

## Guiding questions for defining the normative content of the issues examined at the twelfth session

### Focus Area 2: Economic Security

#### Definition

1. How are the key human rights relating to older persons' economic security defined in the national legislation in your country? If definitions are not available, how should such rights be defined considering relevant existing national, regional, and international legal frameworks?

#### Lebanon

Although the Lebanese legislation is sparse when it comes to economic security, the Constitution states that: Lebanon is also a founding and active member of the United Nations Organization and abides by its covenants and by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### Palestine

N/A

#### Lebanon

N/A

#### Syria

N/A

#### Kenya

The National Policy on Older Persons promotes the creation of favourable working environments for older persons and advocates for pre-retirement training to impact necessary coping skills.

#### Scope of the rights

2. Please provide references to existing national legal standards relating to older persons' economic security on normative elements such as:
  - a) right to social security; including regular adjustment of benefits with changes in living costs;

#### Lebanon

Lebanon has a National Social Security Fund (NSSF). However, services to older persons depend on their previous profession and number of years in formal profession (which often discriminates against women).

#### Syria

N/A

#### Palestine

N/A

**Kenya**

In Kenya, the Older Persons Cash Transfer Program (OPCT) regular and predictable cash transfer to poor and marginalised older persons (65 years and above) in identified deserving households.

- b) right to adequate standard of living, including housing, clothing, food and water, among others;

**Lebanon**

N/A

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

Article 43 (3) obligates the state to provide appropriate social security to persons who are unable to support themselves in order guarantee their socio-economic rights.

- c) right to work; and whether a national minimum wage or any alternative mechanism is in place to ensure an adequate standard of living, and whether a system of indexation and regular adjustment exists;

**Lebanon**

Lebanon's Labour Law has decided on a minimum wage. However, the minimum wage was set in LBP consistent with the value pre financial crises.

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

Article 43 (3) obligates the state to provide appropriate social security to persons who are unable to support themselves in order guarantee their socio-economic rights.

- d) prohibition of all forms of discrimination against older persons on the basis of age, alone or combined with other grounds, in all matters related to economic security;

**Lebanon**

Lebanon is bound by several regional and international laws and statutes.

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

Kenya is bound by International and regional laws, statutes and conventions.

- e) the connections between relevant economic, social and cultural rights with the right to freedom of expression, including freedom to seek, receive and impart information; and rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of association;

**Lebanon**

Only as per international instruments

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

Kenya is bound by International and regional laws, statutes and conventions.

- f) active, free and meaningful participation of older persons and their representative organizations in all matters related to ensuring their economic security, including in political processes;

**Lebanon**

There is no specific mentioning of older persons. However, there is no upper limit to engage in political processes or being elected.

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

Under Article 57, the Constitution of Kenya obligates the state to take measures to ensure Older Persons' rights to participation in society.

- g) access to prompt remedies and redress when older persons' above mentioned rights are violated.

**Lebanon**

N/A

**Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A

**Kenya**

N/A

### **State obligations**

3. What measures and special considerations should be undertaken by the State to respect, protect and fulfil the above-mentioned rights to ensure older persons' economic security?

#### **Lebanon**

The Government should commit to fully support and protect marginalized groups including older persons under its social protection strategy, including through pensions and adequate housing, funded by revenue.

#### **Syria**

- Active policies and legislation framework
- Part of government budget should be allocated for social protection and healthcare and well-being of older persons.

#### **Kenya**

Development of action plans and monitoring frameworks to sustainably implement laws and policies on older persons.

#### **Palestine**

N/A

### **Implementation**

4. What are the best practices and main challenges faced by your country in the adoption and implementation of the above-mentioned normative framework to ensure older persons' economic security?

#### **Lebanon**

N/A

#### **Kenya**

In Kenya, the Older Persons Cash Transfer Program (OPCT) regular and predictable cash transfer to poor and marginalised older persons (65 years and above) in identified deserving households. Observed challenges include limited infrastructure/implementing tools and irregular funding.

#### **Palestine**

N/A

**Syria**

N/A