

# A GLOBAL RESPONSE to Elder Abuse

*"Elder abuse is a violation of Human Rights and a significant cause of injury, illness, lost productivity, isolation and despair.*

*"Confronting and reducing elder abuse requires a multisectoral and multidisciplinary approach."*

Active Ageing, A Policy Framework,  
WHO, 2002

According to the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), elder abuse is "a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person". It can be of various forms: physical, psychological/emotional, sexual, financial or simply reflect intentional or unintentional neglect. (Action on Elder Abuse 1995)

