

POLICIES AFFECTING OLDER PERSONS IN ZAMBIA

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COUNTRY AGEING POPULATION PROFILE

- population of Zambia was estimated at 18,383,955 in mid-2020 by the United Nations data.

However, the estimation did not segregate to Older Persons.

The Zambian Statistics Agency projected the population of persons was projected to 670,239 from 521,860 in 2010. It is worth noting that the 2020 census is underway and actual figure of Older Persons is yet to be established.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Like most countries in the region and beyond Zambia is having an increase in the Older persons population .

It is in this light that Zambia has come up with some affirmative action

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TOWARDS AGEING INCLUSION IN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The formulation of National Ageing policy which earmarked for reviewing

Ageing policies is complemented by other Policies that embody issues of ageing eg national social protection policy

Process of ratifying the African Charter On Human And People's Rights On The Rights Of Older Person

CONT ON AFFIRMATION ACTION

Reform of social security systems

Ratifying other protocols that embody issues of older persons eg the CEDAW, UNCRPD and the Maputo protocol African Charter On Human And People's Rights On The Rights Of Older Person c190

Reform of social security systems in the country

Programmes tailored towards older persons eg SCT

HOW POLICIES IN ZAMBIA HAVE AFFECTED OLDER PERSONS

The policies have given impetus to the cause of older persons on the development agenda

For example the national recognition of the day of older persons

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Programmes that are tailored towards older persons

Health insurance and Cash transfer

CHALLENGES FOR OLDER PERSONS

The breakdown of the natural Safety nets

Significant poverty levels

Unemployment levels among the youths older persons continue to care for their adult persons

Gender inequalities

Income insecurity

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