How can we protect the human rights of older people in today’s world?

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COVID-19: Impact on older persons

- Long-term care
- Social isolation
- Health
- Livelihood
- Violence, neglect and abuse
- Stigma and ageism
- Livelihood
- Social isolation
- Long-term care
Challenges facing older persons in accessing water and sanitation

Key elements of HRWS and HRBA:

• Availability and accessibility (physical distance etc)
• Affordability (cost of water)
• Adaptability (facilities not adapted to older persons)
• Accountability (age-specific data and monitoring)
• Participation
Shifting our mindset about ageing

From negative perception of older persons ...
• Weak and frail
• Less valuable to society
• Dependent on younger generation
• Burden on economy

... to recognizing and valuing their contributions
• Rights-holder and active agent in society
• Valuing their skills, knowledge and experience
• Supporting autonomy and independence, not undermining them
Putting the rights of older persons at the centre of building back better

• Combat ageism and age discrimination
• Collect and disaggregate data by age, gender and disability
• Strengthen social protection measures
• Adopt age-inclusive policies and measures for ‘leaving no one behind’
• Foster participation of older persons in planning and monitoring