

Extending CBR to older persons A Global Imperative

SHORT VIDEO PRESENTATION

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The UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were launched in 2015 with a commitment to Leave No One Behind.

CBR is ideally placed to ensure that older persons are not overlooked.

By working inclusively at community level, CBR will naturally include people living at all stages of dementia.

With increasing longevity, their numbers will double from 47 million in 2015 to 75 million in 2030 and treble to 132 million in 2050. Two thirds of that increase will be in developing countries.

The NGOs supporting CBR in LMICs want to extend CBR to older persons but lack the resources. It will happen if Organisations OF and FOR Older Persons make a strong demand for it at national and UN level.

Dementia Alliance International is the sole organisations OF people with dementia. We are making this demand here..

Dementia Alliance International (DAI) is the global voice of people with dementia.

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) is the sole international organisation working for people with dementia.

We work in partnership to enable persons with dementia to have full and equal access to CRPD and other Human Rights Treaties on the same basis as those with other disabilities. A recent OECD study concludes; "dementia receives the worst care in the developed world."

Although persons with dementia are indisputably included in CRPD Article 1, they have been excluded from its implementation by Member States. By the same token, CRPD is not reflected in the dementia strategies and plans of 26 Member States and two regions. The exclusion of persons with dementia from the Convention could be considered as an example of systemic if unintentional discrimination.

The greatest single obstacle to the continued participation of persons with dementia in society arises from the stigma and fear of dementia in the general population and under-estimation of their capacity by politicians, professionals, researchers and the community. As a result of discrimination, persons with dementia are often not diagnosed and/or not told their diagnosis. Even in High Income Countries (HICs), they often do not have access to support services for themselves and their families or to medical treatment. There is also clear evidence in the social media that isolation begins at the point of diagnosis when friends and family members stop visiting.

CBR is well placed to prevent and address these problems

How about starting here
with a Kuala Lumpur Declaration?



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