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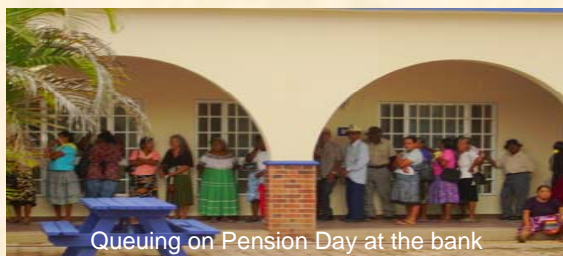
The National Council on Ageing will advocate for and facilitate the development and implementation of plans and programmes geared towards the protection of the basic human rights of Older Persons through an integrated life cycle approach ensuring an improved quality of life

VISION

All Older Persons living in Belize will have achieved an enhanced quality of life in relation to rights, equality, dignity and respect.

CORE VALUES

- 1: Quality of life;
- 2: Social Justice
- 3: Dignity
- 4: Equity
- 5: Self fulfillment
- 6: Productive Ageing
- 7: Independence



All Older People need social protection that provides adequate financial benefits and appropriate and affordable medical treatment in order to maintain a happy and healthy life.

ACTIVE AGEING

Building an Ageing Friendly Society in Belize will enable Older Persons to freely participate and contribute their knowledge and skills to the continued development of the country.



Where to find the NCA

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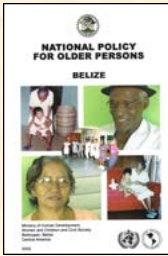
The National Council on Ageing.



Working to place Older
Persons' concerns on the
Belize National Agenda

What is the NCA?

The National Council on Ageing was officially established on February 10th 2003. It is a mechanism mandated by Cabinet through its approval of the National Policy for Older Persons



The National Policy for Older Persons considers the ongoing contributions of Older Persons as a vital potential in Belize's development process. The NCA is mandated therefore to enhance and develop this potential to the benefit of Belize.

Why is it necessary?

People in Belize are living longer and the older population is growing very fast. At the present time it is well over 1000 people each year. Therefore, it is seen as imperative that preparations be made now in order to effect and secure long lasting improvements and benefits to the lives of Older Persons in Belize.

For this to happen the population in general needs to become more aware, sympathetic and appreciative of the concerns of Older Persons

Older Persons also need to play a more active role in society and therefore the National Council on Ageing will advocate for and facilitate this process by implementing programmes that will strengthen the capacity of Older Persons to lead a long, healthy and productive life.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the National Council on Ageing has representation from Government, Non-Government, Civil Society, the International Community, Statutory Boards, the Church and of course Older Persons. They are:

- The Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation & Poverty Alleviation
- The Ministry of Economic Development
- The Ministry of Health
- The Ministry of Education
- The Belize Social Security Board
- Pan American Health Organization/WHO
- Belize Red Cross Society
- Belize Council of Churches
- HelpAge Belize
- HOPE Toledo
- Mercy Care Centre
- The Salvation Army
- An Older Persons Representative
- VOICE Representative

The committee is presided over by the Ministers appointed Chairperson and the Executive Director, acting as Secretary.

The Secretariat

The NCA currently has two member of staff :
Executive Director, Ms. Lindy Jeffery
and
Programme Officer, Ms. Ix-Chel Poot.

PURPOSE

The National Council on Ageing was established to ensure the promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Policy for Older Persons.

(National Policy for Older Persons 2002)

GOAL

The overall goal of the National Council on Ageing is to ensure the continued involvement in and contribution of the Older Person to society and creating an environment of independence, dignity and integrity.



ADVOCACY

Older persons standing up for their rights and wanting to make changes in society that improve the quality of life for older people.

