

### **Guiding Questions: Equality and Non-Discrimination**

**1. Does your country's constitution and/or legislation (a) guarantee equality explicitly for older persons or people of all ages, and (b) forbid discrimination explicitly on the basis of age? If so, how is the right of equality and non-discrimination defined?**

- Yes, the Constitution of the State of Qatar prohibits discrimination and clearly and explicitly guarantees equality in accordance with article 35 thereof which reads as follows "All persons are equal before the law and there shall be no discrimination whatsoever on grounds of sex, race, language, or religion."
- Equality includes all rights and duties as per article 34 of the Constitution which reads as follows "The Citizens of Qatar shall be equal in public rights and duties".
- The Constitution guarantees the protection of the family and notably the elderly under article 21 which reads as follows "The family is the basis of the society and is founded on religion, ethics, and patriotism. The law shall regulate adequate means to protect the family, support its structure, strengthen its ties, and protect maternity, childhood, and old age."

**2. Does your country produce information about discrimination against older persons in the following or other areas? If so, what are the main findings?**

**(employment – access to goods and services- social protection- health care- social care- justice, inheritance - decision-making and autonomy, living environment – other areas (please specify).**

- There is no discrimination against the elderly in State of Qatar, and consequently, there is no information to be provided on the discrimination against the elderly.
- The Qatari society is a cohesive society that cherishes religion, traditions and customs. The elderly enjoy a special recognition in the society and providing them with all the services they need is a priority.
- The "elderly" receive a pension in accordance with Law No. 38 of 1995 on social security, and Cabinet Decision No. 8 of 1997 on determining the amount of pension.
- The law defines the "elderly" as an individual who is over sixty years of age and has no decent remuneration or adequate income source to make a living from. The Department of Social Security in the Ministry of Administrative Development Labor and Social Affairs receives and studies requests for social security services and other social welfare to be provided to the elderly.

**3. Is there information available about inequality of opportunities or outcomes experienced by older persons in the following areas?**

- Availability of, access to and quality of healthcare services
- Financial services

The Government provides public health as per article 23 of the Constitution. It provides also all citizens with free-of-charge healthcare.

**4. Are there any areas where differential treatment based on old age is explicitly justified?**

There is no age discrimination in the State of Qatar.

**Guiding Questions: Neglect, Violence and Abuse**

- Questions related to neglect, violence and exploitation are interrelated. The State of Qatar respects the elderly and they constitute one of its priorities. Consequently, the guiding questions related to this aspect do not apply to the State of Qatar.