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"Ageing Well in Nepal? Exploring the Health and Social Care Needs of Older People in Dhading District"

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The purpose of this qualitative research study was to explore the ageing experience along with health and social care needs of older people residing in Dhading district of Nepal. Participants recruited purposively from 2 municipalities in Dhading district participated in semi-structured interview and focus group discussion. Questions structured within conceptual framework and the subsequent probes where appropriate guided participants to share their past and present life experience, including education, work, family life, health where experienced and economic status. Findings revealed that, older people place greater emphasis on the fulfilment of basic needs without any hardship along with good and positive relationship with family and good physical health as being the key to ageing well. Furthermore, finding also suggests that there is a need of having quality of data and information about older people's need and experiences for developing policies and programmes in local level to maintain wellbeing and healthy ageing.

Each individual experienced old age differently. Meaning of ageing well and the components associated with older peoples wellbeing differed from each other as per their individual necessities.

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