Briefing of Stakeholders: Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

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Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific: Areas of attention identified in recent reviews

**Issues that need continued attention**
- Social protection – esp. for older women
- Older women and gender dimension of population ageing
- Living and care arrangements – smaller families
- Older persons in rural areas
- Older persons and ICTs
- Future of work
- Data

**Emerging Issues**
- Climate change and older persons
- Intergenerational solidarity
- COVID19 – health, economic and social impacts
In the Asia-Pacific region, more older women than older men live alone.

Coverage of pensions is low in most Asia-Pacific countries, especially for women.

Legal coverage of old age mandatory contributory pensions, as percentage of working age population (Latest available year)

Most older persons generate their own income

Main income sources of older women (outer circle) and men (inner circle) (in percentage), latest available years

Thailand, 2014

- Work: 44.9%
- Pension: 24.8%
- Income from savings/rent: 28.7%
- Children: 1.8%
- Other relatives: 3.8%

Philippines, 2019

- Work: 37.2%
- Pension: 23.3%
- Income from savings/rent: 18%
- Children: 0.9%
- Other relatives: 0.6%

Older persons in employment often work in the informal sector

Percentage of Informal employment, 60+ years old, in Selected Asia-Pacific countries, 2019

Older persons in Asia and the Pacific provide and receive care – who will provide quality care for them?

Source:
Old woman carrying her granddaughter image by Samrat35 via Dreamstime.com
Old woman assisting her spouse along with her granddaughter image by Chamaiporn Kitina via Dreamstime.com
Mobile phone use is high in the Asia-Pacific region – but less so for older persons

Older persons have limited access to the internet – particularly in developing countries

Impact of COVID-19 on older persons

- Access to healthcare
- Loss of income
- Mental health
- Access to vaccines
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