Older persons in Emergencies

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The context

- Out of sight, out of reach and out of mind
- Definition of what is ‘humanitarian’
- Mandate-driven responses
- National Humanitarian Actors
The context

• Poor and limited framing of emergency assessments
• Poor responses to needs
• 30 years ‘mainstreaming’
• Complexity of the age category
A huge amount of good work done, but still limited results...

**WHY** and how to change this?
The results

• Some limited momentum and change
• Denial of the humanitarian imperative
• Income, health, protection and dignity challenged
• Not sufficiently building on capacities
Solutions; tackling the implementation deficit

- National laws; Rights and entitlements, and duty bearers
- Civil society groups
- Investment in age inclusion in sustainable development resilience, adaptation and preparedness
- Support to voice and advocacy
- Reinforce existing tools and analysis
- Inter-generational solidarity
Solutions; tacking the implementation deficit

• Alliances and partnerships with others
• Show success stories
• Prepare for the deepening climate crisis
• Ensuring older persons agency, enabled in part though good ageing policies.
• Champion countries and cities
• NCDs in emergencies
• Digital opportunities
• Shelter adaptation; all under one roof