

COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF ONE DAY WORKSHOP TITLED; ‘DISSEMINATION OF BASELINE SURVEY ON THE CARE OF OLDER PERSONS IN NIGERIA’ HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 5TH 2022.

The following resolutions were reached on the draft framework on Eldercare management in Nigeria.

1. Establishment of units in all Local Government areas for reporting cases of abuse of older persons.
2. Enactment of appropriate punishment for abusers of older persons.
3. Sensitization and awareness creation on the menace of abuse of older persons.
4. Education and family reorientation on the care of older persons.
5. Develop IEC materials for National Orientation Agency (NOA) to lead in the creation of awareness in the communities.
6. Establishment of functional Nursing Homes in all Local Government areas especially for vulnerable older persons.
7. Establishment of Geriatric units in all Primary Healthcare centers in all Local Government areas.
8. Establishment of social and recreational facilities/programs and safe spaces/Seenagers association for older persons in all Local Government areas of the Federation.
9. Capacity building and regular retraining of Caregivers and health professionals.
10. Provision of Social safety net based on appropriate needs assessment and data collections.
11. Skill acquisition and training of older persons who can in turn contribute to the economy.
12. Skill impartation from the older generation to the younger ones.
13. An unconditional cash transfer to the older persons.
14. Encourage Government, Faith-based, community-based, and non-governmental organizations to establish and operate food pantries.
15. Establishment of specialized units and designated lines in public areas for older persons.
16. Accent by the President on the Bill of Rights of Older Persons.
17. Establishment of Social and community support structure involving the community, religious and opinion leaders.
18. Encourage private sector involvement of older persons.

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