



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with reference to its Note referenced Ageing/2011/CM/JS/is dated March 23, 2011, and in accordance with resolution 65/182 of December 2010, has the honour to forward herewith Botswana's submission on the situation of the rights of older persons.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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QUESTION	LEGISLATION , POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS
1. Challenges and Threats	<p>Neglect: Most of the elderly people are living alone as their children are in towns working.</p> <p>HIV/AIDS: Elderly take care of their children and orphans.</p>
2. Protecting Human Rights of older persons.	<p>Old Age pension: Financial Security</p> <p>Destitute Programme: Food Security and Shelter</p> <p>Commemoration of the Day of the Elderly: Where elders are taught of their rights and this information is shared with the General Public.</p>
3. Addressing Discrimination against Older Persons	<p>Currently no legislation and policies except for the Botswana Laws which cover everybody irrespective of age, colour and gender.</p>
4. Issues of violence and Abuse	<p>Domestic violence Act under the Botswana Laws.</p>

<p>5. Long - term care, Primary Health care and adult and continuous education.</p>	<p>Health care for the Elderly provided for free Non formal education which also caters for the elderly.</p>	
<p>6. Social Protection Measures</p>	<p>Old Age Pension: Citizens aged 65 and above get Old Age Pension of P220 per month. Empowerment through income generating projects and back yard gardening.</p>	
<p>7. Collecting, updating and analyzing information disaggregated by age.</p>	<p>National Registration office: Where births and deaths are recorded. Central statistics office for census data.</p>	
<p>8. Engagement of older men and women in community, political and cultural life.</p>	<p>As a country, we believe in consultations and these are done through the Kgotla system whereby National issues are discussed. Elders are to participate in these discussions. All have the right to vote and can actively participate in politics.</p>	
<p>9. Ensuring access to justice and judicial remedies.</p>	<p>Customary court system where disputes are addressed and settled. Magistrate courts – Elders have the right to use either Customary or Magistrate courts. Institutions: Ditshwanelo that deals with General Human rights issues. Emang Basadi that addresses issues of women abuse and</p>	

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