Have you considered:

What is it like being old?

**What is Population Ageing?**

A population ratio of those typically not in the labor force and those typically in the labor force

That is a ratio of Older Adults and Children to Adults aged 15 – 59 years.

Children and older persons depend to a large degree on economic support provided by the working age population.

Therefore, a substantial number of working age persons is needed.

**Did You Know?**

Many older persons never had the opportunity to contribute to a social security pension during their working lives. They may have worked in agriculture, as vendors, labourers, domestic workers, or in other informal employment.

Therefore, non-contributory pension schemes have a vital role to play in fully realising the right of all older persons to income protection in old age.

**Our Caribbean Population is Ageing rapidly.**

The number of persons over 60 is estimated to increase from 13% to 25% by the year 2050.

**Older Adults are also exposed to:**

**DISABILITY**

**ILL HEALTH**

**Did You Know?**

As the population ages, there will be more people suffering from diseases of old age such as:

- **CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**
- **HYPERTENSION**
- **CANCER**
- **TYPE 2 DIABETES**

These chronic conditions impact people’s wellbeing and quality of life and place a huge burden on health care services. In adapting health services to meet this evolving demand, the right-to-health approach, and the principle of equitable access, should serve as a guide.

At present, Caribbean pension systems, health and social care services are inadequate to meet the needs of the current generation of older persons.

**Does Our Society Respect Older Persons' rights?**

- **Independence**
- **Care**
- **Self-fulfilment**
- **Participation**
- **Dignity**

Source: Ageing in the Caribbean and the rights of older persons

*Note: Here the Caribbean refers to Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and St. Lucia, St. Martin, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, US Virgin Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.*