

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

About the HelpAge global network



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ONE VISION

The HelpAge global network is a worldwide partnership working with and for older people globally, with a special focus on low and middle-income countries. Our mission is to promote the wellbeing and inclusion of older women and men, and reduce poverty and discrimination in later life.

From small grassroots groups to large international organisations, we bring together diverse knowledge and experiences on a range of areas, including health and care, social protection, advocacy and humanitarian response.

Population ageing is transforming the world we live in. Together, we have a unique opportunity to drive this process and make sure all older people can lead dignified, healthy and secure lives.

Find out more!

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?



Enhance your impact

The network gives you opportunities to work with other organisations and strengthen your capacity to implement programmes, influence policy at all levels and respond to humanitarian crises. We share technical expertise, resources and fundraising opportunities.



Learn with others

The network provides opportunities to connect with other organisations working on similar issues, and learn from their experiences and challenges in addressing the barriers older people face. You will have access to learning groups, online resources and the latest news in the sector.



Raise your profile

We can help you increase your influence by being part of a recognised global partnership. With the network's unique understanding of ageing issues and its strong reputation, members have a powerful voice to influence policy and practice at all levels.



Raise the voice of older people

The network's wide experience and connections help strengthen older people's voice. We share evidence, expertise and opportunities to support older people to speak out about their rights.

Sharing knowledge and experience

The Coalition of Services of the Elderly (COSE) helps older people address issues relating to poverty, invisibility and exclusion in the Philippines. Since 2007, HelpAge's technical advisers have worked closely with COSE to support their advocacy efforts on social protection, sharing decades of knowledge and experience of engaging with governments and civil society.

To help build their capacity in this area, COSE joined HelpAge's social protection learning group:

"Joining the group gave us an opportunity to share our own experiences on social protection and learn new ways to improve our country's programme. In the first years campaigning, we promoted a targeted social protection scheme focusing on poor older people. Through the group we learnt about older people's rights and the possibility of having a universal social pension, so we shifted our approach."

Emily Beridico ■ COSE Executive Director





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Older people's voices are at the heart of what we do

In January 2018, governments gathered at the UN in New York to review the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. Two older people from HelpAge global network members went to speak out about the situation of older people in their communities.

"It was an honour to speak at the UN this week and share my perspective as an older person myself and the experiences of older people in my community in Tanzania. I was surprised by how much people appreciated my perspective."

Elisha ■ Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Social Service Trust in Tanzania.

"There were many experts talking at events, but it was good that we as older people were getting the chance to speak and share our own experiences and those of people in our communities. Only by listening to older people will governments understand the reality of later life in countries like India and Tanzania."

Shashi ■ co-founder of GRAVIS in India

LET'S TALK

If you would like to join the network, please let us know and our team will get in touch with you shortly.

Network members pay a fee based on their overall annual budget. Your fee goes directly into facilitating network activities and enhancing our joint work.

Get in touch today!

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