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### Ageing, Poverty and Income Security

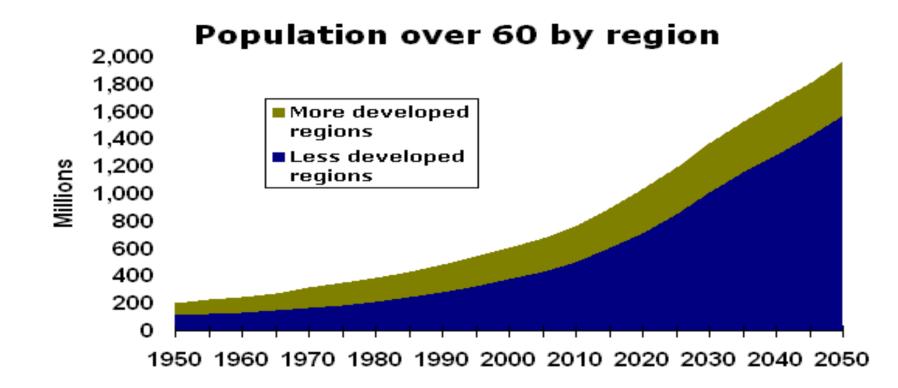
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### **Century of Ageing**

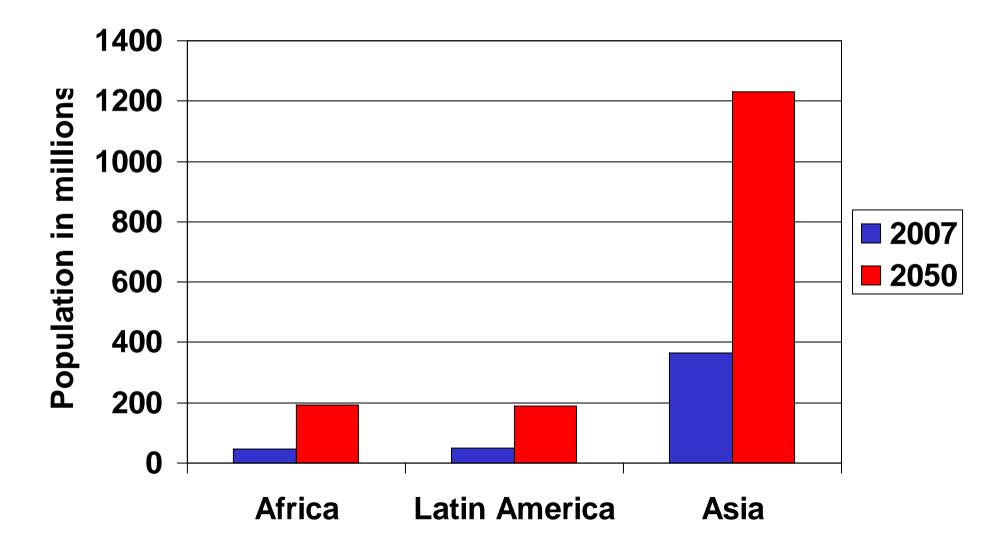


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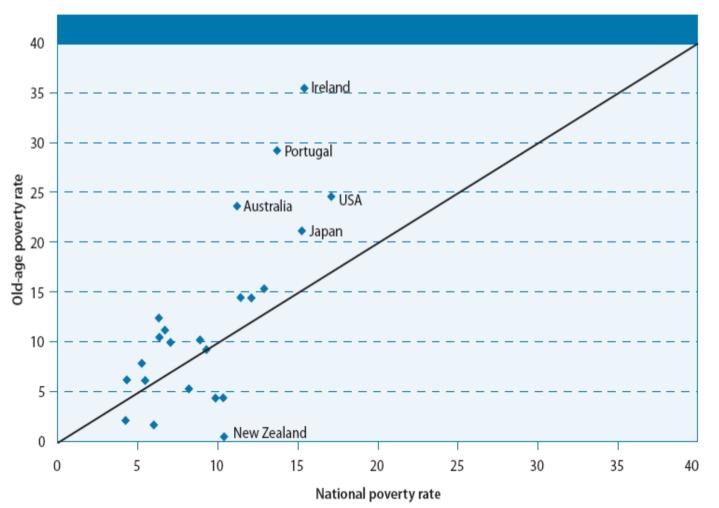
#### Source: World population prospects. The 2004 revision population database. UN Department of economic and social affairs.

### Increase in Asia, Africa and Latin America



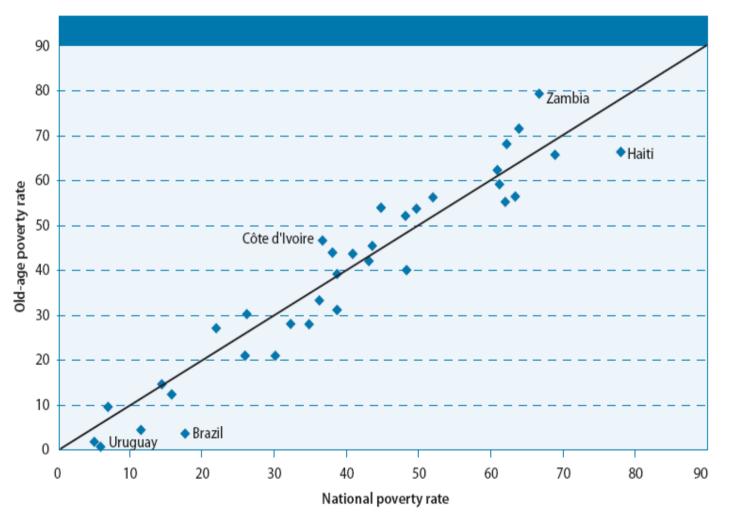


### Old age poverty versus general poverty I





### Old age poverty versus general poverty II



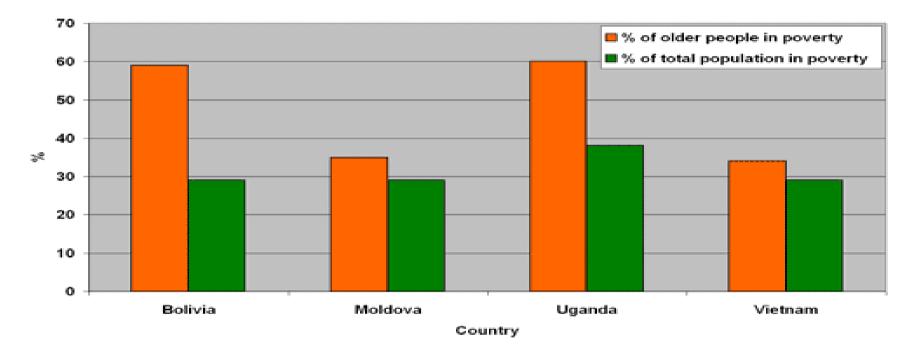


### Old age poverty versus general poverty III



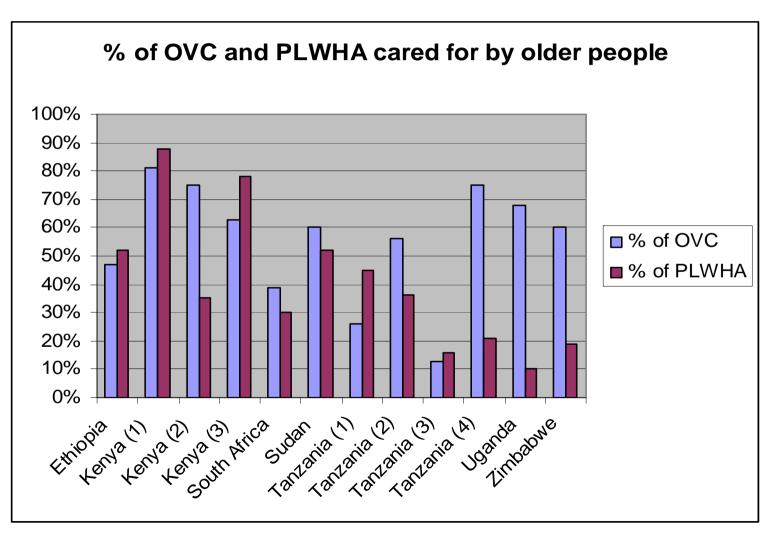
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Poverty of older people compared to other age groups



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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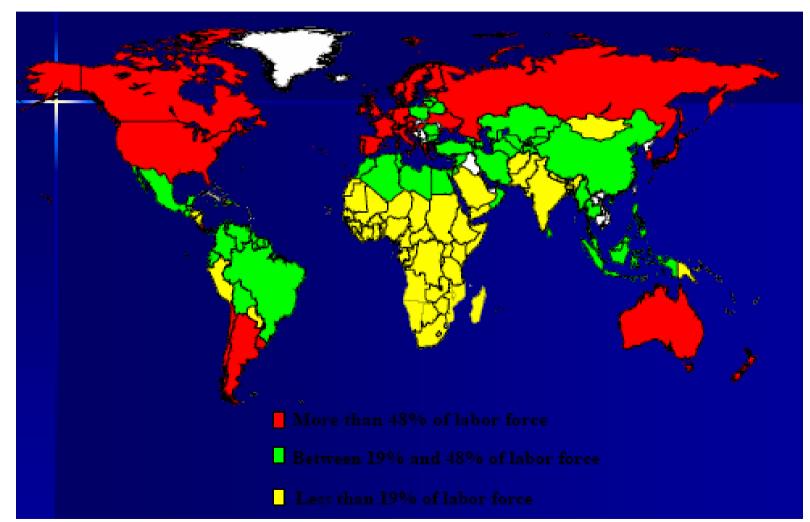
# Sources of Income in Old Age



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

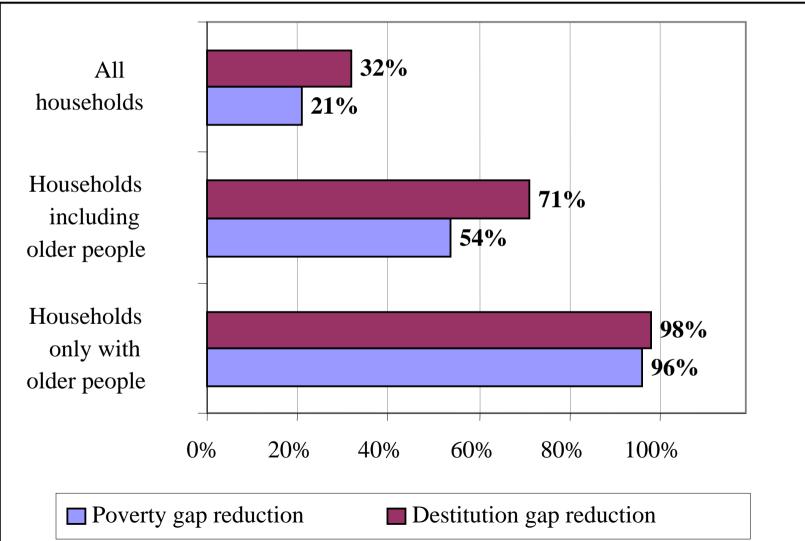
#### **Coverage of contributory pensions**





### Impact of social pensions on poverty in South Africa

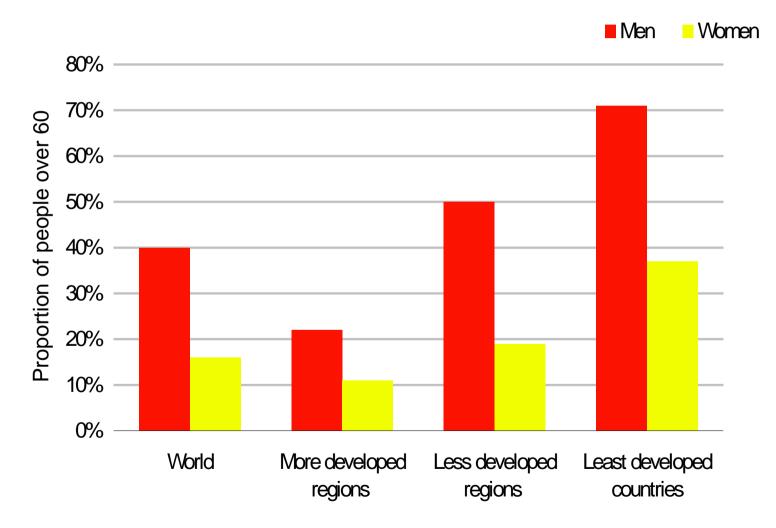
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#### Work in old age



Proporiton of people over 60 in the labour force

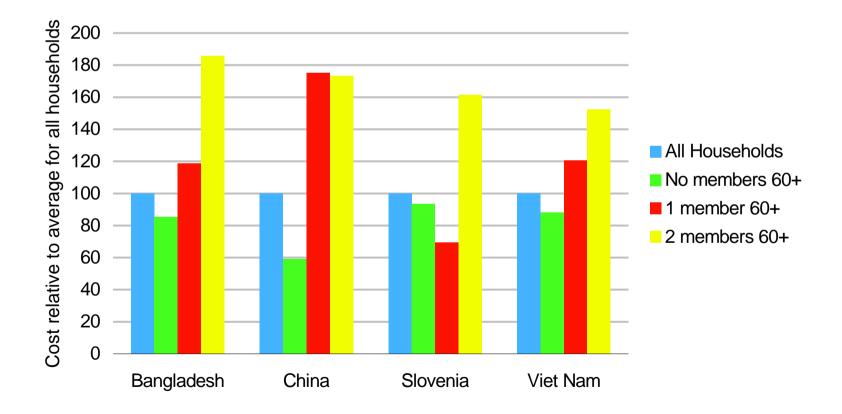


### Greater risks in old age



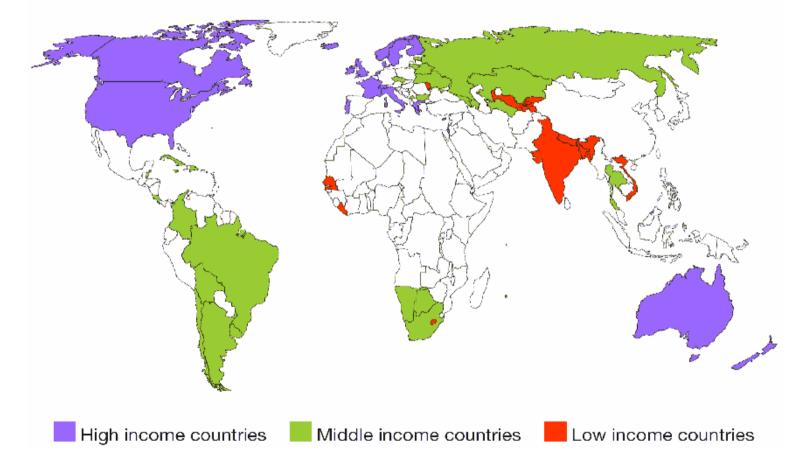
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Household healthcare expenditures in last 12 months relative to expenditures for all households (=100), by household type



### Are we asking the right question?

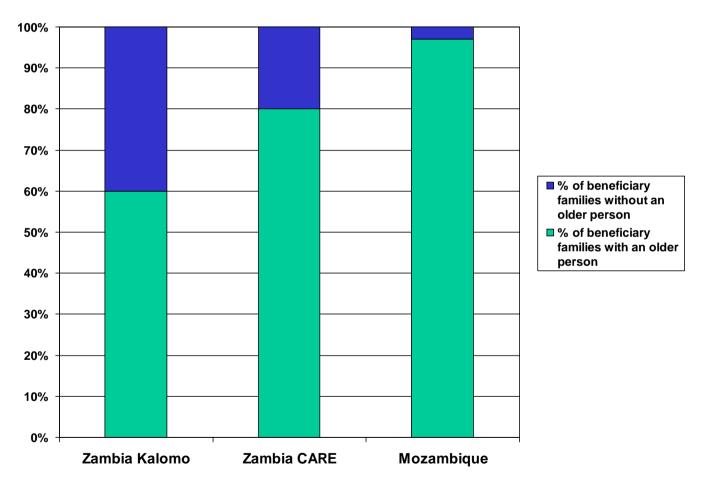
**Countries with a social pension** 



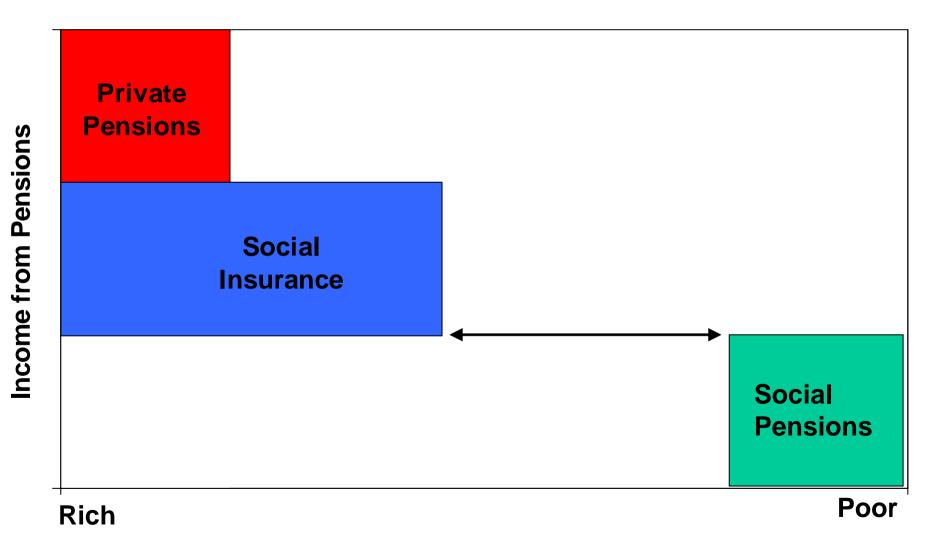


### Old age correlated with poverty and vulnerability





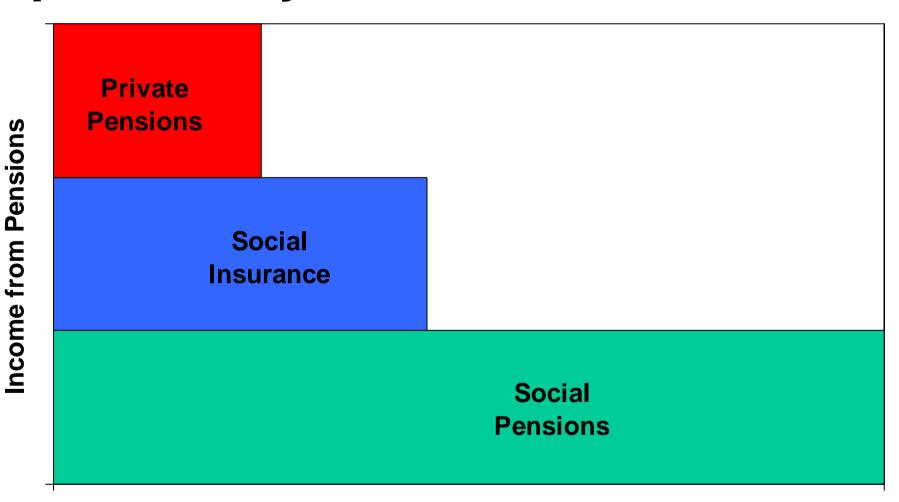
### World Bank model of pension system?



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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