

QUESTIONNAIRE

Human Rights Council resolution 24/20 requested the United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons to **assess the human rights implications of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)**.

MIPAA was adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002. It requires that States take measures to address ageing in order to achieve a society for all ages and calls for the mainstreaming of ageing into national and global development agendas. It also contains recommendations for action focused on three priority areas: (i) older persons and development; (ii) advancing health and well-being into old age; and (iii) ensuring enabling and supportive environments, which are divided into specific issues, objectives and actions.

The Independent Expert prepared the questionnaire below with the objective to collect information about whether the implementation of MIPAA has enhanced the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons or whether it has had a negative impact and which rights have been affected. It also seeks to identify good practices and challenges encountered by Member States regarding the promotion and protection of all human rights by older persons in the implementation of MIPAA.

All information collected is intended to help the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons to elaborate her comprehensive report that will be presented to the Human Rights Council in September 2016.

The questionnaire should preferably be completed in English, French or Spanish by **31 July 2015**. Kindly indicate whether you have any objection for the responses provided to be made available on the OHCHR website of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons.

Question 1:

Please provide information as to how your Government has incorporated a human rights-based approach in the implementation framework of MIPAA and how this translated into concrete policies and normative actions? How does your Government monitor and evaluate the impact of MIPAA implementation on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons?

Please include information on existing data, legislations, policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms and resources allocated to respect, protect and fulfill all human rights of older persons through the implementation of MIPAA. Please provide references and copies/ translation of relevant instruments¹.

Question 2:

How has your Government taken into consideration the needs of specific groups of older persons in the process of implementation of MIPAA?

Please provide information about existing data, legislations, policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms, and resources allocated regarding the protection and promotion of the rights of older women, persons with disabilities, persons of African descent, individuals belonging to indigenous peoples, persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, rural persons, persons living on the streets and refugees, among other groups. Please provide references and copies/translation of relevant instruments.

Question 3:

How has your Government informed older persons about MIPAA and how are older persons participating in the implementation of MIPAA including in decision-making about MIPAA implementation?

Please provide information about existing data, legislations, policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms and resources allocated that ensure the full and effective participation of older persons in decision-making regarding MIPAA implementation, assessment and follow-up. Please provide reference and copies/translation of adopted instruments.

Question 4:

What impact has MIPAA implementation had on equality and non-discrimination of older persons?

¹ For instance regarding the right to health, including primary, long-term and palliative care services; the rights to work, to an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing, housing, transportation; the right to social security and social protection, including poverty strategies; the right to education, training and life-long learning, including access to new technologies; the right to legal capacity and equal recognition before the law, care and support for caregivers, among others.

Please provide information about existing data, legislations, policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms and resources allocated that ensure equality and non-discrimination. Please provide reference and copies/translation of adopted instruments.

Question 5:

What impact has MIPAA implementation had on the fulfillment of the right of older persons to an adequate standard of living?

Please provide information about existing data, legislations, policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms and resources allocated that ensure the right of older persons to an adequate standard of living. Please provide reference and copies/translation of adopted instruments.

Question 6:

Please provide examples of best practices from a human rights perspective identified by your Government in the implementation, monitoring, review and appraisal of MIPAA.

Please explain why it is considered a best practice and provide concrete examples.

Question 7:

Please provide information about the main challenges (such as institutional, structural and circumstantial obstacles) faced by your Government at the various levels of government (communal, provincial and national etc.) to fully respect, protect and fulfill the human rights of older persons in the implementation of MIPAA.

Please explain and provide concrete examples.