Social problems

**Social problem**: is a social condition that has negative consequences for individuals, our social world, or physical world.

# The Elements of Social Problems:

1- They cause physical or mental damage to individuals or society. 2- They persist for an extended period of time.

3-They generate competing proposed solutions from different groups which delays reaching consensus on how to solve the problem.

**More common of the social problems**

* + Environment Pollution
  + Inequality, low pay and poverty
  + Inflation/ cost of living/ especially housing
  + unemployment and underemployment
  + Race relations
  + The Ageing population
  + Crime, law and order
  + Mental health – (depression/ anxiety /suicide)
  + Sexual inequalities
  + Drug and alcohol abuse
  + Lack of trust in government
  + Immigration/ over population
  + Climate Change
  + Gun Control
  + Water Scarcity
  + Education

# A Model of Social Problem-Solving

This model includes **three basic concepts or elements**:

# Problem-solving

The process used by an individual, pair or group to find an effective solution for problem. Parts of this process include generating lots of possible solutions and selecting the best from among them.

# Problem

Any situation or task that needs some kind of a response if it is to be managed effectively, but to which no obvious response is available.

# Solution

A response or coping mechanism which is specific to the problem or situation. It is the outcome of the problem-solving process.

# Key skills effective at problem solving

* + **Creativity:** we need to use creative thinking for problem solving more complex problems.
  + **Researching Skills**: defining and solving problems often requires you to do some research: this may be a simple Google search or research project.
  + **Team Working:** many problems are best defined and solved with the input of other people.
  + **Emotional Intelligence**: emotional intelligence, the ability to recognize the emotions of yourself and others, will help guide you to an appropriate solution.
  + **Risk Management**: solving a problem involves a certain amount of risk

- this risk needs to be weighed up against not solving the problem.

* + **Decision Making**. Problem solving and decision making are closely related skills, and deciding is an important part of the problem-solving process as you will often be faced with various options and alternatives.

# The steps of community in facing the social problems 1-The problem identification step.

**2- Formulated and adopted solutions step.**

# 3- Application step.

**4-The evaluation and maintenance step.**