

**SIDE EVENT**

**Good practices for home and community care for older people**

*Wednesday, 29 June 2022 (12:30-13:45, UTC+7)*

*Online meeting (Zoom)*

**Concept Note**

While countries are at different stages of population ageing, overall, the population is rapidly ageing in the Asia and Pacific region. This demographic trend brings both opportunities and challenges. One of the main concerns is meeting the care needs of dependent older people, which was highlighted as one of the priorities in the MIPAA. There have been efforts to address this issue by governments and other key stakeholders including civil society and non-governmental organisations and progress have been made but there are still gaps, particularly in low and middle-income countries. This session will support the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA, by providing good practices and lessons learned which can contribute to the implementation of MIPAA in the region, specifically on priority 2 - Advancing health and well-being into old age.

**Objectives**

The side meeting will present good practices including lessons learned on home and community care for older people from initiatives in the region. These are the social enterprise paid home care in Thailand and home and community care through the Intergenerational Self-Help Club (ISHC) in Vietnam. The 2 models have been recognised and received several awards for their innovation and success. Recommendations for better long-term care (LTC) through building systems of care and support for older persons based on the study on LTC in Asia and the Pacific by the ADB will be presented. In addition, the session aims to raise awareness of the care needs of older people and the role of civil society and non-governmental organisations in age care work. Gender considerations will be integrated throughout all sessions.

**Organisation**

The side event will be by Foundation for Older Persons’ Development in partnership with HelpAge International, Vietnam. It will be held on 29 June 2022, online, from 12:30-13:45 (UTC+7).
Resource persons

Two national NGOs with a long experience in implementing home and community care for frail older people will share their good practices. Resource persons will be drawn from the national government ministry and international organisations working on the ageing issues to share their perspectives and work about age care including home and community in the country and region, and how this approach can help address age care needs.

Expected outcomes

Sharing and learning among the participants on home and community care through presentations and discussion. A summary of key points from the presentation and discussion will also be produced and posted on the co-organisers website.

Format and language

The meeting will be held in English and will feature presentations and structured interactive discussions.

Participation

Participants are expected from the organisations whose representatives attending the Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) for the Fourth review of MIPAA in Asia/Pacific since the side event is held as part of the IGM. The organisers will also invite additional participants from organisations working or interested in ageing issues and age care such as the government agencies, CSO, academics, corporates, and international organisations.

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