Standing working group on ageing

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Decade is strongly connected to other agendas

**Based on:** Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health

**Builds on:** Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

**Supports realization of:**
WHO's 13th Global Programme of Work Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
Steps taken to develop the Decade proposal through a broad consultative and iterative process

1. **Online survey**: asked about what priority issues to focus on in the Decade – and their outcomes - 160 respondents, 81 countries
2. **Review of six other UN Decades** and their factors for, and barriers against, success
3. **Hosted a series of consultations:**
   - 4 specific consultations with Member States and regional committees
   - 2 with United Nations
   - 5 with mixed stakeholders (MS, UN, CSO)
4. **Online survey** on the publicly available **Zero Draft** in 6 official languages (July- Sept 2019)
5. **Worked with Member States** to harness political opportunities and listen to different perspectives (G20 in Japan, APEC in Chile, Silver Economy Forum in Finland)
6. **Initiated sharing** through a **dedicated WHO webpage with Updates**, that provide a basis for developing a new Decade knowledge sharing Platform

https://www.who.int/ageing/decade-of-healthy-ageing
Multi-stakeholder consultations on the proposal drafts:
• 89 Member States,
• 19 UN Agencies and international organizations,
• 300 Non-State Actors
The Decade content:

1. **Why we need concerted, sustained action**
2. **Vision, principles and added value**
3. **Action Areas**
   - Changing how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing
   - Ensure that communities foster the abilities of older people
   - Deliver integrated care and primary health services responsive to older people
   - Provide access to long-term care for older people who need it
4. **Partnering for change “enablers”**
   - Voice and engagement of older people, families, communities
   - Nurturing leadership and capacity building
   - Connecting stakeholders
   - Data, research and innovation
5. **Understanding and measuring success together**
6. **Making it work**

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Many countries around the world have implemented restrictions, stay-at-home, and physical distancing measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. As a result, women and girls have found themselves at greater risk of violence, and evidence shows that women are more likely to experience increased violence during and in the aftermath of disease outbreaks. In many countries affected by COVID-19, restrictions on mobility, work, and other social spheres have increased the risk of violence, with women and girls disproportionately affected. Women who could previously access services to prevent violence, such as counseling, are now more isolated and vulnerable. Many countries have seen a surge in domestic violence reports.

10-50% increase in domestic violence reports in some countries

3,600 child abuse reports in India

92,000 child abuse reports in some countries

18% increase in abuse of children and vulnerable people in some settings

"Women in abusive relationships are more likely to be exposed to violence, so we must listen, as healthcare providers must provide care to abused women who may be in danger." - WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, April 2020

"Minnesota is dealing with violence and trauma in a new way. Since the pandemic, we've seen a significant increase in violence, which has been exacerbated by the stress of the pandemic. Our response has been to provide more support to survivors, including emergency housing and legal services." - Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, May 2020

"COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of strong social safety nets. It is crucial that we provide support to women and girls who are at increased risk of violence during these times." - UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, April 2020

"We need to ensure that women and girls have access to essential services, including health care, to prevent and respond to violence. It is crucial that we provide support to survivors of violence during these times." - UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. H. Fore, April 2020
**February 7:** strong support from 146th Executive Board with 40 member states spoke representing 130 Members States. Eleven non-State actors.

**August 3:** endorsed by Member States at 73rd World Health Assembly, under silent procedures

The 73rd World Health Assembly, having considered the report on the proposal for a *Decade of Healthy Ageing* 2020–2030 decided:

- to endorse the proposal for a *Decade of Healthy Ageing* 2020–2030; and

- to request the Director-General:
  - to report back on progress in the implementation of the *Decade of Healthy Ageing* to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, the Seventy-ninth and the Eighty-second World Health Assembly and
  - to transmit this decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the consideration of the proposal for a *Decade of Healthy Ageing* 2020–2030 by the United Nations General Assembly, as appropriate.
On to the UN General Assembly

- **18 August:** WHO DG’s communicated the Decision to the Secretary General
- The letter has been transmitted to the President of General Assembly (PGA) and the new PGA has been briefed
- **Week 16 November:** Mission briefing in New York. Following which Member States to start negotiating the Resolution text.
- Agreed Resolution text to be tabled through the Global Health and Foreign Policy agenda
The *Decade* is a global collaboration that will bring together diverse sectors and stakeholders including governments, civil society, international organizations, professionals, academic institutions, the media and the private sector.

Partnering is facilitated by stakeholder group and by action area or enabler e.g:

- **UN Agencies** - initiate a joint UN planning process for implementing the Decade
- **CSO** - dialogue with the WHO Director-General and plan to strengthen collaboration on the Decade
- Participatory voice project to raise the voices of older people

Close engagement with older people is central
Global Leaders’ Voices on the Decade of Healthy Ageing

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

‘As we seek to recover better together, we must make concerted efforts across the Decade of Healthy Ageing […] The potential of older persons is a powerful basis for sustainable development.’

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

‘To foster healthy ageing, we need to work together. Older people must be central to and fully engaged in this collaboration […] The countries of the world who are our Member States have endorsed the Decade of Healthy Ageing […] We hope that this will be taken up by the entire UN system.’

Dr Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director

‘We wholeheartedly support the Decade of Healthy Ageing because it offers a renewed path to galvanise concerted action, to better the lives of older people and their communities, and to leave no one behind.’

Listen to the full compilation of leaders’ voices: https://tinyurl.com/DHA-Leaders
Global Leaders’ Voices on the Decade of Healthy Ageing

Professor Klaus Schwab, WEF Founder & Executive Director
‘As someone who would fit into the category of older persons [...] you can imagine that I am here not only with my brain, but with my heart. [...] The World Economic Forum is fully behind the initiative of the Decade of Healthy Ageing and its utmost significance to current and future generations.’

Dr Jane Barratt, International Federation on Aging Secretary General
‘The IFA and its members pledge [...] to be an ambassador for the Decade. [...] The Decade must be a unifying action, bringing together the leaders and influencers in Member States [...] Unity happens when we walk together.’

Justin Derbyshire, HelpAge International CEO
‘HelpAge International welcomes the Decade of Healthy Ageing [...] the Decade is now even more crucial as COVID-19 highlights the importance of investment and sustainable actions to foster healthy ageing.’

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What is up next?
The Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030), endorsed by the World Health Assembly in August 2020, seeks to improve the lives of older people, their families and communities through collective action in four areas: changing how we think, feel and act towards age and ageism; developing communities in ways that foster the abilities of older people; delivering person-centered integrated care and primary health services responsive to older people; and providing older people who need it with access to quality long-term care.

The WHO Ageing Data Portal brings together data on available global indicators relevant to monitoring the health and well-being of people aged 60 years and over. Through maps, charts and tables, the portal offers tailored options for visualization and analysis of the data. This information will strengthen the visibility of older people, help inform action to improve health and well-being in countries in line with global, regional and national commitments.

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Global Status of Healthy Ageing – where are we in 2020?

- Analysis of **nationally representative data from 42 countries**: 151,718 people (age 60 and over) representing 65% of all older adults globally

What improvements could we work towards by 2030?

- **Pace of 10 progress indicators** (endorsed in the Decade) at country level first reported on to WHA in 2018, updated in 2020 & projected to 2030
- Different scenarios on where we could be in 2030 for discussion

How we can accelerate impact on Older people’s wellbeing?

- Draws on **350 cases** from around the world + **8 national case studies** in each region led by Ministries of Health with stakeholders
- Highlights what **can be done**, and what **we can learn** from each other
Take a sneak preview:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0GRs0eIAQU&t=9s
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