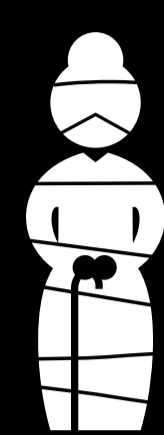




VIOLENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

ELDER ABUSE

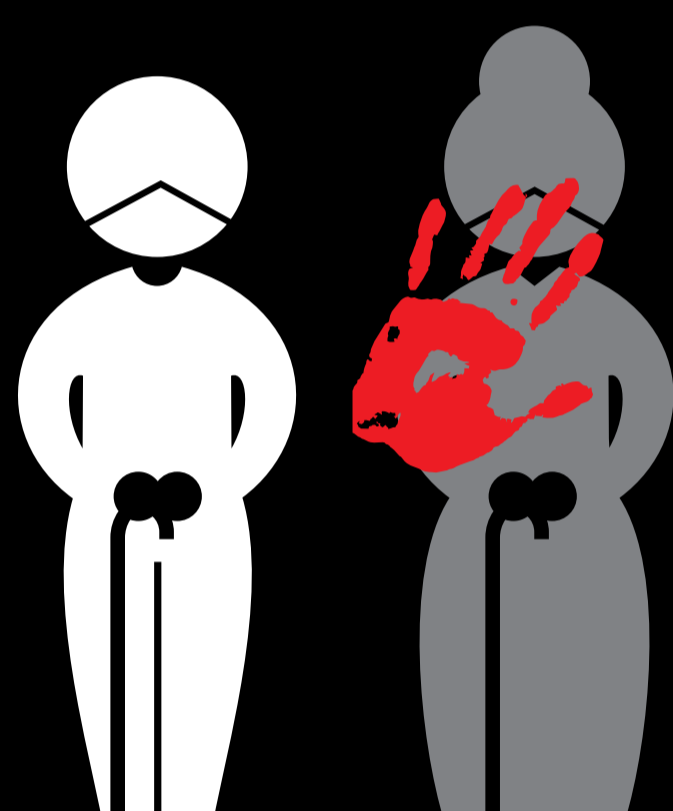


A single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, that causes harm or distress to an older person.

Includes

- abandonment
- physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, financial, and material abuse
- neglect
- serious loss of dignity and respect

KEY FACTS



More than **4600 people** aged 60 years and older were murdered in the Western Pacific Region in 2012



of fatal elder maltreatment occurs in males who are **twice as likely to be murdered** as women.

NATIONAL RESPONSE

Of the 20 regional countries that participated in the survey, ONLY



National Action Plans



Evidence-based programmes implemented on a larger scale*

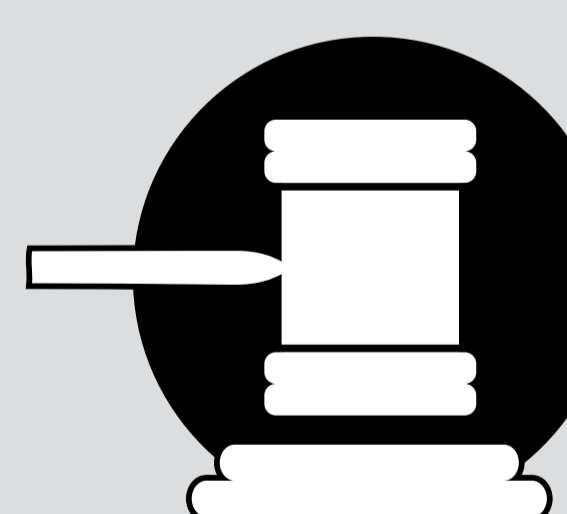
*Programmes implemented systematically reaching at least 30% of the intended target audience



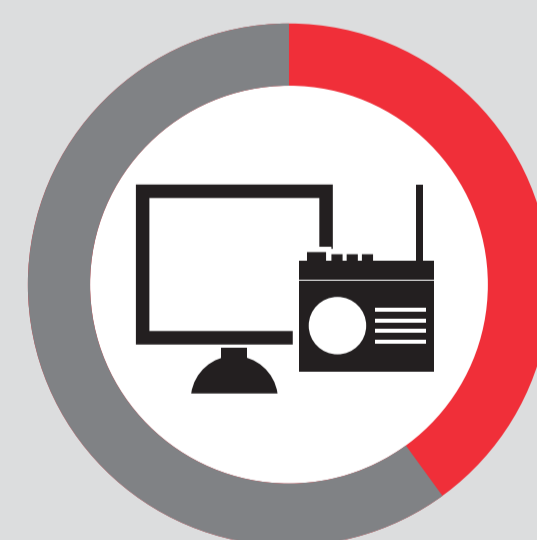
9 countries have a national or subnational action plan for the prevention of elder abuse.



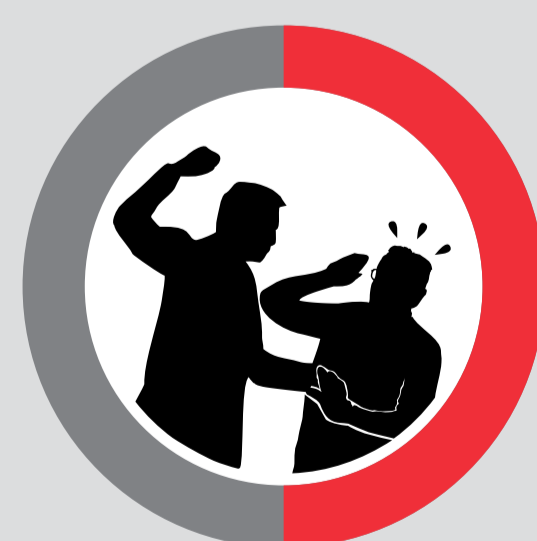
5 countries have professional awareness campaigns to identify and support those at risk for abuse.



Legislation



6 countries have public information campaigns.



10 countries have laws specifically prohibiting abuse of older people.



7 countries have caregiver support programmes for those who care for older people.



6 countries have laws that protect older people in institutions.



6 countries have programmes to improve policies and procedures for residential care.

For more details about programmes, refer to the glossary in Violence in the Western Pacific 2014