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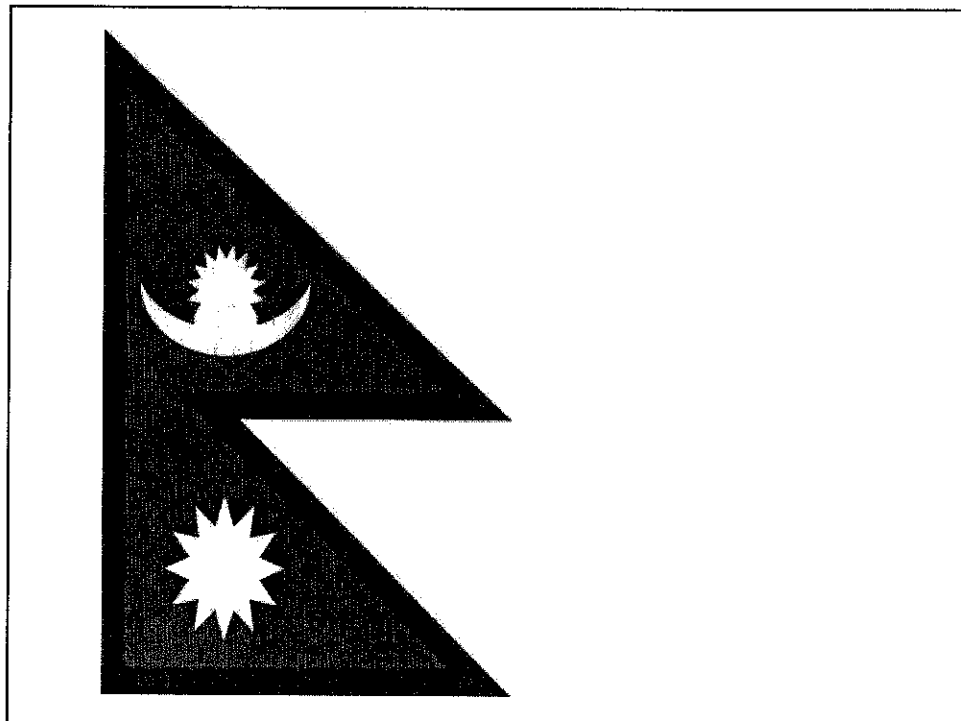
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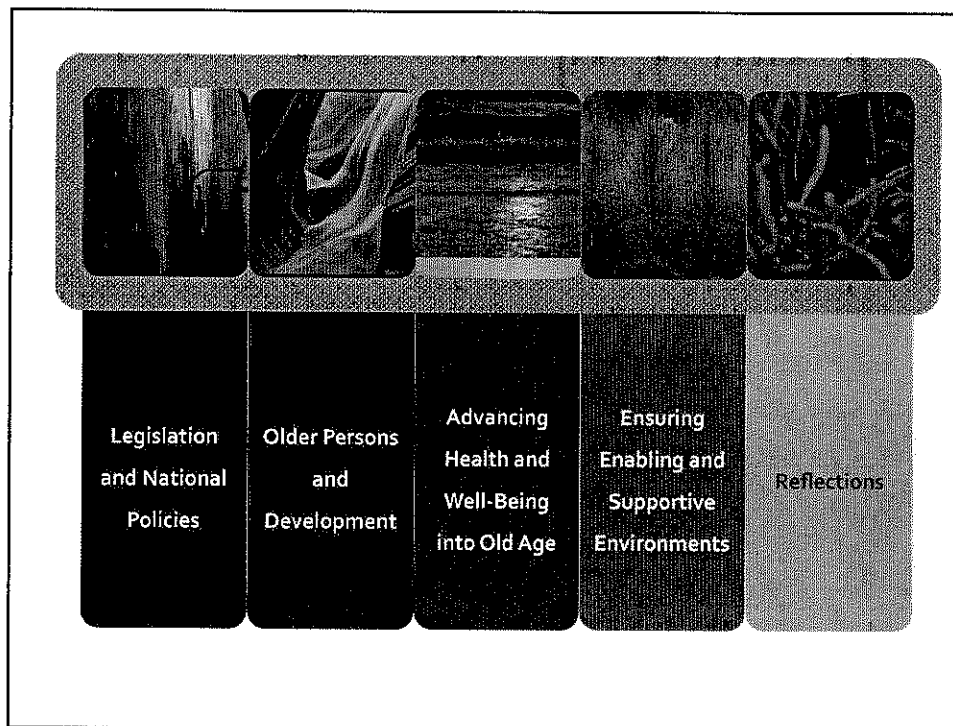
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Legislation and National Policies on Older Persons

- Local level should be more active in implementation of policies on older people.
- Legislation on punishment to family members involved in elder abuse should be added.
- Knowledge about policies and implementing process should be regularly orientated to service providers (Transportation, health service, allowance.)

Older Persons and Development

- Retirement age restricts older people in any type of employment opportunities. Retirement age should be determined on the basis of life expectancy.
- Provision of social security on the basis of contribution to the nation should be done during old age. The provision of old age allowance (pension) only is not enough.
- Giving priority to older people needs (spectacles, cane, medicines) during disaster relief programs and training humanitarian staffs to properly serve older persons.

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Advancing Health and Well-Being into Old Age

- Well trained geriatric nurses and caregivers should be produced for special care of older people.
- There is no provision of government health insurance for any age group and the private ones also do not take older people's insurance. These provisions should be added in the policies.
- Although the Elderly ID Card can get up to 50% discounts in health services, the provision is only available in a few health facilities in the capital which is not feasible for many of the elders in rural areas. The service should be broadened to get better reach.

Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments

- Elder friendly parks and transportation facilities should be built.
- Older people specific care givers and doctors should be produced and trained.
- Concessions for older people on daily staple items should be provisioned.

Reflections

1. The cross-cutting nature of ageing issues require concerted efforts of all government bodies, civil societies and private sectors. This is being realized by all concerned much slowly than desirable, calling for increased focus on awareness building programmes in the days ahead.
2. Donor communities and international development agencies are yet to come with policies and programmes that are inclusive of population ageing issues.

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