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Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Georgia

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Key figures

Population
4,48 m.
(GeoStat)

Life expectancy at birth:
70 male / 79 female
(GeoStat, 2012)

Life expectancy at 65:
15 male, 18 female
(GeoStat)

Total fertility rate: 1.67
(2012) (GeoStat)

Share of people aged 65+ (%)
14.4% (2013)
– 21.1% (2030) (UN DESA PopDiv)
4-step approach

Desk Study

Field Study

Drafting

Evaluation

Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing: Georgia

Geneva, October 2014
1. Introduction + Methodology + Georgia: the context
2. The policy framework + The institutional framework
3. Mainstreaming ageing
4. Integration and participation of older persons in society
5. Perception and images of older persons and media reporting
6. Social protection
7. Enable labour markets to respond to the economic and social consequences of population ageing
8. Life-long learning
9. Health and well-being
10. To mainstream a gender approach into an ageing society
11. Intergenerational solidarity
12. Migration
13. Integration into international processes
14. Research and data collection
15. Monitoring and evaluation
16. Concluding remarks
Main areas of recommendations

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- Dignity, health and independence in older age
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- High level of unemployment, self-employment
- 42% of 65+ economically active, mostly subsistence farmers
- Low income due to low productivity

- Economic growth strategies that support employment creation
- Increase productivity in agriculture - adult vocational education
- Support entrepreneurship among older persons
- Offer incentives to employers hiring or retaining older workers, offering flexible retirement solutions and workplace adaptations
- Assisting older workers in finding employment
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Dignity, health and independence in older age

Intergenerational solidarity
Participation, non-discrimination & social inclusion of older persons

- Limited mobility among many older people
- Affordability of housing
- Older people underrepresented in media

- The living environment
- Minimum standards of accessibility and safety of housing
- Improve accessibility and affordability of public transport
- Social housing, homeless shelters
- Community and neighbourhood networks, volunteering or self-help groups
- Change public perception of older persons
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- Universal Health Programme: access to basic health care
- Long-term care strategy missing as part of health strategy
- Lack of geriatric beds and geriatric professionals
- Considerable oversupply of physicians and undersupply of nurses

✓ Improve affordability and access to medicine
✓ Long-term care strategy – continuum of care
✓ One-stop information of available services
✓ Prevention programmes
✓ Adjust ratio of health staff to population
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- Multigenerational families provide care + support
- Household + care mainly by women
- Changing family and living arrangements

- Public campaigns: sharing employment and family responsibilities more equally between men and women and between generations
- Acknowledge various different family situations
- Services to allow combining care and work
- Training and support for informal carers
- Strengthen the role of community and social network
Cross-cutting areas

**Migration**
- Remittances 11.2 per cent of GDP (2012)
- Assess the needs of the older people whose families live abroad
- Reintegration into Georgian labour market
- Enable transfer of social security and pension claims from abroad
- Needs of ageing IDPs

**Data collection and monitoring & evaluation**
- Develop benchmarks and suitable indicators to monitor progress
- Progress reports as part of an overall communication strategy
- Strengthen social statistics, e.g. ESS and SILC
- Improve availability of age-disaggregated data
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