



**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](#))¹ 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.² It is structured according to the MIPAA priority directions, issues and objectives.³ 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 directions and objectives. The following guidelines are intended to assist member States in reporting on the national follow-up to MIPAA:

¹ 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.

² In December 2020, ESCAP requested member States to nominate ageing focal points.

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

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 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 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 Japan	
Ministry/Office/Agency ██████████ ██████████	
Name contact persons (First and Last) ██████████	Title/Position ██████████
Name of ageing focal point (First and Last)	
Email ██████████	Telephone
Mailing address	

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: The "whole-of-government" approach was used.

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> The Committee on Ageing Society		
1.2	Year of establishment: <i>please elaborate:</i> 1995		
1.3	Level (ministerial or other): <i>please elaborate:</i> Ministerial		
1.4	Functions: <i>please elaborate:</i> Coordination of measures outlined in the Basic Act on Measures for the Aging Society among different government agencies, as well as preparation and implementation of a plan for the country's ageing society.		
1.5	Contact information, including mailing address, telephone/fax, email and website link: <i>please elaborate:</i>		

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> Older persons is defined as 55 or older under the "Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons", while it is defined as 65 or older under the "Act on Assurance of Medical Care for Elderly People". In the Census, it is also defined as 65 or older (Definitions vary by the purpose and the intent.)
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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 allocated to implement. <i>but if "no", please elaborate also:</i> (a) The Guideline of Measures for Ageing Society (b) The basic objective of measures for the ageing society is to create a society as described in the following items according to Article 2 of the Basic Law on Measures for the Ageing Society:		

1) A fair and energetic society where people can be ensured that they have the opportunity of participating in diverse social activities or working throughout their lives.

2) A society where people are respected as important members throughout their lives where local communities are formed based on the spirit of independence and solidarity.

3) An affluent society where people can live peacefully and with fulfillment throughout their lives.

(c) We carry out follow-up of The Guideline of Measures for Ageing Society.

(d) Cabinet Office

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 allocated to implement. but if “no”, please elaborate also:

【 1 】

(a) The Act on revision of National Pension Act, Employees’ Pension Insurance Act, etc., 2020

(b) In response to various social changes, the act strengthened the financial security of the elderly by

- expanding the coverage of Employees’ Pension Insurance to more part-time workers
- facilitating the combination of work and pensions
- increasing the maximum age of pension deferral, from 70 to 75.

(c) Yet fully enforced.

【 2 】

(a) The Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons (1971) and Basic Policy for Measures for the Stabilization of Employment for Elderly Persons, etc. (2020) has been enacted, in accordance with these acts and policies, the government has implemented measures to secure employment in enterprises, promote re-employment, and secure diversity of job opportunities in local communities, etc.

(b) The purpose of this Act is to promote the welfare including stabilization of employment of Elderly Persons, etc. while contributing to the development of the economy and society, by taking comprehensive measures that are designed to facilitate the secure employment of Elderly Persons, such as raising the mandatory retirement age and introducing a system of continuous employment, to facilitate the re-employment of Elderly Persons, etc. and to secure employment opportunities for persons who have mandatorily retired and other elderly retirees.

(c) The employment rate of people aged 60-64: 71.0%, aged 65-69: 49.6%, aged 70 and over: 17.7% (2020)

(d) Budget for 2021: Supplementary Budget 6.9 billion yen, Initial Budget 29.6 billion yen (For promotion of employment and social participation of the elderly)

【 3 】

(a) The Act on Social Welfare for the Elderly (1963)

(b) The purpose of this Act is to implement measures for elderly persons as may be necessary for the maintenance of their physical and mental health and for the stabilization of their livelihoods, and thereby to promote the welfare of the elderly, and it stipulates the welfare facilities for the elderly and the welfare plans for the elderly established by local governments.

(c) Contributes to securing the supply system of welfare services for the elderly according to the actual conditions of each municipality, including the development of welfare facilities for the elderly.

【 4 】

(a) The Long-Term Care Insurance Act (1997)

(b) Provides for matters related to the long-term care insurance system so that persons requiring long-term care, etc. can maintain their dignity and lead independent daily lives according to their abilities.

(c) The number of users of the long-term care insurance system has tripled since the system was first established, and the system has become established as a system that supports the lives of the elderly and their families.

(d) The cost of long-term care benefits is 11.9 trillion yen on a FY2021 budget basis, of which 50% is covered by insurance premiums collected from the insured and the remaining 50% by public funds from the national and local governments.

【 5 】

(a) The Act on the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Support for Caregivers of Elderly Persons (2005)

(b) The purpose of this Act is to promote measures for the prevention of elder abuse and support for caregivers, and to contribute to the protection of the rights and interests of the elderly, by establishing the responsibilities of the government, etc. for the prevention of elder abuse, etc., measures for the protection of elderly persons who have suffered elder abuse, and measures for support for caregivers to help prevent elder abuse by caregivers (hereinafter referred to as "support for caregivers"), including measures to reduce the burden on caregivers, in view of the seriousness of elder abuse and the extreme importance of preventing elder abuse in preserving the dignity of the elderly.

(c) Prevention of elder abuse, promotion of measures related to support for caregivers, and protection of the rights and interests of the elderly.

(d) Implementation by the government (municipalities, prefectures, and the national government).

【 6 】

(a) The Act on the Promotion of Research, Development and Dissemination of Social Welfare Equipment (1993)

(b) Defines welfare equipment to be used by the elderly or mentally or physically handicapped, and stipulates that persons engaged in the business of selling or leasing such equipment should endeavor to ensure that the elderly can use welfare equipment in a hygienic and appropriate manner.

(c) The matters that persons engaged in the business of selling or leasing welfare equipment should strive for are stipulated again in the In-Home Service Operation Standards, and in the provision of welfare equipment leasing, it is stipulated that the functions, safety, hygiene, etc. of welfare equipment to be leased should be inspected, and that welfare equipment should be adjusted according to the physical conditions, etc. of the users. In the provision of welfare equipment rental, the functions, safety, hygiene, etc. of the welfare equipment to be loaned are inspected, and the welfare equipment is adjusted according to the physical conditions of the users, etc., and services are provided in accordance with this.

	<p>(d) The long-term care fees received by welfare equipment lending offices are used as a financial source, and at least two welfare equipment specialist counselors are assigned to each office.</p> <p>【 7 】</p> <p>(a) The Act on Assurance of Medical Care for Elderly People (1982)</p> <p>(b) It stipulates the medical care system for the elderly in the later stage of life, which is a public medical insurance system for the elderly aged 75 years and over, etc.</p> <p>(c) Appropriate medical benefits for the elderly in the later stage of life, etc.</p> <p>(d) Paperwork is handled by the municipalities and the wide-area federation for late-stage medical care for the elderly in which the municipalities are members.</p>		
3.1.1	<p>Have gender and disability concerns of older persons been explicitly addressed in the legislation, policy and/or action plan?</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i></p> <p>The Government will promote initiatives based on “The Japan’s Plan for Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens” (decided by the Cabinet on June 2, 2016) with a view to realizing a society where all people participate actively in the society, including both women and men, older people and young people, people who have failed once in their life, and people with disabilities and intractable diseases, in their households, in workplaces, in communities, and in all places, by stopping the declining birthrate and ageing population.</p> <p>The Act on the Promotion of Research, Development and Dissemination of Social Welfare Equipment stipulates not only the elderly but also the physically and mentally disabled as users of welfare equipment.</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?</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i> The Basic Law on Measures for the Ageing Society(Law No.129,1995) Article 8. (Annual Reports)</p> <p>1. The government shall submit a report annually to the National Diet concerning the state of the aging society and the implementation of measures for the aging society adopted by the government.</p> <p>2. The government shall prepare and submit to the National Diet annually a document which clearly describes the measures that will be adopted to take account of the state of the aging society as described in the report of the preceding paragraph.</p> <p>Under the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons, each company is required to report to the government on the employment status of elderly persons as of June 1 every year (Report on Employment Status of the Elderly).</p> <p>In addition, Independent administrative agencies conduct surveys and research on the actual situation of employment of elderly persons.</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?</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	<p><i>please elaborate:</i> At the Committee on Ageing Society held on June 9, 2017, it was decided to prepare a new draft of the Guideline of Measures for Ageing Society. Based on this decision, the Cabinet Office held a "Study Group on Basic Measures for Aging Society". In addition to scholars, senior citizens also participate in the committee members.</p> <p>The Report on Employment Status of the Elderly is made by the reports from employers. In addition, some surveys and research are conducted on elderly persons.</p>		
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)</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i> Same as 3.1.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers' representatives are included as members of the Labour Policy Council, which advises on the formulation of policy. 【安定】 • The Long-Term Care Insurance Subcommittee has been established in the Social Security Council to discuss issues related to the long-term care insurance system and measures to address them. 	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?</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i> Same as 3.1.3</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.6	<p>Does the Government offer opportunities for intergenerational contact and exchange?</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i> Same as 3.1.3</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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?</p> <p><i>please elaborate:</i> Utilizing advanced technology to improve the quality of life does not only enrich the life of older people, but also generate demand for and consumption of new technologies and create a virtuous circle of technology utilization. The relationship between the ageing society and technological innovation has a positive effect on each other.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> <p><i>please elaborate:</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Challenges to legislation/policies

4	<p>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]</p>			
<i>Challenge</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.4 Lack of overall political support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.5 Lack of cross-ministerial coordination on population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.6 Lack of international support and cooperation on population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.7 Lack of public awareness and understanding of population ageing issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>				

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> We don't prioritize any issues listed MIPAA.
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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? (<i>SDG 5.b.1; SDG 11.3.2; SDG 17.8.1</i>) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has the Government taken measures to facilitate older persons' participation in physical activity? (<i>see also companion document</i>) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Do older persons' organizations exist in your country? How many are active and what types of organizations are these? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> About 41 groups, including business organizations and user groups, are active.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Does the Government provide any financial, technical or policy support to these organizations? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The government has been providing technical and policy support by issuing administrative notices and other documents outlining the government's approach.	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) The government has been providing technical and policy support by issuing administrative notices and other documents outlining the government's approach.</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p><i>Under the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons,</i></p> <p><i>(1) If an employer fixes the mandatory retirement age of workers employed by said employer, the mandatory retirement age must not be below 60,</i></p> <p><i>(2) If an employer fixes the mandatory retirement age (limited to under the age of 65), the employer must take measures for securing employment until age 65,</i></p> <p><i>(3) If an employer fixes the mandatory retirement age (limited to between age 65 to 69) or introduced continued employment system (limited to under the age of 70), the employer is to endeavor to take measures for promoting working opportunities until age 70.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the government promotes re-employment support of retired elderly persons, etc.</i></p>	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><i>Under the Act on Stabilization of Employment of Elderly Persons, if an employer fixes the mandatory retirement age of workers employed by said employer, the mandatory retirement age must not be below 60.</i></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> <p><i>The subsidy systems has been established for companies that raise the mandatory retirement age to 65 or older, or take measures for securing employment until age 66 or older.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> <p><i>Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities and Job Seekers (JEED) established "Human Resources Development Center on Productivity Improvement" (87 locations nationwide) and has implemented productivity improvement training for SMEs workers.</i></p> <p><i>From FY 2020 JEED has implemented training courses for middle and senior aged SMEs workers which aim to formulate their careers or to develop coaching method of instructing junior workers utilizing their working experiences. 2882 persons participated in the courses in FY 2020.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.4	<p>Does the Government recognize the benefits of increased work experience with age in the labour market?</p> <p><i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i></p> <p><i>The Basic Policy for Measures for the Stabilization of Employment for Elderly Persons, etc. states that companies is to endeavor to promote the placement and treatment of elderly persons in positions that enable them to utilize their knowledge, experience, etc. by developing systems for</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	<i>evaluating their vocational abilities, qualification systems, and professional systems, etc.</i>		
10.5	Has the Government implemented any measures to better utilize older persons' work experience? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> The Basic Policy for Measures for the Stabilization of Employment for Elderly Persons, etc. states that companies is to endeavor to promote the placement and treatment of elderly persons in positions that enable them to utilize their knowledge, experience, etc. by developing systems for evaluating their vocational abilities, qualification systems, and professional systems, etc.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> In accordance with the Basic Policy for Measures for the Stabilization of Employment for Elderly Persons, etc., the government provides support (consultation and assistance) to employers who provide opportunities for a longer working life, such as raising the mandatory retirement age.	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> The Basic Policy for Measures for the Stabilization of Employment for Elderly Persons, etc. calls on employers not to exclude elderly persons from the workplace solely on the basis of their age, even though there are no reasonable grounds for doing so.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.6	Has the Government undertaken measures to close gender pay or pension gaps? <gender pay gaps> <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> In order to correct the fixed division of roles between men and women, differences in the ratio of management positions and years of service, which are the causes of the gender pay gaps, we are taking measures such as the enforcement of the revised Law for the Promotion of Women's Activities, which includes the expansion of the scope of the obligation to formulate an action plan for general employers to recruit and promote women, and the strengthening of information disclosure to promote the continuous activities of women. <gender pension gaps> In 2020, the Japanese government decided to expand the mandatory coverage of Employees' Pension Insurance to more part-time workers, which would expect to increase the future amount of pension benefits for women part-time workers.	Yes <input checked="" 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 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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	remote areas, and (b) urban areas, including slums? (SDG 9.1.1; SDG 11.1.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>		
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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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12.2	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Income security, social protection (intergenerational)

13	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>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.1	Social protection floor for the total population, including older persons (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> • The Japanese government have already achieved universal pension and health coverage. In 2020, the Japanese government decided to expand the mandatory coverage of Employees' Pension Insurance to more part-time workers, which would expect to increase the future amount of pension benefits for part-time workers. • The Government of Japan implements Public Assistance System to provide protection necessary to assure minimum living standards, and to promote financial independence in accordance to the degree of necessity.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.2	Old age contributory pensions schemes (universal coverage, or for specific professional groups) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> We already have a National Pension (contribution-based basic pension, all citizens aged from 20 to 59 are covered). N/A(2018-2022)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.3	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> N/A(2018-2022)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.4	Specific pension schemes for the informal sector <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> N/A(2018-2022)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.5	Other income-support schemes that specifically benefit older persons	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	<i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Since 2019, pensioners with low income are able to receive additional benefits (non-contributory).		
13.6	Income-support schemes focused on older women <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.7	Financial inclusion or financial literacy of older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input 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 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> Since 2019, pensioners with low income are able to receive additional benefits (non-contributory).	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:</i>	Yes <input 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:</i>	Yes <input 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> <i>Our national disaster risk reduction strategy, the Basic Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction gives consideration to aged people on all aspects from the basic principle of disaster risk reduction, public relations in normal time, at drills, preparation of the evacuation system, countermeasures against the situation just before a disaster, the evacuation place and shelter, to the recovery and restoration of the town.</i> <i>For example, in Part 2 ‘Common Countermeasures against Disasters’, Chapter 1 ‘Disaster Prevention’, Section 6, it is written ‘Based on the progress of aging society, it is necessary to enhance and strengthen measures to support evacuation for those who help aged people in evacuating.’, and it describes the policy taking into consideration the fact that aged people need longer time to evacuate.:</i>	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15.4	Are older persons recognized as having a role in mitigating climate change? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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	Has the Government developed policies or programmes to promote health and well-being throughout life, including active and healthy ageing? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> (a) Health Japan 21 (the second term) (b) 2013-2023 (c) Extension of healthy life expectancy (d) The results are under final evaluation. Link to the main body of the English version [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/file/06-Seisakujouhou-10900000-Kenkoukyoku/0000047330.pdf]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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>	Yes <input 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> (a) Guidelines on nutritional management for meal delivery services to promote health support for local elderly people (b) From 2017 (c) Health support for local elderly people (d) Promoting health support for local elderly people through meal delivery opportunities. Guidelines (Japanese version only) [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/file/06-Seisakujouhou-10900000-Kenkoukyoku/guideline_3.pdf]	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> (a) Health Japan 21 (the second term) (b) 2013-2023 (c) Extension of healthy life expectancy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	(d) The results are under final evaluation. Link to the main body of the English version [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/file/06-Seisakujouhou-10900000-Kenkoukyoku/0000047330.pdf]		
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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>	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, therapeutic measures and medical devices for older persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> (a) Universal Health Insurance Coverage System (b) 1961 – (c) Covering all citizens including elderly people by public medical insurance	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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> universal coverage (a) population coverage: 100% (Health at a Glance 2021) (b) benefit coverage: No data (c) financial coverage: 85% (2018) (It provides coverage for the entire medical insurance system.)	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 type="checkbox"/>
18.4	Digital technology to promote inclusive health-care services <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input 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> Long-term care insurance system: Long-Term Care Insurance provides necessary insurance benefits for a Condition of Need for Long-Term Care or for a Needed Support Condition of the insured person.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> The Long-Term Care Insurance Act stipulates that the benefits must be provided with careful attention to cooperation with medical care, and that the benefits must be provided in consideration of the appropriate health and	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

	medical services and public aid services that are offered by diverse providers and facilities comprehensively and effectively, according to the physical and mental conditions of the insured person, said person's environment, etc., and based on the preferences of the insured person.		
19.3	Health insurance schemes that cover long-term care costs <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Long-term care insurance premiums for insured persons between the ages of 40 and 65 will be collected by the medical insurer together with the medical insurance premiums.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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 type="checkbox"/>
19.5	Geriatric and gerontological planning and training for health and social care providers <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i> Training curriculums to obtain the qualification of Certified Careworkers (Kaigofukushishi) include learning gerontological knowledge(aging, neurocognitive disorder, etc.).	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 type="checkbox"/>
19.7	Any other measures (please name them)? <i>Please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> • In order to build a system that enables related organizations to collaborate and provide home medical care and long-term care in an integrated manner through multidisciplinary cooperation, municipalities are required to implement "home medical care and long-term care coordination promotion projects" in community support projects. • Medical care system for the elderly in the later stage of life	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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> To ensure that appropriate long-term care services are provided to users, standards are established for each service by law.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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 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> The "Medical Center for Dementia Diseases" provides differential diagnosis and medical consultation for dementia diseases, builds a system for providing medical care for dementia in the community, and provides post-diagnosis support to reduce anxiety about the future life of the patient and his/her family.	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>	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), ⁴ such as a national action plan? (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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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 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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26.2	Promotion of “ageing in place”, such as the promotion of affordable public housing with age-friendly and accessible housing design or multigenerational housing options (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26.3	Improved availability of accessible and affordable transportation to improve older persons’ mobility <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

⁴ General Assembly resolution 75/131 of 14 December 2020.

26.4	Universal design in public buildings, areas and transportation (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Caregiving

27	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> Each prefecture provides training for caregivers with the aim of enabling those involved in long-term care to perform basic long-term care tasks. In addition, some municipalities support training for family caregivers and other caregivers through community support projects, but the response varies from municipality to municipality. As it is necessary to improve the treatment of care workers in order to secure human resources for them, efforts to improve the treatment of care workers have been implemented in the past.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Family support

28	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Integration of older migrants

29	Has the Government implemented measures facilitating the integration of older migrants within their new communities, including: (SDG 10.7.2; SDG 10.7.4) (see also companion document) <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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
29.1	Older migrant workers returning to countries of origin after lifetimes of overseas employment <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
29.2	Older persons returning home to rural areas after having spent their working life in urban areas <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
29.3	Refugees, internally displaced people or stateless persons <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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>	Yes <input 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>	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>	Yes <input 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? (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/>

Information, innovation and technology

34	Has the Government put in place mechanisms to improve the availability and accessibility of information specifically for older persons? (SDG 9.c.1) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
35	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> The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications is providing support to those who conduct research and development of communications and broadcasting technologies to develop communication and broadcasting services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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	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? (SDG 17.18.1; SDG 17.18.2; SDG 17.18.3; SDG 17.19.1; SDG 17.19.2) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
37	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)? (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 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> Longitudinal Survey of Middle-aged and Elderly Persons Please refer to the following link for the data. (only Japanese) https://www.mhlw.go.jp/toukei/saikin/hw/judan/chukou21/	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Titchfield Group⁵

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? (see also companion document) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	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? (please provide age and sex disaggregated statistics and their sources) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate:</i>	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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⁵ 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>

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>	Yes <input 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>	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>	Yes <input 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 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> The elderly are given priority for the first vaccination, and the additional vaccinations are given earlier as the vaccination interval.	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>	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> For establishments and other facilities that provide long-term care services where an outbreak of infected persons has occurred, support is provided to cover the costs of emergency hiring of long-term care personnel and disinfection and other measures, as well as support for thorough countermeasures against infectious diseases at establishments and other facilities that provide long-term care services and provision of benefits to long-term care staff.	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:</i>	Yes <input 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*).

None

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!

SAMPLE RESPONSE

I. Older persons and development

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

Education, training

12	<p>Has the Government supported older persons' access to knowledge, education and training? (SDG 4.3.1; SDG 4.4.1; SDG 4.6.1)</p> <p><i>In 2012, the Government of XX adopted the Older Persons' Decree which established that older persons have a right to lifelong learning (see: www.xxx.gov). The 3rd National Plan on Older Persons (2012–2020) requested that the Ministry of Education, through public universities and schools, offers free continuing education programmes for persons, 60 years or older. Older women and persons with disabilities will be given priority if demand for such programmes is greater than supply ...</i></p> <p><i>For SDG 4.3.1, the latest data from the National Statistical Office show that as of 2020 (June), 85 per cent of youth (15-24 years) at the national level were in formal education in the previous 12 months (see: www.xxx.gov)</i></p> <p><i>For SDG 4.4.1, country XX has not collected any data; however, it has included a question on this in its 2022 population and housing census.</i></p> <p><i>As of May 2021, according to the Ministry of Education (2019–2020 Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, see: www.mineducation.gov), 5 out of 20 public universities offer tuition-free continuing education programmes (3-months during the summer and fall semesters) to older persons. About 250 persons 60 years or older are enrolled in such programmes and are taking courses in architecture, literature and business administration. About 75 per cent of the “older students” are women.</i></p> <p><i>Since 2015, the City of XX and the City of YY in Country AA, have partnered with the City of ZZ in Country BB and are offering an exchange programme for older persons studying at their local universities. Since its inception in October 2015, 66 older persons have participated in the exchange programme and older persons of both countries have praised the exchange programme highly. The City of XX is exploring to expand the exchange programme to other countries and intends to make the programme intergenerational, something participates favoured.</i></p> <p>...</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference is made to legislative mandates, with links to websites.			
Policies, programmes focusing on women or persons with disabilities are highlighted.			
Make specific reference to data on SDG indicators; where data are lacking, highlight this as well and indicate what has been done to address the lack of data			
Concrete evidence is listed, including with reference to the source of the data.			
Examples of good practice and lessons learned are listed. Qualitative and quantitative evidence is combined.			
a	Does the Government pursue a life-course approach to knowledge, education, training and work, such as lifelong learning opportunities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
b	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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Annex: Priority directions, issues and objectives of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing⁶

Priority Direction	Issue	Objective	
Older persons and development	1. Active participation in society and development	1. Recognition of the social, cultural, economic and political contribution of older persons	
		2. Participation of older persons in decision-making processes at all levels	
	2. Work and the ageing labour force	1. Employment opportunities for all older persons who want to work	
		3. Rural development, migration and urbanization	1. Improvement of living conditions and infrastructure in rural areas
			2. Alleviation of the marginalization of older persons in rural areas
	4. Access to knowledge, education and training	3. Integration of older migrants within their new communities	
		1. Equality of opportunity throughout life with respect to continuing education, training and retraining as well as vocational guidance and placement services	
	5. Intergenerational solidarity	2. Full utilization of the potential and expertise of persons of all ages, recognizing the benefits of increased experience with age	
		1. Strengthening of solidarity through equity and reciprocity between generations	
	6. Eradication of poverty	1. Reduction of poverty among older persons	
7. Income security, social protection/social security and poverty prevention	1. Promotion of programmes to enable all workers to acquire basic social protection/social security, including, where applicable, pensions, disability insurance and health benefits		
	2. Sufficient minimum income for all persons, paying particular attention to socially and economically disadvantaged groups		
8. Emergency situations	1. Equal access by older persons to food, shelter and medical care and other services during and after natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies		
	2. Enhanced contributions of older persons to the re-establishment and reconstruction of communities and the rebuilding of the social fabric following emergencies		
Advancing health and well-being into old age	1. Health promotion and well-being throughout life	1. Reduction of the cumulative effects of factors that increase the risk of disease and consequently potential dependence in older age	
		2. Development of policies to prevent ill health among older persons	
		3. Access to food and adequate nutrition for all older persons	
	2. Universal and equal access to health-care services	1. Elimination of social and economic inequalities based on old age or any other ground, including linguistic barriers, to ensure that older persons have universal and equal access to health care	
2. Development and strengthening of primary health-care services to meet the needs of older persons and promote their inclusion in the process			

⁶ 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.

		3. Development of a continuum of health care to meet the needs of older persons
		4. Involvement of older persons in the development and strengthening of primary and long-term care services
	3. Older persons and HIV/AIDS ⁷	1. Improvement in the assessment of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health of older persons, both for those who are infected and for those who are caregivers for infected or surviving family members
		2. Provision of adequate information, training in caregiving skills, treatment, medical care and social support to older persons living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers
		3. Enhancement and recognition of the contribution of older persons to development in their role as caregivers for children with chronic diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and as surrogate parents
	4. Training of care providers and health professionals	1. Provision of improved information and training for health professionals and paraprofessionals on the needs of older persons
	5. Mental health needs of older persons	1. Development of comprehensive mental health-care services ranging from prevention to early intervention, the provision of treatment services and the management of mental health problems in older persons
	6. Older persons with disabilities	1. Maintenance of maximum functional capacity through the life course and promotion of the full participation of older persons with disabilities
Ensuring enabling and supportive environments	1. Housing and the living environment	1. Promotion of “ageing in place” in the community with due regard to individual preferences and affordable housing options for older persons
		2. Improvement in housing and environmental design to promote independent living by taking into account the needs of older persons, in particular those with disabilities
		3. Improved availability of accessible and affordable transportation for older persons
	2. Care and support for caregivers	1. Provision of a continuum of care and services for older persons from various sources and support for caregivers
		2. Support the caregiving of older persons, particularly older women
	3. Neglect, abuse and violence	1. Elimination of all forms of neglect, abuse and violence of older
		2. Creation of support services to address elder abuse
	4. Images of ageing	1. Enhancement of public recognition of the authority, wisdom, productivity and other important contributions of older persons

⁷ This issue has not been addressed in the survey.