

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

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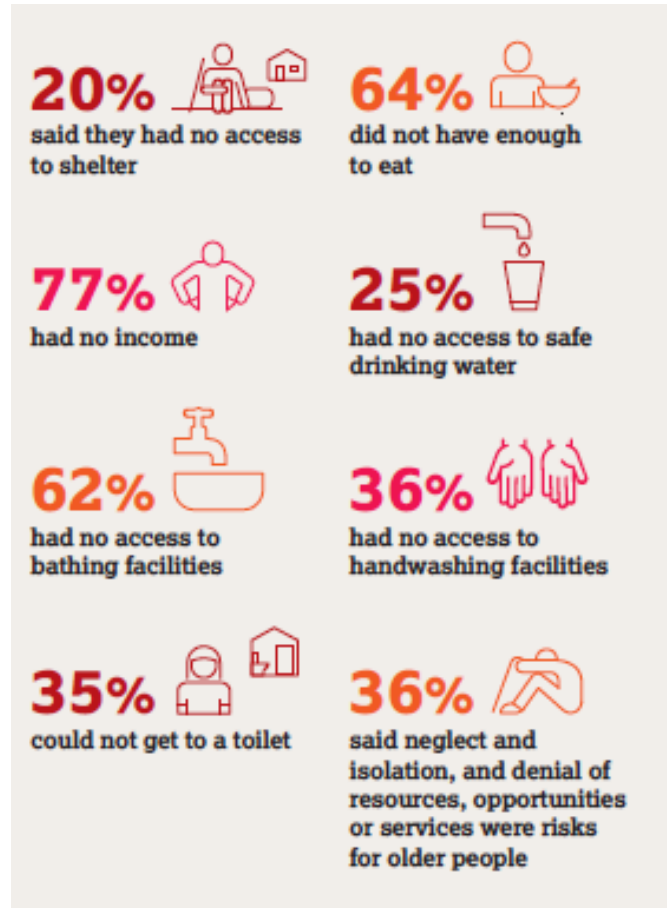
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COVID-19: Impact on older persons



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