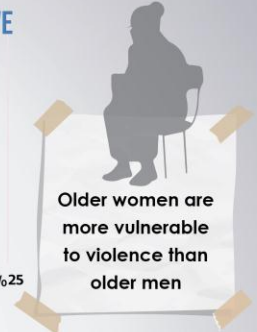
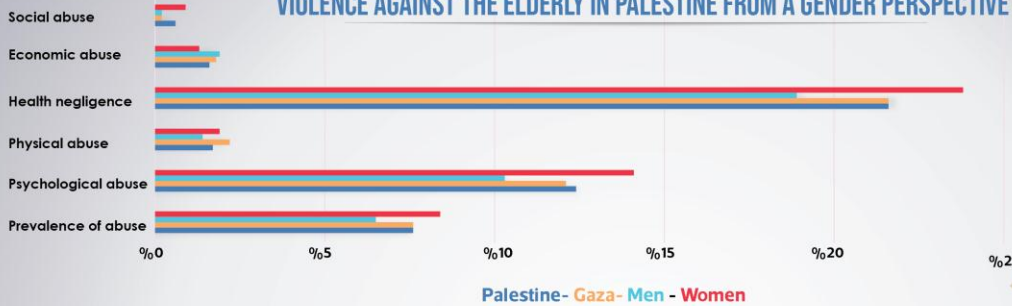
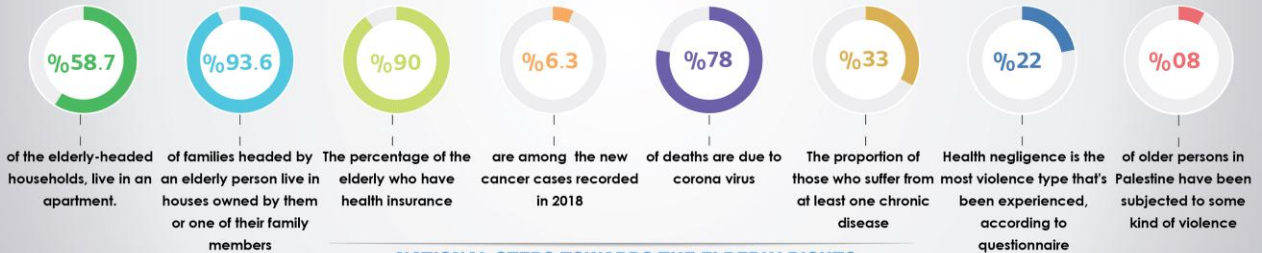


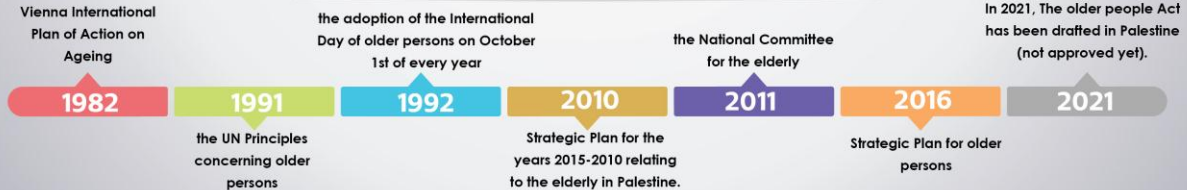
## VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ELDERLY IN PALESTINE FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE



## THE REALITY OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PROTECTION FOR THE ELDERLY IN PALESTINE



## NATIONAL STEPS TOWARDS THE ELDERLY RIGHTS



## THE REALITY OF PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN PALESTINE

### ELDERLY RIGHTS IN RECEIVING MULTI-SECTORS PROTECTION

The right of getting social security and retirement allocations.



Right of non-discrimination on grounds of age, gender or other.

The right of getting health services.



The right to be free from all violence forms.

The right to obtain work opportunities , community participation and permanent education.



The right of ownership and inheritance.



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### DEMOGRAPHIC REALITY OF THE ELDERLY IN PALESTINE

The percentage of the poor among the elderly ,and the proportion of poverty among family members headed by an elderly person in Palestine was higher than other families.



**CORONAVIRUS**

About three out of four coronavirus deaths are older people.

**5% POOR**



**WORKFORCE 13%**

Participation rate in the workforce



**DIFFICULTY 48%**

The proportion of older people in Palestine with at

**MARRIED 93%**

of old-age males are married compared with 49% of females in Palestine , while 5% of older males are widowed.



**2020 %21**

of households in Palestine are headed by older persons



**MIDDLE OF 2021 5.4%**

The elderly percentage in Palestine 2021 , about 136,000 of the total male population compared with 146,000 females.



**2018 IS THE FIRST YEAR IN HISTORY**

that older persons over 65 are more than children under five.



**2050 %16**

In of the world's population will be over 65 years.

- In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, most of the 93.6% of families headed by an elderly person live in houses owned by them or one of their family members , by 93.3% and 94.1%, respectively.
- 58.7% of the elderly-headed households, live in an apartment,
- in the West Bank, about half of those families compared to about three-quarters of elderly families in the Gaza Strip.

#### **National steps towards the elderly rights**

- In 1982, Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing.
- In 1991, the UN Principles concerning older persons.
- In 1992, the adoption of the International Day of older persons on October 1st of every year.
- 2010 Strategic Plan for the years 2010-2015 relating to the elderly in Palestine.
- In 2011, the National Committee for the elderly.
- In 2021, The older people Act has been drafted in Palestine (not approved yet).
- 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for older persons.
- Decree-Law No. (19) regarding social security in 2016.

### **The reality of gender-based violence protection for the elderly in Palestine**

- Older women are more likely to experience violence than older men.
- 8% of older persons in Palestine have been subjected to some kind of violence.
- According to the elderly participating in the questionnaire, health negligence is the most violence type that's been experienced , (24% older women, 19% older men).
- The proportion of the elderly suffering from at least one chronic disease in Palestine is 33%, under medical diagnosis, and receives medical care on a continuous basis , by 36% in the West Bank and 27% in Gaza Strip.
- In Palestine, 78% of Covid-19 related deaths (out of 4,286) were for the elderly , and 23,942 older persons were infected, that is 6% ,and this is until 9/25/2021.
- Among the new cancer cases recorded in 2018 , which there were 3102, 1064 cases were recorded in the category 64 and higher ,accounting for 6.3% of the population.
- The percentage of the elderly who have health insurance was about 90%, 97% in Gaza Strip, and 86% in the West Bank.
- Time-use scan data from 2012/2013 pointed out that older persons spend an average of 14 hours and 26 minutes in personal care activities as sleeping, eating and drinking, health and personal care and religious worship, and almost 4 hours of socializing in the community , such as family visits, participation in fortunate occasions or others , and approximately 1 hour and 3 minutes in providing community services like volunteering.

- 93% of old-age males are married compared with 49% of females in Palestine , while 5% of older males are widowed compared to 42% of females in 2020.
  - The proportion of older people in Palestine with at least one difficulty is 48% in 2020, by 45% in the West Bank and 54% in Gaza Strip.
  - Participation rate in the workforce was 13% in 2020, it was distributed by 17% in the West Bank compared to 5% in the Gaza Strip.
  - In Palestine , the percentage of the poor among the elderly is 5% ,and the proportion of poverty among members of families headed by an elderly person in Palestine was higher than other families.
  - The elderly are at higher risk of death and severe post- infection diseases , so that about three out of four coronavirus deaths are older people.
- **Violence against the elderly in Palestine from a gender perspective**

Gender	Prevalence of abuse	Psychological abuse	Physical abuse	Health negligence	Economic abuse	Social abuse
Palestine	7.6%	12.4%	1.7%	21.6%	1.6%	6.0%
Gaza	7.6%	12.1%	2.2%	21.6%	1.8%	2.0%
Men	6.5%	10.3%	1.4%	18.9%	1.9%	2.0%
Women	8.4%	14.1%	1.9%	23.8%	1.8%	9.0%

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#### Old Age rights in receiving multi-sectors protection services

- Right of non-discrimination on grounds of age, gender or other.
- The right to be free from all violence forms.
- The right of getting social security and retirement allocations.
- The right of getting health services.
- The right to obtain work opportunities , community participation and permanent education.
- The right of ownership and inheritance.

#### Demographic reality of the elderly in Palestine

- In 2050, 16% of the world's population will be over 65 years.
- 2018 is the first year in history that older persons over 65 are more than children under five.
- The elderly percentage in Palestine is 5.4% in the middle of 2021 is about 136,000 people equals 5% of the total male population in Palestine compared with 164,000 females, nearly 23% of the total female population.
- 21% of households in Palestine are headed by older persons for 2020, 23% in the West Bank and 17% in the Gaza Strip.

## **Fact Sheet**

### **Towards a more friendly society for the Old Age**

### **The reality of protection services for the Old Age in Palestine**

## PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY IN GAZA STRIP GOVERNORATES

### ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE



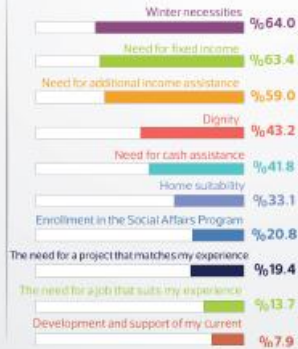
### IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE



### ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE



### IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE



## %77.6 NEED A MEANS OF ASSISTANCE





## PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY IN GAZA



### DEMOGRAPHIC REALITY OF THE ELDERLY IN PALESTINE

have at least one difficulty in 2020



%54



%5.4

The percentage of elderly people in Palestine of the overall population

The working force participation rate among the elderly

%5



%17

of households in Gaza are headed by an elderly person in 2020

### DATA ON THE TARGETED PEOPLE OF THE STUDY

are married and live in the same house

%36

of the sample are single and live with their siblings or in the extended family homes

%16.4

have a disability and difficulty with movement or vision

%93

feel comfortable and secure in their current homes

%97

have a fixed income

%70

of older people with income assist their families and others

%93.9

%52

are widows who lost a spouse and live in family's house

%26

of those interviewed, have no children

%16.4

live in homes they own, while 30% think that it is not suitable for their needs

%63

live in their family house, with only 3% live in a nursing home

%62

of those who have an income, obtain it from cash assistance provided by the Ministry of Social Development

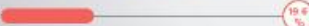
%44

of them have government health insurance



### TOTAL INCOME OF THE ELDERLY

Less than 500 shekels



1000-500 shekels



Over 10000 shekels



### SUFFER FROM HEALTH PROBLEMS %94.7

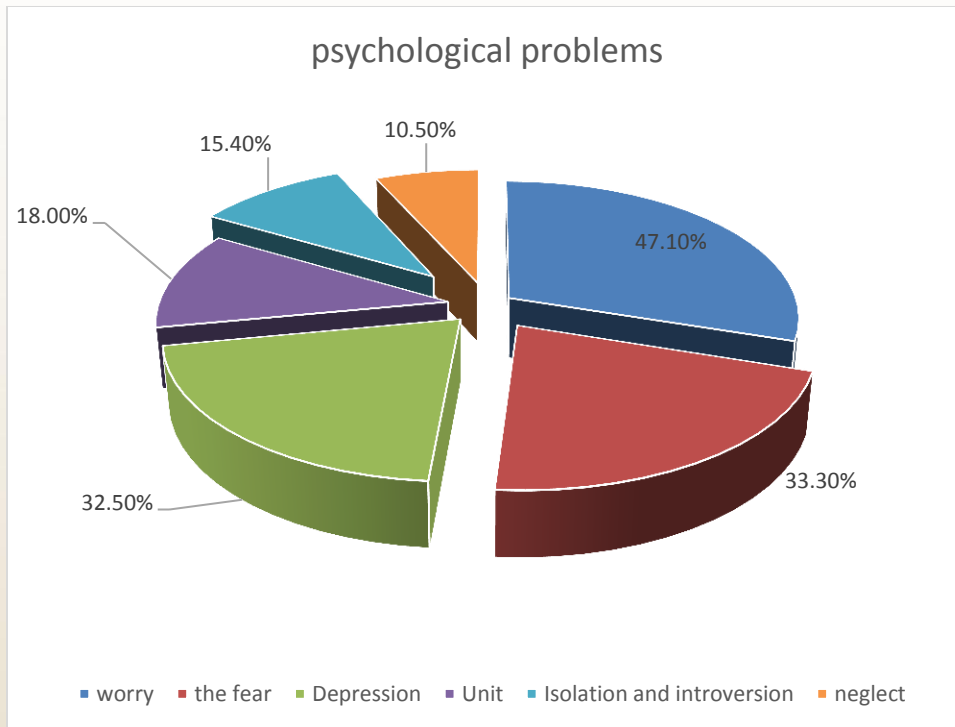
%84.3  
Chronic diseases

%33.1  
Physical problems

%1.5  
Mental problems

%5.2  
Disabilities

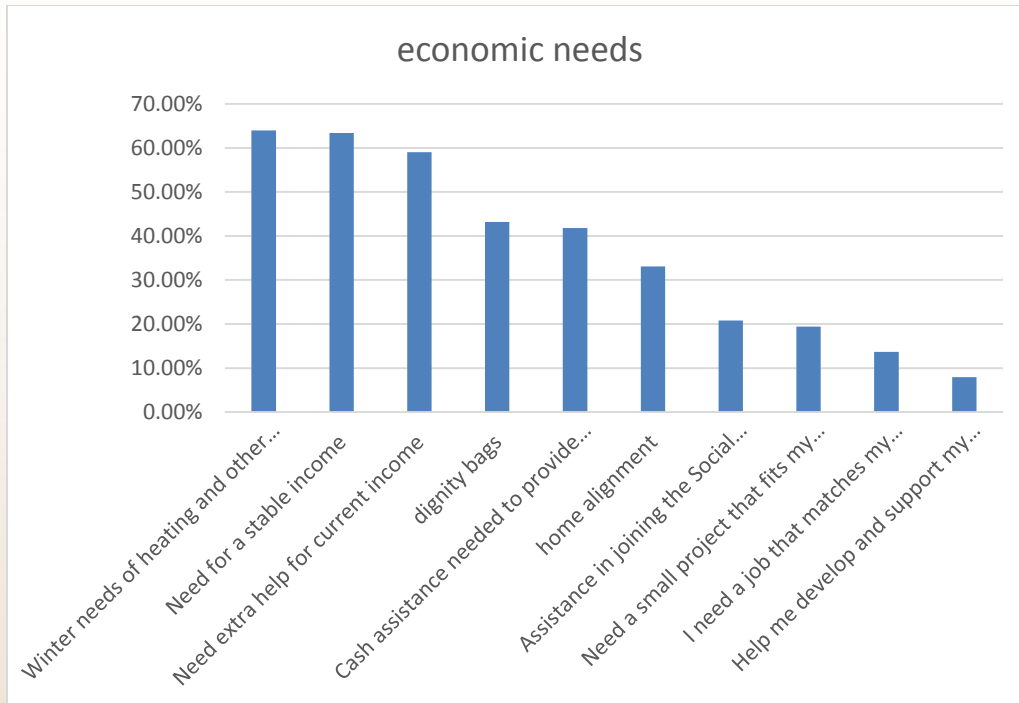
- **Psychological issues of the elderly interviewed**



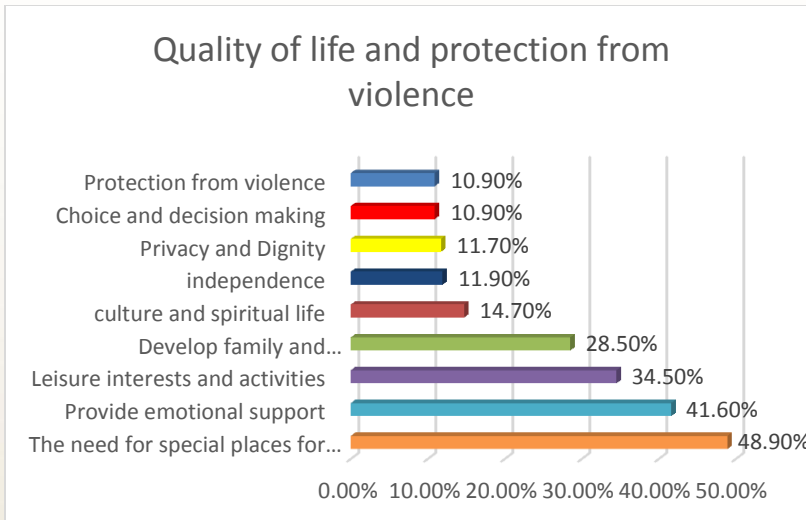
- **The field of psychosocial needs**



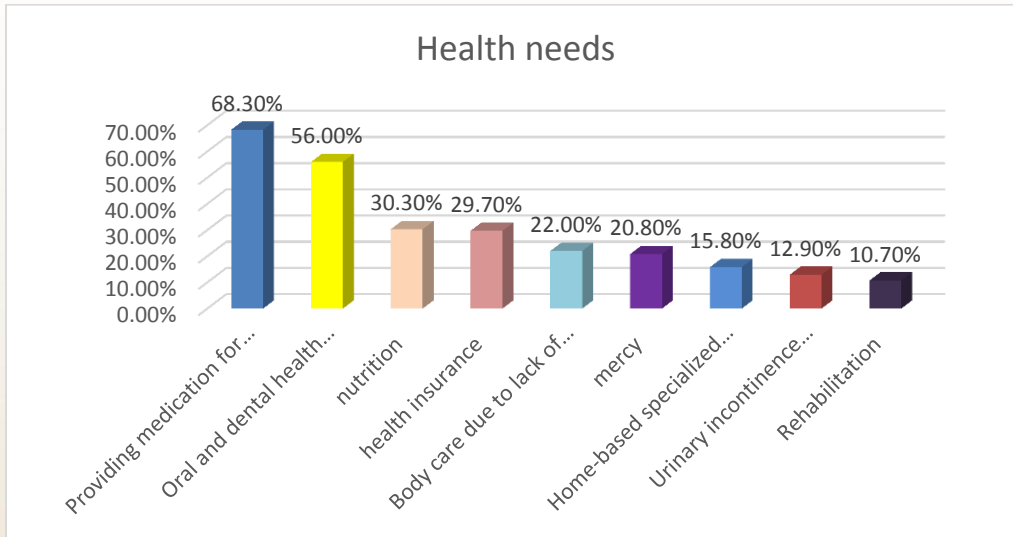
- **Economic field**



- **Quality of life and protection against violence field**



- **Basic needs from the viewpoint of the elderly**
- **Health and personal care**



- 19.6% have an income of less than 500 shekels, while 60.8% have an income of 500-1000 shekels , and the percentage of people with income over 10000 shekels was 19.6%.
- 70% of those who have an income obtain it from cash assistance distributed by the Ministry of Social Development.
- 44% of older people with income assist their families and others.
- 94.7 suffer from health problems : 84.3% chronic diseases,
- 33.19% physical mobility problems , 1.5% mental problems, 5.2% disabilities.
- 77.6 of them need help ,39% need glasses , 24% need a wheelchair, 45.9% do not have the means to assist.
- Upon the means of assistance were available, 35.6% were provided through a personal purchase, 33.9% through foundation donation ,while only 10% were provided by the Ministry of Social Development.
- 93.9% of them have government health insurance providing free treatment in government centers and hospitals.
- **Violence against the elderly in Palestine from a gender perspective**

Gender	Prevalence of abuse	Psychological abuse	Physical abuse	Health negligence	Economic abuse	Social abuse
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### **Demographic reality of the elderly in Palestine**

- The percentage of elderly people in Palestine is 5.4% of the overall population.
- 17% of households in Gaza are headed by an elderly person for 2020.
- 54% of older people in Gaza have at least one difficulty in 2020.
- The working force participation rate among the elderly was 5% in Gaza Strip.

### **Data on the targeted people of the study**

- The number of targeted persons for the study was 505 elderly people, 25.3% of whom were men, and 74.7% were women.
- 93% of interviewees are older than 60 years, while 13% are older than 80 years.
- 52% are married and live in the same house.
- 36% of the sample are widows and live in family's house.
- 26% of the sample are single and live with their siblings or in the extended family's homes.
- 16.4 % of those interviewed, have no children.
- 16.4 have a disability and difficulty with movement or vision, while 83.6% do not.
- 93% live in homes they own, while 30% think that the home needs repair, as it is not suitable for their needs .They also think that the house are small.
- 63% feel comfortable and secure in their current homes unlike others.
- Only 3% live nursing home in Gaza due to the absence of a breadwinner or lack of access for medical rehabilitation and physiotherapy , therefor 97% live in their family home.
- 62% have a fixed income, while 48% have no income and live on other people's assistance.





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