

Application #16141

Information

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Organizational Information

<b>Name of Organization</b>	Agewell Foundation
<b>Country</b>	India
<b>Type of Organization</b>	Non-governmental organization

Questionnaire/Survey Information

Your organization's FULL NAME *	Agewell Foundation
<b>Purpose of your organization: *</b>	
<p>Agewell Foundation has been set up in 1999 as a non-government organization. It endeavours to bring about a change in the perception of old age and assist Older Persons to move surely but steadily from helplessness and self pity towards confidence, respect and mutual caring. Agewell proposes to co-opt various organizations, educational institutions, multinationals, NGOs and the Government to enlist their support for the cause. It also reaches out to all sections of society through a wide mix of services and support.</p> <p>Agewell is a close-knit team of concerned individuals from varied fields, each with a track record of success, sharing regard and concern for the old. Professionals, senior bureaucrats, university professors, artists, writers, judges - all people who sincerely feel for the cause. To support their efforts is a dedicated management, a team of professionals &amp; trained counselors charged with zeal to work for the society.</p> <p>Agewell has been set up to initiate better interaction between the generations. It endeavors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring about a change in perceptions about Old Age</li><li>• Initiate steps towards senior citizens friendly environment</li><li>• Evolve a sense of moral and social responsibility towards senior citizens</li><li>• Advocate for the needs and rights of senior citizens</li><li>• Extend a helping hand to senior citizens wherever required</li></ul>	
<b>What are the programmes and activities of your organization? They must be relevant to the Open-ended Working Group and the country or countries in which they are carried out. *</b>	
<p>Agewell Helpline (For Older Persons in 540 districts) Agewell-Helpline has been set up for Older Persons. A network of thousands of</p>	

volunteers is already at work in given areas. They are constantly alert to attend, to matters of medical or emotional nature, affairs to do with security as well as legal and financial advice. They are spread across each city so that no cry for help goes unanswered.

#### Agewell National Employment Exchange (For Older Persons)

Old age notwithstanding there are goals to achieve. Agewell strongly subscribes to that view and sees a tremendous opportunity in gainful re-employment.

#### Agewell Sharing a Smile with the Elders (A School Contact Programme)

Agewell believes if children are prompted to share a smile with the elders and spend a few moments together. Children could set an example to their parents by their behaviour and eventually bring them closer not just to the elders of their family but to the elders of society in general.

#### Agewell Family Membership (For old people who live alone)

Agewell registers old people who live alone and welcomes them into its fold of warmth and caring. Having tied up with leading doctors, hospital services, security agencies, trained counsellors, legal and financial wizards, personnel managers, and trained attendants, Agewell offers exclusive services at a nominal price.

#### Agewell Aadhar (Nationwide Voluntary Action Network for Older Persons)

Aadhar is a unique national network of committed volunteers responsible for looking after the grievances of Older Persons and assist them in finding solutions. It has set up a nation wide Zila Aadhar Network covering every district of the country with thousands of committed and concerned volunteers.

#### Agewell Centre for Ageing (Research & Advocacy Centre for Needs & Rights of Older Persons)

The research agenda includes - studies in policy related areas of ageing where the findings may have practical and realistic application. Agewell undertakes advocacy on issues of concern for welfare of elderly with the government, national and international agencies, elected representatives e.g. parliamentarians, bureaucrats, political parties, business, industry and other structures of power & media at all levels.

#### Agewell Eklavya Gainful engagement opportunities for Older Persons

Private tuitions, accountancy... possibilities are endless!  
Every retired person can become a tutor or an accountant and take up assignments within

the locality.

Parents, entrepreneurs and older persons ... all are invited for registration. (Agewell Foundation facilitates interaction at no cost)

#### Health Care Training of Older Persons

Agewell Foundation brought out Health Care Training Manual for Bedridden patients, Older Patients, their family members and Caregivers. The Manual was published in 7 languages i.e. English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu & Malayalam, in collaboration with Ford Foundation. These training manuals were distributed in Delhi & NCR.

#### Dharohar (Keep Your WILL in Safe Custody) Scheme

To help older persons to live in a peaceful & harmonious environment in Old Age, the Foundation has launched a new scheme, "Dharohar", for safe-keeping of will documents for Older Persons.

#### "Spread the Warmth" Campaign

Agewell Foundation ensures no needy old person is deprived of warmth during winter.

#### Voluntary Network for Old Age Healthcare

(Slums of Delhi & NCR)

With the slogan "Learn from your symptoms and seek Low Cost Medical intervention", Agewell Foundation in collaboration with Ford Foundation has set up Voluntary Network Teams for Old Age Healthcare to create healthcare awareness in slum areas of Delhi & NCR and empower older persons to get proper low-cost or free of cost treatment, medicines, medical accessories for their diseases.

**Please explain briefly whether your activities are at the national, regional or international level, or a combination thereof. \***

Activities of Agewell Foundation are operational at the national level.

Agewell Foundation has been extending a helping hand to the destitute and needy older people of the country since 1999. Agewell is a consortium of 1500 NGO's spread across 540 districts with over 70000 dedicated volunteers and extends a helping hand to 25000+ old people everyday.

Please attach a scanned copy of an annual report of your organization including financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions. (PDF or Word only please.)

**If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's financial statement here. (Optional)**

Most of the Agewell Foundation's activities are based on volunteerism. Agewell has set up a nationwide network of volunteers spread across the country. That's why we manage our nationwide activities with our limited financial resources.

**Please provide a BRIEF list of members of the governing body of your organization, and their countries of nationality; \***

i. Mr. Himanshu Rath India  
Post Graduate in Marketing & Business  
Management. Communication Strategist

ii. Justice Ranganath Misra India  
Ex Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India  
First Chairman of National Human Rights Commission

iii. Mr. P Murari, IAS (Retd.) India  
Senior Bureaucrat, Ex Secretary to the President of India.  
Presently Advisor to President,  
Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

iv. Mr. Murad Ali Baig India  
Well-known Social Commentator & Media Columnist

v. Mr. A N Ram, IFS (Retd.) India  
Former Secretary (Economic Relations),  
Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. Presently Advisor  
of Punjab, Haryana & Delhi Chamber of Commerce & Industry

**Briefly describe the membership of your organization, including: (a) the total number of members, (b) names of member organizations, if any, and (c) geographical distribution of your membership \***

6500+ volunteers & 1500+ NGOs spread across 540 districts of India

Please provide a scanned copy of your organization's constitution or bylaws. (PDF or Word only, please.)

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Agewell Foundation is registered as a Trust under Indian Trust Act, 1882

Please sign off with today's date: \*

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