

SOCIAL SERVICES AND GENDER EQUALITY FOR THIRD AGE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT IN ALBANIA

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Abstract

Nowadays a special importance given to including gender equality and access to services, but little or no there is a specific attention to gender equality assessment in the elderly. Focusing on the phenomenon of population aging involving European countries, where in the next 15 years is expected to take the third age from 20% today to 33% of the population, although in Albania third age is about 9% of the population, this percentage is expected to grow in the years following. The study aims to: (i) Exploration and evidential of social policies role, as an instrument to achieve gender equality for third age; (ii) Analyze of gender perspective reflection at legislative framework, policies and strategies for poverty and social exclusion reducing, access to services in rural and urban areas, in Albania. The study methodology is based at theoretical frame and accesses about social state role to achieve the gender equality objectives. Referring studies comparison, the study is based at the analyze and evaluation of legislative frame work, policies and documents composed based on country integration objectives. The expected results (Outputs) are: (i) Evidence of the progress at the direction of gender perspectives adaptation on legislative and social policies fields for third age; (ii) Achievements and challenges at the implementation process of designed policies on gender equality field in Albania.

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