

1 (ii) Establishing and maintaining Elders Care Centers across Nigeria
2 for medical, social, and welfare services.

3 (b) Time Banking for Elders Care:

4 (i) Developing and administering a Time Banking System that allows
5 individuals to volunteer service hours, which can later be redeemed for
6 eldercare benefits;

7 (ii) Creating a digital framework for tracking and managing time
8 banking transactions.

9 (c) Collaboration and Policy Development:

10 (i) Working in partnership with government ministries, NGOs,
11 private sector entities, and international organizations to strengthen eldercare
12 services;

13 (ii) Establishing guidelines for the integration of elder-friendly
14 policies into national development strategies.

15 (d) Resource Allocation and Funding:

16 (i) Ensuring dedicated funding and budgetary provisions for
17 sustainable eldercare programs;

18 (ii) Securing grants, donations, and financial support from local and
19 international stakeholders.

Governance and
Structure of the
Agency

20 **3.-(1) Composition of the Elders Care Agency:**

21 The Agency shall be led by a Director-General, appointed by the President on
22 the recommendation of the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs. The Director-
23 General shall have expertise in social welfare, healthcare, or public policy
24 related to eldercare.

25 (2) Board of the Elders Care Agency:

26 The Agency shall have a governing board comprising representatives from the
27 following bodies:

28 (a) Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs;

29 (b) Federal Ministry of Health;

30 (c) Federal Ministry of Women's Affairs;

- 1 (d) Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget, and National Planning;
- 2 (e) Federal Ministry of Works and Housing;
- 3 (f) Federal Ministry of Transport;
- 4 (g) Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF);
- 5 (h) Nigerian Pension Commission (PenCom);
- 6 (i) Civil Society Organizations and NGOs working on eldercare
- 7 (3) Functions of the Board:
- 8 (a) Advising on strategic direction and policy formulation;
- 9 b) Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Agency's
- 10 programs; and
- 11 (c) Ensuring compliance with national and international best
- 12 practices in eldercare.

13 **4.** The functions of the Elders Care Agency shall include, but not be
 14 limited to:

Functions of the
 Agency

- 15 (a) Developing and implementing eldercare policies and programs
 16 to address the health, social, and economic needs of the elderly;
- 17 (b) Coordinating the Time Banking System and ensuring its
 18 integration with community service initiatives;
- 19 (c) Overseeing the establishment of Elders Care Centers in urban
 20 and rural areas to provide medical and social support;
- 21 (d) Facilitating partnerships with local and international
 22 organizations for funding, research, and program development;
- 23 (e) Conducting regular assessments of elderly citizens' needs and
 24 adapting policies accordingly;
- 25 (f) Ensuring financial support mechanisms for low-income elderly
 26 citizens through pensions and social welfare schemes; and
- 27 (g) Reporting annually to the National Assembly on the activities,
 28 achievements, and challenges of the Agency.

29 **5.** The Agency shall be funded through:

Funding

- 30 (a) Annual budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;

	1	(b) Grants and donations from international and local organizations;
	2	(c) Contributions from the private sector and corporate social
	3	responsibility (CSR) initiatives; and
	4	(d) Any other legal sources of funding as approved by the National
	5	Assembly.
Reporting and Accountability	6	6.-(1) The Agency shall submit an annual report to the Presidency and
	7	the National Assembly, detailing its activities, expenditures, achievements,
	8	and challenges during the preceding fiscal year.
	9	(2) The Agency shall be subject to periodic audits by the Auditor-
	10	General of the Federation to ensure transparency and accountability.
Short title	11	7. This Bill may be cited as the Elders Care Agency Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Elders Care Agency under the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, with the primary objective of implementing the Nigerian Elders Care Act and serving as the central coordinating body for the development, implementation, and regulation of comprehensive eldercare policies, programs, and services. The Agency shall be responsible for ensuring the welfare, health, housing, transportation, financial security, and social inclusion of elderly citizens in Nigeria through strategic partnerships, sustainable funding mechanisms, and innovative initiatives such as the Time Banking System. This Act seeks to promote dignity, independence, and an enhanced quality of life for senior citizens while fostering a culture of intergenerational support and national responsibility toward aging populations.