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Ageing, Poverty and Income Security

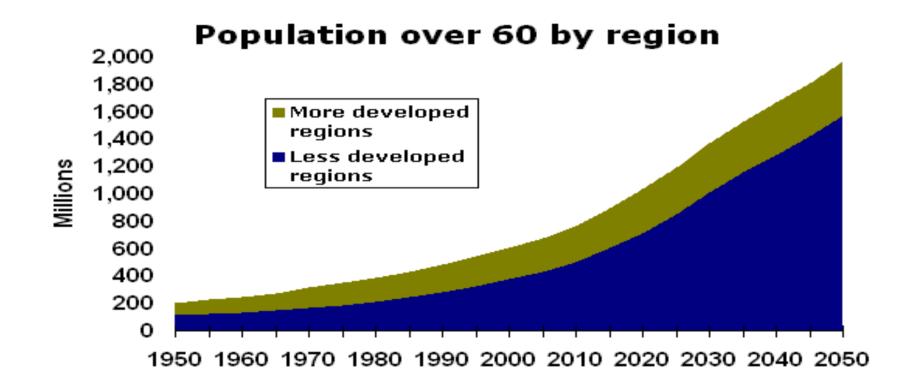
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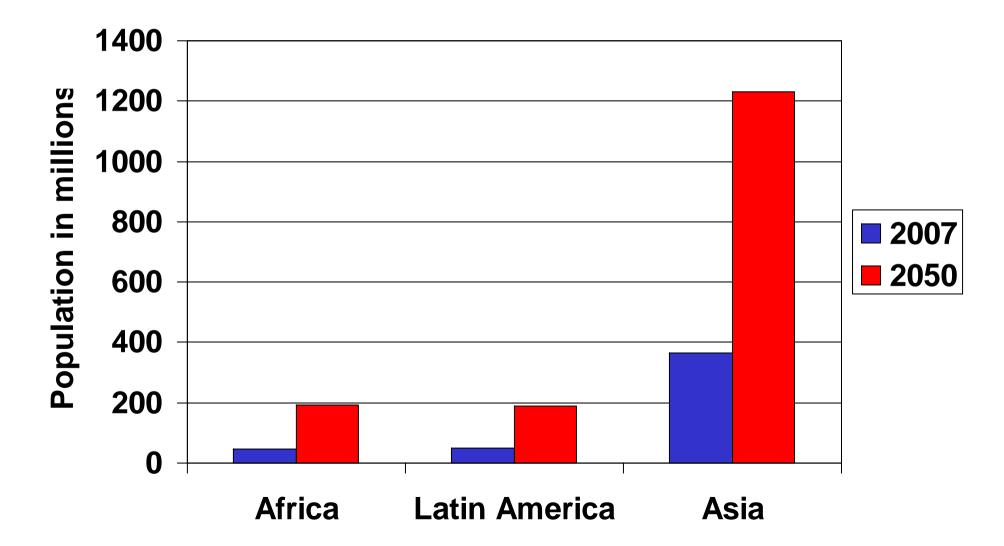


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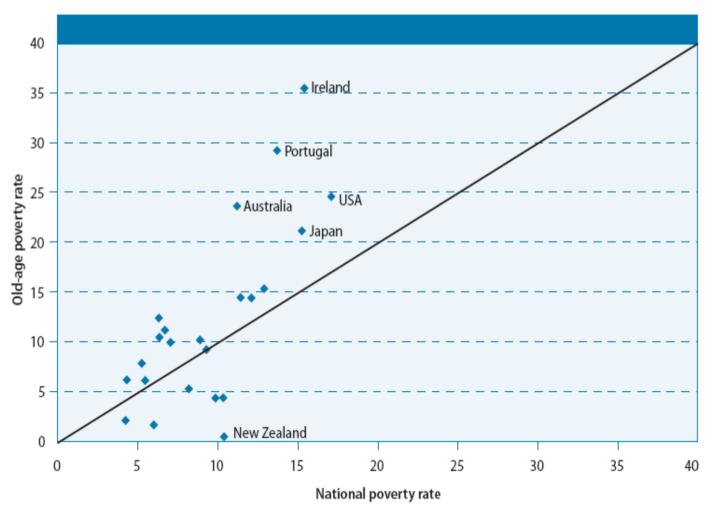
Source: World population prospects. The 2004 revision population database. UN Department of economic and social affairs.

Increase in Asia, Africa and Latin America



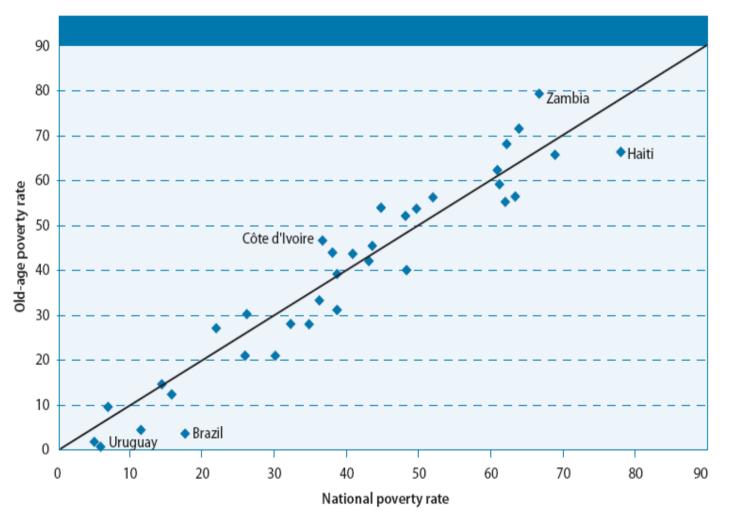


Old age poverty versus general poverty I





Old age poverty versus general poverty II



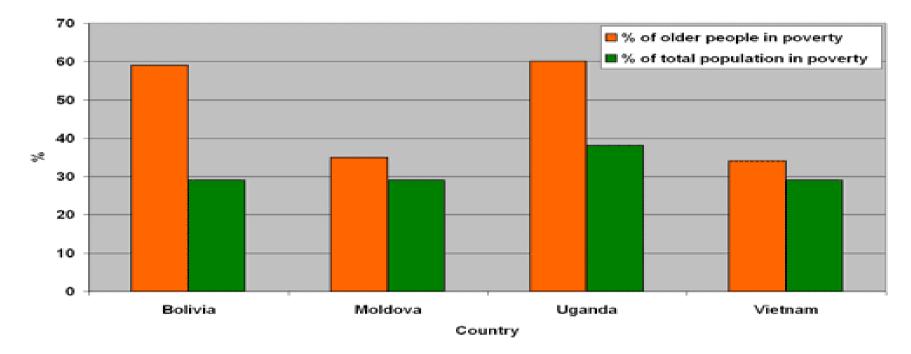


Old age poverty versus general poverty III



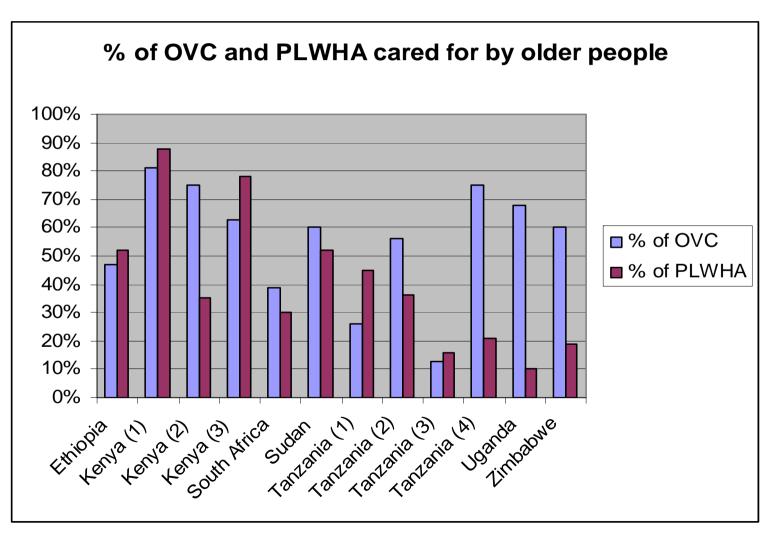
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Poverty of older people compared to other age groups



Sources: Bolivia poverty map, Unsatisfied basic needs, Synthesis, La Paz, April 2002. Moldova: Poverty update, World Bank Europe and Central Asia Region, June 2006. Uganda Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Department of Disability and Elderly, Health needs of older persons: an assessment report of Kamuli and Wakiso Districts, May 2002

Categories of older people are poorest



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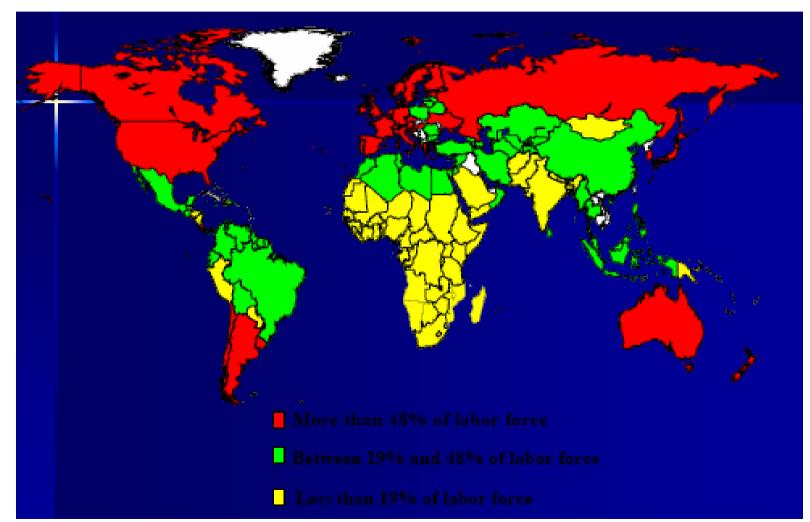
Sources of Income in Old Age



- Private transfers from family and social networks
- Public transfers from pensions and other cash transfers
- Labour earnings
- Financial and other assets

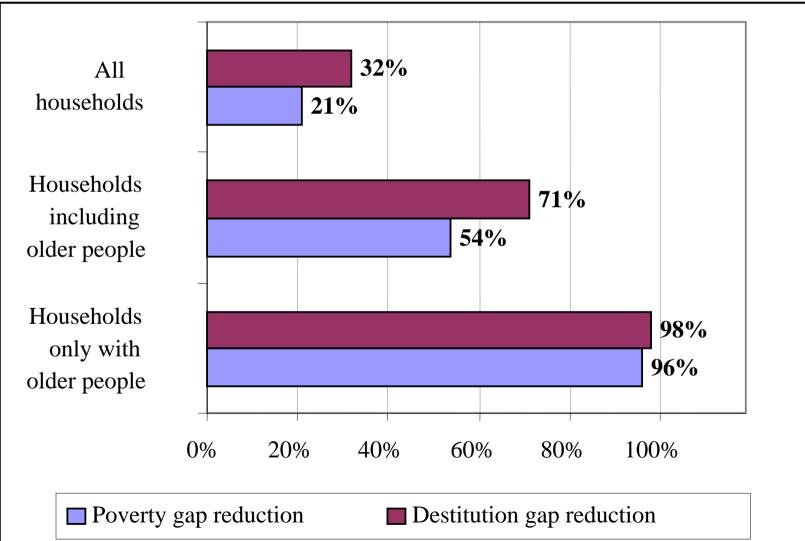
Coverage of contributory pensions





Impact of social pensions on poverty in South Africa

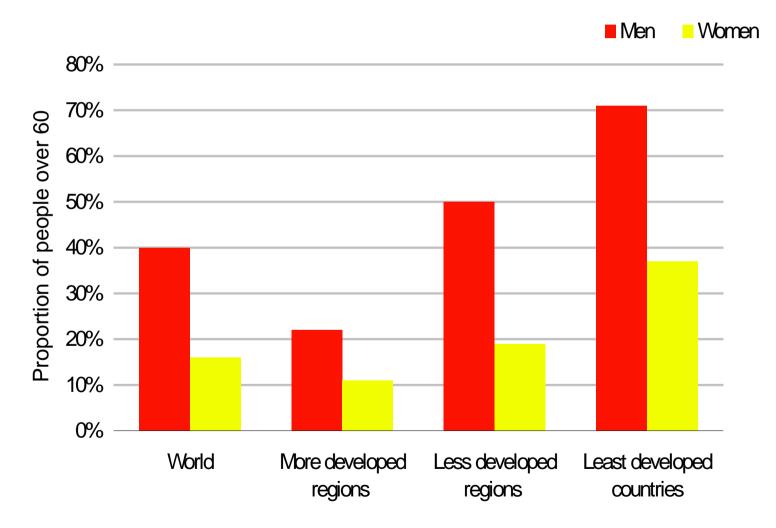
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Work in old age



Proporiton of people over 60 in the labour force

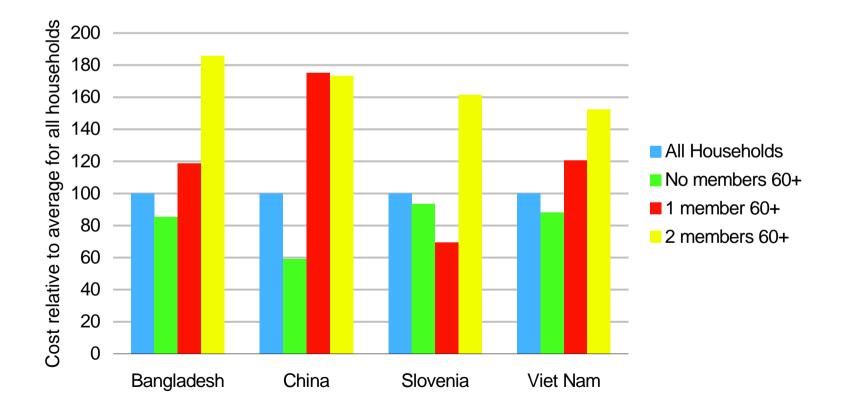


Greater risks in old age



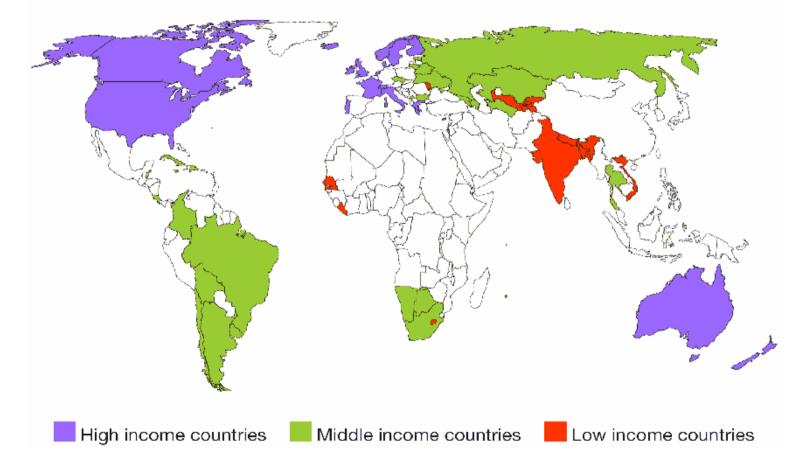
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Household healthcare expenditures in last 12 months relative to expenditures for all households (=100), by household type



Are we asking the right question?

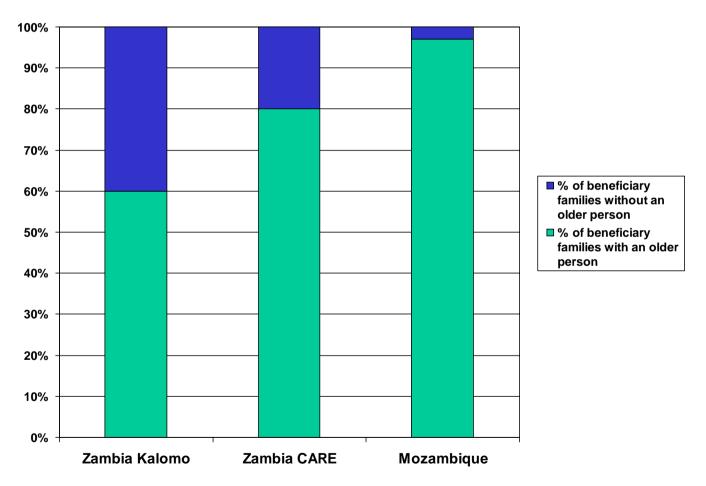
Countries with a social pension



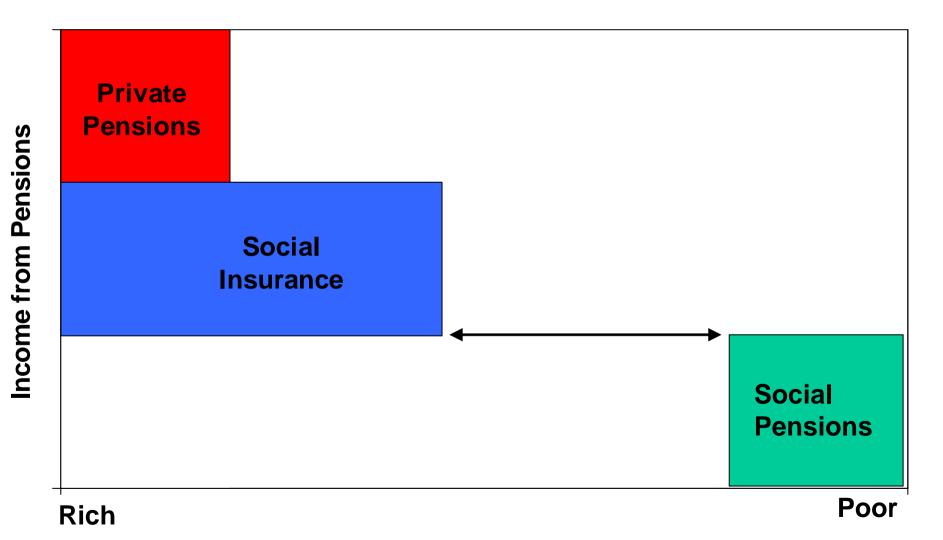


Old age correlated with poverty and vulnerability





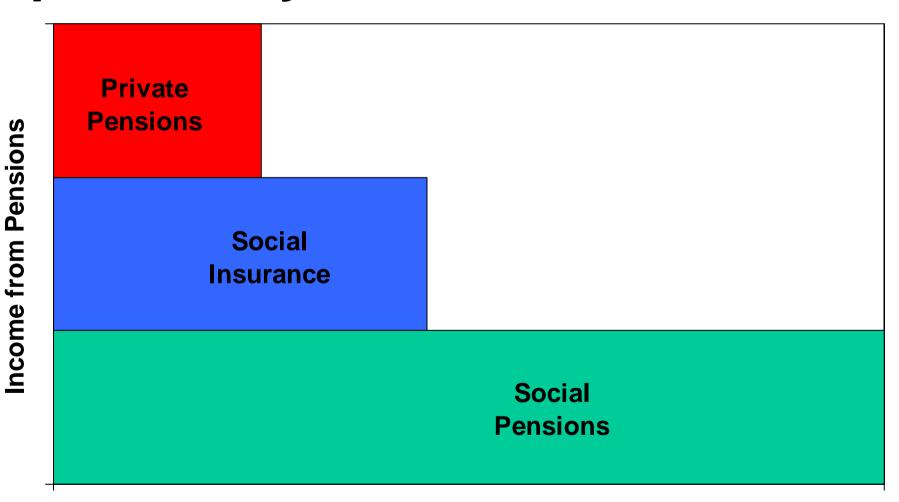
World Bank model of pension system?



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Alternative model of the pension system



Rich

Poor

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Essential for Economic Growth?



- Mobilise skills of older people in allocating resources in developmental manner and build a more capable workforce
- Provide predictability in lives families able to plan ahead, invest in productive activities
- Relax liquidity in households and contribute to investment
- Change spending patterns and generate economic activity – case of China
- Contribute to social cohesion and political stability, thereby encouraging investment