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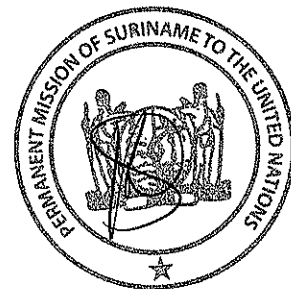
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note Verbale GVA 118, dated 3 February 2011, regarding the request to Member States to respond to a questionnaire pursuant to resolution A/65/182 of December 2010 entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing".

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Suriname has the further honour to submit, albeit past the stated deadline in the above-mentioned Note Verbale, the response received from the authorities in Suriname.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 14 April, 2011.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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"Follow-up to the World Assembly on Ageing"

Question 1: Please provide information on the current situation of the human rights of older persons, including particular challenges and threats that may prevent the full realization of their rights.

Answer 1: Research regarding the living conditions of senior citizens was carried out in June 2004 by the division of Scientific Research and Planning of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing, indicated that the living arrangements of most of the senior citizens in the districts of Paramaribo and Wanica are not bad, while in terms of living conditions the seniors are less well off.

On the basis of the above, it is important to work to improve the quality of life of senior citizens.

Question 2: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to protect and promote the human rights of older persons.

Answer 2:

No legislation or programme has been implemented or drafted to promote human rights for older persons.

Question 3: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to address discrimination against older persons, including measures to address multiple discrimination (e.g. discrimination based on age and gender)

Answer 3:

No specific research.

Question 4: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to address violence and abuse against older persons in the private and public spheres.

Answer 4:

No specific legislation. The current Penal Code is applicable.

Question 5: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes addressing old age-sensitive services and facilities, such as those related to mobility, age-adequate design, long-term care, primary health care and adult and continuous education.

Answer 5:

The Ministry provides health cards for enhance accessibility to health care for the elderly with a low income. Also a monthly old age provision is provided to all citizens of 60 years and older.

The aim of the Ministry is to provide income support through the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) to poor families elderly headed or with elderly dependants as a way to secure adequate feeding, health, and care for the elderly and their families.

Measure:

Proportional amount of cash transfer to every poor Household to meet the equivalent poverty line, depending on the number of dependant elderly within the Household.

Question 6: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes concerning social protection measures as well as right to work and right to social security with regard to older persons.

Answer 6:

The most important material services provided to the Elderly are: The AOV pension (the old age pension) Program, and the Support and supervision of care centers for the Elderly namely the Ashiana care center.

For 2011 – 2016 the Ministry aims at:

- Increase coverage and incidence of the Public Health care system among the elderly poor population;
- Passing of the Minimum Standards regulation for Elderly Care Institutions;
- Increase a percentage coverage of family counseling on Elderly Home Care provided through social workers and health care specialists;
- Increased Geographic coverage of Day Care Centers for the Elderly;
- Increased a number and percentage of certified Care Institutions for senior citizens meeting Minimum Standards Regulation;
- Increased number of counseling and advising services within day care institutions specialized for the Elderly living independently;

- Increased coverage of Social Housing programs among the Elderly.

Question 7: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to systematically collect, update and analyze information disaggregated by age.

Answer 7:

The General Bureau for Statistics is legally qualified to do research regarding the population, for example Census and Household survey.

Question 8: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to enhance participation and active engagement of older men and women in community, political and cultural life.

Answer 8:

Recreational activities for elderly (SOOS), information activities, training sessions (swimming, computer) which are implemented in cooperation with non governmental organisations.

Question 9: Please provide information on existing legislation, policies and programmes to ensure access to justice and judicial remedies for violations of the rights of older persons, including references to specific mandates of institutions such as national human rights institutions to address their rights.

Answer 9:

No information available.