Promoting the Human Rights of Older Persons in COVID-19 pandemic

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1. COVID-19 and Older Persons

- Infection cases (as of 21 June)
  - Total infection cases : 12,421
  - Infected people over 60 : 2,985 (24%)

- Death toll
  - Total deaths : 280
  - People over 60 : 260 (93%)

- Fatality rate of people over 80 : 26%
2. Social Distancing Policy

- 1\textsuperscript{st} intensive social distancing: 22 March (15 days)

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} intensive social distancing: 6 April (2 weeks)

- 3\textsuperscript{rd} softened social distancing: 20 April (15 days)
  - ended on 5 May
3. Activities of National Human Rights Commission of Korea

(1) Issuance of statement on 15 June, WEAAD

(2) Sending out letters to UN OHCHR, UN NY headquarters, UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
   - Highlighting insufficient medical treatment to older persons and care services, and isolation issue
3. Activities of National Human Rights Commission of Korea

(3) Translating and 15 UN documents and guidelines into Korean language to disseminate information

- Sent to the Presidential Office, the Ministry of Health and Welfare
- Post on the website hits over 3,000

(4) Receive Complaints and Counselling request
4. Challenges

(1) Cluster infection at care facilities

(2) Protection gap for Older Persons at home

(3) Limited access to Information, IT gadgets
5. Ways forward

- Creating of COVID-19 Task Force on 22 June
  - Exclusively dedicated to COVID-19 issues including impacts on women, child, person with disabilities, and older persons
Thank you