April 2015, The Modern Filial Piety Culture Museum opened its doors in China. ‘Filial piety’ in Confucian philosophy is the virtue of respecting one’s (grand) parents and ancestors. Like in most cultures, supporting older people in China is becoming an increasingly demanding obligation.

The United Nations estimates that over 1.2 billion older people will be without a secure income by 2050, unless firm action is taken. That is why aging is often framed in terms of ‘crisis’, even in developed economies. WorldGranny, the partner organization of HelpAge International, has witnessed the consequences of the diminishing family support and the feminization of poverty in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Building on this experience, our research brings together the analytics of four country studies and the different ways aging is currently managed, guided by the question: How do households and governments deal with the risk of old age poverty in emerging countries?

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