


Population Aging in Africa
Anthropological perspective

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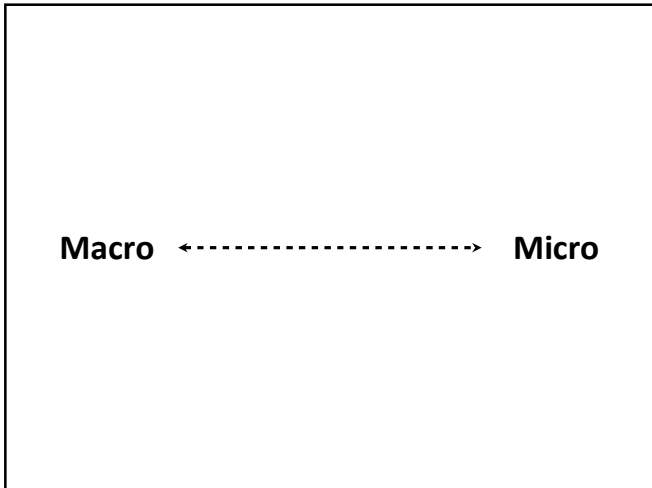
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My great grandmother: Celebrating life at 117

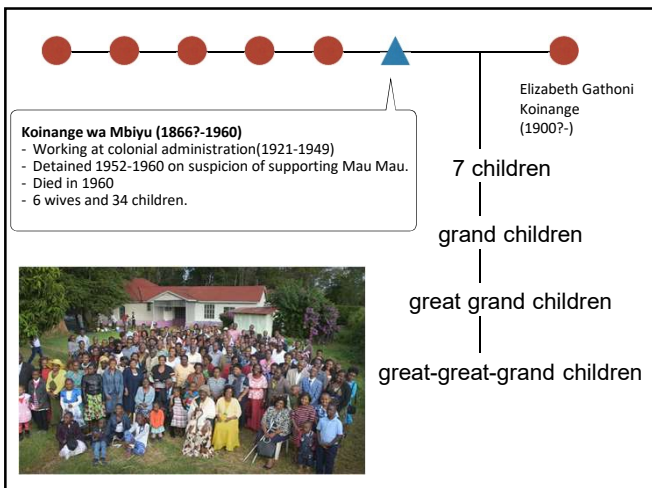
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Elizabeth Gathoni Koinange invited family and friends to celebrate her long eventful life. Her great granddaughter, Priscilla Njethi, looks back on a turbulent life. Elizabeth was the wife of a senior chief in a polygamous marriage, who was imprisoned during Kenya's struggle for independence and the family went on to flourish when independence was won. She shares her secrets of longevity and her hopes for the future.

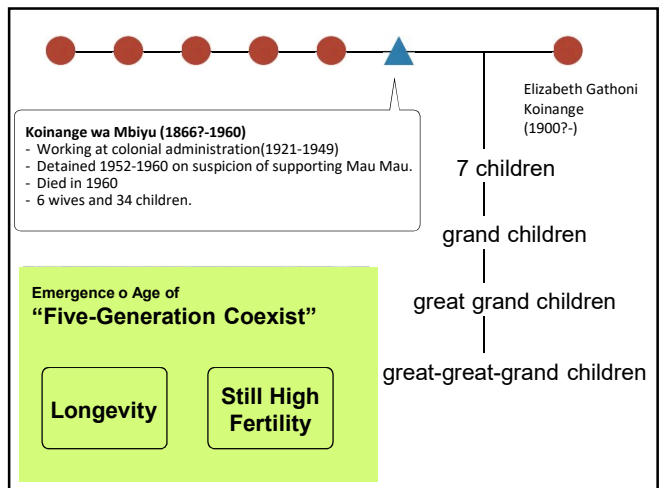
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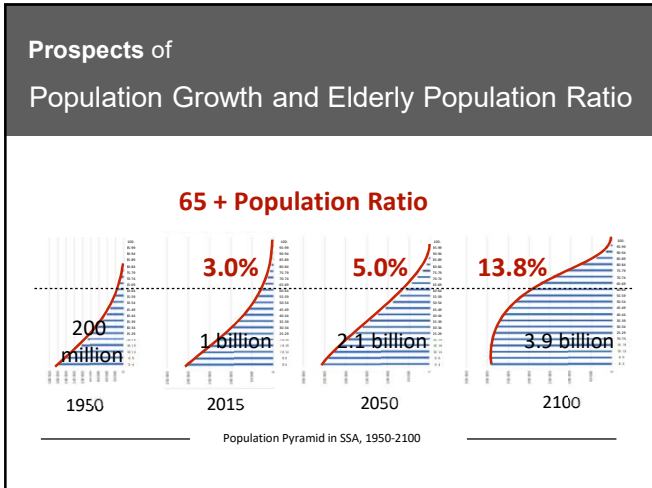
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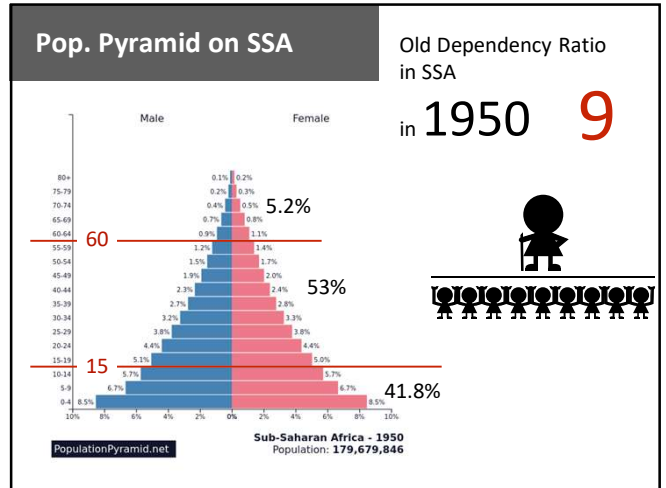
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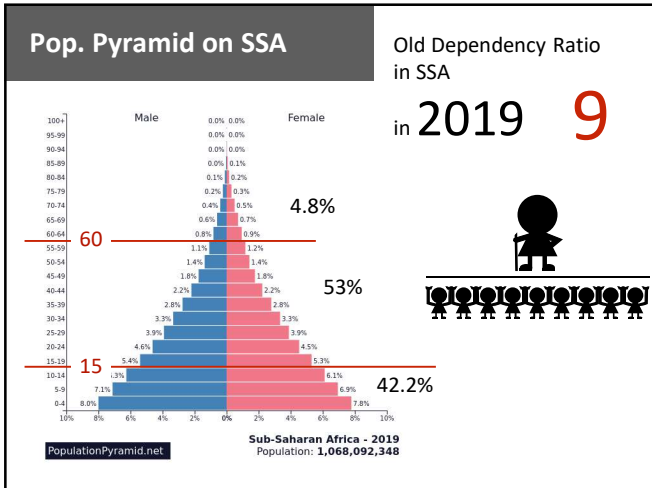
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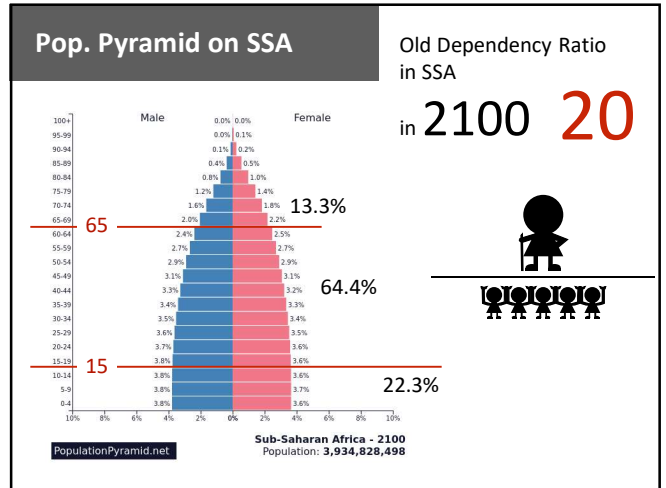
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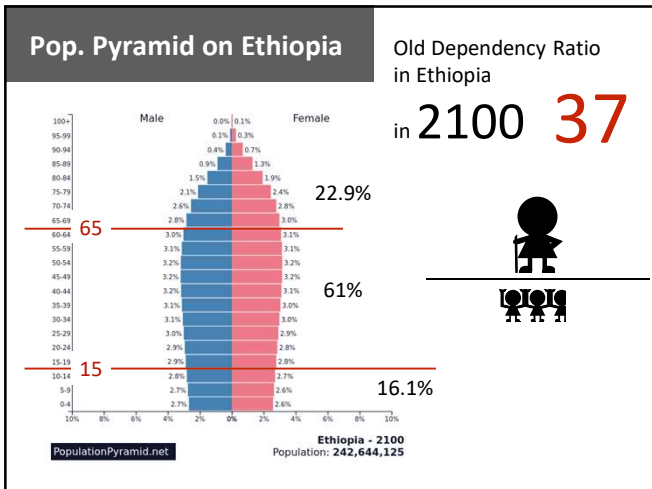
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Kibera (Nairobi, Kenya)

A 59-year old lady taking care of baby whose mother is unknown. Elderlies in slums have particular problems, however people support each other.



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**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.

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Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

She has live in a rural town in souther Ethiopia for decades, now move to the Capital city for living her daughter's family and caring grandchildren.

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Street Elderlies, Addis Ababa

An NGO serves shelter for elderly people living on the street.



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**An Old Man living in Shelter,
Addis Ababa**


A blind old man who was rescued from the street was living in a NGO shelter.



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**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.



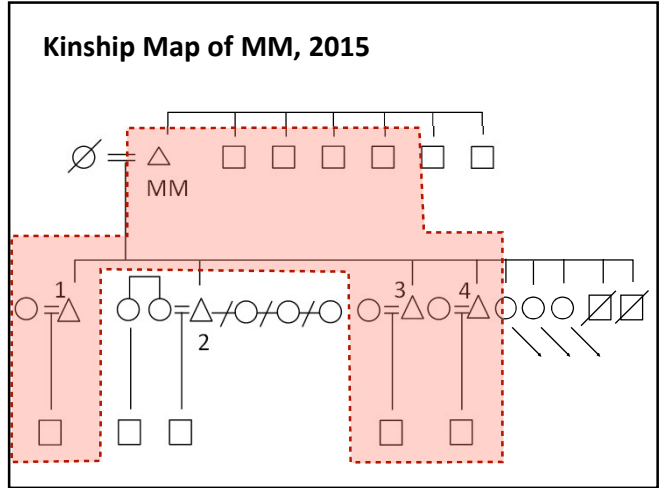
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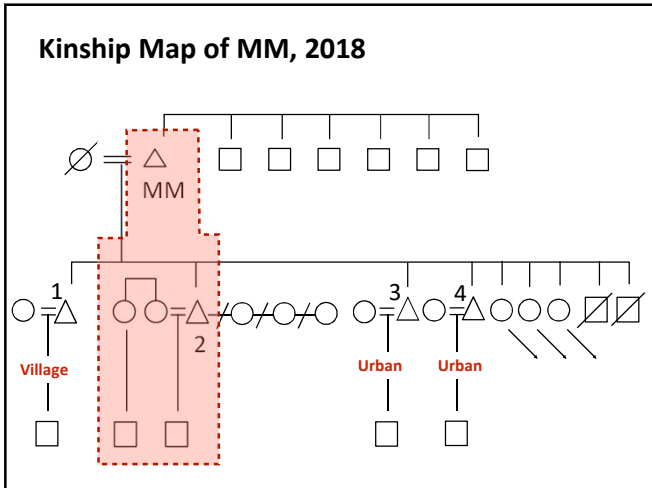
An Ex-Famer in Kwale county, Kenya

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

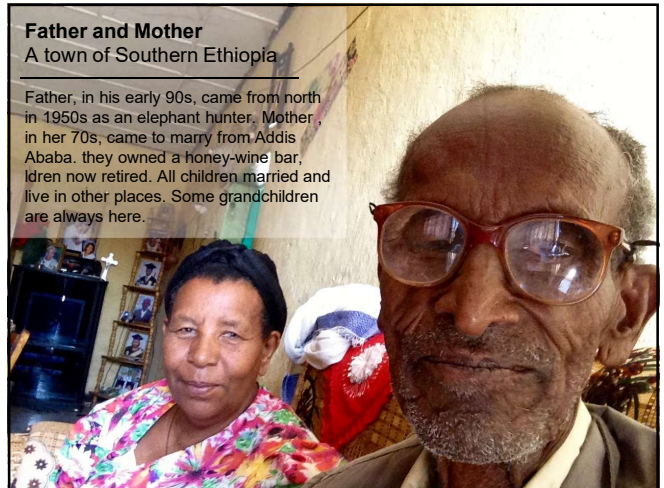
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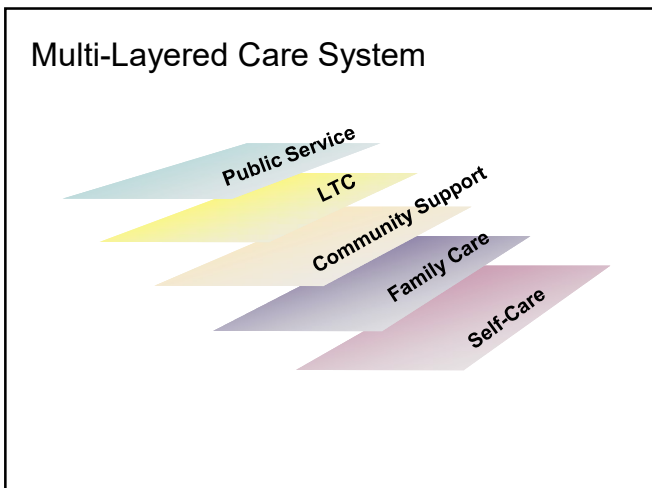
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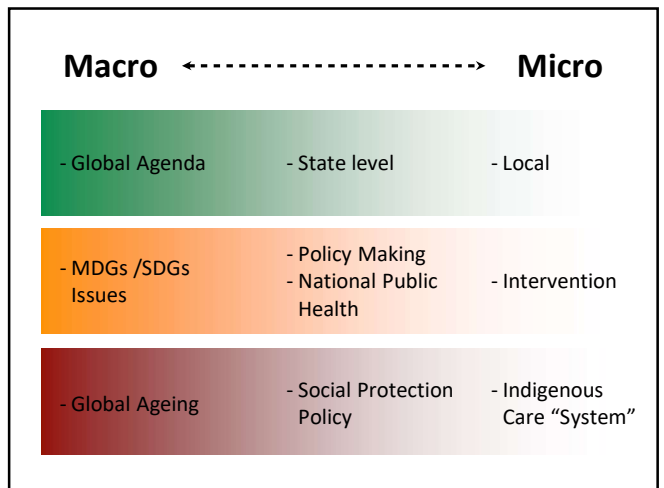
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Gap between national policy and local culture?

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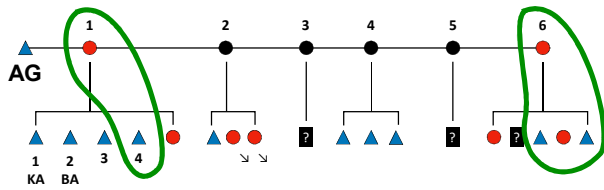
The Banna of Southern Ethiopia



The education for Banna boys, looking at how their 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.


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Ritual Leader: Mr. AG



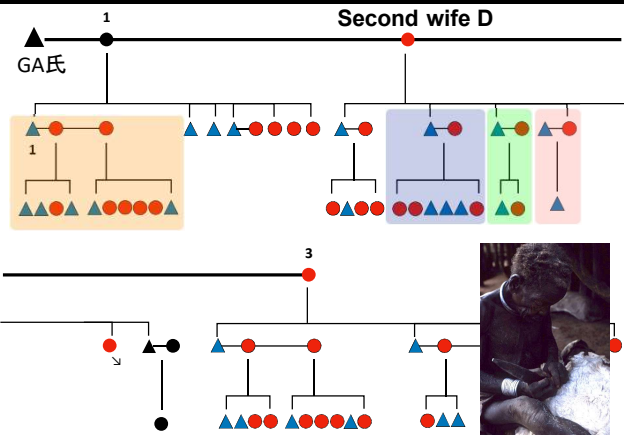
AG (1930s-2017)

- 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.

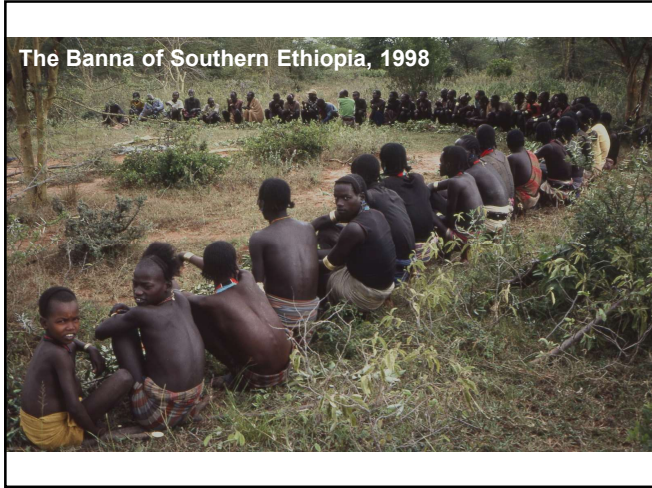


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