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Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2023

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2023. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2022, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes. The Standing Working Group on Ageing (“the Working Group”) is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or member States’ recommendations agreed by the Working Group and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Population component of the subprogramme for 2023. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2021 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023.

Outline of key components of the programme of work

I. Objective

2. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

II. Strategy

3. The responsibility for the Population component of the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

4. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

5. To contribute to the advancement of evidence-based population and social cohesion policies, the subprogramme will continue to facilitate cooperation between member States, regional agencies and other partners. It will support the review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the ECE regional strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, at the national and regional levels. The strategy was adopted by ECE member States at the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Berlin on 11 September 2002 as a follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing. In an effort to have ageing mainstreamed into all policy fields, the strategy outlines commitments in 10 priority areas. The subprogramme will provide a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing and will facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and NGOs. It will support evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the strategy by coordinating data collection on active ageing indicators and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations. The subprogramme will also support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through its policy seminars and policy briefs that focus on specific policy challenges and possible policy solutions, showcasing good practices from across the region.

6. The population component of the subprogramme will support member States on issues related to COVID-19 by assessing lessons learned and strengthening capacity to enhance preparedness and emergency response to mitigate the risks for older persons and uphold their rights and dignity. The priorities outlined by member States in the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration will guide the component's work during the fifth implementation cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy.

7. The above-mentioned work in the thematic area of population is expected to result in:

- (a) A progress in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;
- (b) An improvement in the design and implementation of integrated policies for active and healthy ageing, including long-term care and support to carers and families;
- (c) Policy approaches that advance the rights and dignity of older persons and their contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages; and
- (d) More prominent consideration of older persons in the mechanisms and operations of national and regional emergency responses such as COVID-19.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2023

8. The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	6	6

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
1. Documentation for the Standing Working Group on Ageing	4	5
2. Documentation for the Ministerial Conference on Ageing	2	0
3. Report of the regional conference on population and development issues	0	1
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	11	11
4. Meetings of the Standing Working Group on Ageing	7	7
5. Ministerial Conference on Ageing	4	0
6. Regional conference on population and development issues (follow up on the review of progress in achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development)	0	4
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:		
Technical cooperation and field projects (number of projects)	0	1
7. Road Map for mainstreaming ageing	0	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	1	3
8. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	1	3
Publications (number of publications)	4	2
9. Publication on population	4	2
Technical materials (number of materials)	1	1
10. A toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing	0	1
C. Substantive deliverables:		
• Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions: fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders, to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes (1)		
• Consultation, advice and advocacy: generations and gender programme – support for the council of partners (1); country microdata submission and researchers’ access agreements; advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders, to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes (1)		
• Databases and substantive digital materials: update and maintenance of the active ageing indicators data set for global and regional access (1)		
D. Communication deliverables:		
• Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and ageing-related side events for various stakeholders (1)		
• External and media relations: annual set of press releases related to population activities		
• Digital platforms and multimedia content: Active Ageing Index wiki (1)		