

SITUATION OF ELDERLY SAINT LUCIA

FOURTH REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON AGING AND RIGHT OF OLDER
PERSONS

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ACHIEVEMENTS:

SOCIAL SERVICES



❖ Home care :

Home Help Care – trained persons visit and care for the elderly at home.

There are approximately 544 elderly who are currently receiving support under Home help care.

❖ Institutional care

One Government fully funded home with a capacity of 56 persons.

Two Privately run homes but receive subvention from Government

Four Faith-based (Catholic) homes also supported financially by Government

There are approximately 58 elderly persons combined at the private and faith-based homes

❖ *Financial Assistance* –

A monthly allowance of EC\$250.00 is provided to elderly under the Public Assistance programme

SOCIAL SERVICES



❖ Daycare Services

day care services are also available (north and south-west)

- such services are run by the HELPAGE- National Council of and For Older persons

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- facilitate and support social groups and activities
- advocate on behalf of the elderly

❖ Preferential access at banks and other financial centers

SOCIAL SERVICES

- ❖ **Centenarian Recognition Programme**

Celebration and recognition of centenarians

- ❖ **Yearly celebration of International Day for the Elderly - October 30**

Recognition of contributions of elderly



HEALTH CARE



Provision of Free medication for older persons with diabetes and hypertension

Regular home visits by Community Health Aids visits to conduct medical examination eg: d blood pressure and glucose test

Training of programs for persons working in institutions which provide care for older persons

CHALLENGES/GAPS



- ❖ National Policy in draft
- ❖ Lack of a dedicated unit/staff to respond to issues of abuse of the Elderly
- ❖ Absence of National Policy on Standards of care in institutions

PRIORITIES /PLANS

- Ratification of a National Policy on Ageing
- Restructuring of the department of Human Services as well as the Social safety net reform that will see the merging of cash and non cash support to vulnerable groups which includes the elderly. This will result in creation of a special unit to respond issues of the elderly especially reports of Elder abuse.
- Continued support for Home care services



THANK YOU!!!