

**Regional Public Foundation Assistance for the Elderly "Dobroe Delo"**  
**Submission to the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing**  
**Equality and non-discrimination**

Dobroe Delo is an NGO accredited to the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.

**1. Does your country's constitution and/or legislation (a) guarantee equality explicitly for older persons or people of all ages**

The Constitution of the RF defines general equality of citizens -articles 17, 19, 37:  
<http://www.zakonrf.info/konstitucia/17/>, <http://www.zakonrf.info/konstitucia/19/>,  
<http://www.zakonrf.info/konstitucia/37/>.

**and (b) forbid discrimination explicitly on the basis of age? If so, how is the right to equality and non-discrimination defined?**

There is no such provision in the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

**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

Information on discrimination of older persons in employment is available, but there is much less than materials on labor discrimination in general. Experts' conclusions: "Discrimination of the elderly in the labor market is carried out almost openly. It is sufficient to go to the websites of numerous recruiting agencies to make sure of this ... " "Age discrimination of people of the older generation when applying for a job can be found here... "[Http://rusinform.ru/index.php?newsid=723](http://rusinform.ru/index.php?newsid=723)

- Access to goods and services

In a limited amount of materials experts point out limited availability of goods and services for older people (especially in rural areas) which is associated with low employment of the elderly, poor infrastructure, health and environmental safety; deprivation and poverty of the elderly ([Http://regconf.hse.ru/uploads/4b61ae79026efd616f26639b96d3ef562a3289f9.pdf](http://regconf.hse.ru/uploads/4b61ae79026efd616f26639b96d3ef562a3289f9.pdf))

- Social protection

In a few materials on this topic, experts note that "an average of 65% of respondents reported that there is some degree of inequality in respect of older people, their discrimination in this area."

[Http://vestnik.mednet.ru/content/view/597/30/lang,ru/](http://vestnik.mednet.ru/content/view/597/30/lang,ru/)

- Healthcare

The media notes materials about problems with calling emergency medical care for elderly patients:

- <http://domsovet.tv/articles/v-ufe-skoraya-pomoshh-ne-priekhala-po-vyzovu-pozhiloi-zhenshhiny/>  
- [https://www.gazeta.ru/auto/2017/03/16\\_a\\_10578173.shtml#page2](https://www.gazeta.ru/auto/2017/03/16_a_10578173.shtml#page2)

There are publications about refusals regarding hospitalization for the elderly:

- <http://forum.ngs.ru/board/health/flat/1879004209/?fpart=all&per-page=50>  
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In this regard, the advocate of the League for the Protection of the Rights of Patients "called modern medicine a business: doctors are not interested in pensioners, disabled people and other representatives of vulnerable social categories, as they cannot pay" <https://life.ru/t/%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B8/151470>

- Social care

According to experts, social inequality of older people leads to the fact that "elderly people are alarmed by their material situation, the level of inflation, the high cost of medicines. Rising prices for food and non-food products have led to deterioration in the diet of older people, it is in this group of families that there

are people who are "starving". A family of pensioners has difficulties in acquiring clothes and shoes."

<http://soc-work.livejournal.com/1022.html/>

- Justice, Inheritance

Materials in the media on issues regarding equal access of the elderly to justice are available:

(<http://www.myshared.ru/slide/311623/> , [http://ldprchel.ru/sitenews/pravo\\_na\\_dostup\\_k\\_pravosudiyu/](http://ldprchel.ru/sitenews/pravo_na_dostup_k_pravosudiyu/) , <http://www.hro.org/Node/4934>

Human rights defenders note the problems of inequality in access to justice: legal illiteracy, legal nihilism, lack of knowledge of their rights, lack of understanding of legal terms, limited information.

- Decision-making and autonomy, Living environment

Information on this subject is limited and mostly academic (<http://www.izron.ru/articles/pedagogika-psikhologiya-i-obrazovanie-ot-teorii-k-praktike-sbornik-nauchnykh-trudov-po-itogam-mezhdu/Sektsiya-22-psikhologiya-razvitiya-akmeologiya-spetsialnost-19-00-13/osobennosti-emotsionalnykh-sostoyaniy-lyudey-pozhilogo-vozrasta-v-situatsii-narusheniya-psikhologich/> , <http://texts.news/razvitiya-Vozrastnaya-psychology/problema-sotsializatsii-sotsialno-34149.html>

### **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 health care services

Yes, there is also very recent information about a decrease in the accessibility of medical services for the elderly (2016-2017):

[Http://demoscope.ru/weekly/2016/0709/tema03.php](http://demoscope.ru/weekly/2016/0709/tema03.php)

[Http://www.1sn.ru/184843.html](http://www.1sn.ru/184843.html)

On the deterioration of the quality of medical services (2015):

<https://wciom.ru/index.php?id=236&uid=115370>

The results experienced by the elderly: "It is the elderly who are in dire need of medical care that are deprived of it because of a poor financial situation."; "Older people have become less likely to go to polyclinics".

- Financial services

The information is available and it becomes more frequent

(<https://lenta.ru/pressrelease/2016/06/16/tpp12/> , <https://www.exocur.ru/21-zhiteley-rossii-ne-polzuetsya-bankovskimi-uslugami/> , [Http://www.50plus.ru/be\\_in\\_the\\_plus/lichnost/5054.xml](Http://www.50plus.ru/be_in_the_plus/lichnost/5054.xml)) .

According to experts, almost a third of elderly people do not use financial services. The risk factors include a low level of computer skills and internet use (about 13%).

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

- Access to goods

No

- Mandatory age of retirement

The official (not mandatory) retirement age level is 55 years for women and 60 years for men

- Age limits in financial services and products

There are no age limits for use of financial services and products by elderly people, many banks have special programs for pensioners (for example, "Active Age" in the Savings Bank of Russia).

"(<http://money.rbc.ru/news/56f184079a79473c9130cc84?from=main>)

- Age-based benefits

There is a large number of benefits for the elderly belonging to various social groups: disabled people, labour veterans, World War II veterans, military retirees, elderly people whose pension is below the regional minimum standard of living: amount of payment for housing, tax incentives, transport privileges – both at the national and regional levels.