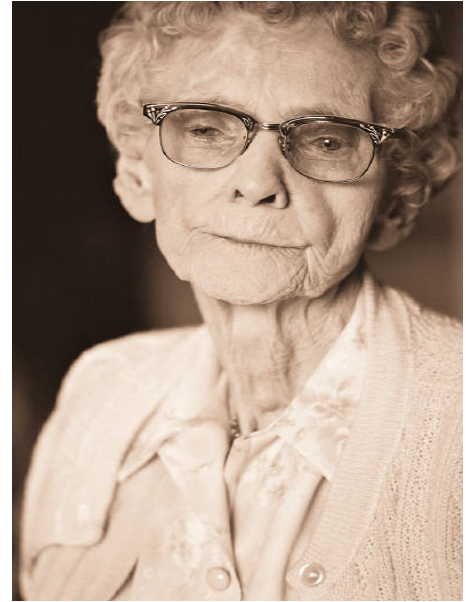


WE CAN END POVERTY 2015 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS



... ONLY WHEN WE BEGIN TO ADDRESS POVERTY AMONG OLDER PERSONS.

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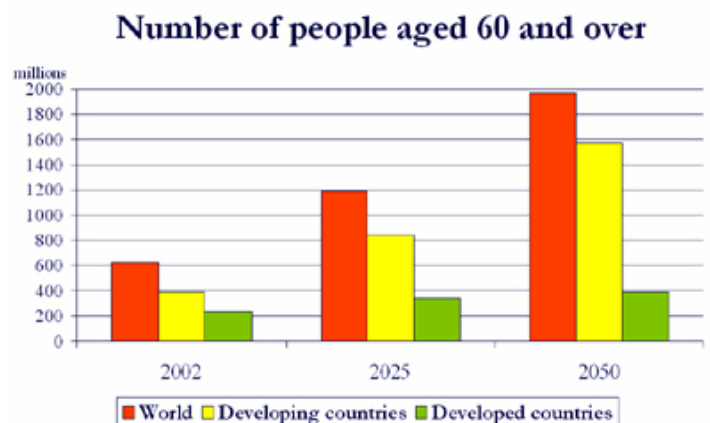
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MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS & OLDER PERSONS

- **Older persons will outnumber children for the first time in history by 2040.** The world is ageing at a rate that is unprecedented, without parallel in human history. As populations age, the number of older people living in poverty will increase.

- While the Millennium Development Goals have specific targets on children and youth, **they are silent on issues of age, disability, and ethnicity.**

- If the MDGs are to deliver fair and equitable development that reaches the poorest, we can no longer ignore the unprecedented demographic change that is presently taking place. **If older people are not included in poverty reduction strategies, the world is not only failing in its obligations to older people themselves, but is compounding the risk that hunger and poverty will continue to be transmitted from one generation to the next, locking the poorest people in a vicious cycle of chronic poverty and insecurity.**



Source: UN, 2002