**Population Aging in Africa**

*Anthropological perspective*

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**Macro**  

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**Micro**

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**Koinange wa Mbiyu (1866?-1960)**
- Working at colonial administration(1921-1949)
- Died in 1960
- 6 wives and 34 children.

Elizabeth Gathoni Koinange (1900-?)
- 7 children
- grand children
- great grand children
- great-great-grand children

**Emergence of Age of “Five-Generation Coexist”**

- Longevity Still High Fertility
Prospects of Population Growth and Elderly Population Ratio

Population Pyramid in SSA, 1950-2100

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Old Dependency Ratio in SSA

Pop. Pyramid on SSA

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Brief Description

Elderlies on the Move
Kibera (Nairobi, Kenya)
A 59-year old lady taking care of baby whose mother is unknown. Elderlies in slums have particular problems, however people support each other.

Widow, Widower and Elderly Living Alone
Kwale, Coast of Kenya
- Approximately 5% of population is above 60.
- They live with family support.
- There are many skipped-generation household.

Addis Ababa (Etiopia)
She has lived in a rural town in souther Ethiopia for decades, now move to the Capital city for living her daughter’s family and caring grandchildren.

Street Elderlies, Addis Ababa
An NGO serves shelter for elderly people living on the street.

An Old Man living in Shelter, Addis Ababa
A blind old man who was rescued from the street was living in a NGO shelter.

A Retired Sandal Shop Owner
Zanzibar, Tanzania
After quitting a job as police officer, he opened a sandal shop at the center of Stone Town, Zanzibar. The shop was transferred to his son, but he is still sewing at the door. He is recognized as the most important muzee of the street.
An Ex-Farmer in Kwale county, Kenya

In his 70s (estimated), he lives with his second son’s family.

Kinship Map of MM, 2015

Father and Mother
A town of Southern Ethiopia

Father, in his early 90s, came from north in 1950s as an elephant hunter. Mother, in her 70s, came to marry from Addis Ababa. They owned a honey-wine bar, now retired. All children married and live in other places. Some grandchildren are always here.

Multi-Layered Care System

Macro <-> Micro

- Global Agenda <-> State level <-> Local
- MDGs/SDGs Issues <-> Policy Making <-> National Public Health <-> Intervention
- Global Ageing <-> Social Protection Policy <-> Indigenous Care “System”
Gap between national policy and local culture?

The education for Banna boys, looking at how they senior boys challenge coming of age ceremony. They finally understand how to challenge, how to live as Banna. For us, the way of life is ONE.

Ritual Leader: Mr. AG

AG (1930s-2017)
- A Typical “African Elder”. Mr. AG was respected as ritual chief of the Banna with strong spiritual power. He married 6 wives and 15 children. Late in life, he lived in houses of his 1st and second wives.

Mr. GA

Second wife D

The Banna of Southern Ethiopia, 1998

“inta gecchi di ni”
“gechamon no sia ne”
“gechamono paia ne”

donza
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