Mid-term progress - Indicator 6
National programme to foster age-friendly environments

Overview
Environments that are age-friendly help to foster Healthy Ageing by maximizing intrinsic capacity across the life course, and by enabling greater functional ability so that people with varying levels of capacity can be and do the things they value. National programmes that support activities in line with the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities can be key to changing the local environments where older people live. Many cities and communities work to become more age-friendly without support from national programmes. Thus, having a national programme to foster age-friendly environments may not provide a complete picture on the extent of activities being undertaken in any one country.

Progress in Numbers

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Progress in Pictures

[Bar chart showing the number of countries with a national programme for age-friendly environments by WHO region.]

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15 This percentage reflects the total number of countries with a national programme to foster age-friendly environments out of the 194 Member States of the World Health Organization. In collaboration with WHO Regional Offices, data from 138 of the 194 Member States was collected by March 2018. Given that data is missing from 56 countries, the global percentage of countries with a national programme may be even higher.

16 These percentages reflect the total number of countries with a national programme to foster age-friendly environments out of the total number of Member States in the region.

17 The methodology used by the EURO Regional Office to inform the 10 progress indicators did not allow for comprehensive reporting on this indicator. However, data from WHO’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities shows that countries in this region are active in this area: 248 cities and communities from 20 Countries are members of the Network (March 2018).