IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MADRID INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON AGEING: PAST RESULTS AND FUTURE PLANS
First Review & Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action

During 2002-2007, national action on ageing focused on:

a) Establishing/strengthening social protection mechanisms (e.g., introducing social pensions; stabilizing existing retirement and pension schemes);
b) Extending health-care benefits to older persons;
c) Adjusting labour markets and care systems to correspond to accelerated demographic ageing;
d) Increasing the participation of older persons in various areas of society, including promoting the employment of older persons;
e) Introducing training in geriatrics and gerontology;
f) Preventing discrimination against and abuse of older persons;
g) Establishing intergenerational solidarity programmes; and
h) Enhancing the awareness of ageing-related issues

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Major obstacles in national policy action on ageing:

(a) Limited coverage of older persons by formal social protection schemes & declines in informal systems;
(b) Lack of access to adequate care;
(c) Insufficient participation of older persons in political, economic, social, and cultural areas of societal life;
(d) Limited possibilities for older persons in continuing education and training;
(e) Limited arrangements for independent living of older persons to allow ageing in place;
(f) Lack of empowerment of older persons for claiming their rights;
(g) Low level of participation by older persons in policies and programmes;
(h) Insufficient attention to the needs of rural older persons;
(i) Unsatisfactory efforts to mainstream concerns of older persons into policy
(j) Lack of age-disaggregated data and policy related research.
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The capacity of countries to address the issues of ageing of their populations.

Key constraints:

✓ Lack of capacity to develop specific, comprehensive policies on ageing;
✓ Scarcity of ageing-specific data and information;
✓ Insufficient awareness of the benefits of social inclusion and the integration of older persons;
✓ Lack of tangible efforts to engage or include older persons in policy processes;
✓ Difficulties in translating existing strategic documents into concrete implementation measures; and
✓ Resource constraints.

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Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: Strategic Implementation Framework

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary
Prepared in response to resolution 46/1 of the Commission for Social Development, the present report provides a strategic implementation framework for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing through the year 2012.
Strategic Implementation Framework

Purpose:

→ assist Member States as they focus their efforts on implementing the Madrid Plan of Action through the remaining years of its first decade, to 2012

Nature:

→ a promotional document, rather than a technical one, as the recommendations of the Madrid Plan remain a principal guide for policy action on ageing

Content:

1. Determining key priority areas for further action on ageing
2. Implementation approaches
3. Essential implementation tools
4. International cooperation
Strategic Implementation Framework

Content:

1. Determining key priority areas for further action on ageing:
   - analyze recent experience after the Second World Assembly on Ageing;
   - review past and current progress;
   - select priorities against national challenges and opportunities and the recommendations contained in the Madrid Plan; and
   - choose methods and indicators for monitoring and evaluation

2. Implementation approaches for advancing the implementation process within the determined priorities:
   - Empowering older persons
   - Raising awareness of issues of ageing
   - Building national capacity on ageing
   - Mainstreaming ageing
Strategic Implementation Framework

3. Essential implementation tools aimed at developing national capacity on ageing:

1. Evidence-based policies
2. Mainstreaming
4. Participatory approach to policy planning, design, implementation and monitoring
3. Indicators to measure progress in policy implementation

More information on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing at: