

Sell goods to people.

Provide daily needs like food, clothes, and household items.

## **Army Officers**

Defend the country and maintain peace.

Protect borders and support security.

## **Exercise 2**

1. Who provides education services in our district?
2. Mention two people who provide medical care.
3. What is the role of veterinary officers?
4. How do farmers support the community?
5. Why are police officers important?
6. Give one reason why drivers are useful.
7. Mention two products made by carpenters.
8. What do bankers do for people?
9. How do chiefs help in the community?
10. List any four people who provide social services in our district.

## **Problems in Meeting People's Needs in Our District**

Every person has needs such as food, education, health care, and security. Sometimes these needs are not met because of certain problems in the district. Here are some of these challenges.

### **1. Poverty**

Many families lack money to buy food, clothes, or pay school fees.

Poverty makes life difficult and limits opportunities.

### **2. Bad Weather**

Too much rain or drought affects farming.

Leads to poor harvests and shortage of food.

### **3. Shortage of Food**

When crops fail or food is expensive, people go hungry.

Children may suffer from malnutrition.

### **4. Theft**

Stealing of property or animals reduces people's wealth.

Creates insecurity in the community.

### **5. Corruption**

Some leaders misuse public funds.

This stops development and denies people services.

### **6. Irresponsibility / Not Caring**

Some people neglect their duties.

This slows down progress in the district.

### **7. Laziness and Idleness**

People who refuse to work remain poor.

Laziness reduces productivity in the community.

### **8. High Population**

Too many people in one area cause pressure on resources.

Leads to shortage of jobs, food, and land.

### **9. Poor Attitude to Work**

Some people dislike working or waste time.

This affects income and development.

### Exercise 3

1. What is poverty and how does it affect people's needs?
2. How does bad weather affect farming?
3. Mention two effects of shortage of food.
4. Why is theft a problem in the district?
5. What is corruption and how does it harm people?
6. Give one example of irresponsibility in the community.
7. How does laziness affect family income?
8. What problems are caused by high population?
9. Explain what is meant by poor attitude to work.
10. List any four problems that stop people from meeting their needs.

### Suggested Solutions to Problems in Our District

Every district faces challenges such as poverty, shortage of food, poor health, and unemployment. To overcome these problems, leaders and community members must work together and apply solutions that improve people's lives.

#### 1. Creating Employment Opportunities

Jobs should be created, especially for young people.

This reduces poverty, idleness, and crime.

#### 2. Providing Education on Food Production

Teach farmers modern methods of farming.

Helps produce more and better-quality food.

#### 3. Providing Medical Services

Build hospitals and health centers.

Ensure people get treatment and prevent diseases.

#### 4. Controlling Population Growth

Encourage families to have manageable numbers of children.

Helps reduce pressure on food, jobs, and land.

## 5. Introducing Group Farming

People can form farming groups or cooperatives.

This increases production, reduces costs, and improves income.

### Exercise 4

1. Why is it important to create employment opportunities?
2. How does educating farmers improve food production?
3. Mention two benefits of providing medical services.
4. What does controlling population growth mean?
5. Why should families have manageable numbers of children?
6. What is group farming?
7. How does group farming help reduce poverty?
8. Mention one way medical services improve people's lives.
9. Give two reasons why young people need jobs.
10. List any three suggested solutions to problems in our district.

### Social Service Centres



Hospital



Police station



Market



Church



Mosque



Petrol station

Social service centres are places in our district where people go to receive important services that improve their lives. These centres provide education, health care, security, and other needs for the community.

### 1. Schools

Provide education to children.

Help learners gain knowledge and skills for the future.

## **2. Hospitals / Medical Centres**

Treat sick people and provide medical care.

Prevent diseases and promote good health.

## **3. Markets**

Places where people buy and sell goods.

Provide food and income for families.

## **4. Police Stations / Posts**

Maintain law and order.

Protect people and their property.

## **5. Banks**

Keep people's money safe.

Provide loans and financial services.

## **6. Water Sources**

Boreholes, taps, and wells.

Provide clean water for drinking and cooking.

## **7. Petrol Stations**

Supply fuel for cars and machines.

Support transport and farming activities.

## **8. Post Offices**

Help people send and receive letters or parcels.

Provide communication services.

## 9. Churches and Mosques

Provide spiritual guidance and moral teaching.

Unite people through worship and prayer.

### Exercise 5

1. What are social service centres?
2. Mention two services provided by schools.
3. Why are hospitals important in the district?
4. What happens in markets?
5. Who works in police stations?
6. Give one reason why banks are useful.
7. Mention two examples of water sources.
8. What is the role of petrol stations?
9. How do post offices help in communication?
10. List any three religious centres in your district.

### Caring for Social Service Centres

Social service centres like schools, hospitals, markets, and police stations are very important in our district. They provide education, health care, security, and other services. To keep them useful, people must care for them properly.

#### 1. Respecting People Who Care for Social Service Centres

Show respect to teachers, doctors, nurses, police officers, and other workers.

Listen to their guidance and follow their rules.

#### 2. Cleaning Social Service Centres

Keep schools, hospitals, markets, and water sources clean.

Prevents diseases and makes the centres safe and welcoming.

#### 3. Mobilizing Communities on Proper Use

Encourage people to use centres correctly.

Example: not wasting water, not damaging school property, and keeping markets tidy.

#### 4. Showing Love for Social Service Centres

Protect buildings, equipment, and services.

Avoid vandalism and treat centres as valuable community property.

#### Exercise 6

1. Why should we respect people who work in social service centres?
2. Mention two reasons why cleaning social service centres is important.
3. What does mobilizing communities mean?
4. Give one example of proper use of a social service centre.
5. How can people show love for social service centres?
6. Why should schools and hospitals be kept clean?
7. Mention two workers who provide services in social service centres.
8. What happens when people misuse social service centres?
9. Give one reason why markets should be cared for.
10. List any three ways of caring for social service centres.

#### Revision Question

1. How is a banker different from a shopkeeper?

Banker	Shopkeeper
Works in a bank	Works in a shop
Deals with money (saving, lending)	Deals with goods (buying, selling)
Helps people manage finances	Helps people get items they need

☞ In short: **a banker works with money, while a shopkeeper works with goods.**

2. In which way does poverty slow down the development of country?
  - (i) Poverty prevent people from getting skill through education.
  - (ii) Poverty makes it difficult to treat diseases that reduce productivity
  - (iii) Poverty **lead to unemployment.**
3. Mention any one reason why school children should be taught practical skills.

To create employment in future

To be able work

4. State any one way in which a high population may negatively affect the provision of social services in an area.

- (i) Causes overcrowded classes
- (ii) Increase the burden of doctors and hospital facilities.
- (iii) Leads to shortage of water.
- (iv) Leads to shortage of houses.
- (v) Leads to unemployment.

5. How does feeder roads promote development of rural areas in Uganda?

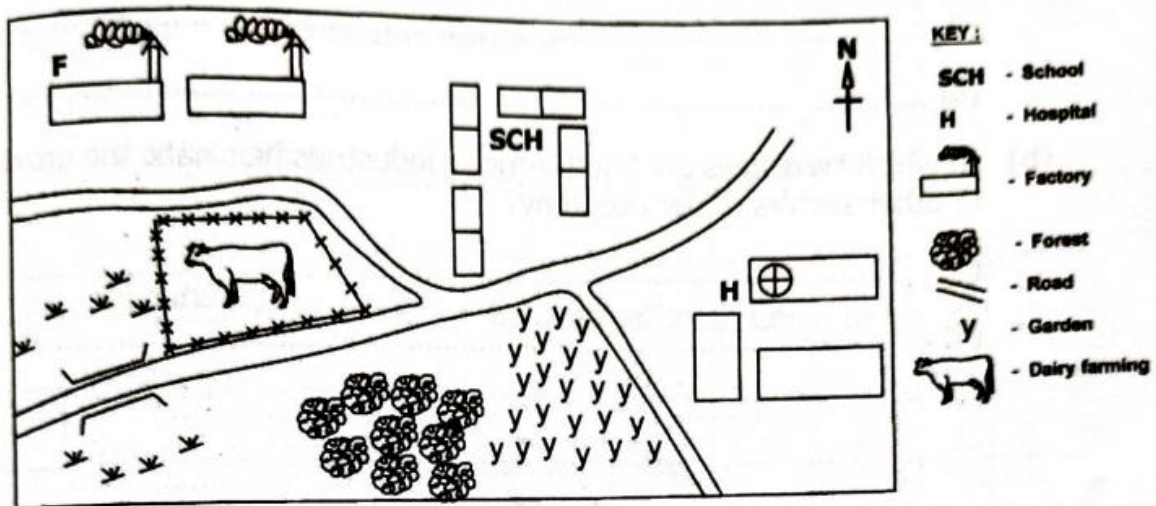
Enable people to access market

Enable people to access social services

6. Give any one benefit of a market to a neighboring school.

Pupils and teachers buy books, eats and drinks from the market.

7. Below is a sketch map of an area. Use it to answer the questions that follow.



(a) Identify any one economic activity carried out in the area.

Dairy farming

Gardening

Manufacturing due to industry

Lumbering due to forest

Transport because of roads

(b) Give any one social service provided in the area

Teaching/school

Treatment/hospital

(c) State any one way in which people benefit from the Area marked F.

Get jobs

Get domestic goods

(d) Write one way in which people can care for the resources in an area.

Keep the resources clean

Do not waste resources.

8. Give any one reason why polling stations should have Police Officers during an election

To keep law and order.

9. Name the most common transport used in Uganda.

Road transport

10. How can a market help people meet their needs?

It sells goods and services to the people.

11. How does good road network promotes development of an area?

Enable farmers reach their markets cheaply

Allows free movement of people

Enable people access social services.

12. Give any one reason why places that have many economic activities attract a high population

- (i) **Jobs are available:** People move there because they can find work and earn money.
- (ii) **Goods and services are easy to get:** Markets, shops, and businesses provide food, clothes, and other needs.
- (iii) **Better social services:** Busy towns often have more schools, hospitals, and transport, which attract families.

13. Why a sign post important?

It provides information

It provides directions

It advertises goods and services

14. Mention any one group of people which bring goods nearer to your community

Traders/shopkeeper/market vendors

15. (a) Apart from hospitals, mention any two other health service centres in your community.

Pharmacies

Clinics

(b) Mention any two problems faced by the government in providing health services to the people

Insufficient funds

Inadequate qualified medical works

Corruption

16. Match what is in Part A and that in part B correctly.

Part A: Service provider	Part B: service
Veterinary officer	Produces crops and animal products
Police officer	Buys and sells things
Trader	Treats animals
Farmer	Keeps law and order

17. Give any one benefit which a family can get by living near a health centre.

Health services like treatment easily

Got a job

Get market for produce

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