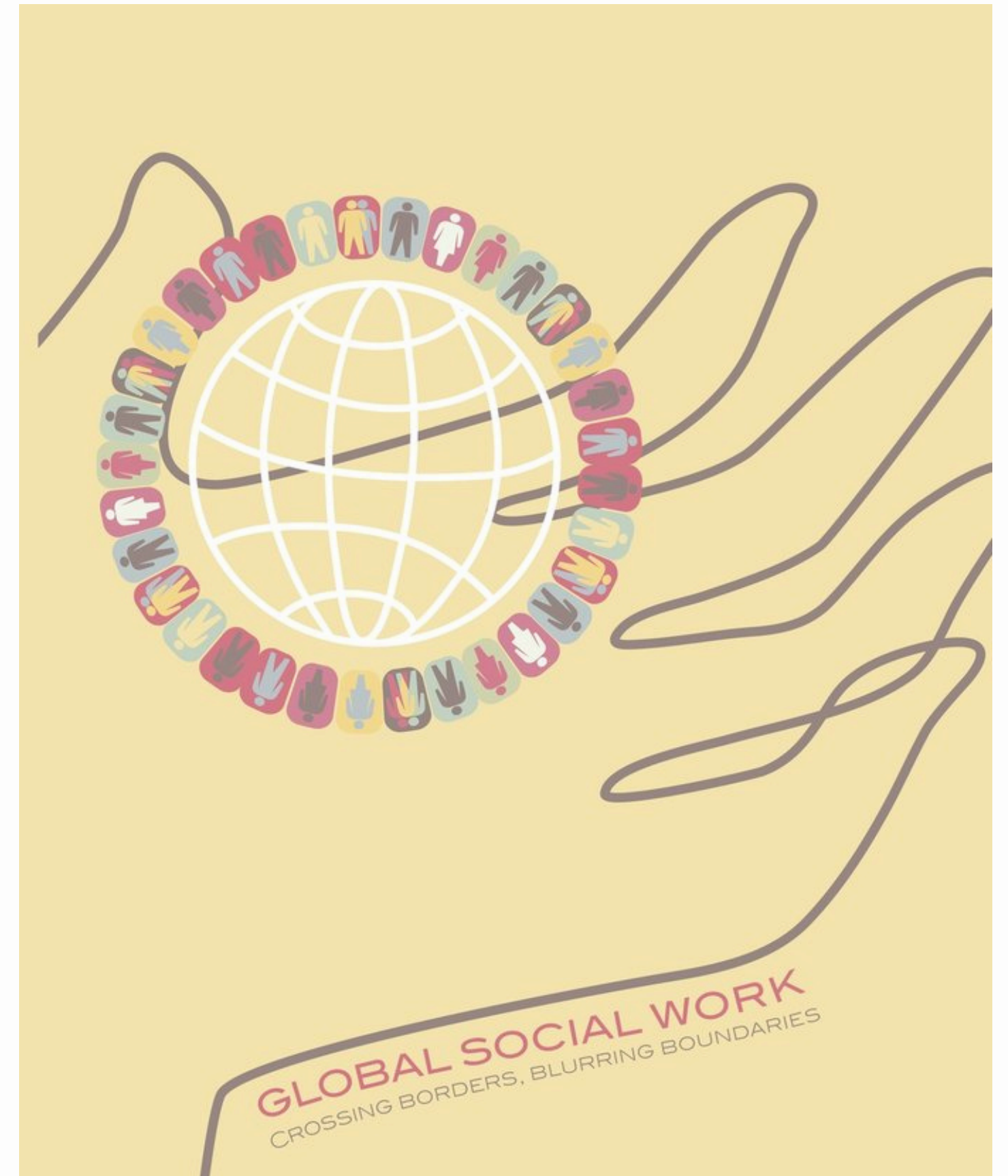


Social Work Global Course Extension: Key Highlights & Takeaways

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Presentation Outline

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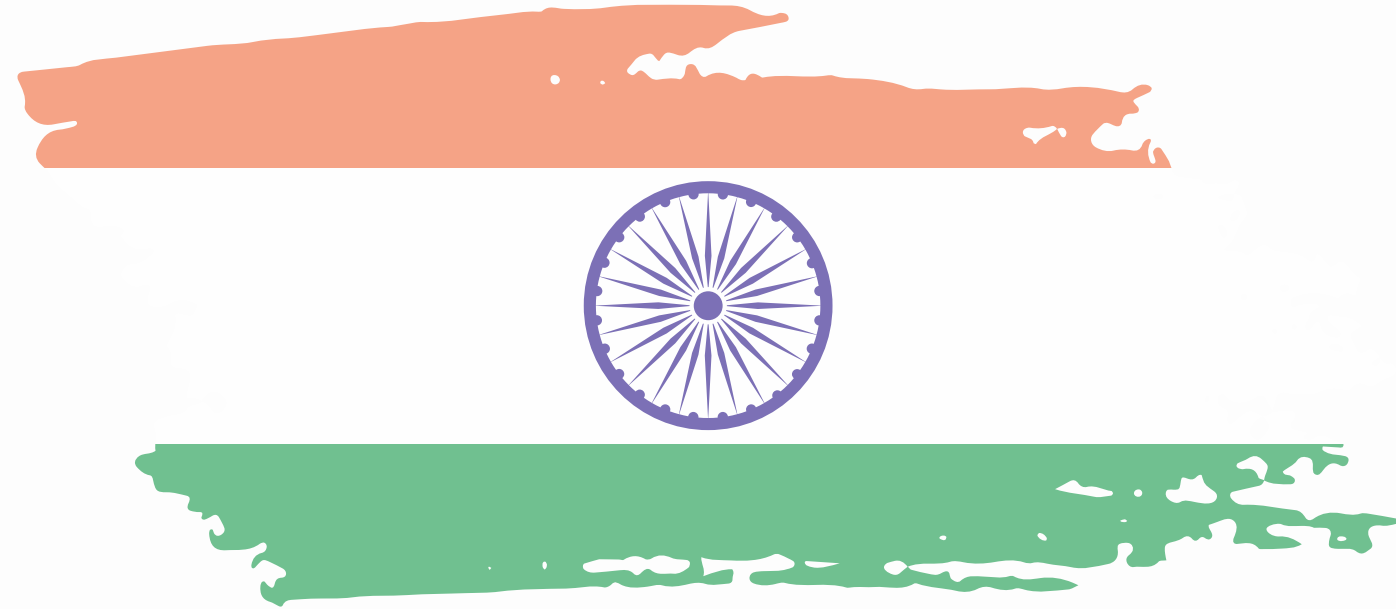
My positionality & perspective

Who am I? What is my lens?

- Cisgender, heterosexual female
- Young adult
- Indian citizen
- Nonimmigrant in the U.S.
 - Person of color
- Multilingual
- Able-bodied
- Upper-middle class
- Hindu
- Receiving higher education

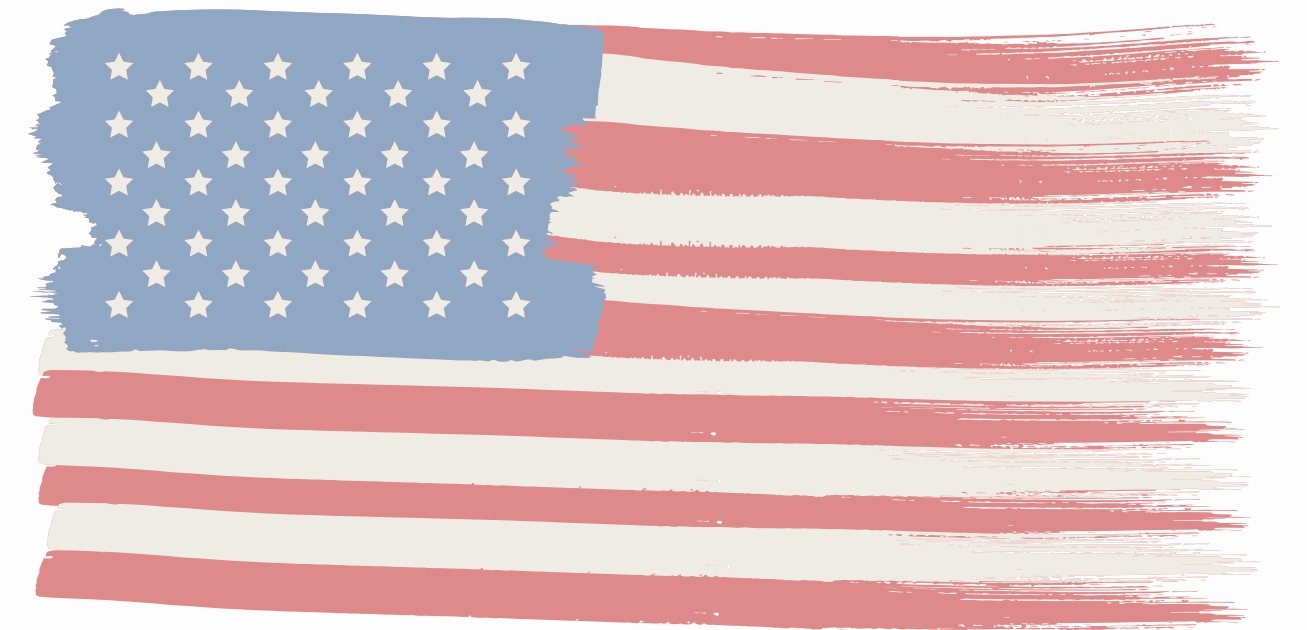


Social work structure & function

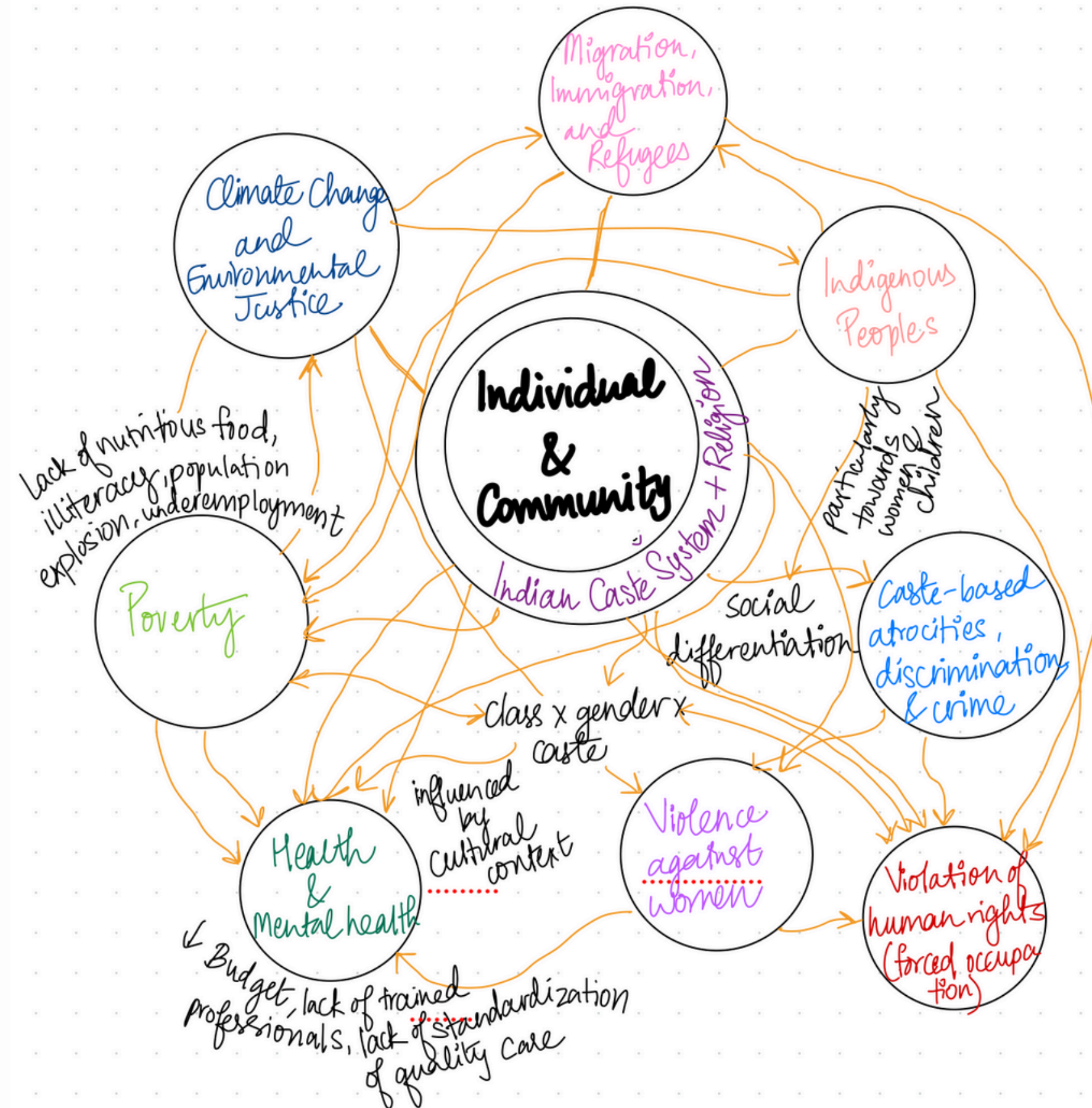


- 01** Integrated practice of micro, mezzo, and macro social work
- 02** Social work practice beyond education and licensure
- 03** Accountability and responsibility to causes, individuals, and communities
- 04** Emphasis on human rights and cultural context

- 01** Distinct practices of micro, mezzo, and macro social work
- 02** Formalized and regulated social work education, licensure, and practice
- 03** Focus on professionalism and work-life balance
- 04** Person-in-environment context and standardized procedures



Interlinked social issues in the Indian context



Takeaways from field and community visits

Rehoboth - Home for Desitute Mentally Challenged Women

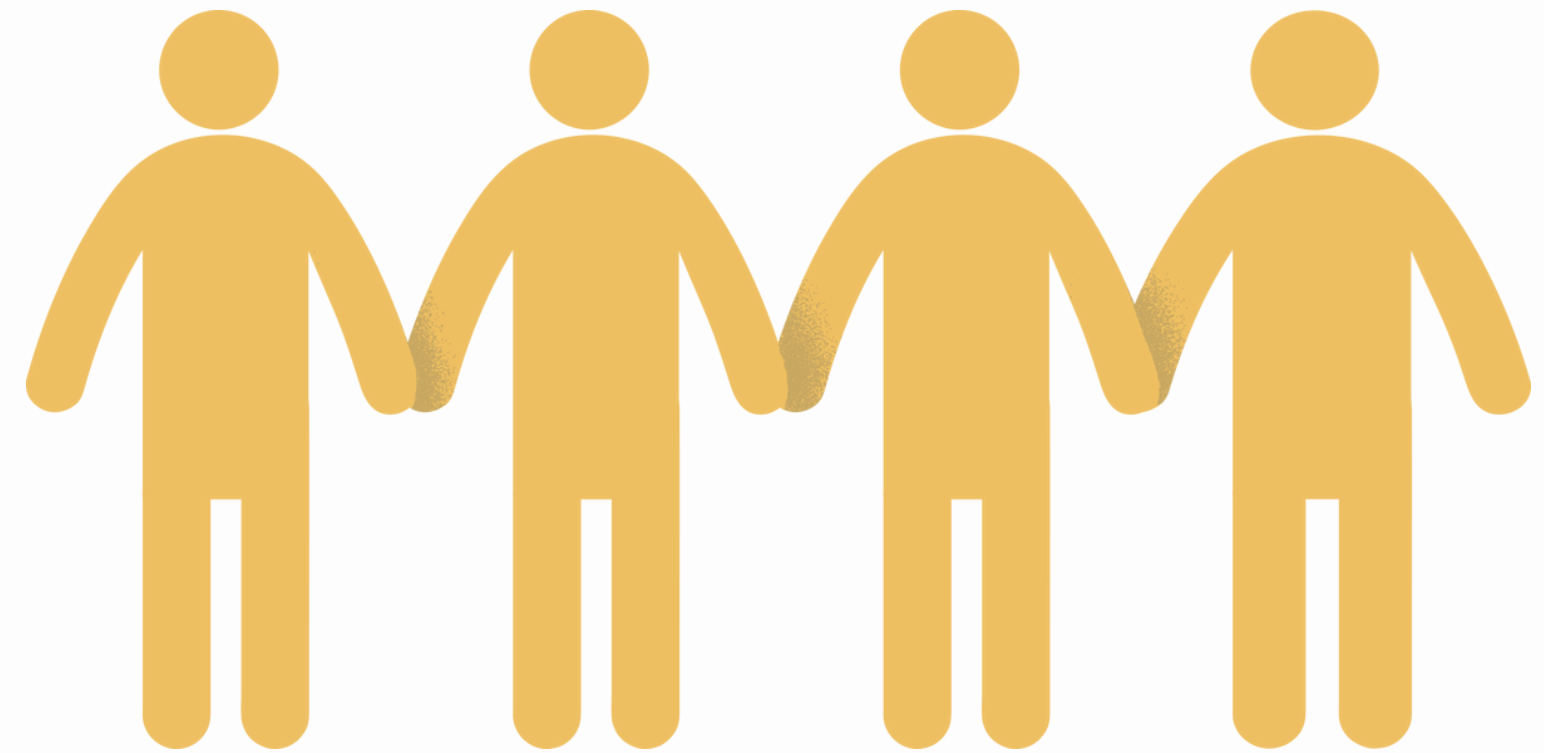
Dignity & worth of the person; sense of community and belongingness; self-empowerment and skill building; early intervention; social reintegration

Irular Tribal Women Welfare Society (ITWWS)

Traditional ecological knowledge; economic empowerment and skill building; balancing traditional practices with the impact of modernization

Field Action Program - Field Site

Sense of community and pride in their culture and traditions; child education; tangible manifestations of casteism; community-centered initiatives; importance of human relationships



Vellaputhur - Award Winning Village for Water Conservation

Leadership and management; self-empowerment and public participation; localized goals, initiatives, and evaluations; responsibility and accountability; other successful initiatives (e.g., sanitation and education)

Impact on academic, professional, & personal goals:



Academic

- IS w/Dr. Julie Ribaudó - “Exploring attachment, resilience, and infant mental health in the Indian context”
- Analyzing social work ethical standards and competencies in India

Professional

- Networking with mental health professionals in India to explore scope of future practice
- Bridging U.S. social work training with Indian social work context for future practice

Personal

- Prioritizing self-care while navigating exposure to injustices
- Reflecting on my assumptions and perspectives regarding Indian vs. American populations

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- NELSON MANDELA -

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We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity; more than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.

— *Charlie Chaplin* —

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As experience proves, rights are protected not by law but by social and moral conscience of the society. -
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar



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