Session 3: Proposed survey on MIPAA implementation in Asia and the Pacific

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Global guiding document on population ageing

Priority direction:

A. **Older persons** and **development**
B. Advancing **health** and **well-being** into old age
C. Ensuring **enabling** and **supportive environments**
Systematic review of implementation of MIPAA by Member States is essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons.

Governments have the primary responsibility for implementing the broad recommendations of the MIPAA.

The role of non-governmental organizations is important in supporting Governments in their implementation, assessment and follow-up of the International Plan of Action, 2002.

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Suggested guidelines:

- Voluntary national survey
- Bottom-up participatory approach
- Gender considerations
- Progress made during the period 2018-2022
- Linkage to 2030 Agenda (and related SDGs)
- Quantitative and participatory qualitative data and analysis
- Lessons learned and best practices
- Provide detailed answers and attach supporting documentation

Next steps:

- May 2021: review draft questions
- June 2021: launch of survey
- 2nd + 3rd quarter 2021: capacity-building + submission of responses
- 4th quarter 2021 + 1st quarter 2022: analysis + report-writing
Methodology

What methodology was used to complete this survey?

- A bottom-up approach used involving a variety of stakeholders
- A whole-of-government approach used
Voluntary National Survey on the Implementation of the MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific - structure

I. National policy and MIPAA implementation (5 questions)
II. Older persons and development (11 questions)
III. Advancing health and well-being into old age (9 questions)
IV. Ensuring enabling and supportive environments (10 questions)
V. Data (5 questions)
VI. COVID-19 and older persons (6 question)
VII. Other issues (2 question)

48 questions in total
Synergies of national reporting for the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific

- Fourth Review and Appraisal of the MIPAA
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Decade of Healthy Ageing
- Policy Brief on the impact of COVID-19 on Older Persons
(I) National policy and MIPAA implementation

Coordinating body
Q1: Does your country have a national coordinating body/committee/agency or a national multi-stakeholders forum on population ageing and/or older persons?

Definition of older persons
Q2: Please define ‘older persons’ as used in official Government documents? Please explain why this definition was chosen.

National older persons’ legislation
Q3: Does your country have a dedicated legislation, policy or action plan to promote and improve the well-being of older persons and protect their rights, such as a “decree or law on older persons’?

Challenges to legislation/policies
Q4: In the development and implementation of legislation with a focus on older persons, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always] Have you addressed the challenges?

Priorities of MIPAA ‘issues’
Q5: Which of the “issues” listed under the three priority directions of the MIPAA has your Government prioritized (for a list “issues”, see the Annex)? Please explain.

5 questions (Q1-Q5)
Priority directions, issues and objectives of the MIPAA

Vibrant and sustainable Ageing societies

Pillar I
Older persons and development

Pillar II
Advancing Health and well-being into old age

Pillar III
Ensuring enabling and supportive environment

The 3 Pillars of Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
(II) Older persons and development

- Active participation
- Contribution
- Work
- Rural and urban areas
- Education and training
- Income security and social protection
- Poverty
- Resilience

11 questions (Q6-Q16)
(II) Older persons and development (1)

Active participation of older persons
Q6: Has the Government undertaken any measures to promote the active participation of older persons in society and in decision-making processes at all levels?
Q7: Has the government taken measures to facilitate older person’s participation in physical activity?
Q8: How many older persons’ organizations exist in your country and what types of organizations are active?
Q9: Does the Government provide any financial, technical or policy support to these organisations?

Contribution of older persons
Q10: Has the Government implemented any measures to recognize the social, cultural, economic or political contribution of older persons?
(II) Older persons and development (2)

Work
Q11: Has the Government engaged in actions to support older persons’ participation in income-generating work, as long as older persons want and are able to do so?

Rural and urban areas
Q12: Has the Government implemented any measures to address challenges of older persons in rural or (a) remote areas, and (b) urban areas, including slums, including marginalization and isolation?

Education and training
Q13: Has the Government supported older persons’ access to knowledge, education and training?

Income security and social protection
Q14: Has the Government implemented any of the following measures concerning income security, social protection and social security?

Poverty
Q15: Has the Government undertaken measures to eradicate poverty of older persons

Resilience
Q16: Has the Government implemented policies to help older persons cope with emergency situations?
(III) Advancing health and well-being into old age

- Overall health and well-being
- Health care and long-term care services
- Integration of health and social care services
- Monitoring of health care services
- Discrimination in access to health care services
- Mental health services
- Support to older persons with disabilities
- Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030)

9 questions (Q17-Q25)
(III) Advancing health and well-being into old age (1)

Overall health and well-being

Q17: Has the Government developed policies or programmes to promote health and well-being throughout life, including active and healthy ageing? Are issues related to older persons integrated into health policies and programmes, and, if so, how?

Health care and long-term care services

Q18: Has the Government undertaken any of the following measures related to universal and equal access to health-care services for older persons? Q19: Has the Government put in place any of the following long-term care measures for older persons?

Integration of health and social care services

Q20: Has the Government undertaken measures to develop mechanisms for coordinating health and social care services for older persons?

Monitoring of health care services

Q21: Has the Government undertaken measures to establish standards and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the quality of older persons’ care services?
(III) Advancing health and well-being into old age (2)

Discrimination in access to health care services
Q22: Has the Government undertaken actions to record and prevent discrimination on the basis of age in access to health services including access to providers, medicines and preventive measures?

Mental health services
Q23: Has the Government implemented measures to enhance mental health services for older persons related to dementia or other psycho-social disabilities?

Support to older persons with disabilities
Q24: Has the Government undertaken measures to support older persons with disabilities, such as the provision of rehabilitation services as well as appropriate care and the provision of assistive technologies and social transfers, like disability allowance?

Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030)
Q25: Is the Government implementing any follow-up actions related to the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030), such as a national action plan?
(IV) Ensuring enabling and supportive environments

- Housing and living environment
- Caregiving
- Family support
- Integration of older migrants
- Neglect, abuse and violence
- Public recognition and ageing with dignity
- Information, innovation and technology

10 questions (Q26-Q35)
(IV) Ensuring enabling and supportive environments (1)

Housing and living environment
Q26: Has the Government undertaken any of the following measures with regard to the housing and living environment of older persons and their families? (ageing in place; accessible and affordable transportation; universal design)

Caregiving
Q27: Has the Government undertaken measures to support formal and informal caregivers of older persons, including training programmes, accreditation and pay?

Family support
Q28: Has the Government undertaken measures to support women and families who take care of older persons?

Integration of older migrants
Q29: Has the Government implemented measures facilitating the integration of older migrants within their new communities? (older migrant workers returning to countries of origin; returning home to rural areas; refugees)
(IV) Ensuring enabling and supportive environments (2)

Neglect, abuse and violence

Q30: Has the Government undertaken measures that address neglect, abuse, and violence against older persons?

Public recognition and ageing with dignity

Q31: Has the Government undertaken measures to enhance public recognition of older persons with regard to their authority, autonomy, self-determination, wisdom, productivity, and contributions to society?

Q32: Has the Government undertaken measures to protect older persons’ dignity and enjoyment of all human rights, including to address and eliminate ‘ageism’ and age-based discrimination?

Q33: Has the Government undertaken measures to recognize and support exercise of legal capacity of older persons, such as supported decision-making?

Information, innovation and technology

Q34: Has the Government put in place mechanisms to improve the availability and accessibility of information specifically for older persons?

Q35: Has the Government fostered development of any innovative methods and services in support of older persons, such as user- and age-friendly technology and products?
Apart from the MIPAA’s Priority directions...

Vibrant and sustainable Ageing societies

- Data
- COVID-19 and older persons
- Other issues

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Older persons and development

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The 3 Pillars of Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
(V) Data

Lack of ageing-related data and research

Q36: Is the lack of ageing-related data and research a matter of concern for your Government? If so, (a) what data and research are needed and (b) how are you addressing these concerns?

Q37: Has the Government undertaken any efforts in any national data collection activities to disaggregate data by age and sex, with age groups disaggregated beyond 50+ or 60+? If so, please elaborate.

National survey

Q38: Has there been (a) a stand-alone national survey focusing on population ageing or older persons or (b) inclusion of specific modules on older persons or population ageing into national surveys, such as DHS, since 2017? If so, please provide (a) the name of survey; (b) its focus; (c) the name(s) of the responsible ministry, agency, institutions; and (d) link.

Q39: Is there any longitudinal data on older persons collected with a focus on their health, social and economic situation? If yes, please elaborate.

Titchfield Group (Age-disaggregated statistics)

Q40: Is the Government active in the Titchfield Group on Ageing-related Statistics and Age-disaggregated Data? If so, how does the Government contribute to the group?

5 questions (Q36-Q40)
(VI) COVID-19 and older persons

- Effects of COVID-19 on older persons
- Government response to COVID-19
- Best practices/lessons learned in Government response to COVID-19
- Coordination of services for COVID-19 responses
- Long-term measures

6 questions (Q41–Q46)
(VI) COVID-19 and older persons (1)

Effects of COVID-19 on older persons

Q41: Was there a higher share of hospitalizations and rate of deaths among older persons in 2020 than for the general population, or as compared with previous long-term observations? (please provide statistics and sources disaggregated by age)
Q42: How were older persons affected socially and economically? (please provide any statistical evidence disaggregated by age and sex)

Government response to COVID-19

Q43: Did the Government put policies or measures in place that addressed the impact of COVID-19 on older persons with regard to the following issues. If yes, when were the measures put in place?

- Access to health care services
- Special measures to COVID-19
- Economic conditions
- Social situation
- Prioritized access to COVID-19 vaccines
(VI) COVID-19 and older persons (2)

Best practices/lessons learned in Government response to COVID-19

Q44: Are there any good practices and lessons learned from the above-mentioned policies or measures, including expanding participation of older persons? Please give examples.

Coordination of services for COVID-19 responses

Q45: Has the Government implemented measures to improve the coordination of primary health care, long-term care, social services, and community-based services for older persons in order to ensure a continuum of care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Long-term measures

Q46: Once the pandemic has subsided, do you intend to maintain any measures that were implemented to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on older persons?
(VII) Other issues

**Q47:** How has the Government designed and/or implemented measures for the pre-ageing population (future older persons) in the following aspects: (a) security, (b) health, and (c) participation?

**Q48:** Would you like to highlight any other issues related to the main challenges and opportunities of population ageing/older persons in your country since the adoption of the MIPAA in 2002? Are there any lessons learned or good practices you would like to share?

2 open-ended questions (500 words limit) (Q47-Q48)
Next steps

7 May 2021: breakout sessions to discuss the methodology and questions in more detail

June 2021: finalization of the voluntary survey and launch

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