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Barriers of Accessing Elderly Care Services in Bangladesh

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Approximately one in ten persons in Bangladesh is over 60 years old and it is estimated that this figure will increase to 21.5% in 2050. This huge proportion of the population often faces barriers in terms of accessing elderly care services.

This study, based on a literature review, aims to explain the existing barriers to accessing elderly care services and how underlying factors put a strain on the healthcare system of Bangladesh.

It covers triggering factors such as poverty, limited income of ageing population, dependency of older citizens on the working population, higher out-of-pocket health expenditure, negligence by family members, diminishing of free traditional care support in kind, and unaddressed elderly care needs by government, etc.

The study concludes with recommendations for reframing the policies and their proper implementations considering the potential threat to the healthcare system.

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