



# Launch of the WHO framework for countries to achieve an integrated continuum of long-term care

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Approximately two-thirds of people who reach older age are likely to need care from others at some point in time. This includes support with being able to perform activities of daily living, such as eating, moving around or bathing.

Care and support needs may arise suddenly as a consequence of an acute problem or event, or may develop gradually over time. Regardless of why a person might need long-term care, Member States through the declaration of the [UN Decade of Healthy Ageing \(2021–2030\)](#) have emphasized that access to good-quality long-term care is essential to enable older people to enjoy their basic human rights, fundamental freedoms and human dignity. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic has made starkly visible, many health and social care systems around the world are currently unable to deliver quality long-term care services to older people who need it.

To support countries to develop or strengthen their long-term-care systems and services, WHO has released a new [Framework for countries to achieve an integrated continuum of long-term care](#). The framework was developed in consistency with the WHO Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health, the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030) and the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the latest evidence and consultations with a range of stakeholders including the Global Network on Long-term Care.

Through this framework, WHO aims to support countries improve the lives of older people, their families, and communities by outlining the key components required to implement an integrated continuum of long-term care. The framework is primarily intended for governments and policymakers and provides a checklist which helps assess existing long-term-care systems, identify potential gaps, and ultimately help plan for next steps in terms of implementation.

WHO is hosting a webinar to launch the framework. The event will:

- provide an overview of the global situation of long-term care for older people
- share the key objectives and messages of the framework
- hear reflections on challenges and solutions from stakeholders involved in long-term care for older people from Member States, UN partners, academics, and civil society
- give an opportunity for engagement and discussion on the key issues for long-term care.

## Agenda

13:00 – 13:03	<b>Welcome</b>	Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO
13:03 - 13:09	<b>Opening remarks</b> Member State will deliver a short speech which briefly reflect their long-term care situation and recent development and supporting remarks on how the WHO long-term care framework could be helpful for countries to assess and implement long-term care.	Mr Yang Seong-il, First Vice Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea (video)
13:09 - 13:15	<b>Long-term care - global situation and challenges</b> This keynote speech from a member of the WHO Global Network on Long-term Care will address the current global situation in delivering long-term care to people in needs, given the rapid population ageing and the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will understand the overall trend and recent challenges in long-term care, thus the needs for the UN Decade and WHO’s work on long-term care is well recognized.	Dr Adelina Comas-Herrera, London School of Economic and Political Science
13:15 – 13:19	<b>Testimony - an older person’s perspective on long-term care:</b> After the general overview of long-term care issues worldwide, participants will watch a video including voices of older persons/carers who will share experience of informal caregiving, which requests countries to develop long-term care systems.	

13:19 – 13:26	<p><b>WHO Framework for countries to achieve an integrated continuum of long-term care:</b> WHO will present the scope of work on long-term care and introduce the recently published framework on long-term care that will help countries to assess and implement long-term care systems and actions at macro level.</p>	Dr Hyobum Jang, Technical Officer, Ageing and Health Unit, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO
13:26 – 13:42	<p><b>Panel interventions: Reflection on the WHO framework and global issues in long-term care</b> Panel members from international organization and a civil society organization, as well as who are practicing LTC on the field will share their perspectives on long-term care issues, how WHO long-term care framework will help, and their expectations on WHO's global leadership in long-term care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Lou Tessier, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• Mr Philippe Seidel, AGE Platform Europe</li> <li>• CSO/LTC practitioners from Uganda</li> </ul>
13:42 – 13:57	<b>Open floor: Q&amp;A and discussions</b>	All speakers and participants
13:57 – 14:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO