

Basic rights vs Basic needs

What is there for many Older persons that give them dignity and hope in their ending years?



2/22/2011

“Caring has become my life story. I worked hard to support my parents, then my children, now my grandchildren and my children again”



2/22/2011

“There’s bread when you go home for your grandchildren. And can buy some other things from the R200. You can do a lot. It adds some cents to our little grants. You know when you are doing this, you are going to get something to eat.”



2/22/2011

Past

Many Older persons have not had access to a life that has enabled them to secure wonderful retirements

They have lived through many troubles and hardships whilst continuing to care for family needs



2/22/2011

Hard labour/ Unskilled

- Long travelling hours to work
- Leaving children to be raised by parents
- No secured pension funds
- Poor access to information and education



2/22/2011

For many the right to dignity and respect was not known and or experienced



2/22/2011

Today, they walk amongst us, with great wisdom and knowledge that has been acquired through their hard lives but do we see or hear them or know their needs



2/22/2011

Then
The Older Persons Act 13 of 2006
The Older Persons Charter to be adopted in March 2011



2/22/2011

Rights

Right to social security or social assistance if unable to support themselves or their dependents;
Right to an income adequate to provide food, water and shelter;
Right to affordable and accessible transport.



2/22/2011

Rights

Right to work and earn an income and to participate in decisions about retirement;
Right of access to education and training programs, cultural, spiritual and recreational facilities



2/22/2011

Rights

Right to information and to participate in community life, decision-making and consultation on policies that affect their well-being;
Right to establish associations and share knowledge and skills with younger generations.



2/22/2011

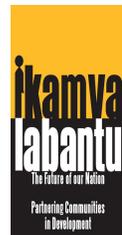
Ikamva Labantu

Seniors clubs in the poverty-stricken township communities provide services and programmes that promote:

- Social interaction and active participation
- Psychosocial support
- Nutritious daily meals



2/22/2011



Training in craft for work income generating projects;
Information on health issues;
Health education and health care;
Capacity building workshops



2/22/2011



Ikamva Labantu

Created access for some, but there are so many Older persons who remain vulnerable and insecure



2/22/2011

Challenges

Breadwinner and Family support
Food insecurity



2/22/2011



Means Test and Annual Threshold Basic income insecurity



2/22/2011

Old Age pension review



2/22/2011

Old persons are often forgotten and not a priority in our communities, yet in many instances, they remain the back bone in communities. They have knowledge and wisdom and yet their voices are seldom heard.



2/22/2011