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Unique features of ageing in the Arab region

- Pace of ageing
 - Within a dynamic political, socio-economic & epidemiological changing landscape
- Levels of unpreparedness
 - Policy and Practice
- Common, yet nuanced experiences
- Perceptions of and expectations from ageing
- Competing priorities and limited resources
- Population dividends
 - A window of opportunity, but
 - differences between population and system demographics: high levels of unemployment and low levels of contribution





LTC eco-systems in the Arab region

Challenges

- Universal health coverage remains an aspiration
- LTC is in a policy blind spot, for many reasons
 - Lack of regulated and trusted services
- Reliance on families
 - Within a context of dynamic changes in family structures, living arrangements...
- Environment & infrastructures

Opportunities

- Recent national, regional and global policy attention [MIPPA]
 - Narratives of intergenerational solidarity, families & ageing in place
- Partnership & investment potential
 - Investment, remittances
- Population dividends & labour supply
- Second population dividends

Long-Term Care services and markets: Potential for the Arab region

Reliance on the family
The 'invisible' welfare scheme

(un)sustainability of family care

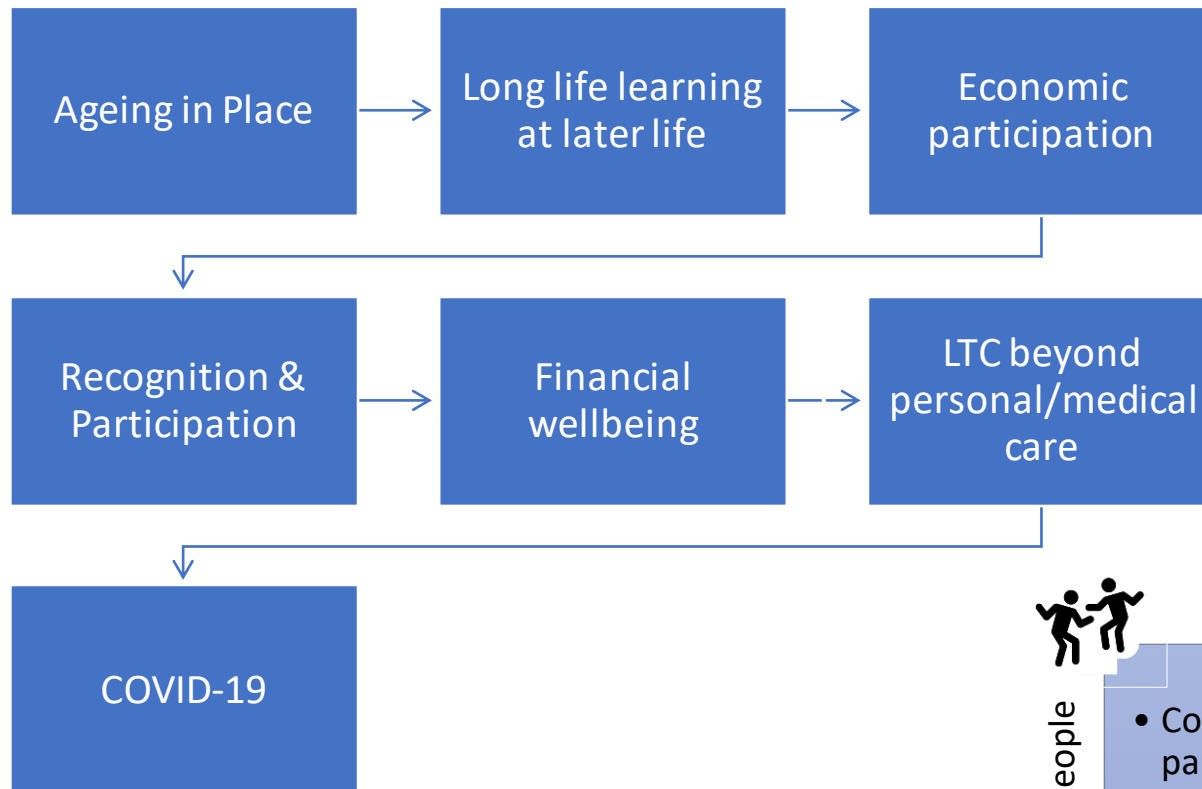
- Socio-economic and demographic changes
- Emotional burden
- Competing opportunities

Suitability/adequacy of care

LTC jobs one of the fastest growing markets across the globe

Attracting women in particular
Labour gender-gaps

Employment opportunities within a context of high female unemployment rates



Enhancing the quality of life at old age

LTC Services



Fully independent older people

- Community participation
- Later life learning
- Day centres
- Home support services
- Preventative services
- Digital literacy



Older people with care needs

- Home care
- Day care
- Home support services
- Supported living
- Family support services
- Community support



Older people with complex needs

- Care homes
- Nursing homes
- Palliative care
- Family support services
- Specialist care services (e.g. Dementia care)

Moving forward



- Enhancing healthy ageing behaviours & outcomes
 - Definitions and concepts (including the notion of ageing itself)
 - Creating participation opportunities
- Create formal mechanisms for LTC provision
 - Market shaping
 - Holistic approach
 - Set standards and regulations
 - Partnership working & integrated services
- Develop and train a diverse workforce
 - Creation of job opportunities and career opportunities
 - Capitalise on the window of youth dividends
- Data and metrics
- Piloting, monitoring & evaluation
- Funding and financing LTC

Thank you for Listening

Any Questions

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