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FAMILY CAREGIVING *Of Older Persons in Southern Africa* PROGRAMME

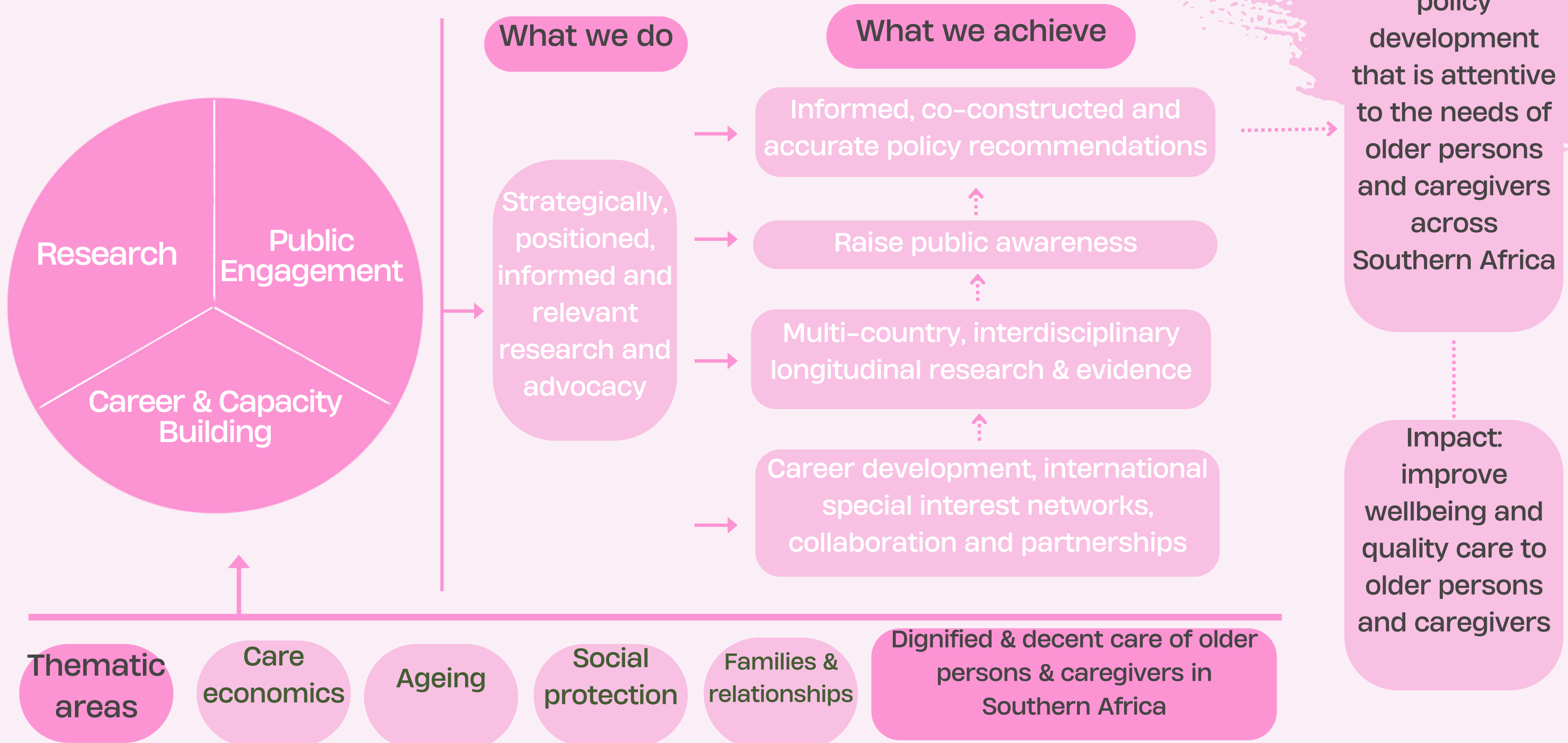
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WHO WE ARE



WHAT WE DO

FAMILY
CAREGIVING
Of Older Persons in Southern Africa
PROGRAMME



We are a team of 35 researchers working in nineteen research sites across four different countries in Southern Africa. Working with 335 families and over 60 NPOs.

The place of care shapes the experience of care, and it allows us to make sense of what care means in context.

LTC as Family Care

- Belief and reliance on kin
- Deep familialist conservative ideology

LTC and scant Formal Care Services

- Limited care homes and HBC services
- Public policy for home care support (GIA)

LTC in context of Social Protection

- Pensions/Old Age Grants are Redistributed
- Gaps in Safety Nets (including child grants)
- Multi-generational living
- “Invest in children not older persons” (UNICEF, World Bank)

How is Social Protection for Older Persons in the Region Conceptualised?



Social Protection has been built on normative assumptions

- Deracialized yet untransformed
- Belief and reliance on kin obligations
- Deep familialist conservative ideology



Social Protection for Individuals yet individuals live in households

- Absence of other grants and safety nets
- Stretched thinly across more
- Crude Measure of X per day doesn't fit everyday living



Social Protection for Older Persons as 'Old Age Grants'

But what about food relief, drought relief, other cash grants?

WHEN SOCIAL PROTECTION AS PENSION IS NOT ENOUGH

	Estimated Old Age Income Poverty	Pension	Universal	No. of Older Persons Recipients	Age	Value (in 2023)	Funded By	Median Size of Household
South Africa	20.7%*	Older Person's Grant	Means Tested	5.5 million (9% of population) (3.8 million recipients)	60	ZAR2080 (GBP86)	Department of Social Development	5
Namibia	14%**	Old Age Pension	Universal	206 675 (6.8% of population)	60	N\$1400 (GBP57)	Ministry for Gender Equality Social Welfare and Poverty Eradication (MGESWPE)	5
Botswana	17% living in Poverty and 11.9% living in extreme poverty***	Old Age Pension	Universal	121 720 (5.7% or 8% of population)	65	P700 (GBP36)	Department of Ministry of Health and Wellness	4
Malawi	64 percent of 1 million older persons (defined as over 50) living in poverty	The Pension	NA <u>BUT</u> the Social Cash Transfer Programme targets poor households	Assists 291 290 households – half of which are elderly headed (2021 data)			Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare; financed by the Irish Government through Irish Aid in Balaka and Ntcheu districts, the German Government and the European Union (EU) Delegation through KfW (14 districts), the World Bank through the National Local Government Finance Committee (NLGFC) (11 districts) and the Government of Malawi (1 district).	4

* Based on OECD data from 2018 and for older persons 65+ years
 ** World Bank using NHIES 2015/2016 data and from 65+ years
 ***World Bank (2015). Botswana Poverty Assessment, Washington, D.C as cited in

LTC CONTEXT AND OTHER PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE TO OLDER PERSONS

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SOUTH AFRICA

- Grant in Aid
- 394 Residential Care Homes and Service Centres
- CHBC (HIV/Aids programmes)
- Municipal and Tax Rebates

NAMIBIA

- CHBC (HIV/Aids Programmes)
- 17 Residential Care Homes
- Funeral Benefits
- Food Bank Programmes and limited Drought Relief

BOTSWANA

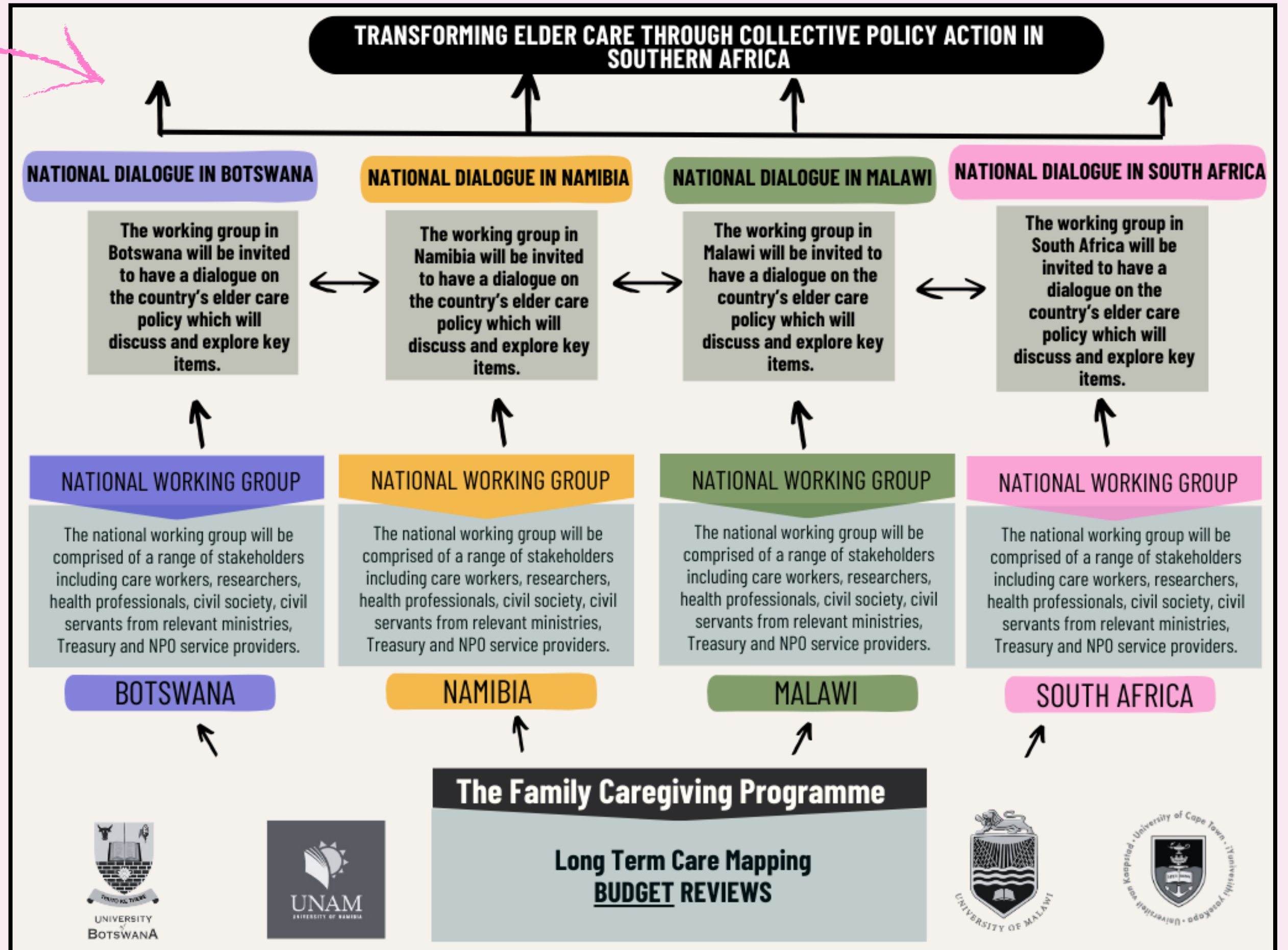
- CHBC (>1%)
- Destitute Person Programme

MALAWI

- Affordable Inputs Programme (farming seeds and fertiliser)
- ¼ older persons received food from food programmes



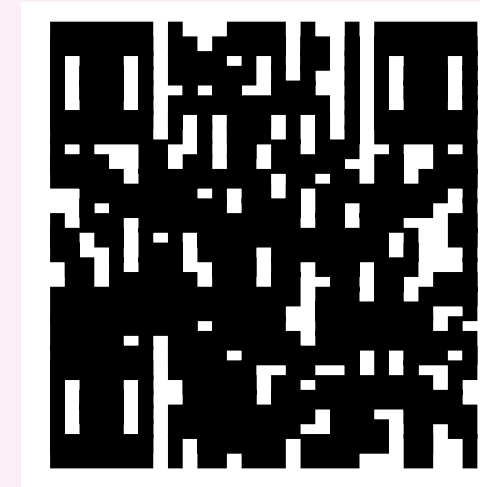
Over the next 36 months
 The Family Caregiving Programme
 will be engaged in the “Transforming
 Elder Care Through Collective Policy
 Action in Southern Africa” study in
 Malawi, Botswana, Namibia and South
 Africa



SOUTH AFRICA CASE STUDY



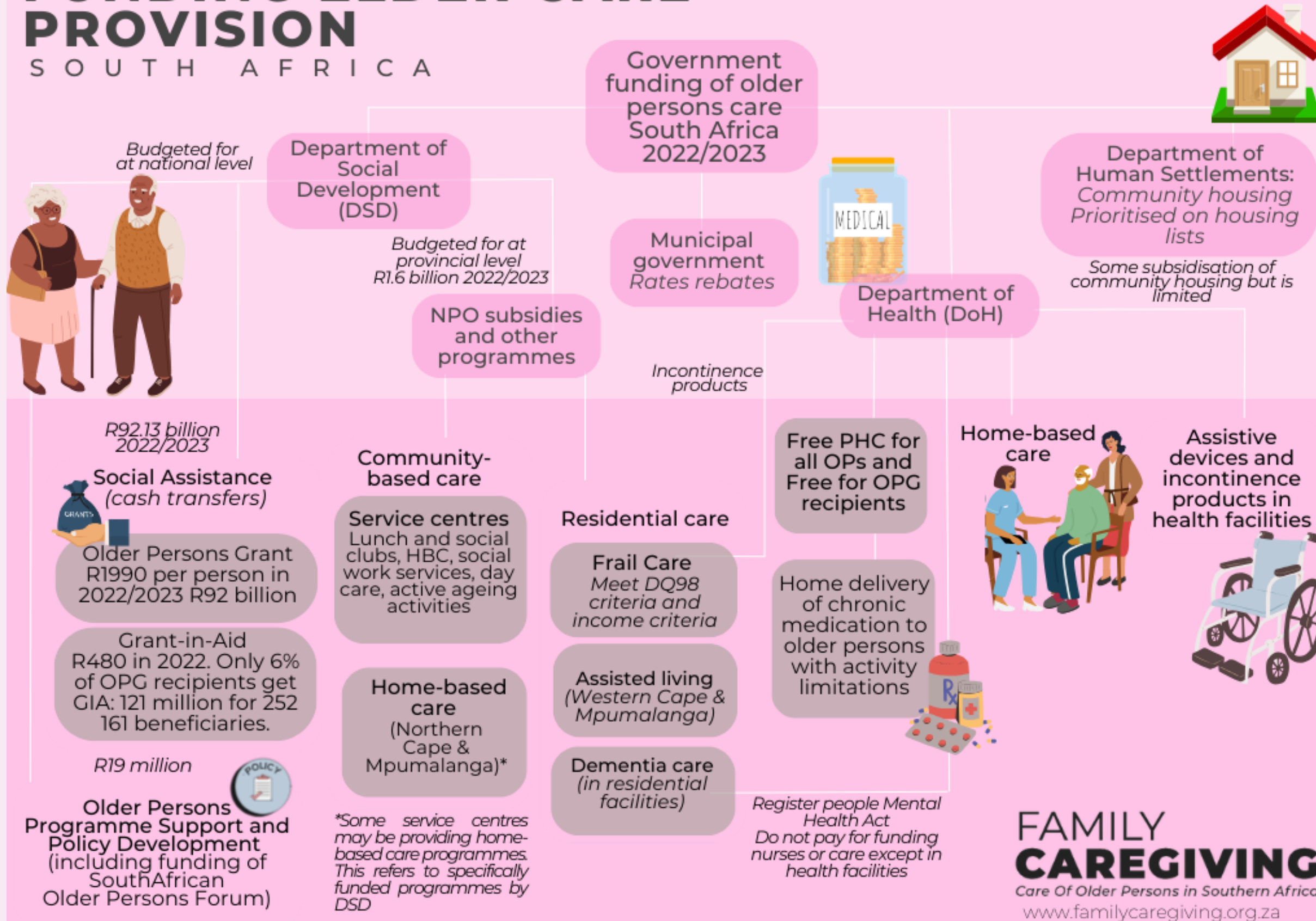
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OVERVIEW OF UNDERSTANDING LANDSCAPE

FUNDING ELDER CARE PROVISION SOUTH AFRICA





KEY FINDINGS

Whilst the economic value of the support to older persons in South Africa has grown, it has not been increased sufficiently to meet the needs of a growing older population, nor has it been adequately linked to inflation. The spending per person adjusted for inflation is 5% higher in 2022/2023 than 2006/2007 but provincial funding is down 13% since 2006/2007.



Total budget:
R93.89 billion
2022



Combined spending on programmes:

R1.6 billion



78 477 older persons accessing community-based care



394 subsidised residential care homes



18 011 older persons served by residential care homes



Older Persons Grant



R92.13 billion



3.8 million recipients



Grant in Aid



R121 million



252 161 recipients

State funding is not prioritising community care despite the policy focus on ageing in place.

Ageing in place refers to the policy preference of staying in your own home and community as you grow older




Care services for older persons is chronically underfunded and will become a major challenge for the state.

In the absence of improved state care provision, family caregivers carry the responsibility.

Provincial Spending on Older Persons across South Africa




North West


 NGO Spending: R50 304 000
 Other Spending: R101 278 274
 Total EPRE: R151 582 274
 Budget on service centres: R16 774 000
 Care Homes: 27



 Population Size: 379 000

 Residential care services: 2 048

 CBC services: 9 074




Gauteng


 NGO Spending: R294 889
 Other Spending: R377 163 111
 Total EPRE: R377 458 000
 Care Homes: 73
 Service centres: 231


 Population Size: 1 391 000

 Residential care services: 2 940

 CBC services: 20 616




Limpopo


 NGO Spending: R27 772 000
 Other Spending: R131 242 000
 Total EPRE: R159 014 000
 Care Homes: 8


 Population Size: 536 000

 Residential care services: 568

 CBC services: 7 399




Mpumalanga


 NGO Spending: R346 497 94
 Other Spending: R29 150 206
 Total EPRE: R63 800 000
 Budget on service centres: R15 030 851
 Care Homes: 20
 Service centres: 94



 Population Size: 389 000

 Residential care services: 1 085

 CBC services: 4 363




Northern Cape


 NGO Spending: R24 367 357
 Other Spending: R17 665 643
 Total EPRE: R42 033 000
 Budget on service centres: R1 864 213
 Care Homes: 24
 Service centres: 53


 Population Size: 132 000

 Residential care services: 792

 CBC services: 754




KwaZulu-Natal


 NGO Spending: R104 631 480
 Other Spending: R76 920 520
 Total EPRE: R181 552 000
 Care Homes: 37
 Service centres: 253


 Population Size: 940 000

 Residential care services: 2 538

 CBC services: 5 786




Western Cape


 NGO Spending: R250 324 111
 Other Spending: R9219
 Total EPRE: R259 544 000
 Budget on service centres: R37 772 884
 Care Homes: 125
 Service centres: 199


 Population Size: 775 000

 Residential care services: 4 993

 CBC services: 17 029




Free State


 NGO Spending: R54 128 000
 Other Spending: R77 636 000
 Total EPRE: R131 764 000
 Care Homes: 38


 Population Size: 287 000

 Residential care services: 1 546

 CBC services: 3 856

Eastern Cape


 NGO Spending: R76 686 000
 Other Spending: R129 898 000
 Total EPRE: R206 584 000
 Budget on service centres: R36 029 522
 Care Homes: 42
 Service centres: 480


 Population Size: 771 000

 Residential care services: 1 501

 CBC services: 9 600

DISCUSSION

- **Unpaid Family Care dominates**
- **Increase in Number of Older Persons with Complex Care Needs in context of poverty, unemployment, multi-generational living and climate change induced crises**
- **Poor LTC care infrastructure and financing**
- **Limited CHBC**
- **Poor quality and training**
- **Few to no public policies supporting family caregivers**
- **Pensions considered enough in context of strong familialist ideology**
- **Financing of which will gain attention as numbers increase**
- **Financing LTC in the context of financing drought relief, food insecurity, and different types of shocks**

THANK YOU



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