

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY – JUNE 15th

The United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 66/127, designated June 15 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – WEAAD**.

Men and women live to increasingly greater ages. The global population of persons of 60 years and older will be about 1.2 billion in the year 2025.

Unfortunately the percentage of older persons that is subject to abuse and/or maltreatment at home or within the family is increasing and often overlooked.

Elder abuse can take various forms such as physical, sexual, emotional, financial, neglect and abandonment.

The major part is women. The issue of violence against older women is quite new and there is not much detailed information on the frequency of this, neither on European nor on international level.

However, it definitively is a global social issue which deserves the attention of the entire International Community.

A public discourse on domestic violence against older persons is necessary and action should be taken to raise awareness for society's responsibility.

Elder abuse has to be stopped.

“The distressing crime of elder abuse often occurs in quiet, private settings, making a vocal, public response that much more important. Let us strengthen our resolve to end this problem as part of our broader efforts to create a life of dignity for all”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon



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