



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

<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.

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	
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*

### 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Name of the coordinating body/committee/agency/national multi-stakeholder forum: <i>please elaborate</i>		
1.2	Year of establishment: <i>please elaborate</i>		
1.3	Level (ministerial or other): <i>please elaborate</i>		
1.4	Functions: <i>please elaborate</i>		
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>
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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 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>		
3.1.1	Have gender and disability concerns of older persons been explicitly addressed in the legislation, policy and/or action plan? <i>please elaborate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.2	Is there a monitoring framework for the implementation of the legislation, policy and/or action plan? <i>please elaborate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.3	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.4	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

3.1.5	Does the Government foster work and volunteering of younger and older persons in intergenerational settings? <i>please elaborate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.6	Does the Government offer opportunities for intergenerational contact and exchange? <i>please elaborate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.7	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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.2	If “no”, are there any efforts towards the development and adoption of such a legislation, policy and/or action plan? <i>please elaborate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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]
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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.2 Lack of financial resources dedicated to population ageing issues	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	
4.4 Lack of overall political support	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	
4.6 Lack of international support and cooperation on population ageing issues	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	
4.8 A bottom-up approach to population ageing not followed (e.g., involvement of older persons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.9 Misconceptions and stereotypes about population ageing and older persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>
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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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

### Work

10	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? ( <i>SDG 8.5.1; SDG 8.5.2</i> ) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.1	Has the Government instituted a statutory retirement age? If "yes", what is it (women/men)? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.2	Does the Government provide incentives for longer working life opportunities and more flexible retirement choices? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.3	Does the Government provide work-related training and learning opportunities for older workers? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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>	Yes <input 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 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>	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/>
10.6	Has the Government undertaken measures to close gender pay or pension gaps? <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</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 type="checkbox"/>
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**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>	Yes <input 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>	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 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13.4	Specific pension schemes for the informal sector <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
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**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>	Yes <input 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>	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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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 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 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>	Yes <input 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 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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 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> ) <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"/>
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<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 75/131 of 14 December 2020.

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

### Caregiving

27	Has the Government undertaken measures to support formal and informal caregivers of older persons, including training programmes, accreditation and pay? ( <i>SDG 5.4.1</i> ) <i>please elaborate with data, as appropriate</i>	Yes <input 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: ( <i>SDG 10.7.2; SDG 10.7.4</i> ) ( <i>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>	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? ( <i>SDG 5.2.1; SDG 5.2.2; SDG 11.7.2; SDG 16.1.3; SDG 16.1.4</i> ) <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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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? (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 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>	Yes <input 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>

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>	Yes <input 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>	Yes <input 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*).
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 <b>Older Persons' Decree</b> which established that older persons have a right to lifelong learning (see: <a href="http://www.xxx.gov">www.xxx.gov</a>). The <b>3<sup>rd</sup> National Plan on Older Persons</b> (2012–2020) requested that the Ministry of Education, through public universities and schools, offers free continuing education programmes for persons, 60 years or older. <b>Older women and persons with disabilities</b> 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: <a href="http://www.xxx.gov">www.xxx.gov</a>)</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 <b>Ministry of Education (2019–2020 Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, see: <a href="http://www.mineducation.gov">www.mineducation.gov</a>)</b>, 5 out of 20 public universities offer tuition-free continuing education programmes (3-months during the summer and fall semesters) to older persons. <b>About 250 persons 60 years or older</b> are enrolled in such programmes and are taking courses in architecture, literature and business administration. <b>About 75 per cent of the "older students" are women.</b></i></p> <p><i>Since 2015, the <b>City of XX and the City of YY in Country AA, have partnered with the City of ZZ in Country BB</b> 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 <b>have praised the exchange programme highly.</b> The City of XX is exploring to <b>expand the exchange programme to other countries and intends to make the programme intergenerational, something participates favoured.</b></i></p> <p>...</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reference is made to legislative mandates, with links to websites.</p> <p>Policies, programmes focusing on women or persons with disabilities are highlighted.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Concrete evidence is listed, including with reference to the source of the data.</p> <p>Examples of good practice and lessons learned are listed.</p> <p>Qualitative and quantitative evidence is combined.</p>
a	<p>Does the Government pursue a life-course approach to knowledge, education, training and work, such as lifelong learning opportunities?</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
b	<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?</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**Annex: Priority directions, issues and objectives of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing<sup>6</sup>**

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			

<sup>6</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.

		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 <sup>7</sup>	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

<sup>7</sup> This issue has not been addressed in the survey.