

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age has increased from 1.1 billion to 1.6 billion, and the number of people aged 65 and over has increased from 0.2 billion to 0.5 billion (United Nations, 2002).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of the young and the old in the context of the ageing of the population. The United Nations (2002) has identified the need to address the needs of the young and the old as a key challenge for the 21st century. The United Nations (2002) has identified the need to address the needs of the young and the old as a key challenge for the 21st century.

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