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Guiding Questions for Focus Area: **Access to Justice**

National legal framework

1. How is the access to justice by older persons guaranteed under the national legal and policy framework? What judicial and non-judicial mechanisms are in place for all older persons to complain and seek redress for denial of their rights?

Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic:

"No one may be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, language, disability, ethnicity, religion, age, political or other beliefs, education, origin, property or other status, or other circumstances

Availability

2. What steps have been taken to ensure the availability of judicial and non-judicial mechanisms for older persons in urban, rural and remote areas in your country? Are there alternative dispute settlement mechanisms available?

Free legal aid centres have been opened in the Kyrgyz Republic throughout the country, and the citizens can find the addresses of these centres on the website of the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic.

There is also an institution called the "aksakals' court", which receives the cases at the request of citizens concerning property and family disputes. Aksakals' courts operate on the basis of the Law of the KR "On Aksakals' Courts".

Accessibility

3. What steps have been taken to ensure that all justice systems (judicial and non-judicial) are secure, affordable and physically accessible for older persons and adapted to their needs?
There are no special measures for older persons.

4. What are the existing provisions to guarantee legal assistance for older persons?
There are no special measures for older persons.

5. What are specific challenges encountered by older persons in accessing justice and remedy in your country?
 - Health problems
 - Few organizations provide legal and legal assistance to older citizens
 - Lack of access to information about the protection of their rights

6. What good practices are available in terms of ensuring equal and effective access to justice

and remedy for older persons?
We don't have that kind of information.

Equality and non-discrimination

7. What are the provisions adopted to ensure effective access to justice for older persons on an equal basis with others, including age-appropriate procedures in all administrative and legal proceedings?
 - Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic
 - Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Senior Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic
 - Ombudsman of the Kyrgyz Republic
8. Please specify existing public policies and awareness-raising and capacity building programmes established for all justice system personnel to address the negative impacts of ageism and age discrimination in justice system.

We don't have that kind of information.

Accountability

9. How do you ensure justice systems function in accordance with the principles of independence and impartiality? Please specify if there is any oversight mechanism in place to address any discrimination against older persons committed by justice system professionals.

The Ombudsman of the Kyrgyz Republic and human rights NGOs monitor court proceedings in order to prevent discrimination issues.