

What has your NGO done to educate older persons/or the general public about the Madrid Plan?

- Awareness creation and sensitization through workshops at community, district and national levels.
- Advocacy events about the issues of older persons.
- Periodic production of news letters, audio and visual briefs (electronic media)
- Annual IDOP celebrations at district and national levels.
- Enabling older persons to participate in national and international forums for recognition.

Which of the 3 priority directions of Madrid Plan (older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; ensuring enabling and supportive environments) has your NGO focused on?

(A) Older persons and development:

- Enabling older persons to participate in social and economic activities through Income Generating Activities.
- Advocating for inclusion/mainstreaming and/or integration of older persons in all development activities from grass root to national level.
- Involvement and participation of URAA as a member of national social protection task force.
- Fore running the formation of a national policy on older persons. (Final draft is now in place).

(B) Advancing health and well-being into old age:

- Health and care programs
- Sensitization and training of community workers about older persons' health related issues.
- Training and facilitation of Home Based Care Givers and Peer Educators to cater for older persons' health and psychosocial needs at local level.
- Encouraging older persons access to Voluntary Counseling and Testing and other related HIV/AIDS services.
- Advocating for older persons access to Plan for Modernization of Agriculture through National Agriculture and Advisory Services (NAADS) to ensure food security.

What specific accomplishments has your NGO achieved in that area? How has it worked with government, other NGO's and/or others to achieve its objectives?

- Older persons' draft policy in place (in conjunction with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development).
- Older persons included in some local council (Local Council III) budgets; Hoima district-Bugambe Sub County, Kasese district-Kilembe and Bugoye sub counties.

- Older persons have for the first time been mentioned in The National HIV/AIDS 5 years Strategic plan under the social support thematic area:-
 - Ageing is slowly being mainstreamed in the health policy with Health minister deciding to include drugs for age related ailments in the national basic health care package. (The Uganda Reach the Aged Association led research to mainstream ageing into nutrition, health, HIV/AIDS and poverty policies of government and this is one achievement as a result of the research).

Every Government has been asked by the UN, but is not required, to conduct a "bottom-up" review and appraisal during 2007 of progress in their country in implementing the Madrid Plan. To your knowledge, has your government begun or committed to undertake that review? If yes, has your NGO been invited to participate? If so, how?

- No review has been undertaken and there is no clear indication of commitment to under take it.