

2020 evaluation of subprogramme 8B

**Advancing intergovernmental work towards the implementation of the 2017
Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and MIPAA/RIS commitments (Sept 2020)**

Final progress report as of 31 December 2022

#	Recommendation	Management response	Responsibility	Target date	Progress
1	Enhance the relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability of the SWGA by strengthening the political will among member States to support the UNECE work on ageing through active engagement with the Permanent Missions in Geneva and by seeking ways to actively engage more National Focal Points in Ageing (NFPAs) in the activities of the Working Group.	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>In 2021, the Population Unit will more actively engage with the Permanent Missions in Geneva, organize bilateral exchange in case no National Focal Point on Ageing is designated for some reason.</p> <p>Promoting voluntary involvement in ad-hoc task forces and discussion groups may help to engage more NFPAs in the SWGA work.</p>	Chief of Population Unit		<p>Implemented as at 31 December 2021.</p> <p>All Permanent Missions of the UNECE member States are kept informed about the SWGA Bureau efforts in leading the 4th review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS. The briefing to the member States regarding preparation of the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing took place on 25 October 2021.</p> <p>In March 2021, the Secretariat issued invitation letters to confirm or newly nominate national focal points by a number of countries (Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Tajikistan and USA) in order to involve their representatives in the regional review process and preparatory activities for the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing.</p> <p>Focal points/representatives of 40 UNECE member States took part in the 14th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing actively discussing the draft for declaration to be tabled for adoption at the 2022 Ministerial Conference in Rome.</p>
2	Strengthen the relevance of the MIPAA/RIS review process to become a stronger accountability mechanism for governments, including by engaging in further discussion on the subject at the SWGA and make a concerted decision on the future modality of the periodic review process, based on the needs and realities of member States, with due respect to the guiding rules and regulations of the United Nations.	<p>UNECE partially accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>The modalities for MIPAA review and appraisal are agreed upon by the member States at the Commission for Social Development and approved by ECOSOC resolutions (the latest 2020/8). The Secretariat has initiated the</p>	Chief of Population Unit	November 2022	<p>Implemented as at 31 December 2022.</p> <p>First exchange of views took place at the 14th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing on 22-23 November 2021.</p> <p>To be further discussed after the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing.</p> <p>In paragraph 47 of the Rome Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Conference, the ministers stated: “[...] We entrust the Standing Working Group on Ageing with the task of updating RIS and exploring the possibility of also updating MIPAA to adapt ageing-</p>

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		<p>discussion at the SWGA and its Bureau to gauge the needs to adjust the modalities at the regional level and supported preparation of the guidelines for national reporting on MIPAA/RIS implementation. The target is to conclude this discussion by November 2022.</p>			<p>related policy responses to economic, social, and digital transitions and emerging challenges, and developing further instruments to support them.” The Standing Working Group on Ageing meeting will take place in November 2022 and will look into the results and process of the MIPAA/RIS review.</p> <p>At its 15th meeting in November 2022, the SWGA decided to develop an Ageing Policies Database as a new tool to enhance access to policy information across the region. Annual policy updates will allow to monitor progress made in the implementation of MIPAA/RIS on a continuous basis.</p> <p>The SWGA further decided to establish a Task Force for the task of updating MIPAA/RIS by 2027.</p>
3	<p>Make effort to include gender and vulnerability issues in the programming cycle in a more systematic manner, including through mainstreaming of these issues in the situation analysis and integration of specific gender-sensitive results and performance measures, as well as clarify what the concept of “vulnerable groups” includes and reflect this in the future programme documents.</p>	<p>UNECE partially accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>Programme budget format is owned by the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance (OPBF), and developed on the basis of resolution 72/266, on an annual basis for a trial period until 2022 (2023 Proposed programme budget). The Population Unit activities and deliverables are gender sensitive in principle as stated in the evaluation report. Efforts will be made to clarify the concept of “vulnerable groups” among ageing population in the context of the submission of</p>	<p>Chief of Population Unit</p>	<p>Implemented as at 31 December 2021.</p>	<p>The efforts were made to strengthen inclusion of gender and vulnerability issues in the draft for the ECE 2022 Proposed Programme budget.</p> <p>The Population component also made efforts to strengthen these issues in a draft of ECE 2023 Proposed Programme budget. However, the format of the document does not provide room for detailed elements.</p>

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		the 2023 Proposed programme budget, if the format allows.			
4	<p>Ensure greater coherence on ageing issues at national and regional levels by strengthening the linkages between 2030 Agenda and the SDG 's reporting frameworks with MIPAA/RIS commitments, including through promotion of the use of age-specific indicators in the SDGs monitoring and reporting frameworks, and provision of practical tools and advice on doing so. In pursuing greater coherence with the 2030 Agenda, the Population Unit should seek stronger collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator's offices at national level as well as with the Geneva-based Interagency Working Group on Ageing.</p>	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>Population Unit will seek to promote the use of age-specific indicators in the SDGs monitoring and reporting frameworks by advancing their inclusion in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and national reports on ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) implementation among others. The Unit will seek stronger collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator's offices at national level and will ensure coordination of the Geneva-based Interagency Group on Ageing.</p>	Chief of Population Unit	December 2022	<p>Implemented as at 31 December 2022.</p> <p>The Synthesis Report on the implementation of MIPAA/RIS in the region over 2017-2022 provides a brief overview on how population ageing is reflected in the Voluntary National Reviews.</p> <p>The Guidelines for national reports on MIPAA/RIS implementation asked member States to report on how population ageing matters are reflected in their VNRs. National reports were received from 40 member States and the Population Unit synthesized the information and presented it at the launch of the Synthesis report at the 2022 Ministerial Conference in Rome.</p> <p>The cooperation on population ageing issues with the UN Resident Coordinators in UNECE programme countries is ensured through regular online meetings organized by UNECE and UNFPA local offices. In 2022, such meetings were held with RCs in Serbia, Belarus, and Georgia. In the Republic of Moldova, UNECE Population Unit organised a roundtable meeting with the UN country team during the field mission in May 2022 (10-year evaluation of the Road Map on mainstreaming ageing implementation). An additional meeting with UNCT Moldova was held in October 2022 to share the findings of the 10-year evaluation and explore options for stronger integration of ageing in activities by the UN at country level.</p>

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5	Further improve the relevance and effectiveness of some of its major deliverables, such as the Active Ageing Index (AAI) and the Policy Briefs to mitigate the identified shortcomings and ensure that they support policy-making processes at national level.	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>Population Unit will promote the use of the AAI indicators for the Statistical annex to the 2022 Synthesis report on MIPAA/RIS implementation and support AAI calculation in non-EU countries, provided additional human and financial resources could be made available. The identified individual concerns regarding the Policy Brief format will be discussed with the SWGA and its Bureau during preparation of the next work programme (2023-2027) in November 2022</p>	Chief of Population Unit	November 2022	<p>Implemented as at 31 December 2022</p> <p>Statistical annex to the 2022 Synthesis report includes a number of the AAI indicators. The national AAI were calculated in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan in 2021 and referred in the respective national reports on MIPAA/RIS implementation. The Republic of Moldova issued a report on AAI in early 2022.</p> <p>The identified individual concerns regarding the Policy Brief format were discussed with the SWGA and its Bureau during preparation of the next work programme (2023-2027) in November 2022.</p>
6	Mitigate the negative staffing and budget situation of the Population Unit, including by: a) being more assertive in the approach with donors, to ensure funding of extra-budgetary projects that include financial allocations for additional staff; and b) fill in the staffing gap by either ensuring that the current P-2 post is upgraded to P-3 and/or facilitate additional staff from other UNECE Units to support the Population Unit for a suitable period of time to help the Unit fundraise and develop new XB projects.	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>Population Unit has been and will be in future working with donors to ensure some financial allocations for additional project support staff. The request to upgrade P-2 post to P-3 will be initiated in the context of the 2022 Proposed programme budget.</p>	Chief of Population Unit and Director, Statistical Division	<p>Implemented as at 30 June 2021</p> <p>a) The request to upgrade P-2 post to P-3 was submitted. However, it was not accepted by PPBD for inclusion in the 2022 Proposed Programme Budget for ECE, because of the zero-growth instructions issued by the Controller.</p> <p>b) However, the negative staffing situation was mitigated for 2021. The raised XB funding allowed to hire a P-3 staff on a temporary contract (100% February-October 2021) while the RB P-2 post was kept vacant due to liquidity issues.</p>	