Third Stakeholder Consultation for the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Priority direction III: Ensuring enabling and supportive environments

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Source: UN (2002)
Hint at different roles for public/family

A general trend towards expanding home-care

Autonomy & Independence
Sustainability (lower costs)
Individual preferences
Higher quality of life from living at home
COVID-19 and a call for deinstitutionalisation

This is the process of replacing institutions (care homes, long-stay hospitals, congregate settings) with community-based services to support individuals with disabilities and older persons to live independently in the community – and to respect their choices.

Definitions of Ageing in Place

- Allowing older persons to remain in the living situation of their choice for as long as they wish and are able to (Bigby, 2004)

- Older adults continue to live in their home as they age, as long as they are able and wish to do so (Brick, 2012)

- The ability to live in one’s own home and community, safely and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015)
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Source: Social Development Division. ESCAP. https://mipaa.unescapsdd.org/mipaa-and-2030-agenda
Proportion of older people living in age-friendly cities and communities, Latest data


Source: WHO (2018), map of cities that are members of the Global Network, as of 1 Sept 2018
Care for older persons and support for caregivers

• Provision of a continuum of care and services for older persons from various sources
  • Training programmes and accreditation systems
  • Care quality standards and monitoring mechanisms

• Support for caregivers
  • Support the caregiving role of older persons, particularly older women
  • Support to family caregivers
Images of ageing

Source: https://www.3rdactmagazine.com/aging/aging-artfully/words-matter/
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Guidance questions:
- What are the main achievements, good practices and lessons learned?
- What are the remaining challenges?
- How have COVID-19, climate change and ICTs impacted the achievement of the priority issues?
- What are future projections? What are desirable scenarios and what policies and actions need to be taken to ensure enabling environments for their achievement?