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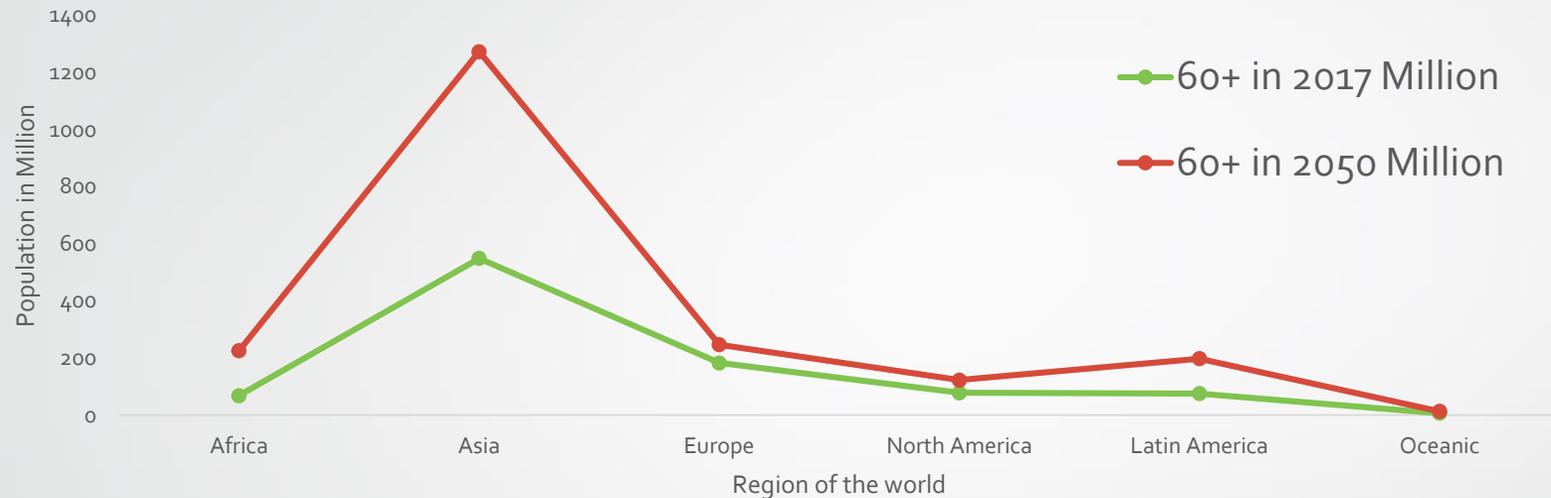
Stakeholder Group on Ageing



**STAKEHOLDERS GROUP ON AGEING (SGA),
AFRICA SURVEY OF COVID-19 CONTAINMENT
AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES ON RIGHTS OF
OLDER PERSONS IN AFRICA**

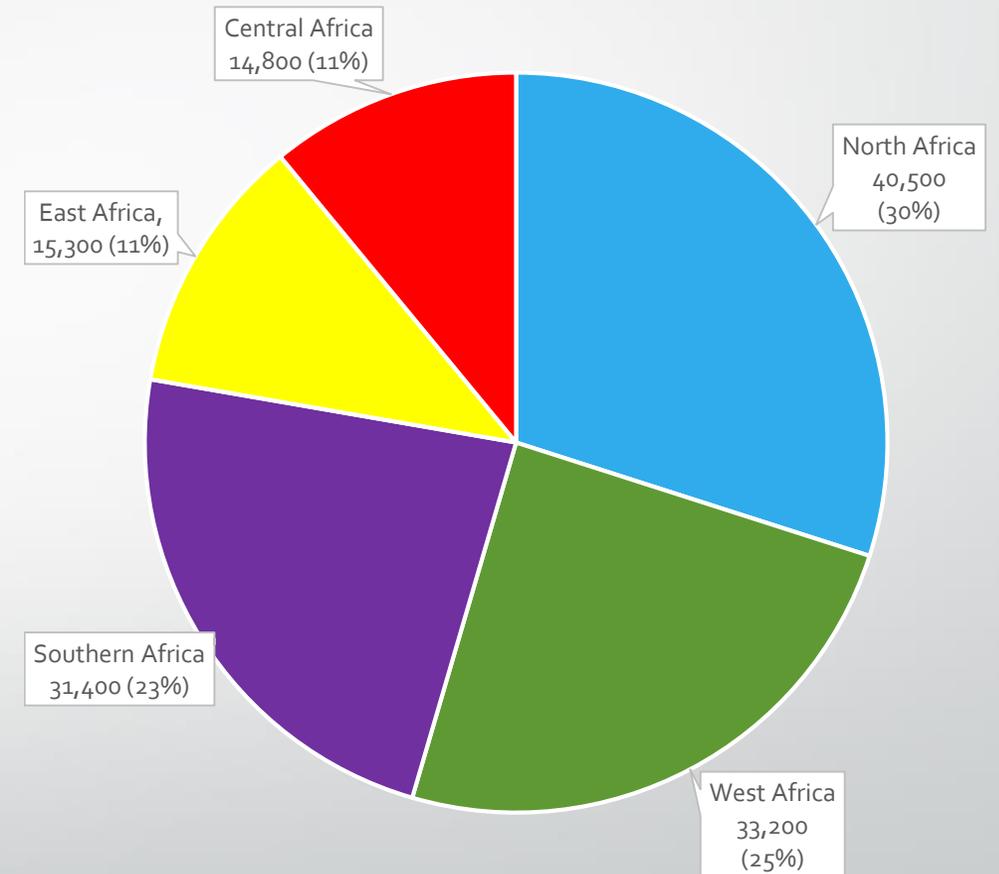
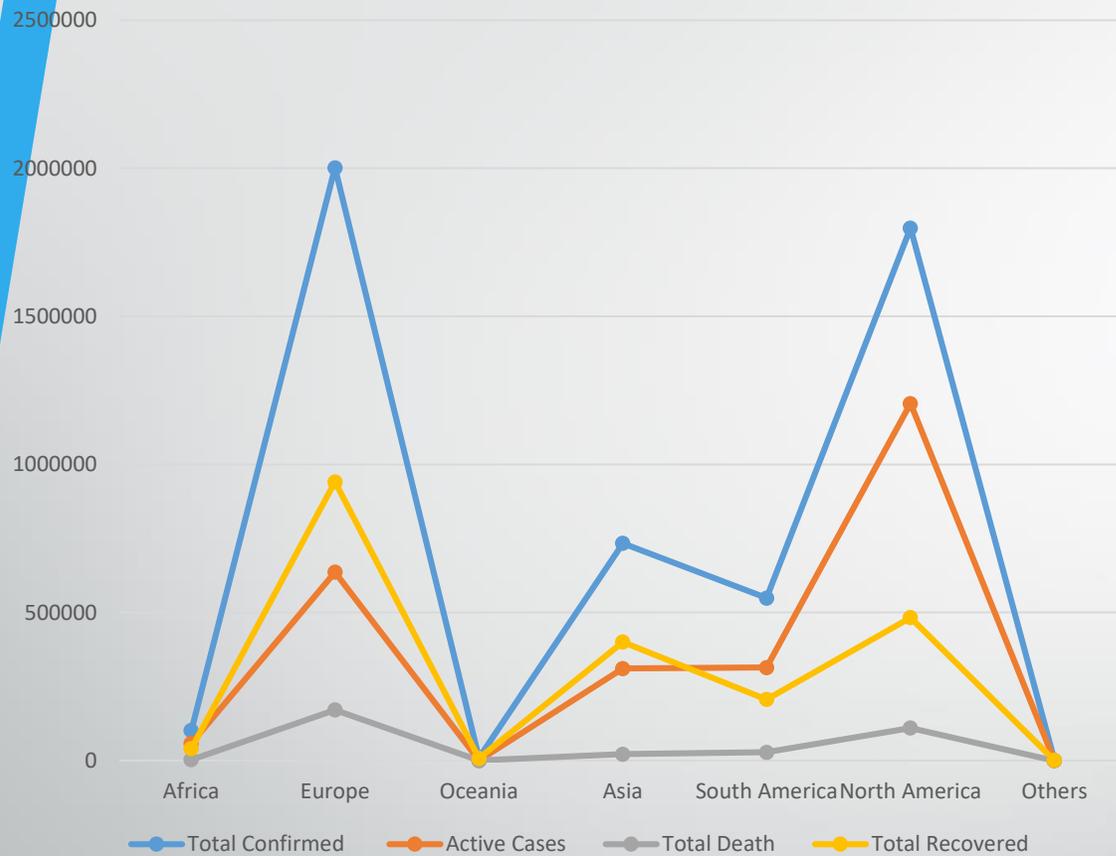
**OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY
FINDINGS**

Global Population projections by Region between 2017 and 2050



- Global population of older persons aged 60+ numbered 962 million in 2017; Africa stood at 69 million in 2017 and projected to reach 226 million by 2050.
- In spite of the growth, most Africa countries still considered the rights of older persons as a low priority.
- Millions of older persons still suffer human rights violations every year in Africa - discrimination, socio-political exclusions, physical, financial, emotional, and sexual abuses, to abuses in care homes/facilities, neglect in humanitarian settings during emergencies, and denial and rationing of health care as currently being experiencing since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Global Cases in Africa by Regions



List of African Countries

- (1) South Africa, (2) Egypt, (3) Algeria, (4) Morocco, (5) Nigeria, (6) Ghana, (7) Cameroon (8) Sudan (9) Zambia (10) Kenya (11) Guinea (12) Guinea Bissau (13) Equatorial Guinea (14) Mali (15) Senegal (16) Ivory Coast (17) Djibouti (18) Democratic Republic of Congo, (19) Somalia, (20) Gabon, (21) South Sudan, (22) Niger, (23) Burkina Faso, (24) Ethiopia, (25) Sierra Leone, (26) Central African Republic, (27) Chad, (28) Madagascar, (29) Congo, (30) Tanzania, (31) Sao-tome & Principe, (32) Togo, (33) Uganda, (34) Cape Verde, (35) Rwanda, (36) Mauritania, (37) Mauritius, (38) Eswatini, (39) Liberia, (40) Mozambique, (41) Benin, (42) Malawi, (43) Zimbabwe, (44) Comoros, (45) Angola, (46) Burundi, (47) Eritrea, (48) Botswana, (49) Gambia, (50) Namibia, (51) Seychelles, (52) Lesotho, (53) Tunisia and (54) Libya

Survey Objectives

- To identify pre-existing public emergencies and assess the influence on response to COVID-19 in Africa
- To identify government containment and mitigation measures
- To assess the impact of the response to COVID-19 on older persons
- To find out if there was consideration for elder-specific concerns
- To identify the elder-specific areas and issues that were not addressed.

Survey Objectives Contd.

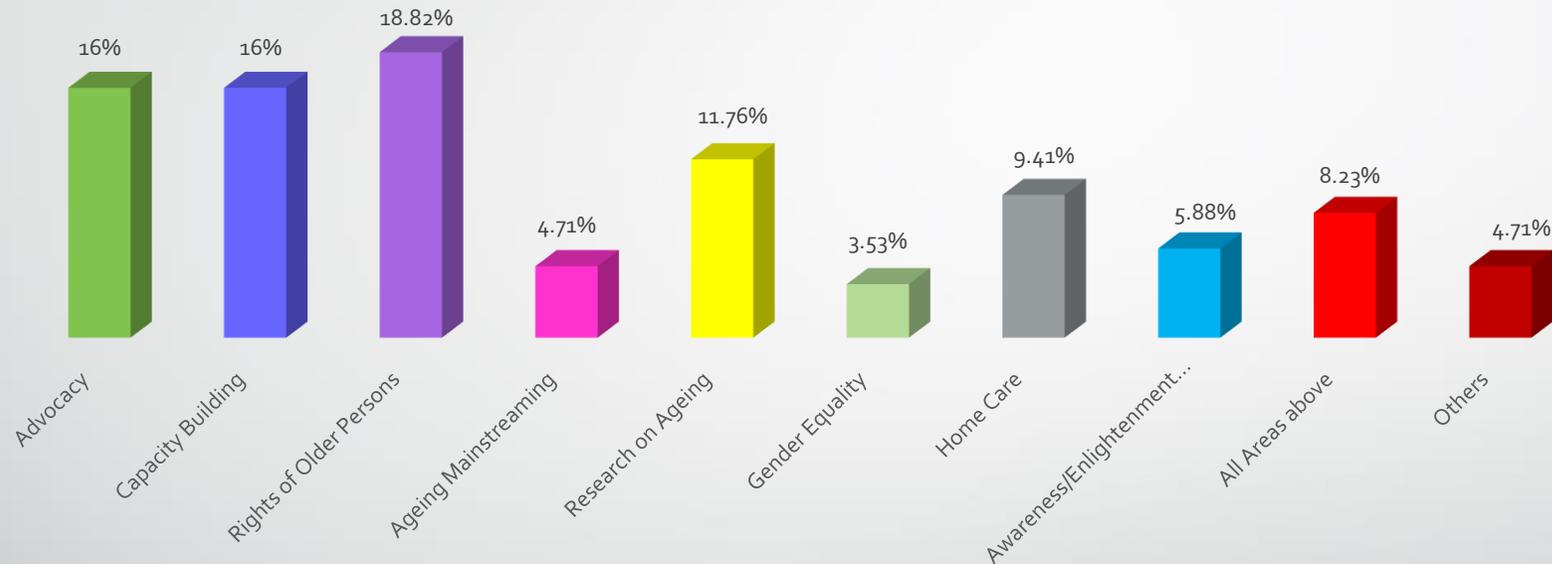
- To assess how the gaps affect older persons and breached their Rights
- To identify progress made in implementation of COVID 19 mitigation strategies
- To identify disruptions in cultural values and the effect on the older persons
- To assess community level support and volunteerism and if they provided support for older persons

Methodology and Discussion of Findings

Methodology:

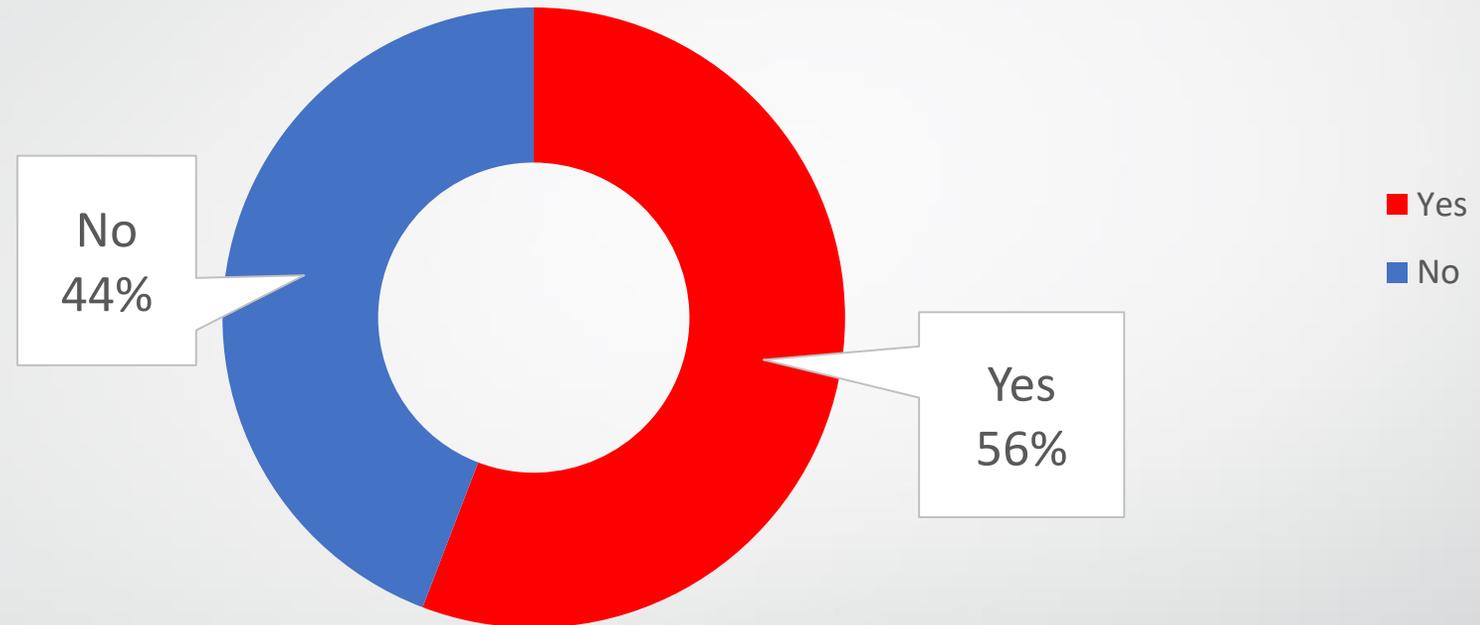
- This is a longitudinal survey design. Data were collected using survey monkey tool. Both Primary and Secondary data were utilized.
- Data collected were analyzed using descriptive tools such as frequency distributions, percentages, and charts which allow for comparative analysis.
- Ethics of social research was duly observed, putting in to consideration anonymity and confidentiality of the respondents.

Participating Countries and Respondents' Areas of work with Older Persons



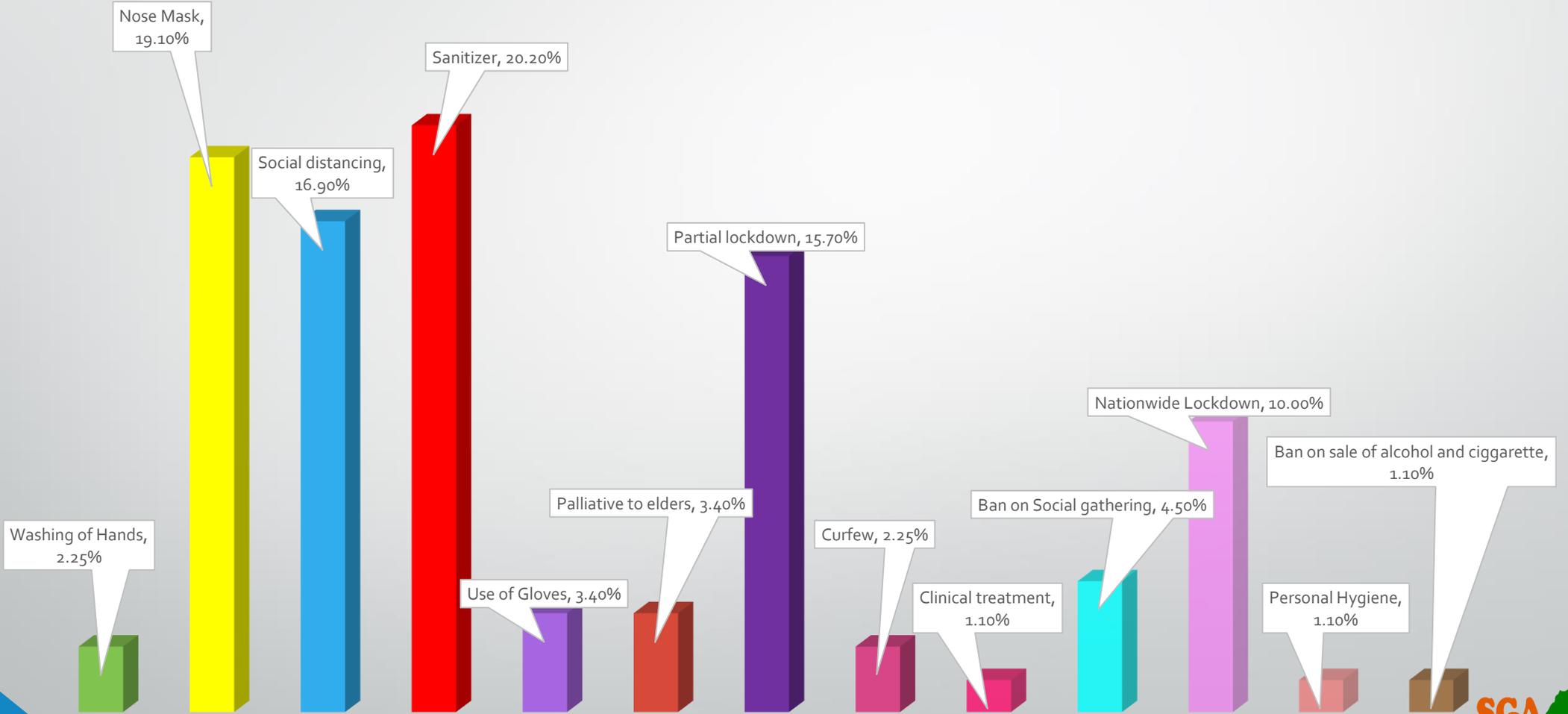
Eighteen (18) countries participated with a total of 43 respondents. Disaggregation into regions- East African countries 33%, Southern Africa 28%, Western Africa 22%, Central Africa 11%, and Northern Africa 6%.

Country contending with Public health emergency issues

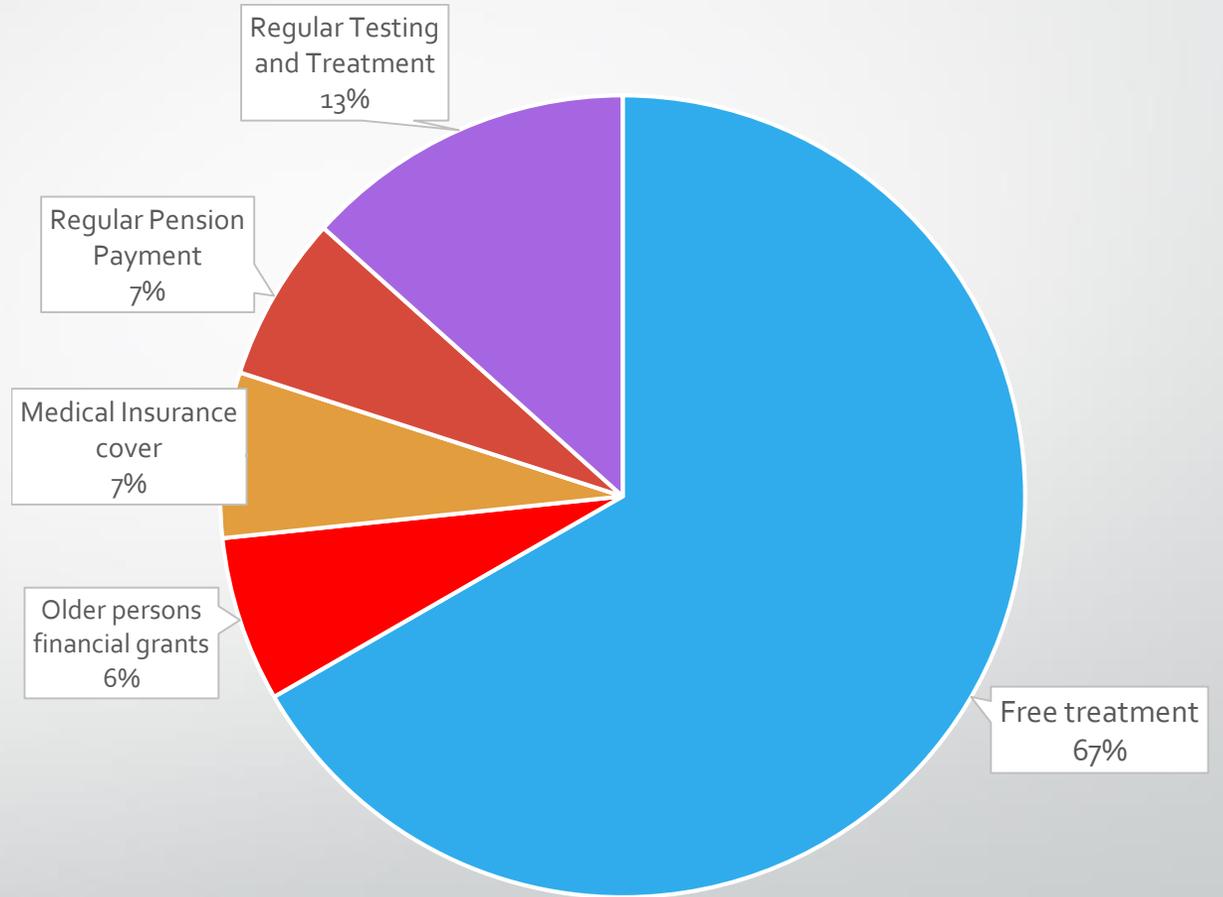
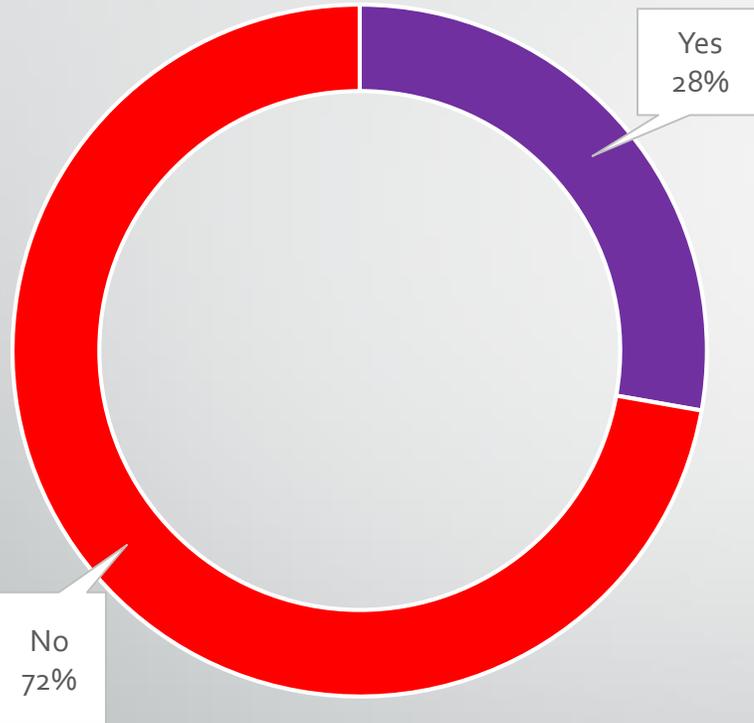


Other contending health emergency mentioned includes: Lassa Fever; Malaria; HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Ebola.

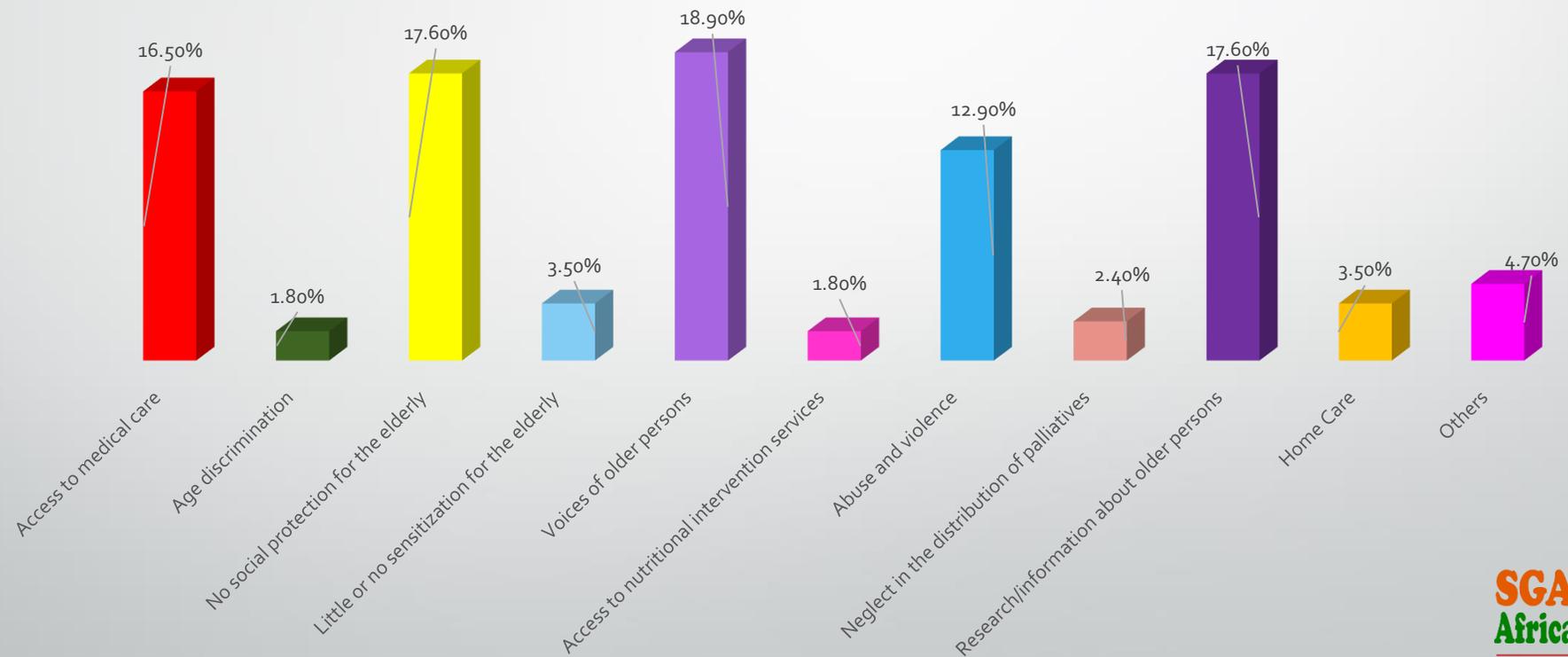
Specific Containment and Mitigation Strategies



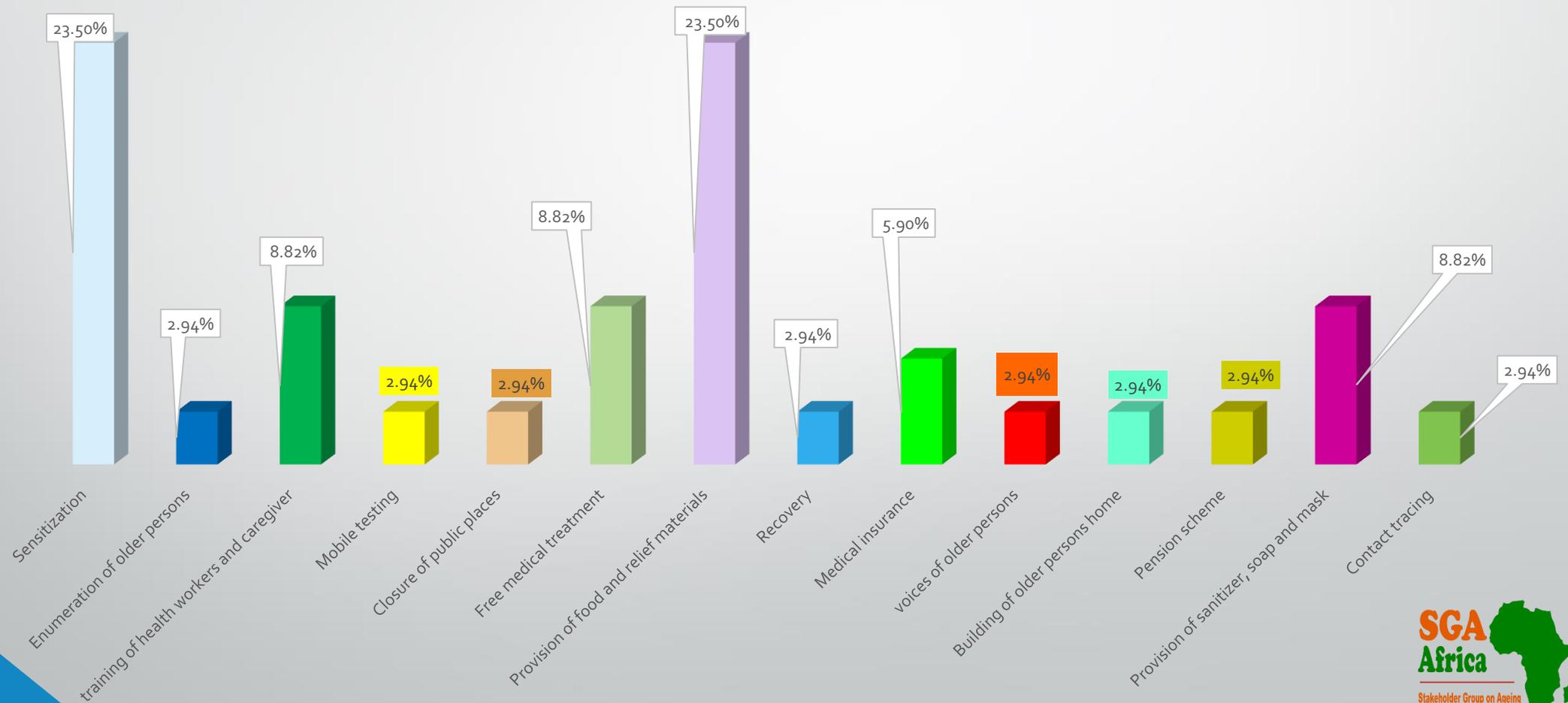
Elder-Specific Protocols to manage COVID-19



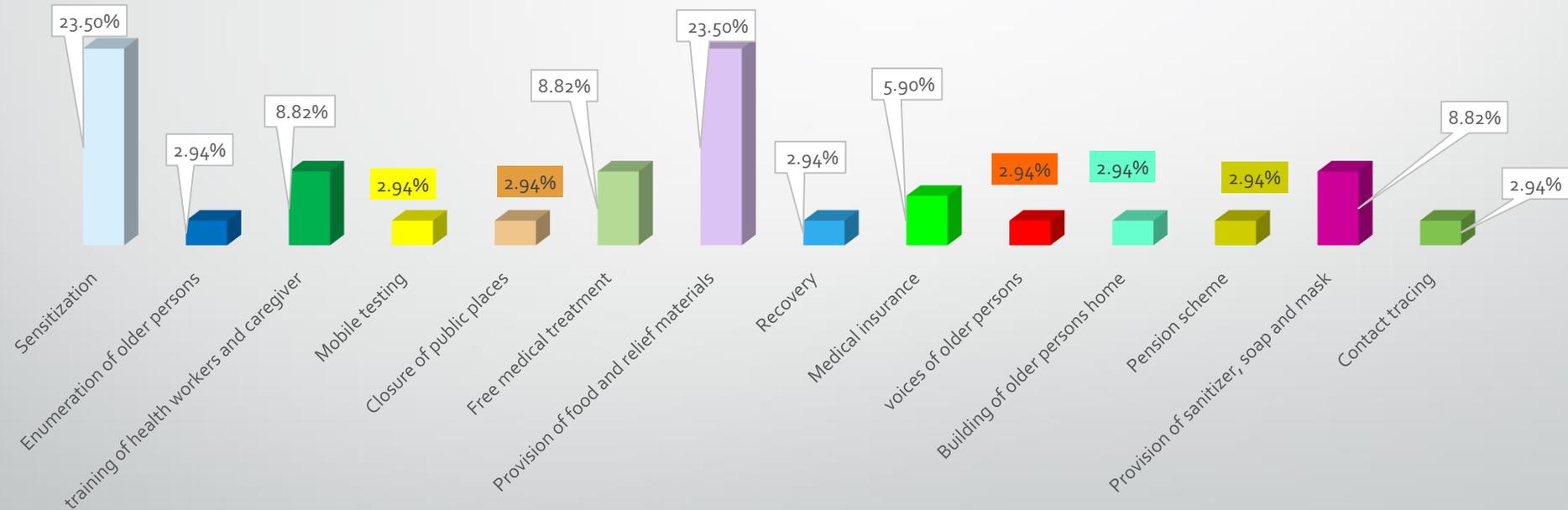
Elder Specific Issues not covered by Mitigation Strategies



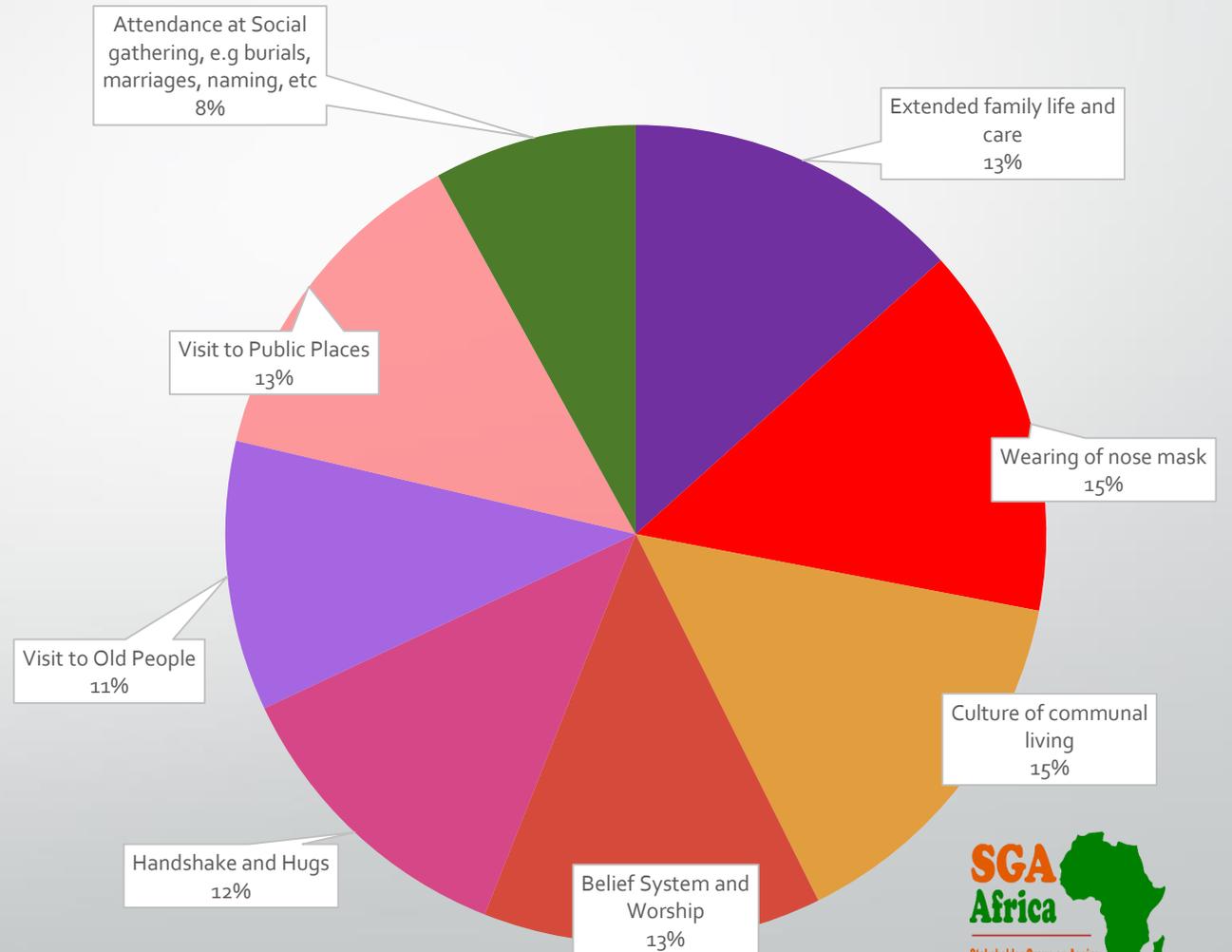
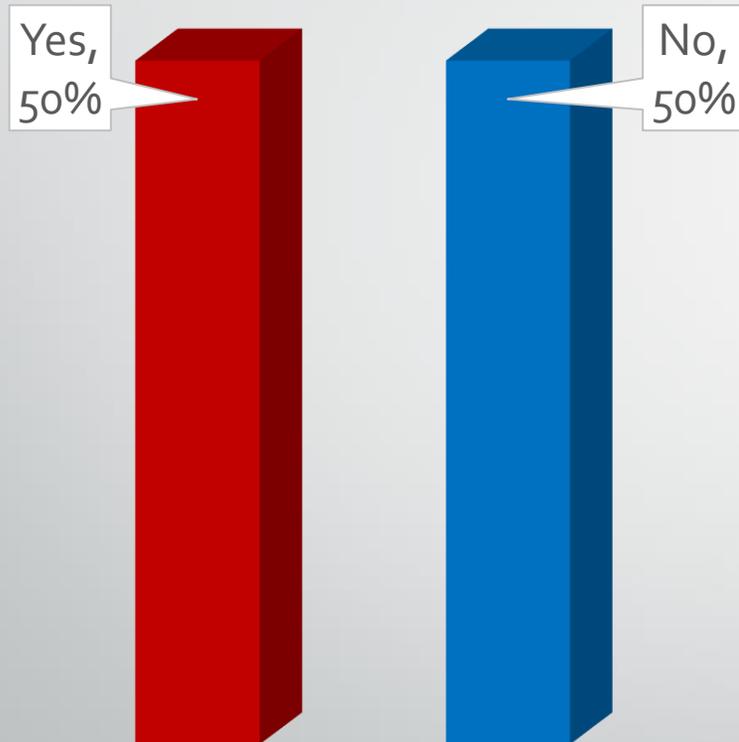
Progress in implementation of COVID-19 containment and mitigation services to older persons.



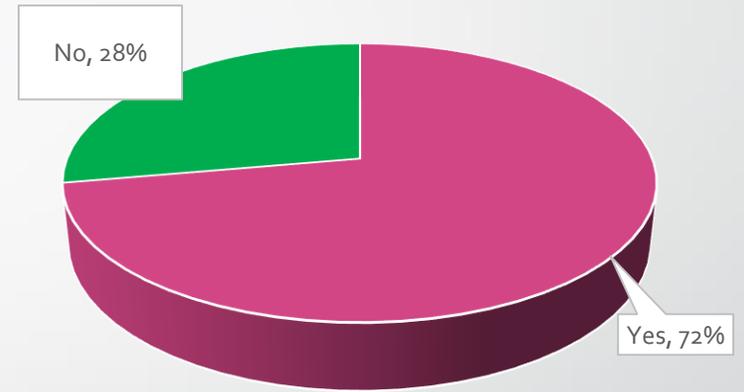
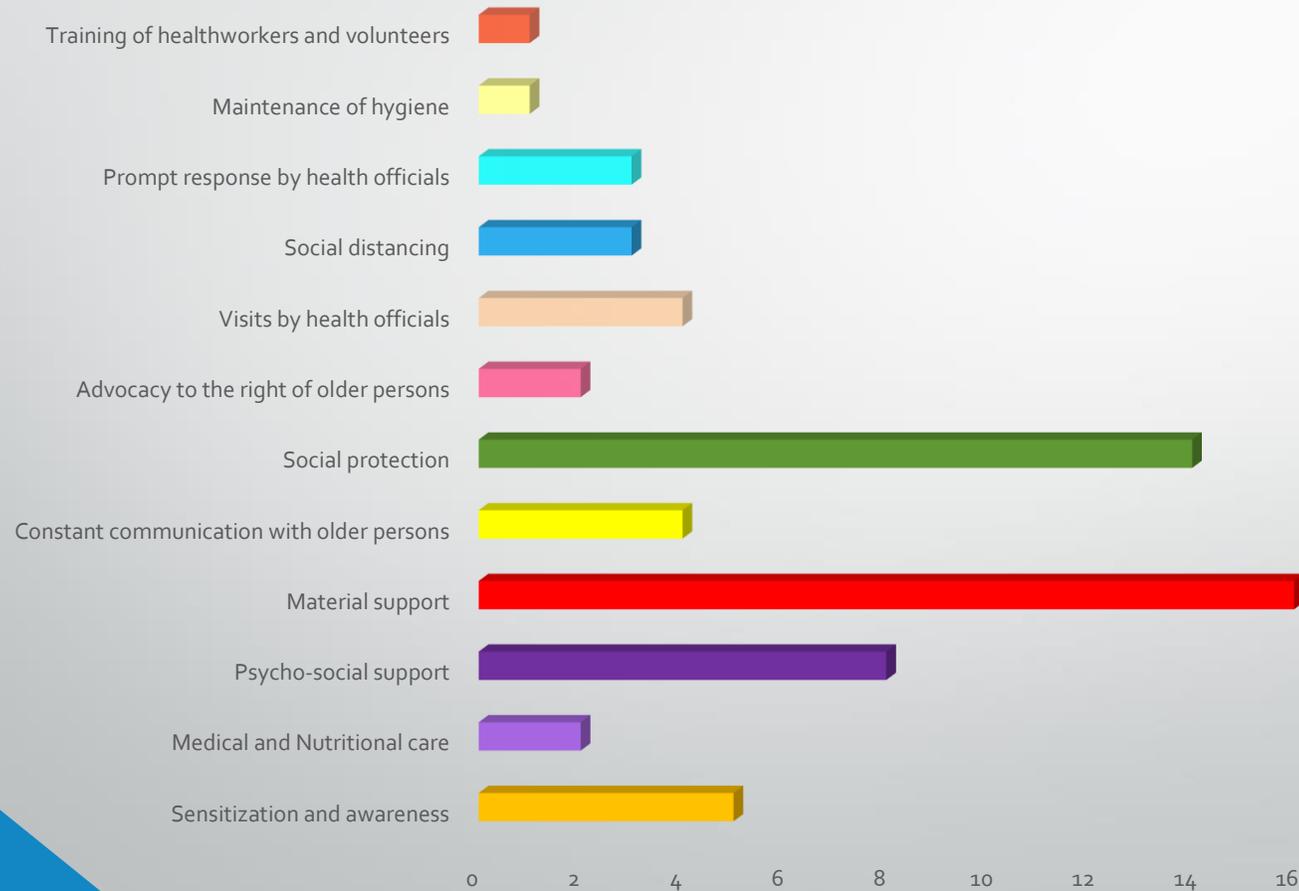
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Cultural Values and Practices disruptive to COVID-19 strategies



Types of Community Supports



Impacts of COVID-19 on Older Persons in Africa.

- Increase in mortality rate among Older Persons due to COVID 19 mitigation.
- Older Persons with other health challenges lack access to health care
- Neglect and maltreatment care homes and other institutions
- Disruption of older persons social networks and support systems
- Increases in the level of level of abuses of older persons
- Isolation, neglect and loneliness due to social distancing
- Social protection has been grossly affected
- Erosion of the means of livelihood of Older persons due to the lockdown.

Recommendations

- Increase consultation with older persons to magnify their voices.
- Human Rights of Older Persons must be given due considerations and respect.
- Ensure continuing of adequate health care services for older Persons including mental health.
- Needs to ensure increase coverage of pensions and social protection for the older Persons and their inclusion as dignified recipient of palliative during lockdown.
- Efforts must be made to established structure for monitoring and reporting cases of maltreatment and abuses in family, care homes and other institutions

Continuous testing of vulnerable older persons for covid 19

Recommendations Contd.

- Find innovative ways of maintaining social support networks even while social distancing.
- Inclusion of older persons in livelihood recovery.
- Development of Capacities of policy and decision makers, health care and social workers in ageing and care of older persons.
- Investment in national multi-indicator survey on ageing and disaggregated for policy responses.
- Development of normative frameworks to guarantee rights of older persons
- Protect older adults from infection.
- Build immunity through nutrition
- Develop regional strategic plan on Ageing and older persons
- Mainstream older persons into implementation plan and ensure equity and inclusion.

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