

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

# Population and Development Report

## Issue No. 9:

### Building Forward Better for Older Persons in the Arab Region



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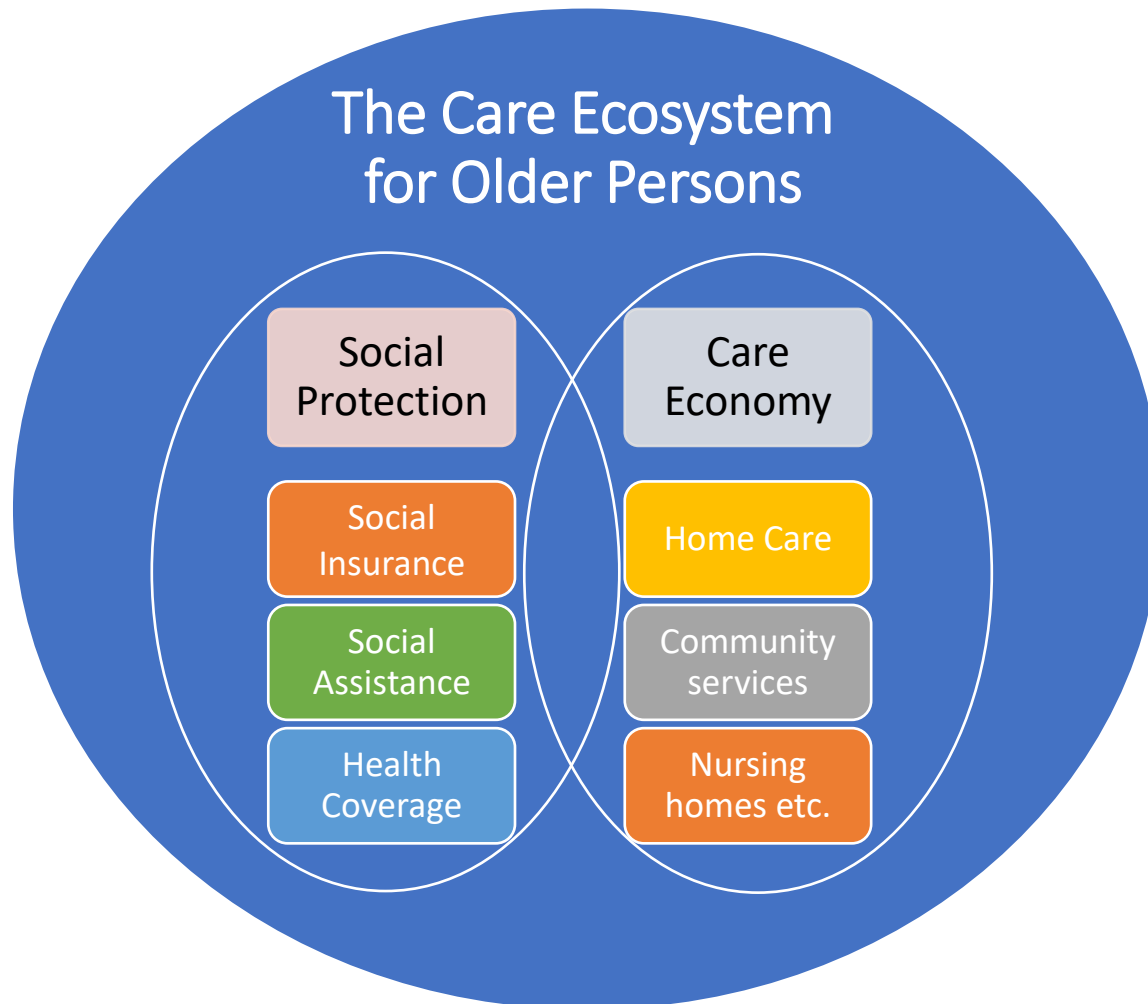
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# Focus of the report: Building Forward Better for Older Persons

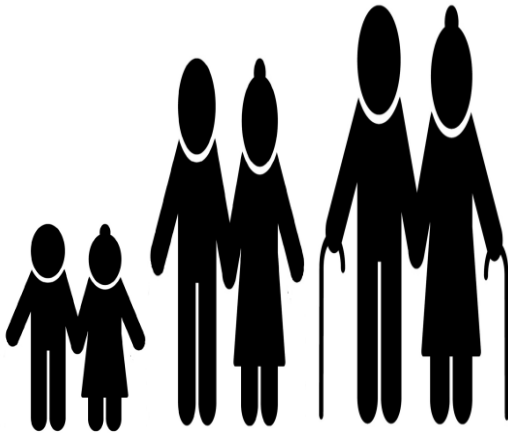
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# Why this Report? Why Now?

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Population Ageing  
in the Arab region



Growing Concern of  
Member States



2030 Agenda and  
Achieving the SDGs



# Structure of the Report

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Introduction

Chapter (1): Snapshot of Ageing and Older Persons in the Arab Region

Chapter (2) Social protection for older person

Chapter (3) The care economy for older persons

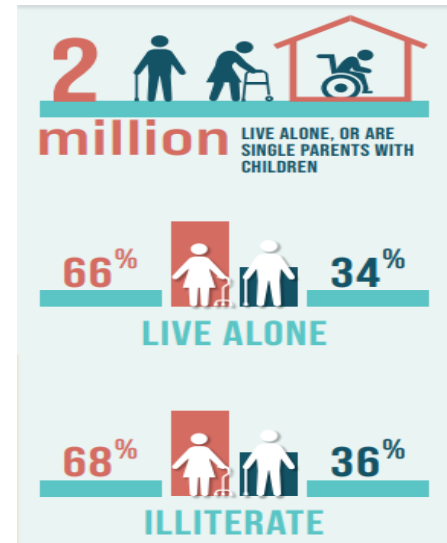
# Chapter 1

## A Snapshot of Ageing and Older Persons in the Arab Region

Updated data on demographic trends in the region



Snapshot of socio-economic situation of older persons



# Chapter 2

## Social Protection for Older Persons in the Arab Region

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### *Key Questions:*

- How inclusive is the coverage of social protection systems of older persons?
- What is the adequacy of benefits provided to older persons through social protection systems in the region?
- How are reforms regarding sustainability of social insurance schemes impacting older persons?
- What is the economic cost of filling the coverage gap today?



# Chapter 3

## The Care Economy for Older Persons in the Arab Region

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### *Key Questions*

- What is it and Why is it a priority?
- What is the status in selected Arab countries?
- What are the implications of ageing on the care economy and what are the gaps?
- What is the cost of developing an integrated care economy?



# The way forward: building back better for older persons

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## Policy recommendations

- Short, Medium and Long term
- Concrete and actionable
- Offer a roadmap for reform and development





# Key messages

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- Demographic transition is a reality in the region that requires quick and proactive policy reforms to empower and protect older persons.
- Reform of social protection systems needs to go beyond coverage, to ensure an adequate standard of living in old age.
- Social protection systems must rely upon solidarity between generations as well as between income groups and strike a balance between inclusion, adequacy and sustainability.
- Advancing the care economy for older persons is a priority in light of changing social and cultural norms and trends.

# Methodology and Quality Control

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## Methodology

- Qualitative & quantitative analysis
- Approaches

## Quality Control

- Peer reviewed internally and externally
- Presented at the publication committee

# The Way Forward

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## Disseminating the Report

- Informational and promotional material
- Launch event

## Building on the Report

- Evidence for ESCWA's future work on ageing at the regional and national level

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