ABUSE AND VIOLENCI

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REVALENT BELIEF

“Older persons are worthless in today’s fast-paced, globalized and increasingly industrialized world”
WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT ABUSE, NEGLECT AND VIOLENCE IN ELDER ABUSE?
DECADES OF HORROR

Over Medication
POVERTY
ILLITERACY
RURAL
FEMINISATION
just
another
example
USE AND NEGLECT IS STILL A GLOBAL ISSUE

81-year-old woman found murdered in RPC Layout, Bangalore, India for gold and property

June 26, 2012, Deccan Chronicle, Bangalore

Negligence in a nursing home

January, 2012, IFA
She's 92 and very frail …..

"My grandson and my daughter-in-law started abusing me. And they said, 'I'll kill you, I'll kill you'," she says.
ABANDONED
ISOLATED
NO PENSION
BED RIDDEN
NO BENEFIT
WHY DOES ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT AND VIOLENCE STILL EXIST?
• National Programmes for Health Care of the Elderly
• The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007
• National Policy on Older Persons 1999 and the pending revised National Policy of Senior Citizens
“any child who shows disrespect to or does not care for his or her parents who are above 60 years of age can be punished with jail of up to three months and/or a fine of Rs 5,000 ($100)”
• 21 countries have national policies on older persons; 11 countries have national legislation to protect the rights of older persons

• Inadequate social protection and health care, and discrimination are key issues

• Insufficient legislation and inadequate implementation in most of the countries of the region.

• Gaps between policy commitments and implementation
WHAT RIGHTS ARE NOT WELL PROTECTED

- Security
- Healthcare
- Adequate standard of living
- Non discrimination
- Participation
- Free from torture
- Free from cruelty
- Free from inhuman and degrading treatment
WHAT IS OUR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY
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- Many countries have age-related policies but are challenged in their implementation
- Policies do not necessarily protect the older persons
- Options have been promoted by various member states in this forum but have yet to be fully explored in the OEWG
- Collective responsibility to understand the ‘best’ mechanisms to protect the rights of older people globally
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linking NGOs, academia, policy makers, industry and individuals to inform, educate and promote policies and practice to improve the quality of life of older persons around the world.