



**Voluntary National Survey on the Implementation of the  
Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) in Asia and the Pacific**  
(to inform the Asia-Pacific Fourth Review and Appraisal of the  
Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing)

**Background**

This voluntary national survey will inform the Asia-Pacific Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)<sup>1</sup> to be organized by ESCAP in 2022.

MIPAA is the global guiding document on population ageing adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in 2002. It calls for regular and systematic reviews of MIPAA implementation by Member States. After three successful reviews at national, regional and global levels, the General Assembly, through resolution 75/152, took note of ECOSOC resolution 2020/8 and decided to hold the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA at the global level at the sixty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, in 2023.

Pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2020/8, regional commissions were asked to facilitate the fourth review and appraisal at the regional levels by: (a) providing assistance to Member States in organizing national review and appraisal exercises; (b) organizing regional review meetings using an inclusive and coordinated approach in relation to the participation of civil society in the process; (c) assisting Member States in following up on analysis resulting from the regional reviews; (d) promoting networking and the sharing of information; (e) providing an analysis of the main findings and identifying priority areas and policy responses by 2022; and (f) assisting and providing advice to Governments in the gathering, synthesis and analysis of information, as well as in the presentation of the findings of national reviews.

The 2022 regional reviews and appraisals will feed into the 2023 global review and appraisal, including the 2023 reporting for the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030). The Asia-Pacific voluntary national survey on the implementation of MIPAA is an integral part of the preparations for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review and Appraisal in 2022. The process consists of: (a) voluntary national surveys; (b) stakeholder consultations; (c) documentation; and (d) the intergovernmental meeting. For more information on the Asia-Pacific Regional Review and Appraisal, see: <https://www.population-trends-asiapacific.org/mipaa> (to be updated regularly).

**Suggestions for completing the Asia-Pacific voluntary national survey on MIPAA implementation**

The survey should be completed by ESCAP member States, through their national ageing focal points.<sup>2</sup> It is structured according to the MIPAA priority directions, issues and objectives.<sup>3</sup> Some objectives have been merged to facilitate reporting. As MIPAA is a multi-dimensional framework, it is recommended that the national focal points complete the survey in consultation with ministries and departments involved with implementing the various MIPAA priority

<sup>1</sup> Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8–12 April 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>2</sup> In December 2020, ESCAP requested member States to nominate ageing focal points.

<sup>3</sup> For a list of priority directions, issues and objectives of MIPAA, see the Annex.

directions and objectives. The following guidelines are intended to assist member States in reporting on the national follow-up to MIPAA:

1. A bottom-up participatory approach should be followed by inviting, inter alia, civil society, including organizations of older persons, to contribute to survey responses (ECOSOC 2020/8, OP5).
2. Gender perspectives should be mainstreamed when answering the questions.
3. Member States are encouraged to reflect on any national data collection initiatives for implementing the 2030 Agenda and related SDGs and report on the respective SDG indicator (relevant SDG indicators are listed along with the questions, when applicable).
4. Answers should focus and report on progress made during the period 2018–2022, (ECOSOC resolution 2020/8, OP3).
5. Answers may combine quantitative and participatory qualitative data and analysis, disaggregated by age, and by other relevant factors, including sex and disability, and, where appropriate, include sharing of good practices in such data collection (ECOSOC 2020/8, OP6).
6. Answers should include information on lessons learned and good practices to ensure this review and appraisal exercise contributes to South-South, North-South and triangular regional and international cooperation (GA resolution 75/152, OP39).
7. Ideally, countries should respond to all questions, but it is fully understood that, given the national context, they might not be able to do so.
8. Supporting documentation should be included, if possible.

The companion document attached to this survey provides explanations of some key terms.

The survey should be completed (and submitted/returned), together with relevant attachments by 31 October 2021, by email, to: [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org) or online at: <https://icts-surveys.unog.ch/index.php/974559?newtest=Y&lang=en>

Please indicate whether the completed survey may be posted on the public website of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review and Appraisal of MIPAA

Yes:  No:

Please do not hesitate to contact [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org) should you have any questions.

**A. Contact information**

**Please identify the office responsible for coordinating the responses to this survey and completing it and include its contact information.**

Country Bangladesh	
Ministry/Office/Agency Ministry of Social Welfare	
Name contact persons (First and Last) ████████████████████	Title/Position ████████████████████
Name of ageing focal point (First and Last) ████████████████████	
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## B. Methodology

What methodology was used to complete this survey? Was a bottom-up approach used involving a variety of stakeholders? Was a whole-of-government approach used? (see also companion document)  
*please elaborate:* Coordination with relevant ministries & stakeholders

### I. National policy and MIPAA implementation

#### Coordinating body

1	Does your country have a national coordinating body/committee/agency or national multi-stakeholder forum on population ageing and/or older persons? <i>If "yes", please provide information on the following:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Name of the coordinating body/committee/agency/national multi-stakeholder forum: <i>please elaborate:</i> Name of the Committee: National Committee on Elderly Affairs A National committee is formed for act plan and discusses the elderly issue. This committee includes relevant government officials, representatives of academic institutions and NGOs.		
1.2	Year of establishment: <i>please elaborate:</i> 2017		
1.3	Level (ministerial or other): <i>please elaborate:</i> A National Committee is formed with relevant officials of different ministries, representatives of academic institutions and relevant NGOs.		
1.4	Functions: <i>please elaborate:</i> Discusses the elderly issue, set priorities, finds the way out, give suggestions and follow up the activities.		
1.5	Contact information, including mailing address, telephone/fax, email and website link: <i>please elaborate:</i> Deputy Secretary, NDD&AUTISM Branch, Ministry of Social Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Telephone: + 88-02-9546129. Fax Number: + 88-02-9576680. Web: www.msw.gov.bd		

#### Definition of older persons

2	Please define "older persons" as used in official Government documents (e.g., legislation, census forms, etc.). <i>please elaborate:</i> As per United Nations definition, the people in Bangladesh who are aged 60 years and above is defined as older persons in Bangladesh.		
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#### National legislation, policies and action plans on older persons

3	Does your country have a dedicated legislation, policy and/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"?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1	If "yes", for each of the following questions, please provide information on: (a) name of legislation, policy and/or action plan and year of enactment; (b) description of legislation, policy and/or action plan; (c) main achievements; and (d) financial and human resources		

	<p>allocated to implement. <i>but if "no", please elaborate also:</i> (1) The Parental Care Act 2013: To ensure the right of food, cloth, shelter, treatment and companion with parents, "The Parental Care Act 2013" has been enacted by the government. Children are bound to take care of their parents due to this act. Awareness has been created among people by this enactment. The safety, security and all other opportunities of parents will be ensure by the enforcement of this act.</p> <p>(2) National Policy on Older Persons 2013: This policy was formulated as a result of Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing ( MIPAA). As per of this policy, the Bangladeshies above the age of 60 will be treated as Senior Citizens and will be entiled to government facilities to be made available. The Ministry of Social welfare is the key agencies to impement the policy with preparing an action plan which is under process.</p> <p>(3) Implementation manual for Old Age allowance Programme (Revised), 2013</p>		
3.1.1	<p>Have gender and disability concerns of older persons been explicitly addressed in the legislation, policy and/or action plan? <i>please elaborate:</i> The Parental Care Act 2013, the National Policy on Older Persons 2013, the Implementation manual for Old Age allowance Programme (Revised), 2013 have been formulated dedicatedly for the older persons which is gender sensitive and at the same time includes disable persons.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.2	<p>Is there a monitoring framework for the implementation of the legislation, policy and/or action plan? <i>please elaborate:</i> There are four categories of committees in the above mentioned policy to monitor the implementation process.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.3	<p>Are older persons and their organizations included in any monitoring activities of legislation, policy and/or action plan on older persons? <i>please elaborate:</i>Older Persons and their organizations are included in the monitoring activies. There is scope of including Older Persons in Union/Upazilla/Pourashova/Upazilla Committee and District and National steering Committee.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.4	<p>Does the Government foster effective consultation with, and involvement of, older persons and/or their representatives at the national, regional and local levels in designing policies? (SDG 16.7.2) <i>please elaborate:</i>•GoB has developed a mechanism where we involve the stakeholders with all our plans and actions. • We observe International Day of Older Persons on 01 October with the collaboration of stakeholder where Older Persons actively present.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.5	<p>Does the Government foster work and volunteering of younger and older persons in intergenerational settings? <i>please elaborate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.1.6	<p>Does the Government offer opportunities for intergenerational contact and exchange? <i>please elaborate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.1.7	<p>Does the Government encourage the private sector and non-profit organizations to involve older persons in planning and design of goods and services? <i>please elaborate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.2	<p>If "no", are there any efforts towards the development and adoption of such a legislation, policy and/or action plan?</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*please elaborate:*

**Challenges to legislation/policies**

4	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]				
Challenge	1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? <i>please elaborate:</i>	
4.1 Lack of human resources dedicated to population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.2 Lack of financial resources dedicated to population ageing issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.3 Lack of data on older persons and/or population ageing at the national and/or subnational levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.4 Lack of overall political support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.5 Lack of cross-ministerial coordination on population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.6 Lack of international support and cooperation on population ageing issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.7 Lack of public awareness and understanding of population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.8 A bottom-up approach to population ageing not followed (e.g., involvement of older persons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.9 Misconceptions and stereotypes about population ageing and older persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.10 Any other challenges (please name them) <i>please elaborate:</i> Lack of Institutional Commitment who are responsible in this issue					

**Priorities of MIPAA "issues"**

5	Which of the "issues" listed under the three priority directions of MIPAA has your Government prioritized (for a list of "issues", see the Annex)? <i>please elaborate:</i> 1. Income security, social protection/social security and poverty prevention 2. Housing and the living environment; 3. Neglect, abuse and violence
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**II. Older persons and development**

**Instruction:** For the following questions, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan; (b) date of implementation and time frame; (c) its main elements; and (d) its main achievements. Please elaborate and please attach copies of relevant documents or provide their link.

**Active participation**

6	Has the Government undertaken any measures to promote the active participation of older persons in society and in decision-making processes at all levels? (SDG 5.b.1; SDG 11.3.2; SDG 17.8.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	<p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOB have develop a mechanism where we involve the stakeholders with all our plans and actions.</li> <li>• GOB observe International Day of Older Persons on 01 October with the collaboration of stakeholder.</li> <li>• Besides, there is a provision of helping financially to the stakeholders.</li> </ul>		
7	<p>Has the Government taken measures to facilitate older persons' participation in physical activity? (<i>see also companion document</i>)</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	<p>Do older persons' organizations exist in your country? How many are active and what types of organizations are these?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	<p>Does the Government provide any financial, technical or policy support to these organizations?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate: Financial and technical support is given to some of these organizations.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Work**

10	<p>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? (SDG 8.5.1; SDG 8.5.2)</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangladesh is prioritizing income security of the older persons. The persons who are now living in poverty are being included under the social safety net programs. Old Age Allowance (OAA) is being provided to them and more than .8 million people have been added in this fiscal year.</li> <li>• We are planning that all older persons will be brought under 'universal social pension scheme' gradually. But GOB wants to bring all our older persons who are facing poverty under social safety net programs firstly.</li> </ul>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.1	<p>Has the Government instituted a statutory retirement age? If "yes", what is it (women/men)?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p>Name of the Act/Rules/Policies: (1)The Public Service Act,2018 (2) Public Servents(Retirement) Rules, 1975</p> <p>Retirement age: -59 Years for govt.staffs -60 Years for freedom fighters -65 Years for teachers and justices</p> <p>According to the section 44 of the act, a public servant is entitled to retire at any time after fullfillment of 25 years of service.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.2	<p>Does the Government provide incentives for longer working life opportunities and more flexible retirement choices?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.3	<p>Does the Government provide work-related training and learning opportunities for older workers?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

10.4	Does the Government recognize the benefits of increased work experience with age in the labour market? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>*The GoB recognizes the benefits for Teachers in Public Universities and justices with age.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.5	Has the Government implemented any measures to better utilize older persons' work experience? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.5.1	Has the Government implemented any measures to support employers to retain or rehire older persons? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>*At present Govt reappoints retired eligible public servant in various constitutional and super numerary policy making post on contractual basis.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.5.2	Has the Government promoted age-friendly workplaces through policies and training on age inclusion or unconscious bias? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.6	Has the Government undertaken measures to close gender pay or pension gaps? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate: No specific information available</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.7	In addition to closing the gender pay or pension gap, has the Government accounted for the special situation of older women in work-related policies? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rural and urban areas**

11	Has the Government implemented any measures to address challenges, such as isolation and marginalization, of older persons in (a) rural or remote areas, and (b) urban areas, including slums? (SDG 9.1.1; SDG 11.1.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>-Old Age Allowances programs</i> <i>-Allowances to the Husband Deserted Destitute Women and Widow</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Education, training**

12	Has the Government supported older persons' access to knowledge, education and training? (SDG 4.3.1; SDG 4.4.1; SDG 4.6.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>The age limit has been withdrawn to receive technical education. As a result an elderly person can receive technical education. Besides, the age limit is not determined in the Guideline related with Recognition of prior learning(RPL).</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12.1	Does the Government pursue a life-course approach to knowledge, education, training and work, such as lifelong learning opportunities? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>To make Old Age Allowance (OAA) payment more friendly and cost effective, Government to Person (G2P) payment system has been adopted to disburse OAA. In the last financial year 4.9 million old</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	<i>people received their allowances through G2P system which will be continued. There the older persons are being accommodated with knowledge of ICT.</i>		
12.2	<p>Has the Government undertaken measures to promote digital literacy among older persons? Are there any programmes which encourage and support intergenerational exchange on digital literacy? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>To make Old Age Allowance (OAA) payment more friendly and cost effective, Government to Person (g2p) payment system has been adopted to disburse OAA. In the last financial year 4.9 million old people received their allowances through G2P system which will be continued. There the older persons are being accommodated with knowledge of ICT.</i> <i>Due to introduction of this g2p system, the older persons are being able to have knowledge about technology. They are also being introduced to mobile banking, online payment etc. As a result they are going through continuous education and lifelong learning process. In this process more than 12000 number of social worker are helping them at various level. There is a system of monitoring this process at various national level.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Income security, social protection (intergenerational)**

13	<p>Has the Government implemented any of the following measures concerning income security, social protection and social security? (SDG 1.3.1; SDG 1.a.2; SDG 2.3.2; SDG 8.3.1; SDG 8.10.2; SDG 10.2.1) <i>If yes, please answer 13.1 – 13.8</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 14</i> <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.1	<p>Social protection floor for the total population, including older persons (<i>see also companion document</i>) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>(1)Old age allowance(1998); (2)Allowances to the Husband Deserted Destitute Women and the Widow(1998);(3)National Social Security (2015);(4) Urban Social Protection Strategy and Action Plan in Bangladesh (2020); (5)Vulnerable Group Development (VGD); (6) Vulnerable Group Feeding Programme</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.2	<p>Old age contributory pensions schemes (universal coverage, or for specific professional groups) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>(1)Old age allowance(2)Vulnerable Group Development (VGD); (3) Vulnerable Group Feeding Programme</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.3	<p>Old-age non-contributory (or social) pension (universal coverage or targeted at some segment of older persons) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>(1)Old age allowance ;(2)Pension for Retired Government Employees and their Families (Older Persons get priorities )</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.4	<p>Specific pension schemes for the informal sector <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>Some structured companies provide gratuity as a retirement</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



	<i>benefit, since the Government offers no pension for private sectors employees.</i>		
13.5	Other income-support schemes that specifically benefit older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.6	Income-support schemes focused on older women <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>Allowances to the Husband Deserted Destitute Women and the Widow(1998); (2)Vulnerable Group Development (VGD)</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.7	Financial inclusion or financial literacy of older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate: Knowledge about the payment method like g2p, mobile financial service, agent banking</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.8	Any other measures (please name them)? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Poverty**

14	Has the Government undertaken measures to eradicate poverty of older persons? (SDG 1.1.1; SDG 1.2.1; SDG 1.2.2; SDG 1.4.1; SDG 1.4.2; SDG 2.1.2) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> <i>(1)Old age allowance(1998); (2)Allowances to the Husband Deserted Destitute Women and the Widow(1998);(3)National Social Security (2015);(4) Urban Social Protection Strategy and Action Plan in Bangladesh (2020); (5)Vulnerable Group Development (VGD); (6) Vulnerable Group Feeding Programme (Older Persons get priorities )</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Resilience**

15	Has the Government implemented policies to help older persons cope with emergency situations? (SDG 11.5.1; 13.2.1) <i>If yes, please answer 15.1 – 15.4</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 16</i> <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate: Name of the policy: The Disaster Management Policy, 2015.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15.1	Have concrete measures been taken to protect and assist older persons affected by natural disasters, political conflict or other humanitarian emergencies? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate: (1)According to Disaster Management Policy, 2015, Paragraph 10.4, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh has undertaken several measures to include the specific needs of older persons in all phases ( preparedness, relief and reconstruction) of humanitarian and disaster relief programmes.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15.2	Are challenges faced by older persons in disaster situations addressed in national disaster response policies and strategies? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15.3	Does the Government recognize the agency of older persons in supporting response, recovery and reconstruction following natural disasters, political conflict or other humanitarian emergencies? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

15.4	<p>Are older persons recognized as having a role in mitigating climate change?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p>(1)The Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (2008) includes programme TIP9 on livelihood protection of vulnerable socio economic groups with the objective of ensuring equitable and sustainable development of all vulnerable socio-economic groups. The Programme aims to ensure " comprehensive and participatory planning and investment to protect the livelihoods(income, employment, health) of groups who will be especially severely impacted by climate change", including the elderly.</p> <p>(2) The National Plan for Disaster Management 2016-2020 ( 2017) includes a priority to enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to " Build Back Better" in recover, rehabilitation and reconstruction. It aims to develop " an early/medium/long-term recovery and rehabilitation strategy with strong inclusion of gender, children, senior citizens and disability for disaster-affected or displaced households", particularly those displaced by reverbank erosion, drought and other localised disasters. The National Plan also notes the need for special medical facilities and shelter support for older persons and children.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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### III. Advancing health and well-being into old age

**Instruction:** For the following questions, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan; (b) its time frame; (c) its main elements; and (d) its main achievements. Please supply details of and links to relevant documents or attach copies of them.

#### Overall health and well-being

16	<p>Has the Government developed policies or programmes to promote health and well-being throughout life, including active and healthy ageing?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p>(1) Health care and nutrition for older persons regarding the healthcare and nutrition for older persons are described in the National Health Policy . According to the policy and plan of action following attempts have been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Geriatric care and medicine' subject has introduced in the MBBS course curriculum.</li> <li>-Geriatric health problem also included in the subject 'Epidemiology' of communicable and noncommunicable diseases.</li> <li>- It has been planned to establish geriatric medicine department in different public medical colleges.</li> <li>-Establishment of separate counter and provide services on priority basis for the elderly female indifferent public hospitals.</li> <li>-BSMMU, one of the leading medical university, has established a Geriatric Patient care Unit are providing reQuired services.</li> <li>-Department of Public Health Informatics, BSMMU has included geriatric medicine topic at their course curriculum and also doing research on it.</li> </ul>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	-Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka started Master on Social Science(MSS) Gerontology and Geriatric Welfare (GGW). (2) Geriatric Nutrition' component is included in the national nutrition services operation plan. Initiatives have been taken to develop a geriatric nutrition guideline. Training will be provided to the service provider on geriatric nutrition.		
16.1	Has the Government strengthened the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol among older persons? (SDG 3.5.1; SDG 3.5.2) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Name of Programme: Non Communicable Disease Control Programme under 4th HPNSP (Jan 2017 - June 2022) of MOHFW Main Elements: Alcohol & Substance Abuse is one of the major components in NCDC Operational plan. Description: Awareness/training of prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotics drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol among all persons including old age according to national guideline.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
16.2	Has the Government implemented any measures to improve access to food and adequate nutrition for all older persons, if needed? (SDG 2.1.2; SDG 6.1.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> There is a programme named National Nutrition Services (NNS) for improve access to food and adequate nutrition for all person including old age.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

17	Are issues related to older persons integrated into health policies and programmes, and, if so, how? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> *Age-Friendly Primary Health Care Centres. *Older Persons are integrated to Non Communicable Disease Control Programme. NCDC Programme implement awareness programme through training/seminar/Advertisement and publicity regarding elderly people in primary health care level.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Health-care and long-term care services**

18	Has the Government undertaken any of the following measures related to universal and equal access to health-care services for older persons? (SDG 3.8.1; SDG 3.8.2; SDG 3.b.3) <i>If yes, please answer 18.1 – 18.4</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 19</i> <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate:</i> *Government has taken initiatives to develop age specific and disability friendly health centres, adding Ramp and Lift, Logistics. **There is a circular (Government Order) to all health facilities regarding priority of old age.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
18.1	Equal and affordable access to primary and secondary health-care services, including affordable access to essential medication,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	therapeutic measures and medical devices for older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> *Government has taken initiatives to supply age specific and Disability friendly health logistics, commodities etc. **There is a circular (Government Order) to all health facilities regarding priority of old age.		
18.2	Health coverage (universal coverage or targeted at some segment of older persons): (a) population coverage; (b) benefit coverage; and (c) financial coverage) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The circular includes to all health facilities regarding priority of old age.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
18.3	Involvement of older persons in the development and strengthening of health-care services? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18.4	Digital technology to promote inclusive health-care services <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The above mentioned circular (Government Order) covers digital technology to promote inclusive health-care services.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Has the Government put in place any of the following long-term care measures for older persons? <i>If yes, please answer 19.1 – 19.7</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 20</i> <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate and proceed:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19.1	Long-term care services for older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19.2	Coordination of social and long-term care and health services, including in-home, residential and community services <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Providing community services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19.3	Health insurance schemes that cover long-term care costs <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19.4	Long-term care costs covered by a separate insurance scheme <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19.5	Geriatric and gerontological planning and training for health and social care providers <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19.6	Involvement of older persons in the development and strengthening of long-term care services <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19.7	Any other measures (please name them)? <i>Please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Integration of health and social care services**

20	Has the Government undertaken measures to develop mechanisms for coordinating health and social care services for older persons? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Monitoring of health care services**

21	Has the Government undertaken measures to establish standards and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the quality of older persons' care services? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Discrimination in access to health-care services**

22	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? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Mental health services**

23	Has the Government implemented measures to enhance mental health services for older persons related to dementia or other psychosocial disabilities? (SDG 3.4.2) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> (a) The Mental Health Act 2018 (b) Mental Health Strategic Action Plan 2020-2030 has developed and also costed action plan. (c) Initiatives have been taken to train service providers on psychosocial counselling. (d) Training is being conducted regarding mental health in old age according to mental health guideline for doctors, nurse and para health professionals.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Support to older persons with disabilities**

24	Has the Government undertaken measures to support older persons with disabilities, such as the provision of rehabilitation services, appropriate care and the provision of assistive technologies and social transfers, like disability allowances? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> (a) Government has taken measures to support older persons with disabilities, such as the provision of rehabilitation services, appropriate care and the provision of assistive technologies and social transfers like disability allowances, distribution of assistive device like wheelchair, smart cane, hearing aid, adding ramp and lift at health facilities. (b) Age and disability friendly Hospital initiative has been taken to ensure accessible health services.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Decade of Healthy Ageing**

25	Is the Government implementing any follow-up actions related to the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030), <sup>4</sup> such as a national action plan? ( <i>see also companion document</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 75/131 of 14 December 2020.

*please elaborate with data, as appropriate:*

#### IV. Ensuring enabling and supportive environments

**Instruction:** For the following questions, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan; (b) its time frame; (c) its main elements; and (d) its main achievements. Please elaborate and either link to or attach copies of relevant documents.

##### *Housing and living environment*

26	Has the Government undertaken any of the following measures with regard to the housing and living environment of older persons and their families? (SDG 11.2.1; SDG 11.7.1) <i>If yes, please answer 26.1 – 26.4</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 27</i> <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26.1	Promotion, safeguarding and ensuring the right to housing and shelter for older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>  *The name of the Policy: National Housing Policy 2016 According to the Policy, Necessary "old home " will be established in urban and rural areas to house elderly population those who do not have family and measures will be taken to incorporate local people and service organizations for its management. *Eight old homes in eight divisional cities of the country will be established under a project where 200 hundred old persons will be accommodated. The total cost of the project is 740 million. The estimated time to complete it is by June 2022. Besides, we have 85 institutions for children (Sorkari Shishu Paribar). There is a provision for 10 old persons to live with the children. At present, 37 old people are living (15 male, 22 female) in different institutions .  * ASHRAYAN Project--The ASHRAYAN Project has been initiated from the inclusive spirit of the Prime Minister's development ideas. Through this project various activities including employment, health-care, sanitation, education and vocational training have been added to housing. This project is working to alleviate the poverty of the landless and homeless families of Bangladesh by focusing on human resource development. It is a unique example of how a home can be a major tool for overall family well-being and social development . It aims to ensure housing for the landless and homeless people. According to the government policy, the benefits of freedom fighters, the elderly, widows and the disabled are considered with priority under the social benefit programs. In the first phase a total of 69,904 families were provided houses along with ownership rights. In the second phase more than 53000 families were provided houses in a similar fashion. The elderly persons are one of the top most prioritized beneficiaries	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	through this project.		
26.2	<p>Promotion of “ageing in place”, such as the promotion of affordable public housing with age-friendly and accessible housing design or multigenerational housing options (<i>see also companion document</i>) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The name of policy/programme: Bangladesh National Building Code, 2015 ( volume 1 of 3, Part 1-5, Part 3, Appendix-D, Universal Accessibility) (a) Lift for high rise building (6 storied and above) (b) high commode for bathroom (c) Smooth stair</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26.3	<p>Improved availability of accessible and affordable transportation to improve older persons’ mobility <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Policy Name: The National Integreted Multimodal Transport Policy, 2013 4.4: Women, the Elderly and Physically challenged and Transport To assist greater participation of women, the elderly and disabled in economic, social and cultural affairs, the policicies are for : - Greater emphasis on integreted transport including more accessible buses and better information. - Improving the quality of the pedestrians environment, e.g, making it easier for women, children, the elderly and the physically challenged to move. - Giving priority to mass transport projects while considering government investment project. - Use of ramps at railway stations and bus stop to aid access and facilitating water way transportation through some special arrangements. - Reservation of seats for elderly people, children and physically challenged people. -Ensuring more seats system of mass transports through improving security at stations.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26.4	<p>Universal design in public buildings, areas and transportation (<i>see also companion document</i>) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Caregiving**

27	<p>Has the Government undertaken measures to support formal and informal caregivers of older persons, including training programmes, accreditation and pay? (SDG 5.4.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Family support**

28	<p>Has the Government undertaken measures to support women and families who often take care of older persons? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Integration of older migrants**

<p>29</p>	<p>Has the Government implemented measures facilitating the integration of older migrants within their new communities, including:  <i>(SDG 10.7.2; SDG 10.7.4) (see also companion document)</i>  <i>If yes, please answer 29.1 – 29.3</i>  <i>If no, please proceed to 30</i>  <i>please elaborate with data as appropriate:</i>  <i>*The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare &amp; Overseas Employment (MoEWOW) has been working to formulate National Comprehensive Reintegration Policy with the collaboration of ILO and IOM.</i>  <i>**Under the Ministry MoEWOE, different organizations are running different programmes and projects for the integration of the migrants. As a result of these programmes older migrants are getting benefits.</i>  <i>(1) Probashi Kalyan Bank (PKB): The GoB established a specialized Bank named "Probashi Kalyan Bank(PKB)" in order to provide collateral free loans to migrant workers, provide loan facilities to returnees so that they can begin income generating activities, facilitate easier remittance transfers and encourage Bangladeshi Wage Earners abroad to invest in the country (Migration Governance indicators,2019).</i>  <i>(2) Soft Loan for Covid-19 affected Returnee Migrant Workers and their Family Members: To support the Corona-driven returnee migrants and the family members of the deceased migrants, the Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB) has allocated BDT 200 crore for collateral free soft loan at 4% interest. The funding is provided by the WEWB to PKB. The loan size is BDT 3,00,00 to 5,00,000 (Post-Pandemic Strategic Roadmap,2020).Till date,4412 returnee were provided BDT 114.23 crore under this scheme.</i>  <i>(3) Loan for Returnee Migrants: The GoB has allocated BDT 500 Crore (BDT5000 Million) to the PKB to provide loan among returnee migrants in easy and simple conditions at 9% interest for male workers and 7% interest for female workers.</i>  <i>(4) Cash Payment to Returnee Female Migrants: WEWB under the MoEWOE Government has taken initiatives to provide financial incentives to female returnee migrants through WEWB under the Ministry MoEWOE . On 31 March 2021 the honorable Minister of the MoEWOE has given cheque of BDT 20,000 each among 70 female returnee migrants.The Ministry's aim is to preliminary provide the cash incentives among 3,000 female returnees based on their needs (MoEWOE Note, 3 March 2021).</i>  <i>(5) Social Protection Program: Many of the returnee migrants are from the poorest segment of wealth index and returned empty handed. The MoEWOE worked with the Ministry of Disaster and Relief to include the Migrant workers under the social protection program as Target Group,so that they get immediate support (Post-Pandemic Strategic Roadmap for the Labour Migration Sector,2020).</i>  <i>(6) WEWB and WB project: The WEWB has formulated a project on" Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector employment ( RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants" for the reingretion of</i></p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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	<p><i>returnee migrant workers.</i></p> <p><i>(7)On Arrival Immediate Assistance at the Airport: During the lockdown from 29 April to 31 May 2020, the GoB extended cash support of BDT 5,000 per person among 5,974 returnee migrants at the airport. The total financial assistance is BDT 2 crore and 96 lakh.</i></p> <p><i>(8)Bring Back Migrant Workers during COVID-19 Pandemic: The Government has allocated immediate emergency fund for the protection of migrants who are in vulnerable situation during COVID-19 pandemics and has also taken necessary actions to bring back where demanded, without considering the status of the migrants (Bangladesh, UN Report).</i></p> <p><i>(8) Returnee Database: In order to adress the issues of the returnee migrants along with providing them supports, financial incentives and necessary training for sustainable response as well as immediate response, MoEWOW is actively working to enlist all returnee migrants through DEMOs. This database will be used to include migrant workers into appropriate services and program for their rehabilitation (Public Awareness Notice of MoAWOE).</i></p> <p><i>(9) Coordinated Activities through Inter Ministerial Meetings : Coordinated activities have been taken through inter ministerial meetings on issues related to the interests of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in tackling the COVID -19 global epidemic. Issues such as employment, security, healthcare, re-integretion, etc. of migrant workers are prevalent in the meetings. At these meetings, it was decided to take steps on integreted reintegretion activities including welfare of workers abroad, extention of visa, duration of destination countries, facilitation of return of workers and health check -up of migrant workers (Souvenir of MoEWOW, 2020).</i></p>		
29.1	<p>Older migrant workers returning to countries of origin after lifetimes of overseas employment</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:(1) Cash Payment to Members of Deceased Migrants : COVID-19 took away lives of many migrants in CoD and in Bangladesh. The government arranged one time cash payment of BDT 0.3 Million to family members of the deceased migrants (Post-Pandemic Strategic Road Map for the Labour Migration Sector, 2020). (2) For transportation and burial of dead body, BDT 35000 is paid. (3) After collecting the compensation and arears of salary &amp; others from foreign employer, the money distributes to the family.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
29.2	<p>Older persons returning home to rural areas after having spent their working life in urban areas</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29.3	<p>Refugees, internally displaced people or stateless persons</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p><i>-Porter Assistance is provided deliver food for Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Citizen(FDMN).</i></p> <p><i>-In the ist phase, GOB has provided two dozes COVID-19 vaccine for 36,943 FDMN aged after 55 years.</i></p> <p><i>-In case ofgiving Non Food Items (NFI) Mass Ageing and Extremely</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	Vulnerable Individuals(EVI) are preferred.		
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***Neglect, abuse and violence***

30	Has the Government:		
30.1	Addressed neglect, abuse and violence against older persons? (SDG 5.2.1; SDG 5.2.2; SDG 11.7.2; SDG 16.1.3; SDG 16.1.4) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The Parental care Act,2013	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
30.2	Put in place any services for victims of elder abuse, neglect and violence, including training of care and social service professionals, family members and older persons? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

***Public recognition and ageing with dignity***

31	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? (SDG 10.3.1; SDG 16.7.1; SDG 17.18.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> • We observe International Day of Older Persons on 01 October to enhance public recognition and contribution to the society. It also create public awareness. • As per the provision of rule 8(1) of national policy on older persons 2013, Honourable President has declared age 60 and above years persons as "Senior Citizen" .	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
32	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? ( <i>see also companion document</i> ) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> • Adopted of National Policy on Older Persons in 2013: to execute the policy, a plan of action was also accepted by the government thrusting mainly on health, transportation and accommodation. • Parental Care Act has been formulated in 2013 to preserve the right of older persons. • The rules of this act has been drafted. We are trying to finalize it. • A draft to ratify Older Persons Development Foundation has been formulated and near to finalize. *OAA (Old Age Allowance) has been proposed from BDT. 500 to BDT.3000 to more than .2 million older persons aged 90+ .	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Has the Government undertaken measures to recognize and support exercise of legal capacity of older persons, such as supported decision-making? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

***Information, innovation and technology***

34	Has the Government put in place mechanisms to improve the	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>availability and accessibility of information specifically for older persons? (SDG 9.c.1)  <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p>In 2021, as per instructions of the Prime Minister's Office, Department of ICT under ICT Division has developed Covid-19 vaccine management system "Surokkha" and its mobile application where the primary stakeholder is Directorate General of Health Services. This system is used to implement the overall management of vaccination activities including citizen registration, issuing vaccination card, schedule management, vaccination as well as providing Smart Vaccination certification. More than 4 crore people have registered in this system. Among them more than 73 lakh people were 60 years of age or older. Nearly 50 lakh of these older people have already completed the 1st dose of the vaccine and almost 24 lakh people have completed the 2nd dose.</p> <p>In 2020, during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Department of ICT under ICT Division has designed and developed Central Aid Management System (CAMS) as per instructions of the Prime Minister's Office and in collaboration with Ministry of Public Administration and Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, to provide financial help to 50 lakh poor families impacted by the Covid-19 crisis under social safety-net program. Already 35 lakh poor families have received the relief through this system where a lot of people were more than age of 60. Our honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated this initiative on May 14, 2020. CAMS can assist all beneficiaries including older people under the humanitarian aid/social security program for ensuring speed, transparency, accountability and effective coordination of these activities.</p>		
35	<p>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?  <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p>In 2021, as per instructions of the Prime Minister's Office, Department of ICT under ICT Division has developed Covid-19 vaccine management system "Surokkha" and its mobile application where the primary stakeholder is Directorate General of Health Services. This system is used to implement the overall management of vaccination activities including citizen registration, issuing vaccination card, schedule management, vaccination as well as providing Smart Vaccination certification. More than 4 crore people have registered in this system. Among them more than 73 lakh people were 60 years of age or older. Nearly 50 lakh of these older people have already completed the 1st dose of the vaccine and almost 24 lakh people have completed the 2nd dose.</p> <p>In 2020, during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Department of ICT under ICT Division has designed and developed Central Aid</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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### V. Data

**Instruction:** For the following questions, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan; (b) its time frame; (c) its main elements; and (d) its main achievements. Please elaborate and either link or attach copies of relevant documents.

#### *Lack of ageing-related data and research*

36	<p>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? (<i>SDG 17.18.1; SDG 17.18.2; SDG 17.18.3; SDG 17.19.1; SDG 17.19.2</i>)  <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>                  We have a database of 4.9million Older Persons who have received Older Age Allowances (OAA) in the last financial years.                  We have potential database of the rest Older Persons who will be receiving OAA this years.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37	<p>Has the Government undertaken any efforts in data collection activities, including at the national and subnational levels, to disaggregate data by age and sex, with age groups disaggregated beyond 50+ or 60+(e.g., Household Social and Economic Survey, National Transfer Accounts)? (<i>see also companion document</i>)  <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>                  -Bangladesh Household Income and Expenditure Survey,2016-2017                  -Labour Force Survey 2017                  -A compendium of Social Protection researches                  -Programme brief: Old Age allowance                  -Improving the Administration of Civil Service Pension                  It is to be noted that in our next census, we have prioritized</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	that data with Age, Sex and Disability should be collected properly. In this reason, a series of meeting have been conducted already.		
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### National surveys

38	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 a National Survey on Older Persons, or DHS, since 2017? If so, please provide: (a) the name of the survey; (b) its focus; (c) the name(s) of the responsible ministries, agencies and institutions; and (d) relevant links. <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39	Is there any longitudinal data on older persons collected with a focus on their health, and social and economic situation? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Titchfield Group<sup>5</sup>

40	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? ( <i>see also companion document</i> ) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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## VI. COVID-19 and older persons

**Instruction:** For the following questions, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan; (b) its time frame; (c) its main elements; and (d) its main achievements. Please elaborate and either link to or attach copies of relevant documents.

### Effects of COVID-19 on older persons

41	Were hospitalizations and death rates among older persons in 2020 and 2021 higher than for the general population, or as compared with previous long-term observations? ( <i>please provide age and sex disaggregated statistics and their sources</i> ) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
42	Have older persons been affected socially and economically? How? (please provide any statistical evidence disaggregated by age and sex) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>5</sup> The creation of the Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age-disaggregated statistics was mandated by United Nations Statistical Commission resolution 49/118 in 2018 to contribute to identifying gaps and establishing international standards and methods for the compilation of statistics and data on the major of dimensions related to ageing and age-disaggregated data across the life course. For further information, see <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/Report-on-the-49th-session-E.pdf>

**Government response to COVID-19**

43	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: (SDG 3.b.1) <i>If yes, please answer 43.1 – 43.5</i> <i>If no, please proceed to 44</i> <i>Please elaborate with data as appropriate:</i> <i>BCC and IEC materials have been developed and distributed for awareness.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
43.1	Access to health-care services (both usual services and COVID-19 tests) <i>please indicate when the measure was put in place and elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> BCC and IEC materials have been developed and distributed for awareness.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
43.2	Protection of older persons' higher vulnerabilities to COVID-19 (e.g., isolating nursing homes, home delivery of medicine or food, etc.) <i>please indicate when the measure was put in place and elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
43.3	Economic conditions (e.g., employment, income maintenance, immediate assistance) <i>please indicate when the measure was put in place and elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> To assist the older persons in this COVID-19 situation hundred percent OAA program has been taken in 212 Upazilla in te last financial year to help the older persons in this COVID-19 situation. This year more 150 upazilla have been included in this financial year.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
43.4	Social situation (e.g., loneliness, social isolation, stress)? <i>please indicate when the measure was put in place and elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43.5	Prioritized access to COVID-19 vaccines <i>please indicate when the measure was put in place and elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Elder persons are the priority of COVID-19 vaccines. now the people aged 60 plus are prioritised for booster dose.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Good practices/lessons learned in Government response to COVID-19**

44	Are there any good practices and lessons learned from the above-mentioned policies and/or measures, including expanding participation of older persons? <i>Please give examples:</i> No specific information available	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Coordination of services for COVID-19 response**

45	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? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Through online service	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Long-term measures**



46	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? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate: Mass media campaign, use of social media.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**VII. Other issues**

47. How has the Government designed and/or implemented measures for the pre-ageing population (future older persons) in the following aspects: (a) work; (b) income security; (c) health; and (d) participation. (*open-ended question; please limit response to 750 words*).
  
48. 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 MIPAA in 2002? Are there any lessons learned or good practices you would like to share? (*open-ended question; please limit response to 750 words*).
  
49. Is the Government engaged in any regional cooperation on matters related to “population ageing”, including the sharing of experiences in the implementation of MIPAA among ESCAP member States and/or engagement with ASEAN (where applicable) on the implementation of the 2015 Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Ageing (*open-ended question; please limit response to 750 words*).

THANK YOU!

