

Topic: The necessity of, and resistance to, old-age homes in our society.

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"The need of old age homes is a reflection of society's responsibility to provide a dignified heaven, where the whisper of time find comfort and the elderly elderly are embraced with the respect they deserve in the chapter of their golden years (Mokokoma Mokhonoana). This highlights the responsibility of society to develop old-age homes for elderly. Pakistan being the fifth largest populated country, contains a measurable number of people above sixty. Although this section makes only seven percent of the total, still most of the populace in this portion suffer due to variety of problems; lack of accommodation is most pertinent among them. The retirement homes provide protection of rights, shelter, physical and mental peace to elderly. In addition, they find like minded companion with whom they breath comfortably. The old-age homes are good not only for senior citizens, but also for family members. The rate of domestic issues reduce as a result of increased number of old-age homes. Despite such huge benefits, societies still resist the concept of retirement homes. The factors which contribute to their opposition includes cultural norms, social image

property, lack of facilities in old-age homes, religious believes and many more. Even though hindrance exist in societies, still a few steps would proved to be beneficial in improving individuals mindset toward such homes. The chain of awareness sessions, well equiped old-age homes, taking service of NGOs, and involving media are few of the initiatives which would assist in motivating people regarding retirement homes. In a nutshell old-age homes are the need of the time. However, the unnecessary social taboos cultural norms and lack of facilities in old-age home restrain individuals to access old age homes. Despite all resistances, the image of old-age homes could be improved through providing facilities to old-age homes. The process of spreading awareness and motivating people about retirement homes could also contribute in this regard.

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Crunch Paragraph

Pakistan having seven percent of its total population comprising of senior citizens, greatly require to focus on the need of old-age homes. The old-age home is a place which provide accommodation along with other basic facilities to people above sixty. Due to multiple reasons the people of this age don't feel safe at their homes and seek to move to retirement homes. However, various factors which includes cultural taboos, social image, religious believes, lack of facilities in old-age homes and many more contribute to impede the progress of retirement homes in societies.

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