

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

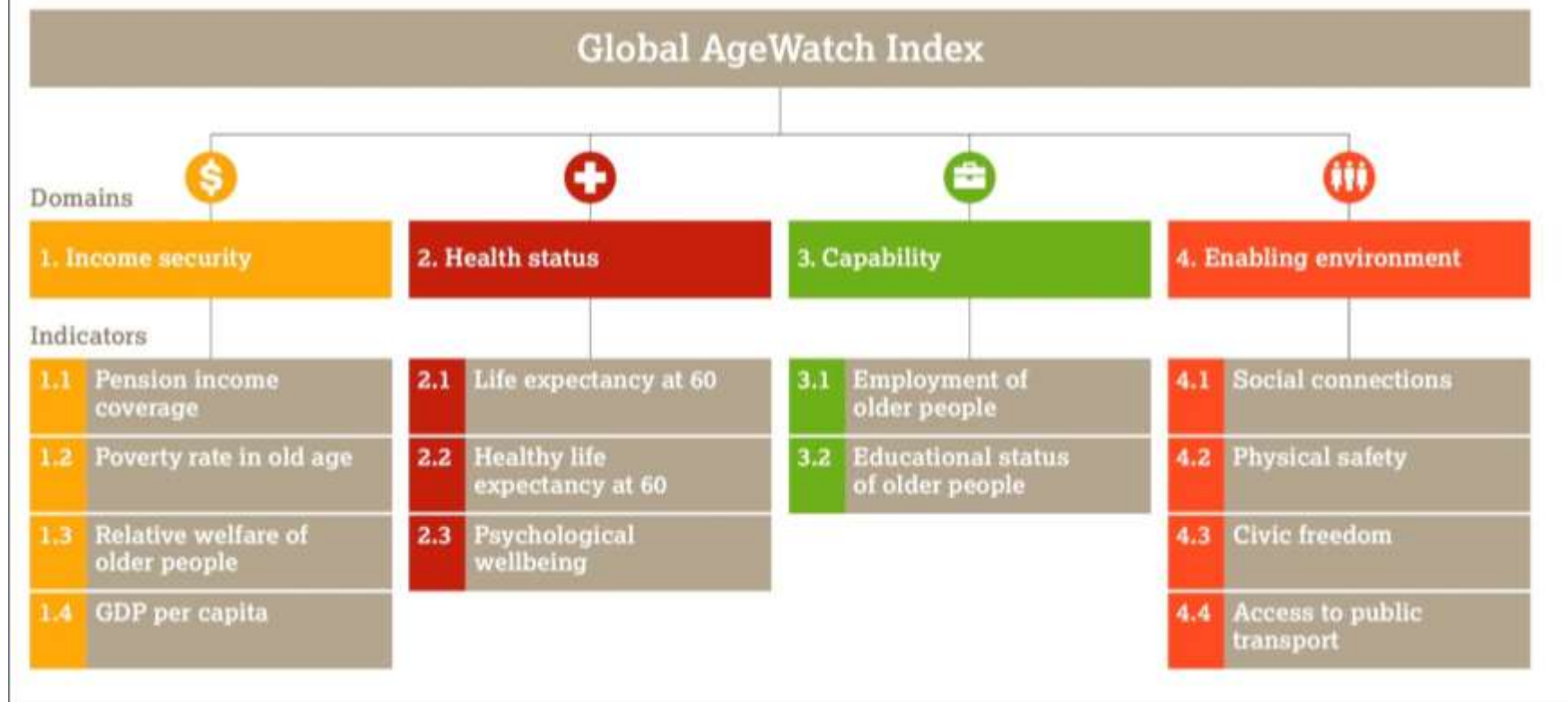
- Inspired by the Human Development Index and Active Ageing Index
- Domains reflect priorities of older people - see 2012 UNFPA/HelpAge International report 'Ageing in the XXI century - celebration and a challenge'
- Uses outcome indicators which are objective and subjective based on internationally 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

Global AgeWatch Index

$$= (\text{Income Security})^{\frac{1}{4}} * (\text{Health Status})^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ * (\text{Capability})^{\frac{1}{4}} * (\text{Enabling Environment})^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

How the Index works: Four domains and 13 indicators Wellbeing is multidimensional

Figure 13: Global AgeWatch Index domains and indicators



2014 Index stimulated dialogue in:

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- Thailand (UNFPA)
- Switzerland (UN)
- South Korea
- US (DC)
- Panama
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Nigeria
- Canada
- Malawi
- Zambia
- Finland
- The Netherlands
- Bolivia
- Serbia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Indonesia
- Kazakhstan
- Tanzania
- Colombia
- Argentina
- Pakistan
- Kenya
- Fiji

- Russia
- USA (NYC)
- Czech Republic
- UAE
- Spain
- UK
- Sri Lanka
- Mozambique
- South Africa

**After 5th
October**

34 detailed country commentaries - report cards - used in dialogues and by media

2014 influencing impact examples

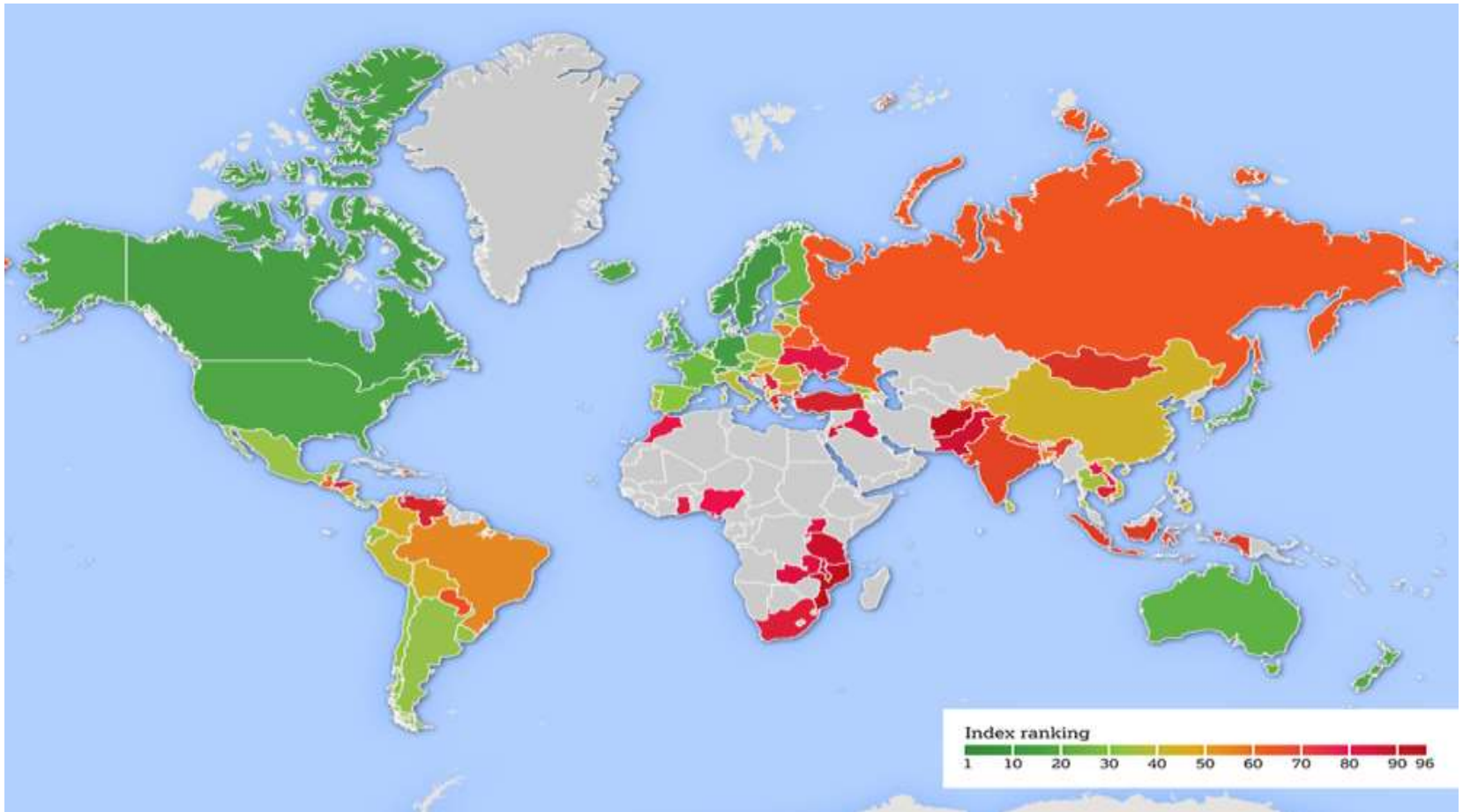


- Global - Post-2015; putting age in the new Sustainable Development Goal Framework: through
 - Improving and extending data on ageing - leave no one behind
 - Input of findings to Member State and regional body negotiations – age in 7 of the 17 proposed goals of framework
 - Highlighting age in November '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

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Gaps in data in income security domain meant only possible to include 96 countries

Make improvement on 2014 rankings

Table 1: Global AgeWatch Index overall rankings

1. Norway	21. Spain	41. Romania	61. Tajikistan	81. Ghana
2. Sweden	22. Chile	42. Peru	62. Dominican Republic	82. Ukraine
3. Switzerland	23. Uruguay	43. Sri Lanka	63. Guatemala	83. Morocco
4. Canada	24. Panama	44. Philippines	64. Belarus	84. Lao PDR
5. Germany	25. Czech Republic	45. Vietnam	65. Russia	85. Nigeria
6. Netherlands	26. Costa Rica	46. Hungary	66. Paraguay	86. Rwanda
7. Iceland	27. Belgium	47. Slovakia	67. Croatia	87. Iraq
8. USA	28. Georgia	48. China	68. Montenegro	88. Zambia
9. Japan	29. Slovenia	49. Kyrgyzstan	69. India	89. Uganda
10. New Zealand	30. Mexico	50. South Korea	70. Nepal	90. Jordan
11. United Kingdom	31. Argentina	51. Bolivia	71. Indonesia	91. Pakistan
12. Denmark	32. Poland	52. Colombia	72. Mongolia	92. Tanzania
13. Australia	33. Ecuador	53. Albania	73. Greece	93. Malawi
14. Austria	34. Cyprus	54. Nicaragua	74. Moldova	94. West Bank and Gaza
15. Finland	35. Latvia	55. Malta	75. Honduras	95. Mozambique
16. France	36. Thailand	56. Bulgaria	76. Venezuela	96. Afghanistan
17. Ireland	37. Portugal	57. El Salvador	77. Turkey	
18. Israel	38. Mauritius	58. Brazil	78. Serbia	
19. Luxembourg	39. Italy	59. Bangladesh	79. Cambodia	
20. Estonia	40. Armenia	60. Lithuania	80. South Africa	

