Global AgeWatch Index 2014

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Global AgeWatch Index measures quality of life and wellbeing of older persons; 2014 Index has data on 96 countries representing 91% of the global total of people aged 60 and over

www.globalagewatch.org
Motivation – counting the uncounted, global view
Making visible who is ageing, and where
Supporting improved quality of life and well being of older people

- **Watch**: track and monitor key trends on ageing at country, regional and global levels, make data available, transparent
- **Offer**: a multidimensional framework for governments and international institutions to respond to population ageing
- **Highlight**: good practice and strategic responses to ageing challenges through comparative analysis between countries
- **Stimulate**: demand for age and sex disaggregated data necessary to generate evidence for age inclusive policy making – e.g. the post 2015 framework, social protection
Inspiration and Methodology

- Inspired by the Human Development Index and Active Ageing Index
- Domains reflect priorities of older people - see 2012 UNFPA/HelpAge International report ‘Ageing in the XXI century - celebration and a challenge’
- Uses outcome indicators which are objective and subjective based on internationally comparable data in the public domain
- Calculation is the geometric mean of the four domain-specific indexes, with the weights used for all the four domains assumed to be the same

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\text{Global AgeWatch Index} = (\text{Income Security})^{\frac{1}{4}} \times (\text{Health Status})^{\frac{1}{4}} \times (\text{Capability})^{\frac{1}{4}} \times (\text{Enabling Environment})^{\frac{1}{4}}
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How the Index works: Four domains and 13 indicators
Wellbeing is multidimensional
2014 Index stimulated dialogue in:

1-5 October

- Thailand (UNFPA)
- Switzerland (UN)
- South Korea
- US (DC)
- Panama
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Nigeria

- Canada
- Malawi
- Zambia
- Finland
- The Netherlands
- Bolivia
- Serbia
- Kyrgyzstan

- Russia
- USA (NYC)
- Czech Republic
- UAE
- Spain

- India
- Kazakhstan
- Tanzania
- Colombia
- Argentina
- Pakistan
- Kenya
- Fiji

After 5th October

- Indonesia
- South Africa
- UK
- Sri Lanka
- Mozambique
- South Africa

34 detailed country commentaries - report cards - used in dialogues and by media
2014 influencing impact examples

- Global - Post-2015; putting age in the new Sustainable Development Goal Framework: through
  - Improving and extending data on ageing - leave no one behind
  - Input of findings to Member State and regional body negotiations – age in 7 of the 17 proposed goals of framework
  - Highlighting age in November ‘14 data report of UN expert ‘data revolution’ group, and in December ‘14 SG report
  - Using Global AgeWatch Index together with Commonwealth Youth Index to promote better data and visibility of youth and older people
- The Economic and Social Research Council support national research from January 2015 using the Index framework in 4 Asian countries – China, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh
- National Index development in Korea, China and Kenya
- United Arab Emirates propose a regional Index to support planning on ageing and to fill in data gaps for the region
Where next? Filling the gaps

Gaps in data in income security domain meant only possible to include 96 countries
### Table 1: Global AgeWatch Index overall rankings

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