



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The public engagement programme aims to increase awareness of family caregiving of older persons in the Southern African region. Our mission is to create and hold a space at local, national and regional level to enable such conversations to happen. By bringing together scholars, policymakers, government officials and non-governmental organizations, we aim to broaden our understanding of family caregiving, an understanding that includes different perspectives and knowledge producers. We will host and facilitate workshops, webinars, meetings and a range of public lectures in a collaborative effort to focus more attention on the topic and amplify the voices of older persons and caregivers. We will partner with a range of stakeholders to co-author policy and advocacy briefs, policy and legislative texts and articles.

### OUR PARTNERS

**Local/Provincial:** Eerste River Silver Stars, Neighbourhood Old Age Homes (NOAH), Grandmothers Against Poverty and AIDS (GAPA), The Association for the Aged (TAFTA)

**National:** Department of Social Development, South Africa Association of Retired Persons

**Global:** HelpAge International, African Union, UNDESA, Equipundo: Centre for Masculinities & Social Justice

COLLABORATING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A RANGE OF PURSUITS DEPENDING ON THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTNER:

**Advancing the interests of older persons**

in the province, nationally and in the Southern African region

A space to collaborate on the policy direction of the **needs of family caregivers and older persons.**

**Co-authoring articles, policies and responses to draft legislation and policy**

**Co-hosting or participating in community workshops** aimed at linking stakeholders at local level and providing voice to community-based organisations with an interest in care of older persons.

**Join the Care of Older Persons Southern African network** and connect to other scholars, government officials, organisations and policy makers.

**Engage in a cross-sector monthly forum** with other national and regional organisations to discuss emerging issues related to care of older persons.

**Opportunity to engage in media and public debate** via radio, online and print media, and podcasts.

**Participate in seminars and workshop activities of programme**, including capacity building activities through our researcher development activities.

