

Session 1: Overview of member State national voluntary survey results and stakeholder consultations: summary and next steps

Summary of stakeholder consultations

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4 stakeholder consultations: April to June 2022

First on older persons and development, MIPAA priority direction I issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Second on advancing health and well-being into old age, MIPAA priority direction II issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Third on ensuring enabling and supportive environments, MIPAA priority direction III issues 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Fourth on all MIPAA priority directions, in relation to the Pacific subregion of ESCAP.



Throughout 2021, ESCAP compiled a list of stakeholders working on issues related to population ageing and older persons in Asia and the Pacific, which had been recommended by United Nations partners in the region.

Balanced geographic representation, sectoral/thematic representation and gender composition.



Purpose of consultations

Facilitate and expand collaboration and participation in the regional review and appraisal process, especially elicit stakeholder experiences and views around the review objectives:

- Taking stock of the overall progress of implementation of priority issues
- Identifying key challenges, opportunities, gaps, and prevalent and emerging issues
- Identifying established and emerging good practices and lessons learnt
- Identifying resource requirements and capacity-building needs
- Formulating recommendations



Guiding questions

Re implementation of MIPAA over preceding 5 years:

- What were the main achievements, good practices and lessons learned?
- What were the remaining challenges?
- How had COVID-19, climate change and information and communications technology affected the achievement of the priority issues?



- Stakeholders noted progress in implementation of MIPAA, including schemes to provide financial and other support to older persons, especially those lacking social protection.
- Yet coverage was uneven and many challenges remained.
- Digital and other skills training opportunities and platforms were limited to allow for adaptation to new work environments and increase online access for older people especially older women.



Outcomes, cont.

- Discriminatory attitudes towards older persons persisted, as did neglect, abuse, violence, especially against older women.
- Accessible and affordable access to health care was limited, and long-term care was not commonly available.
- COVID-19 had exacerbated existing vulnerabilities. Climate change and disasters were concerns.



Recommendations

- Older-person-focused approach: when developing and implementing policies re older persons and their families, their contributions, challenges, needs and special circumstances must be acknowledged.
- The human rights of older persons, especially older women, must be respected and fulfilled, and vulnerabilities must be mitigated.



Recommendations, cont.

- Responsiveness: all strategies and interventions need to be gender-responsive and able to adjust, including the impact of COVID-19, intergenerational solidarity, climate change, natural and human induced disasters, digital transformation and the future of work.
- Whole-of-society approach: diverse stakeholders, including OPAs and CBOs, should be recognized for their voice and agency on issues concerning older persons.



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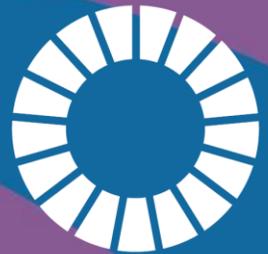
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