GANHRI WORKING GROUP ON AGEING

TEN PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

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Include discussions and programs on ageing issues and the human rights of older persons within the work and organization of NHRI s.

Engage with the different charter- and treaty-based human rights mechanisms within the UN system to advocate for the mainstreaming of ageing issues and the human rights of older persons in appropriate venues such as sessions of the Human Rights Council, in the Universal Periodic Review, in the different Special Procedures, and in the different treaty-based Committees.

Engage with country capitals to bridge the discussions in the OEWGA and other human rights mechanisms in the UN to relevant national government ministries or departments, such as the ministries of health and social welfare, and vice versa.

Work together with NGOs and networks on the national level to mainstream ageing and the human rights of older persons in different settings such as in the discourses on the rights of women, the right to work, and the issues of forced displacement, among others.

Utilize the National Preventive Mechanism to monitor at-risk persons inside residential care facilities, especially during this pandemic where the right to life of older people inside these facilities are most imperiled.
Apply intersectional analysis in the regular work, such as in reporting to UN human rights mechanisms and in advocating for national policy changes, to connect relevant issues to ageing and the human rights of older persons and to acknowledge and address multiple grounds of discrimination.

Translate human rights language into concrete policy language when speaking to national and local policy-makers, advocates, and other stakeholders.

Ensure high quality, accessible, open, timely, and reliable disaggregated data are collected and maintained from the different protection and promotion work to enable age-based comparison and monitoring while ensuring no ageist interpretations and reporting are perpetrated.

Make the numbers on older persons visible in all reporting especially for the SDGs.

Enable the meaningful participation of older persons in all decision-making processes that directly affect them.