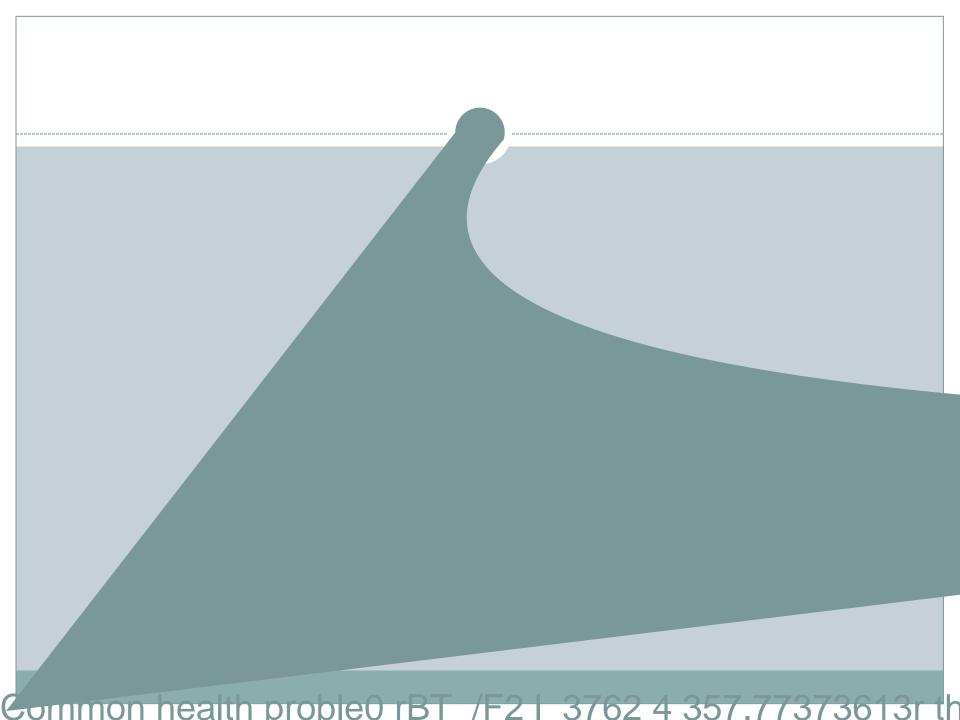


Social Security

the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) covers only a small percentage of the workforce in Uganda.

The empirical evidence reveals that only 7.1% of older persons have access to pension, of which 60% are males

The few beneficiaries of pensions face multiple difficulties in processing their retirement benefits though the process has now been decentralised and now pensioners receive their benefits from the last point of employment they served before retirement.



HIV/AIDS

Older persons are sexually active, caretakers of HIV and AIDS patients and many are sexually assaulted. Lack of family support or approval of older persons

Legal and Policy Frameworks on Older Persons

The Local Governments Act (Cap 243). Section 10(1) (f) provides for two older persons, a male and female, elected by Structures of the Council to represent them in

Older Persons will provide a structure through which free and fair elections will be conducted at any level of Local government.

The National Council for Older Persons Act, 2013 became law after it was assented to by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda on 11th November, 2012 and Commenced on 8th February, 2013. The Council offers a platform for advocacy, lobbying and monitoring the implementation of the legal and policy frameworks concerning older persons.

Programmes for older persons in Uganda.

The Expanding Social Protection Programme. This

Expanding Social Protection programme

The Senior Citizens receive a monthly cash transfer of UGX 25,000 to older persons aged 65 years and above.

The programme is currently in 20 districts.

Under the development of a strong social protection system, the Ministry has developed a National Social Protection Policy that will guide delivery of social protection interventions in Uganda.

National Council for Older Persons

In 2013, the President assented to the bill that ushered in the establishment of the National Council for Older Persons. The Act provides for representation of older persons at all local council levels.

In the just concluded elections, older persons were for the first time elected at various levels.

Data on older persons.

Uganda still faces challenges on data collection for older persons. This has been attributed to;

1. Limited understanding of older persons issues by many organisations that are mandated to collect data. Definitions of older persons which are varying (WHO 50+ UN 60+)

population therefore focus is on the youth and children As a result, the Ministry mainly uses administrative data and conducts research studies on specific topics which later on inform planning.

