

ABUSE AND VIOLENCI



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REVALENT BELIEF

“Older persons are worthless
in today’s fast-paced,
globalized and increasingly
industrialized world”

Elder Abuse



Please Help

DECADES OF HORROR



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POVERTY
ILLITERACY
RURAL
FEMINISATION

just
another
example

USE AND NEGLECT IS STILL A GLOBAL ISSUE

81-year-old woman found murdered in RPC Layout, Bangalore, India for gold and property

**June 26, 2012 ,
Deccan Chronicle, Bangalore**



Negligence in a nursing home

January, 2012 ,

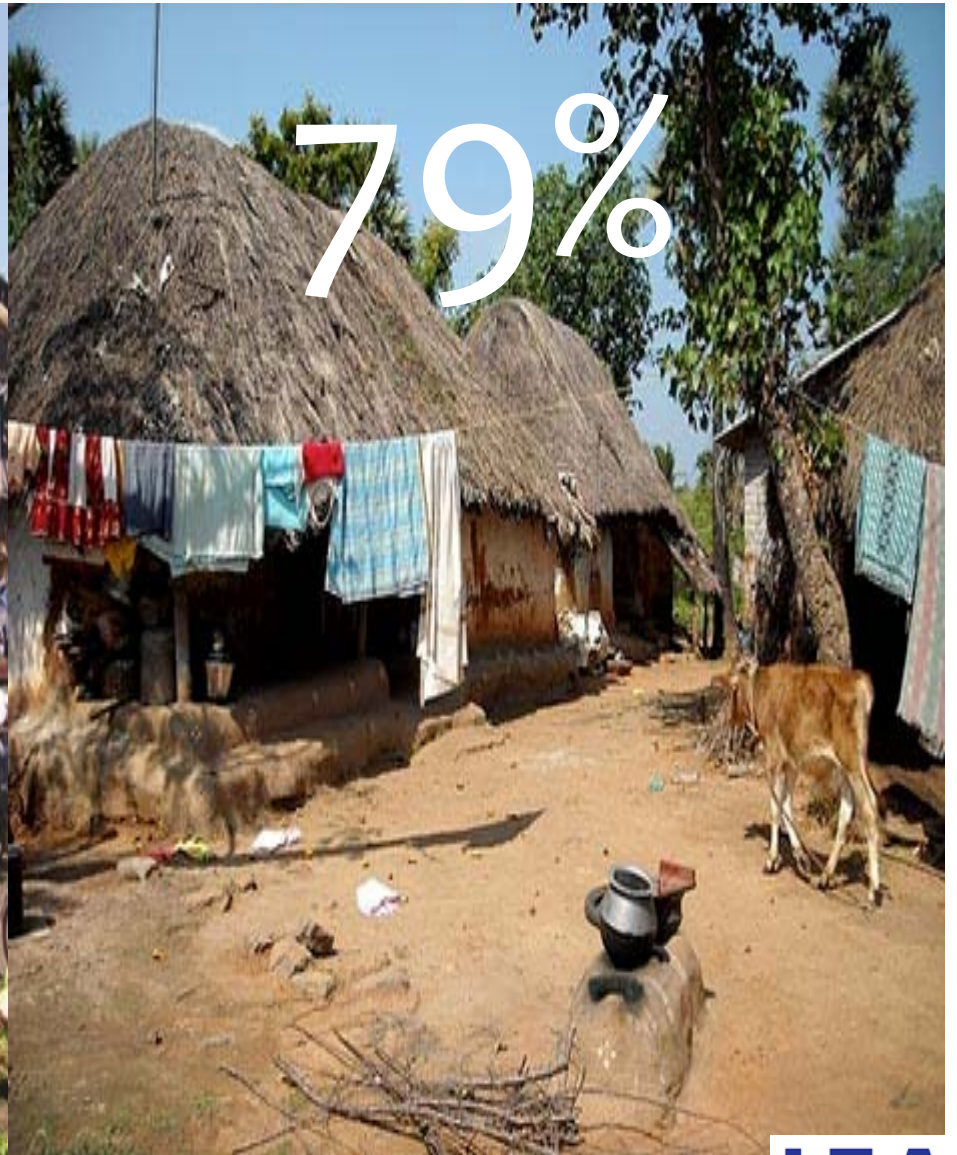


She's 92 and very frail

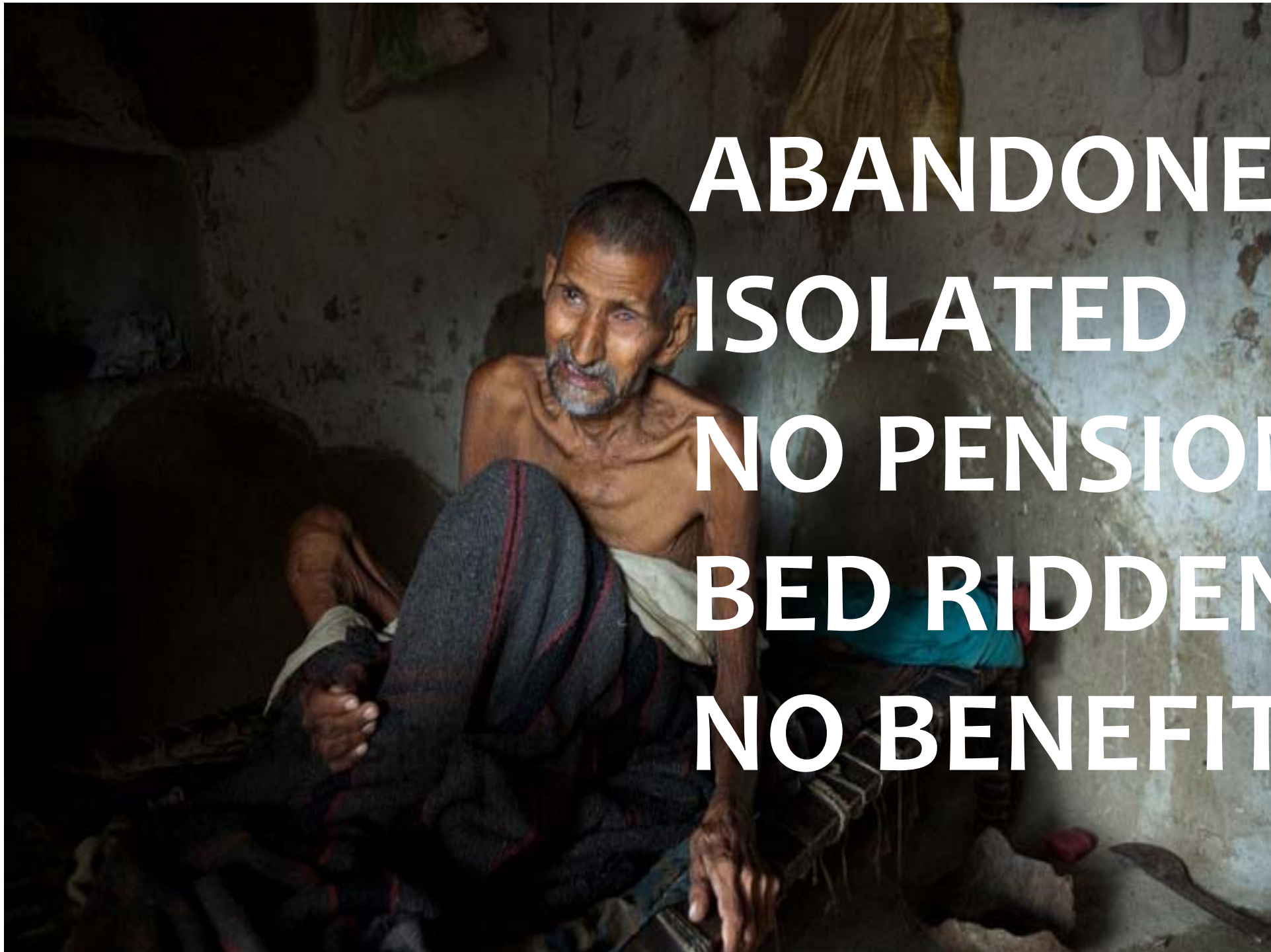
"My grandson and my daughter-in-law started abusing me. And they said, 'I'll kill you, I'll kill you'," she says



35%



79%



ABANDONED

ISOLATED

NO PENSION

BED RIDDEN

NO BENEFIT



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- National **Programmes** for Health Care of the Elderly
 - The **Maintenance** and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens **Act**, 2007
 - National Policy **on** Older Persons 1999 and the pending **revised** National Policy of Senior Citizens

Law -- Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007





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- **21** countries have national policies on older persons; 11 countries have national legislation to protect the rights of older persons
- **Inadequate** social protection and health care, and discrimination are key issues
- **Insufficient** legislation and inadequate implementation in most of the countries of the region.
- **Gaps** between policy commitments and implementation

WHAT RIGHTS ARE NOT WELL PROTECTED



- Security
- Healthcare
- Adequate standard of living
- Non discrimination
- Participation
- Free from torture
- Free from cruelty
- Free from inhuman and degrading treatment

WHAT IS OUR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY



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- Many countries have age-related policies but are challenged in their implementation
- Policies do not necessarily protect the older persons
- Options have been promoted by various member states in this forum but have yet to be fully explored in the OEWG
- Collective responsibility to understand the ‘best’ mechanisms to protect the rights of older people globally

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linking NGOs, academia, policy makers, industry and individuals to inform, educate and promote policies and practice to improve the quality of life of older persons around the world.

