

Asia-Pacific Regional Expert Meeting on long-term care for older persons
18 - 19 December 2013
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Asia-Pacific region is experiencing population ageing at an unprecedented pace, with the number of older persons in the region expected to triple from 438 million in 2010 to more than 1.26 billion by 2050. By then, one in four people in the region will be over 60 years old, while the “oldest-old”, those above 80 years of age, will constitute 19% of the older persons. Due to the longer life expectancy for women, the majority of older persons are women, with the sex ratio decreasing the older the age group. This demographic transition towards an ageing society in the Asia-Pacific region has deep social, economic and political implications.

As the population grows older the need for health-care and long-term care services is expected to increase considerably. Elderly care is also a key component addressed under *Advancing health and well-being into old age*, one of the three pillars of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the 2012 Bangkok Statement on the Asia-Pacific Review of the Implementation of the MIPAA.

With changing family structures, rural-urban migration and women increasingly taking part in the labour market, the family can no longer be relied on as the primary source of care and support for older persons. The limited capacity to meet the rising demands for elderly care services was consequently identified as one of the critical challenges for the region, during the Asia-Pacific consultations held in preparation for the second review and appraisal of the MIPAA in 2012.

To respond to the needs of member States, ESCAP is implementing a project in co-operation with the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China, to provide guidance and promote the exchange of good practices on health-care and long-term care services in the ESCAP region. In the context of this project, a Regional Expert Group Meeting on the health-care needs of older persons through the provision of elderly care services, is being held on 18-19 December 2013, in Shanghai, China. The Meeting is being organized by ESCAP in co-operation with the China Population and Development Research Center.

Under the project, two communities that have developed long-term care services have been selected, based on their potential of becoming good practices. A situation analysis of the two communities is being finalized and will be presented and discussed during the Meeting.

Objective

The Meeting aims to:

- Facilitate an exchange of information and experiences, including identification of challenges, opportunities and good practices from the Asia-Pacific region, relating to health-care and long-term care services for older persons;
- To provide a forum for interaction between the pilot communities, experts from China and invited international experts, with a view to further guide the pilot communities;
- Identify areas for further research and documentation in the context of the overall project.

Meeting structure

The Meeting will be held on 18 and 19 December 2013. The first day will focus on (i) sharing of experiences from select countries in the Asia-Pacific region in providing health-care and long-term care services for older persons; and (ii) identifying critical challenges and opportunities related to the provision of long-term care services for older persons.

The second day will focus on the Chinese context and specifically present the situation analysis of the two pilot communities, and will also include group work on modalities for providing long-term care in the region, including the financial and human resources requirements. A field visit will be organized to the pilot community in Shanghai.

The discussions are expected to guide the two pilot communities, as well as inform the further planning of the overall project in terms of issues and countries for further study, and provide the basis for the documentation of good practices and elaboration of guidelines on long-term care services for the overall project.

Participants

The Meeting will bring together international experts from the Asia-Pacific region and experts from China from Government departments and academia, in addition to representatives of civil society organizations of older persons and representatives from the UN system in China and the region (WHO and UNFPA).

The international experts will be invited to prepare short briefs on the long-term care situation in their respective countries, as well as deliver presentations during the Meeting.

Outputs

A report will be prepared on the proceedings of the Expert Meeting, incorporating the guidance on long term care to the pilot communities and discussions to inform the further planning under the overall project.

Language

The Meeting will be conducted in English and Chinese with simultaneous interpretation.

Venue and Dates

The Meeting will take place at the Hengshan Picardie Hotel, Shanghai, China, from 18 to 19 December 2013.

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