

- **In your country/region, how is palliative care defined in legal and policy frameworks?**

Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health (MoH) defines palliative care adopted from the WHO definition of palliative care. The national palliative care guidelines define defined as “The World Health Organization describes palliative care as "an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual."

- **What are the specific needs and challenges facing older persons regarding end-of-life care?**

From my experience I see older people face lack of care giver, lack of psychosocial support and lack of pain treatment at the end of life care

- **Are there studies, data, and evidence available?**

I think there is no studies done in the matter of palliative care for older people of available

- **To what extent is palliative care available to all older persons on a non-discriminatory basis?**

I would say palliative care is not accessible for older people.

- **How is palliative care provided in relation to long-term care as described above and other support services for older persons? Is palliative care provided in nursing homes?**

Hospice Ethiopia is striving to provide in their home and as walk in care settings. There is no nursing home in the country.

- **Are there good practices available in terms of long-term care and palliative care?**

I would say Hospice Ethiopia has better practice in this regard. We have been implementing a project focused on palliative care for older people. From our experience, we would say older people would benefit from palliative care if it has been accessible for all. Most of them need chronic illness follow up, pain control, financial support and physical support.

- **What are lessons learned from human rights perspectives? This means: Is there abuse and neglect? Are older persons over-medicated, or denied appropriate medical treatment?**

The lesson learnt is that they are denied appropriate medical treatment and are neglected.