

Abuse of Older People “Intervention Accelerator” Information Sheet

Call for information on promising interventions to prevent and respond to abuse of older people

We are inviting individuals and organizations working in the fields of aging, public health, human rights, and social services to **share information about any interventions that show promise in preventing and addressing the abuse of older people**. We are interested in interventions (i.e., primary, secondary, or tertiary prevention; or universal, selective, and indicated) aiming to prevent or respond to abuse of older people.

Aim of the “Intervention Accelerator” project

This multi-year project aims to establish an intervention accelerator dedicated to addressing the abuse of older people. Led by the **World Health Organization**, this project comprises an international research-practice network focusing on developing and evaluating effective interventions. The **primary goal** of the intervention accelerator is to develop a **portfolio of effective intervention approaches**, supported by robust evidence, which can be readily scaled up to prevent and respond to abuse of older people in community and institutional contexts across low-, middle-, and high-income countries.

“Intervention Accelerator” objectives

- **Objective 1:** Develop a comprehensive database of promising intervention approaches and then identify a subset “candidate interventions” for further refinement, adaptation, and rigorous testing.
- **Objective 2:** Establish a robust network of developers, implementers, and evaluators dedicated to enhancing and testing candidate intervention approaches.
- **Objective 3:** Continuously refine, adapt, and evaluate candidate intervention approaches through rigorous pilot testing, single-site testing, and multi-site testing, while also estimating their costs and identifying effective components.
- **Objective 4:** Develop and maintain an interactive online platform serving as a “portfolio” of interventions approaches, regularly updated with detailed guidance on the intervention approaches’ content, as well as information on their adaptation, implementation, and evaluation in multiple languages.

This international call will help achieve Objective 1, identifying promising interventions from which a sub-set of candidate interventions for further refinement and testing can be selected.

For more information on the intervention accelerator see: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43587-022-00301-0>

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