



2019 G20 Osaka Summit Interim Compliance Report

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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

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“We will promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.”

G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina	-1		
Australia			+1
Brazil	-1		
Canada			+1
China			+1
France		0	
Germany		0	
India		0	
Indonesia	-1		
Italy	-1		
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia	-1		
South Africa	-1		
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average	-0.05 (48%)		

Background

G20 leaders made their first health-related commitments at the 2014 Brisbane Summit in response to the Ebola virus outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.²⁴⁶⁸ They also urged the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund to “continue their strong support for the affected countries” and explore innovative ways to globally prepare against the economic impacts of infectious diseases.²⁴⁶⁹ The G20 also recommitted to fully implementing the World Health Organization’s (WHO) International Health Regulations. G20 members committed to strengthening global health systems and building the capacity to “prevent, detect, report early and respond to infectious diseases” and address anti-microbial resistance (AMR).²⁴⁷⁰

²⁴⁶⁸ G20 Leaders’ Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

²⁴⁶⁹ G20 Leaders’ Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

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At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders committed to “address current opportunities and challenges brought into the labour markets through ... the ageing of populations.”²⁴⁷¹ The G20 recognized the potential of investing in domestic labour mobility, thus adopting the “G20 Principles on Silver Economy and Active Ageing.”²⁴⁷² The document generally focuses on enhanced support for senior citizens through reducing discriminatory employment practices and also improving the accessibility of various social services.²⁴⁷³ While the document makes mention of healthcare investment and “coordination between studies on health, macro- and labour- economics, and innovation,”²⁴⁷⁴ an explicit and binding commitment on ageing policies still remains absent from summit negotiations.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 committed to align its work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), launched by the United Nations in 2015.²⁴⁷⁵ The G20 recognized that health is a key component for socioeconomic stability and sustainable development with regards to achieving SDGs 1, 3 and 5. SDG 1 is “to end poverty in all forms everywhere,” SDG 3 is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being” and SDG 5 is to “achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.”²⁴⁷⁶

From 19 to 20 May 2017 in Berlin, Germany, the G20 health ministers met for the first time to address health-related issues in terms of “global health crisis management,” “health systems strengthening” and “antimicrobial resistance.”²⁴⁷⁷ To address strengthening health systems, the WHO, International Labour Organization, and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development jointly published “Working for Health: A Five-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth (2017-2021).”²⁴⁷⁸ The plan was adopted at the 70th World Health Assembly on 29 May 2017.²⁴⁷⁹ At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 reaffirmed its

²⁴⁷¹ G20 Leader’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 15 April 2020. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>

²⁴⁷² ANNEX VI: G20 Principles on Silver Economy and Active Ageing, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 to 20 November 2015. Access Date: 15 April 2020. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Principles-on-Silver-Economy-and-Active-Ageing.pdf>.

²⁴⁷³ ANNEX VI: G20 Principles on Silver Economy and Active Ageing, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 to 20 November 2015. Access Date: 15 April 2020. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Principles-on-Silver-Economy-and-Active-Ageing.pdf>.

²⁴⁷⁴ ANNEX VI: G20 Principles on Silver Economy and Active Ageing, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 to 20 November 2015. Access Date: 15 April 2020. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Principles-on-Silver-Economy-and-Active-Ageing.pdf>.

²⁴⁷⁵ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Hangzhou. G20 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

²⁴⁷⁶ Resolution Adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015, United Nations (New York) 21 October 2015. Access Date: 19 November 2019. https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/Resolution_A_RES_70_1_EN.pdf

²⁴⁷⁷ Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers: Together Today for a Healthy Tomorrow, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2017. Access Date 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170520-health-en.html>

²⁴⁷⁸ Five-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth (2017-2021), World Health Organization, International Labour Organization and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 2018. Access Date: 19 November 2019.

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272941/9789241514149-eng.pdf?ua=1>

²⁴⁷⁹ Human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations’ High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, World Health Assembly (Geneva) 29 May 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2019. http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70_R6-en.pdf?ua=1

commitments to “safeguarding against health crises,” “strengthening global health systems” and “combatting antimicrobial resistance.”²⁴⁸⁰

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, the G20 extended its commitments to health-related issues to include “[tackling] malnutrition, with a special focus on childhood overweight and obesity.”²⁴⁸¹ It also reaffirmed its support for strengthening health systems “to achieve better access to health care and to improve its quality and affordability to move towards Universal Health Coverage, in line with their national contexts and priorities.”²⁴⁸² The G20 also pledged to “ending HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.”²⁴⁸³

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to strengthening global health systems through focussing on quality in terms of enhancing the health workforce and the promotion of innovation (e.g., digital and technological) in the public and private sector.²⁴⁸⁴ The G20 expanded its commitment of health-related issues to include “healthy and active ageing,” which will be promoted through “policy measures to address health promotion.”²⁴⁸⁵ The G20 pledged to implement policies to address dementia that aim “to improve quality of lives of people with dementia and caregivers.” G20 leaders also pledged to improve preparedness and response to health emergencies, which includes “strengthening [their] own capacities and the capacities of other countries in compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations (2005).”²⁴⁸⁶ The G20 pledged to provide financial and technical support to countries affected with Ebola and reaffirmed its commitment to eradicate polio as well as end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.²⁴⁸⁷ G20 leaders also agreed to tackle AMR with the One-Health approach and through the work of Global AMR R&D Hub.²⁴⁸⁸

According to the WHO, the number of people over 60 years of age is expected to double by 2050.²⁴⁸⁹ With many countries facing an increasingly ageing population due to declining fertility and increasing life expectancy, it is important not only to address the well-being of older persons but also to create age-friendly environments that encourage older people to actively participate in society. The

²⁴⁸⁰ G20 Leaders’ Declaration Hamburg, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸¹ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Summits (Argentina) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸² G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Summits (Argentina) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸³ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Summits (Argentina) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁴ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁵ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁶ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁷ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁸ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁸⁹ Number of people over 60 years set to double by 2050; major societal changes required, World Health Organization (Geneva) 30 September 2015. Access Date: 3 March 2020. <https://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/older-persons-day/en/>

WHO's focus on healthy ageing between 2015 and 2030 replaces its previous policy framework on active ageing in 2002.²⁴⁹⁰

The 2020–2030 Decade of Healthy Aging, builds on the WHO's Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health.²⁴⁹¹ It is the second phase of the action plan and aims to address health across multiple sectors through “ten years of concerted, catalytic and collaborative action to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live.”²⁴⁹² It focuses on enabling equitable access to health services and long-term care for older people; combat ageism; foster age-friendly environments that consider the varying abilities of older people; deliver integrated and primary health care that is responsive to older people; strengthen data and promote research to accelerate the implementation of data-driven health policies and action; and provide opportunities that promote intergenerational solidarity by being inclusive of the perspectives of young and old people, family members, caregivers, governments, and civil society organizations, which enable meaningful engagement in health and well-being discourse.²⁴⁹³ The Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 is aligned with the SDGs, as it recognizes the implication of healthy ageing on preventing poverty (SDG 1) and enabling food security (SDG 2), good health and well-being (SDG 3), life-long education and learning (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), job opportunities for older people (SDG 8), age-inclusive infrastructure (SDG 9), equitable access to services (SDG 10), age-friendly environments and communities (SDG 11), age-friendly institutions (SDG 16), and partnerships across various sectors, investments, and stakeholders (SDG 17).²⁴⁹⁴

The current G20 commitment reflects pledges made by G20 leaders and previous summits and highlights its new commitment to “promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.”²⁴⁹⁵ This commitment focuses on quality and recognizes that progress towards universal health coverage and the achievement of the SDGs are tied to approaching health with a life course perspective that recognizes that earlier life experiences influence the way people age.

Commitment Features

This commitment has two components: 1) healthy ageing and 2) active aging.

“Health” is understood to mean “the state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”²⁴⁹⁶ In the active ageing context, this refers to “policies and programmes that promote mental and social connections.”²⁴⁹⁷

²⁴⁹⁰ Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

²⁴⁹¹ World report on ageing and health 2015, World Health Organization (Geneva) 2015. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/186463/9789240694811_eng.pdf

²⁴⁹² Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030: What is the Decade of Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 3 March 2020. <https://www.who.int/ageing/decade-of-healthy-ageing>

²⁴⁹³ Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 12 April 2020. https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/decade-of-healthy-ageing/final-decade-proposal/decade-proposal-final-apr2020-en.pdf?sfvrsn=b4b75ebc_3

²⁴⁹⁴ Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 12 April 2020. https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/decade-of-healthy-ageing/final-decade-proposal/decade-proposal-final-apr2020-en.pdf?sfvrsn=b4b75ebc_3

²⁴⁹⁵ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 19 November 2019. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁴⁹⁶ Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 20 November 2019. https://www.who.int/healthsystems/hss_glossary/en/index5.html

“Promote” is understood to mean “support or renew old efforts or create new efforts in the area,” which implies that it should not have to be a brand new initiative.²⁴⁹⁸ It also refers to “[contributing] to growth or prosperity of, to help bring into being.”²⁴⁹⁹

“Healthy ageing” refers to “the process of developing and maintaining functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age.”²⁵⁰⁰ Wellbeing is understood in the broadest sense, which includes “happiness, satisfaction and fulfilment.”²⁵⁰¹ Functional ability encompasses an individual’s “intrinsic capacity” and “environmental characteristics.”²⁵⁰² The intrinsic capacity of an individual is “all the mental and physical capabilities that a person can draw on and includes their ability to walk, think, see hear and remember.”²⁵⁰³ By contrast, “environmental characteristics” encompass “the home, community and broader society, and all the factors within them such as the built environment, people and their relationships, attitudes and values, health and social policies, the systems that support them and the services that they implement.”²⁵⁰⁴ There are two ways to achieve functional ability: by supporting the development and maintenance of intrinsic capacity or by enabling individuals with functional ability challenges to do things that are meaningful to them.²⁵⁰⁵

Two considerations of healthy ageing include “diversity” and “inequity.”²⁵⁰⁶ There is “no typical older person” since people experience varying degrees of physical and mental incapacity, so policies should reflect the diversity in capacity of older people.²⁵⁰⁷ Policies that seek to improve the functional ability of older individuals should be inclusive of the varying capabilities of older individuals. Inequity addresses how one’s family, sex, ethnicity, level of education and financial resources shape their relationship with their environments.²⁵⁰⁸ Policies that promote health in terms of healthy ageing should seek to support and maintain autonomy and independence of ageing individuals, such as action on assistive devices and developing environments that support intrinsic capacity, with attention to diversity and inequity.

²⁴⁹⁷ Active Ageing: A Policy Framework (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019.

https://www.who.int/ageing/publications/active_ageing/en/

²⁴⁹⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 2 May 2016. Access Date: 20 November 2019.

²⁴⁹⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 2 May 2016. Access Date: 20 November 2019.

²⁵⁰⁰ Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

²⁵⁰¹ World report on ageing and health 2015, World Health Organization (Geneva) 2015. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/186463/9789240694811_eng.pdf?sequence=1

²⁵⁰² Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

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²⁵⁰⁴ Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

²⁵⁰⁵ World report on ageing and health 2015, World Health Organization (Geneva) 2015. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/186463/9789240694811_eng.pdf?sequence=1

²⁵⁰⁶ Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

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²⁵⁰⁸ Ageing and Life-Course: What is Healthy Ageing? World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.who.int/ageing/healthy-ageing/en/>

“Active ageing” refers to “the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age,”²⁵⁰⁹ which embraces a life course perspective. The term “active” is understood to mean “continuing participation in social, economic, cultural, spiritual and civic affairs, not just the ability to be physically active or to participate in the labour force.”²⁵¹⁰ The WHO outlines six determinants of active ageing, specifically health and social service systems, the physical environment, and economic, behavioural, personal, and social factors.²⁵¹¹ Therefore, active ageing-related policy initiatives should “recognize the need to encourage and balance personal responsibility (self-care), age-friendly environments and intergenerational solidarity.”²⁵¹² Policies that promote active ageing should aim to support food and income security and encourage physical activity and social, economic, and cultural inclusion, which enable people to actively participate in their communities and improve their quality of life as they age. Active ageing policies should also aim to “reduce risk factors associated with major diseases and increase factors that protect health throughout the life course”; “develop a continuum of affordable, accessible, high-quality and age-friendly health and social services that address the needs and rights of people as they age”; and “provide training and education to caregivers.”²⁵¹³

To achieve full compliance, the G20 member is required to take action to strongly promote both healthy ageing and active ageing through policy measures. Strongly promoting healthy ageing means that the G20 member has taken policy action to fully address functional ability in terms of intrinsic capacity and environmental characteristics, with consideration to both equity and diversity. It also means that the G20 member has taken policy action to fully optimize health and enhance security, quality of life, and social, political, cultural, and/or economic inclusion of older people. Partial compliance entails the G20 member taking action on strongly promoting healthy ageing or strongly promoting active ageing or some aspects of both that constitute less than strongly promoting. No compliance constitutes taking no action on healthy ageing nor active ageing.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member has taken no policy action to promote healthy ageing OR to promote active ageing.
0	G20 member has taken policy action to strongly promote healthy ageing OR to strongly promote active ageing OR some of aspects of both that constitute less than strongly promoting.
+1	G20 member has taken policy action to promote healthy ageing AND to promote active ageing.

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Argentina: -1

Argentina has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

²⁵⁰⁹ Active Ageing: A Policy Framework, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.who.int/ageing/publications/active_ageing/en/
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²⁵¹² Active Ageing: A Policy Framework, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.who.int/ageing/publications/active_ageing/en/
²⁵¹³ Active Ageing: A Policy Framework, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 12 April 2020. https://www.who.int/ageing/publications/active_ageing/en/

Argentina has not taken any substantial action to address healthy ageing nor active ageing through policy measures. No actions were found for this report after searching publicly available online sources published by the government, relevant ministries, and international organizations.²⁵¹⁴

Thus, Argentina receives a score of -1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 1 July 2019, the Australian government reformed its residential aged care standards with the implementation of “Aged Care Quality Standards” to improve the quality and safety of care for senior Australians in government-funded aged care under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.²⁵¹⁵ In addition to these reforms, “a new basic daily fee will be set based on the customers home care package level, reducing fees by up to AUD400 for those on lower packages.”²⁵¹⁶

On 1 July 2019, the Australian government introduced a new Charter of Aged Care Rights that “enshrines 14 rights for senior Australians in care” in a format that is easy to read and replaces the former charters of care recipients’ rights and responsibilities for residential care, home care and short-term restorative care.²⁵¹⁷ The new charter is designed to “[make] it easier for aged care consumers (people receiving aged care services), families and carers to understand what they can expect from an aged care service provider.”²⁵¹⁸

On 8 July 2019, Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt and Minister for Health Greg Hunt announced an investment of “more than AUD5.6 million in medical research focusing on healthy ageing for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander peoples.”²⁵¹⁹ Through a culturally-sensitive approach to research, the National Health and Medical Research Council aims to “improve the health and experience of ageing of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”²⁵²⁰

²⁵¹⁴ This non-compliance was determined after a search of the following websites:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/buscar>, <https://www.clarin.com/>, <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/>, <https://ar.reuters.com/>, and <https://www.nytimes.com/>

²⁵¹⁵ Delivering safety and quality in Australia’s aged care system, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 1 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-safety-and-quality-in-australias-aged-care-system>

²⁵¹⁶ Delivering safety and quality in Australia’s aged care system, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 1 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-safety-and-quality-in-australias-aged-care-system>

²⁵¹⁷ Delivering safety and quality in Australia’s aged care system, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 1 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-safety-and-quality-in-australias-aged-care-system>

²⁵¹⁸ Charter of Aged Care Rights, Older Persons Advocacy Network (Sydney) 1 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://opan.com.au/charter/>

²⁵¹⁹ New research projects to focus on healthy ageing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Australian Government Department of Health (Canberra) 8 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/new-research-projects-to-focus-on-healthy-ageing-of-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples>

²⁵²⁰ \$5.6 million for research into healthy ageing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 8 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/56-million-for-research-into-healthy-ageing-of-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples>

On 8 July 2019, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians Richard Colbeck and Senator for the Northern Territory Sam McMahon pledged AUD20 million to establish the Nhulunbuy Flexible Aged Care Service, which is a new aged care service implemented through the collaborative effort of the Commonwealth and Australian Regional and Remote Community Services, for Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem Land.²⁵²¹ The initiative aims to increase the capacity for culturally-sensitive aged care, enhance the quality of service and care and improve the accessibility of care for Indigenous Australians.²⁵²²

On 31 July 2019, the Australian government granted AUD1.8 million to the Walking Football One Million+ program, which was created through the partnership between Football Federation Australia and Active Ageing Australia.²⁵²³ The initiative aims to promote social inclusion and improve the physical activity and mental health of senior Australians by “[delivering] an additional one million active hours over the next two years” for older persons.²⁵²⁴

On 17 September 2019, Minister Colbeck pledged AUD150 million over three years to increase the access to entry-level home support of senior Australians.²⁵²⁵ Home support services will be delivered under the Common Home Support Programme, which is a program that provides entry-level home support for frail older persons.²⁵²⁶

On 29 October 2019, Minister Hunt announced the new mobile Medicare x-ray services available at residential aged care facilities beginning 1 November 2019.²⁵²⁷ According to Minister Colbeck, the initiative will improve the accessibility of medical treatment for senior Australians and save on costs.²⁵²⁸

On 15 November 2019, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released a first-time report entitled “Interfaces between the aged care and health systems in Australia — first results,” which

²⁵²¹ Delivering new aged care service for Nhulunbuy, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 8 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-new-aged-care-service-for-nhulunbuy>

²⁵²² Delivering new aged care service for Nhulunbuy, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 8 July 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-new-aged-care-service-for-nhulunbuy>

²⁵²³ Walking Football to deliver one million active hours for seniors, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 July 2019. Access Date 29 February 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/walking-football-to-deliver-one-million-active-hours-for-seniors>

²⁵²⁴ Walking Football to deliver one million active hours for seniors, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 July 2019. Access Date 29 February 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/walking-football-to-deliver-one-million-active-hours-for-seniors>

²⁵²⁵ Supporting Australians to live independently for longer, Australian Government Department of Health (Canberra) 17 September 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/supporting-more-australians-to-live-independently-for-longer>

²⁵²⁶ Delivering on our commitment to support more senior Australians to live independently for longer, Australian Government Department of Health (Canberra) 17 September 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/delivering-on-our-commitment-to-support-more-senior-australians-to-live-independently-for-longer>

²⁵²⁷ New Medicare support for older Australians, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 29 October 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/new-medicare-support-for-older-australians>

²⁵²⁸ New Medicare support for older Australians, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 29 October 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/new-medicare-support-for-older-australians>

examined the use of health services by older people using different types of aged care.²⁵²⁹ The report illustrated how data-based evidence can contribute to the development of social policy and strengthen the understanding of health and aged care, which can serve to enhance health services for older persons.²⁵³⁰

On 25 November 2019, as a response to the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety released on 31 October 2019, the Morrison Government announced an investment of AUD537 million into creating “10,000 home care packages”; “improv[ing] medication management and dementia training”; and reducing the number of younger people with disabilities entering residential aged care.²⁵³¹

On 5 December 2019, the government successfully secured the passage of the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019, which expands the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission effective 1 January 2020.²⁵³² The bill expands the role of the Commissioner to include “approving all residential and home care providers; aged care compliance and enforcement actions; and the administration of the responsibilities of approved providers to report assaults.”²⁵³³ The expanded regulatory functions and additional powers of the Commissioner will ensure greater safety and quality.²⁵³⁴

On 11 December 2019, Acting Minister of Health Alan Tudge and Minister Colbeck, announced an investment of AUD22 million in research to improve aged care and health outcomes of older Australians.²⁵³⁵ Actions funded by this investment include research into intervention strategies for age-related disease and care for frail older persons.²⁵³⁶

On 16 December 2019, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission released a report, entitled “Consumers’ experience of residential aged care, Australia 2017-19,” which revealed the result of an independent analysis on residential consumer

²⁵²⁹ Exploring how older Australians in aged care use health services, Australian Government Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (Canberra) 15 November 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.aihw.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/2019/november-1/exploring-how-older-australians-in-aged-care-use-h>

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²⁵³¹ Response to Aged Care Royal Commission Interim Report, Prime Ministers of Australia (Canberra) 25 November 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/response-aged-care-royal-commission-interim-report>

²⁵³² Strengthening independent oversight of aged care, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 5 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/strengthening-independent-oversight-of-aged-care>

²⁵³³ Strengthening independent oversight of aged care, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 5 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/strengthening-independent-oversight-of-aged-care>

²⁵³⁴ Strengthening independent oversight of aged care, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 5 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/strengthening-independent-oversight-of-aged-care>

²⁵³⁵ \$22 million funding for ageing and aged care research, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/22-million-funding-for-ageing-and-aged-care-research>

²⁵³⁶ \$22 million funding for ageing and aged care research, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/22-million-funding-for-ageing-and-aged-care-research>

experience reports data. The report enables a better understanding of the experiences of older Australians living in residential aged care.²⁵³⁷

On 18 December 2019, Minister Colbeck announced the “availability of new government subsidised aged care places released as part of the 2020 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR).”²⁵³⁸ Minister Colbeck also announced an investment of AUD60 million to help residential aged care providers with infrastructure and building costs.²⁵³⁹

On 1 January 2020, Minister Colbeck announced a further investment of AUD623.9 million in the year of 2019-2020 in a “series of targeted measures” that aim to ensure quality of care.²⁵⁴⁰

On 17 January 2020, the Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission released the draft Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission Roadmap for public consultation.²⁵⁴¹ The consultation grants the Australian public the opportunity to evaluate the current strategy and assist the government in its planning for the prioritization of funding for critical dementia and aged care research.²⁵⁴²

On 31 January 2020, Minister Colbeck pledged AUD50 million towards a “targeted aged care Business Improvement Fund,” which will “[support] facilities and [improve] business operations.”²⁵⁴³ Funds will be used to implement new business strategies, maintain services during transfer of residence between providers and ensure the maintenance care standards during home closure.²⁵⁴⁴

On 6 February 2020, Minister Hunt announced the investment of AUD5.5 million in ten groundbreaking medical research projects aimed at “improving outcomes in mental health, dementia, aged care, cerebral palsy, diabetes and many more life-changing conditions.”²⁵⁴⁵ Additionally, AUD2.7 million will be provided to four international research projects aimed towards investigating

²⁵³⁷ Consumer experience of residential aged care explored in new report, Australian Government Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (Canberra) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.aihw.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/2019/december/consumer-experience-of-residential-aged-care-explo>

²⁵³⁸ Meeting future demand for residential aged care places, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/meeting-future-demand-for-residential-aged-care-places>

²⁵³⁹ Meeting future demand for residential aged care places, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/meeting-future-demand-for-residential-aged-care-places>

²⁵⁴⁰ Important changes to improve the quality of aged care start today, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 1 January 2020. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/important-changes-to-improve-the-quality-of-aged-care-start-today>

²⁵⁴¹ Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission Roadmap released for public consultation, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/dementia-ageing-and-aged-care-mission-roadmap-released-for-public-consultation>

²⁵⁴² Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission Roadmap released for public consultation, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 30 January 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/dementia-ageing-and-aged-care-mission-roadmap-released-for-public-consultation>

²⁵⁴³ Targeted support to improve residential aged care services, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 January 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/targeted-support-to-improve-residential-age-care-services>

²⁵⁴⁴ Targeted support to improve residential aged care services, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 January 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/targeted-support-to-improve-residential-age-care-services>

²⁵⁴⁵ \$5.5 million for international research collaborations in human health, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 6 February 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/55-million-for-international-research-collaborations-in-human-health>

and improving personalized medicine and clinical trials to improve dementia diagnosis and treatment.²⁵⁴⁶

On 9 March 2020, Minister Colbeck and Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy convened the Aged Care COVID-19 Preparedness Forum to help ensure the “continued delivery of safe, quality care to senior Australians.”²⁵⁴⁷ Strategies of approach for aged care providers and the government were discussed and consolidated to protect those living in residences.

On 11 March 2020, the Australian government pledged AUD2.4 billion towards a health plan to fight COVID-19. The COVID-19 National Health Plan aims “to protect all Australians, including vulnerable groups such as the elderly, those with chronic conditions and Indigenous communities, from the coronavirus (COVID-19)”²⁵⁴⁸ and support “primary care, aged care, hospitals, research and the national medical stockpile.”²⁵⁴⁹ AUD101.2million of the AUD2.4 billion will go towards aged care as part of the front-line defense measures to “protect [aged care] residents, staff, and their families across the country.”²⁵⁵⁰ Additionally, the Morrison government is investing in national medical stockpile, which includes personal protective equipment for staff and a AUD30 million National Communications Campaign to inform citizens of the best practices for virus containment.²⁵⁵¹

On 12 March 2020, Minister Colbeck announced the opening of a new residential care facility at Wamuran in Queensland’s Southeast.²⁵⁵² The facility is part of a new development, Beaumont care, and also has a “secure memory support unit equipped to provide specialized care for those living with dementia” as one of its four interconnected homes.²⁵⁵³

On 18 March 2020, Minister Colbeck and Acting Minister Tudge jointly announced the relaxation of regulations regarding the hours that international students are allowed to work in the aged care sector.²⁵⁵⁴ This is to maintain the quality of care and protection afforded to senior Australians despite staff shortages due to COVID-19.

²⁵⁴⁶ \$5.5 million for international research collaborations in human health, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 6 February 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/55-million-for-international-research-collaborations-in-human-health>

²⁵⁴⁷ Statement from the Aged Care COVID-19, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 9 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/statement-from-the-aged-care-covid-19-preparedness-forum>

²⁵⁴⁸ \$2.4 Billion Health Plan to Fight COVID-19, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 29 March 2020. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/24-billion-health-plan-fight-covid-19>

²⁵⁴⁹ 2.4 Billion Health Plan to Fight COVID-19, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 29 March 2020. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/24-billion-health-plan-fight-covid-19>

²⁵⁵⁰ Funding boost for aged care set to strengthen defence against COVID-19, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/statement-from-the-aged-care-covid-19-preparedness-forum>

²⁵⁵¹ Funding boost for aged care set to strengthen defence against COVID-19, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/statement-from-the-aged-care-covid-19-preparedness-forum>

²⁵⁵² New residential aged care facility marks new era for Wamuran, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 12 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/new-residential-aged-care-facility-marks-new-era-for-wamuran>

²⁵⁵³ New residential aged care facility marks new era for Wamuran, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 12 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/new-residential-aged-care-facility-marks-new-era-for-wamuran>

²⁵⁵⁴ International students ready to fill critical staff shortages in aged care, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 18 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/international-students-ready-to-fill-critical-staff-shortages-in-aged-care>

On 18 March 2020, Minister Colbeck announced additional aged care visitation restrictions to protect residents from COVID-19, including the specification of protocol, locations for visitation and persons allowed to visit.²⁵⁵⁵ Additionally, facilities are encouraged to ensure the availability of alternative methods of visitation (e.g. video calls), to conduct screening of all visitors and to provide handwashing facilities and alcohol-based rubs at all entrances.²⁵⁵⁶

On 20 March 2020, Minister Colbeck announced AUD444.6 million to strengthen support for the aged care workforce, which will include “a COVID-19 ‘retention bonus’”²⁵⁵⁷ to support aged care providers, residential care support, and funding for the “Residential and Home Care Viability Supplements and the Homeless Supplement,”²⁵⁵⁸ including “equivalent viability funding increases for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program providers, Multi-Purpose Services and homeless providers.”²⁵⁵⁹

On 25 March 2020, Minister Colbeck announced that several measures will be postponed for at least six months, including the “Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) assessment trial, the 2020 Aged Care Approval Round and the implementation of the home care payment alignment project”²⁵⁶⁰ as the Morrison Government deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.²⁵⁶¹

On 29 March 2020, Minister Colbeck announced a AUD1.1 billion funding package for senior Australians and young people, which will help them “stay healthy and connected”²⁵⁶² to their community to family, friends, and support services.²⁵⁶³

On 31 March 2020, Minister Hunt pledged AUD59.3 million towards funding for the Meals on Wheels initiative and similar meal delivery services for senior Australians, as they are urged to remain

²⁵⁵⁵ International students ready to fill critical staff shortages in aged care, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 18 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/international-students-ready-to-fill-critical-staff-shortages-in-aged-care>

²⁵⁵⁶ Strengthened guidelines to protect aged care residents, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 18 March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/strengthened-guidelines-to-protect-aged-care-residents>

²⁵⁵⁷ Measures to support Senior Australians and those who care for them, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 20 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/measures-to-support-senior-australians-and-those-who-care-for-them>

²⁵⁵⁸ Measures to support Senior Australians and those who care for them, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 20 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/measures-to-support-senior-australians-and-those-who-care-for-them>

²⁵⁵⁹ Measures to support Senior Australians and those who care for them, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 20 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/measures-to-support-senior-australians-and-those-who-care-for-them>

²⁵⁶⁰ Aged care activities pause due to COVID-19, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/aged-care-activities-pause-due-to-covid-19>

²⁵⁶¹ Aged care activities pause due to COVID-19, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/aged-care-activities-pause-due-to-covid-19>

²⁵⁶² Support to keep people active and healthy as COVID-19 restrictions continue, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 30 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/support-to-keep-people-active-and-healthy-as-covid-19-restrictions-continue>

²⁵⁶³ Support to keep people active and healthy as COVID-19 restrictions continue, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 30 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/support-to-keep-people-active-and-healthy-as-covid-19-restrictions-continue>

home in response to COVID-19.²⁵⁶⁴ The funding aims to provide “prepared meals, food staples and essential daily items,”²⁵⁶⁵ which will be delivered to seniors.²⁵⁶⁶

On 1 April 2020, Minister Hunt announced that the Australian Government has invested over AUD80 million in 2020 towards the National Immunization Program, which provides free flu vaccines, including the “quadrivalent vaccine Flud Quad®”²⁵⁶⁷ for people who are 65 years of age or older.²⁵⁶⁸

Through pledges of funding, consistent and strong support of initiatives supporting the expansion of the accessibility of aged care, promotion of physical activity and social inclusion of older persons, improvements towards the experiences of both caretaker and care receiver, with attention to equity and diversity, Australia has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Daisy Liu

Brazil: -1

Brazil has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy aging and active aging through policy measures to address health promotion.

Brazil has not taken any policy action to address healthy ageing nor active ageing. No actions were registered for this report after searching government publications, international organizations, online news sources, and relevant ministries.²⁵⁶⁹

Thus, Brazil receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Fatima Chohan

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 23 August 2019, Health Canada launched a three-year, micro-grant fund worth CAD300,000 to address the social and psychological aspects of palliative care.²⁵⁷⁰ The grant would foster

²⁵⁶⁴ Meals On Wheels programs reinforced to help senior Australians at home, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/meals-on-wheels-programs-reinforced-to-help-senior-australians-at-home>

²⁵⁶⁵ Meals On Wheels programs reinforced to help senior Australians at home, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/meals-on-wheels-programs-reinforced-to-help-senior-australians-at-home>

²⁵⁶⁶ Meals On Wheels programs reinforced to help senior Australians at home, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 31 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/meals-on-wheels-programs-reinforced-to-help-senior-australians-at-home>

²⁵⁶⁷ Flu vaccination more important than ever during the month of April, Ministers Department of Health (Canberra) 1 April 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/flu-vaccination-more-important-than-ever-during-the-month-of-april>

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²⁵⁶⁹ This non-compliance was determined after a search of the following websites: <http://www.brazil.gov.br/>, <https://www.saude.gov.br/>, <https://br.reuters.com/>, and <https://riotimesonline.com/>

compassionate community-based initiatives that help members of the official language minority communities live in comfort and with dignity as well as provide “support before, during and following the death of a loved one.”²⁵⁷¹

On 21 January 2020, Minister of Seniors Deb Schulte and the Minister of Northern Affairs Dan Vandal pledged to invest CAD1.5 million to support approximately 100 projects in Manitoba, which aim to enhance the quality of the life older persons and promote social inclusion.²⁵⁷² The “New Horizons for Seniors Program community-based stream” provides the funding for the projects.²⁵⁷³

On 31 January 2020, Minister of Health Patty Hajdu announced an investment of more than CAD4.6 million for various projects across Canada, which aim to improve the lives of those who live with dementia, their families, and their caregivers.²⁵⁷⁴

On 10 February 2020, Minister Schulte announced an investment of more than CAD3.4 million to help increase social inclusion of seniors in Nova Scotia.²⁵⁷⁵ The project will be led by the Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education.²⁵⁷⁶

On 14 February 2020, Minister Schulte announced an investment of CAD3 million for a project led by Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging.²⁵⁷⁷ The project is based in Waterloo, Ontario, and aims

²⁵⁷⁰ Health Canada announces micro grant fund for official language minority communities, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 August 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2019/08/health-canada-announces-micro-grant-fund-for-official-language-minority-communities.html>

²⁵⁷¹ Health Canada announces micro grant fund for official language minority communities, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 August 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2019/08/health-canada-announces-micro-grant-fund-for-official-language-minority-communities.html>

²⁵⁷² Minister Schulte announces 1.5 million for Manitoba seniors including upgrades to Southdale Community Centre, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 21 January 2020. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/01/minister-schulte-announces-15-million-for-manitoba-seniors-including-upgrades-to-southdale-community-centre.html>

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²⁵⁷⁴ Government of Canada invests in projects to help Canadians living with Dementia and caregivers, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 21 January 2020. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/01/government-of-canada-invests-in-projects-to-help-canadians-living-with-dementia-and-caregivers.html>

²⁵⁷⁵ Minister Schulte announces investment in project aiming to connect seniors and youth in Nova Scotia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investment-in-project-aiming-to-connect-seniors-and-youth-in-nova-scotia.html>

²⁵⁷⁶ Minister Schulte announces investment in project aiming to connect seniors and youth in Nova Scotia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investment-in-project-aiming-to-connect-seniors-and-youth-in-nova-scotia.html>

²⁵⁷⁷ Minister Schulte announces investment to support older adults living with dementia in the Waterloo region, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investment-to-support-older-adults-living-with-dementia-in-the-waterloo-region.html>

to foster intergenerational partnerships between seniors living with mild to moderate dementia and their caregivers.²⁵⁷⁸

On 2 March 2020, Minister Schulte announced an investment of CAD9.3 million in seniors in British Columbia through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.²⁵⁷⁹ CAD4 million of the funding will go to Progressive Intercultural Community Services for a project which aims to increase social inclusion amongst multicultural seniors.²⁵⁸⁰

On 29 March 2020, the Government of Canada pledged CAD9 million to help Canadian seniors affected by COVID-19 through the New Horizons for Seniors Program at United Way Canada, which will provide essential services, such as delivering groceries, medications, or essential items, or connecting seniors to relevant community supports.²⁵⁸¹

Canada has taken actions to promote both healthy and active ageing through initiatives that promote equity and diversity, programs which enhance the living environments for seniors, including the family, their caregivers and the larger community, fostering social inclusion and improving their quality of life.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Shafna Kallil

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 15 July 2019, the State Council of China issued the official guideline regarding the implementation of the Healthy China Initiative.²⁵⁸² With an emphasis on disease prevention, chronic disease management and health promotion and education, the new guideline consists of 15 campaigns to directly target health-influencing factors and improve national health awareness.²⁵⁸³ The State Council also formed a committee, dedicated to the proper promotion, implementation,

²⁵⁷⁸ Minister Schulte announces investment to support older adults living with dementia in the Waterloo region, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investment-to-support-older-adults-living-with-dementia-in-the-waterloo-region.html>

²⁵⁷⁹ Minister Schulte announces a \$9.3 million investment in British Columbia seniors through New Horizons for Seniors, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 2 March 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investments-of-over-9-million-for-seniors-across-british-columbia-at-pics.html>

²⁵⁸⁰ Minister Schulte announces a \$9.3 million investment in British Columbia seniors through New Horizons for Seniors, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 2 March 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/02/minister-schulte-announces-investments-of-over-9-million-for-seniors-across-british-columbia-at-pics.html>

²⁵⁸¹ Prime Minister announces support for vulnerable Canadians affected by COVID-19, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 29 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid>

²⁵⁸² Healthy China Initiative to Transform Industry, China Daily (Beijing) 24 July 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201907/24/WS5d37b165a310d83056400aa7.html>

²⁵⁸³ Healthy China Initiative to Transform Industry, China Daily (Beijing) 24 July 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201907/24/WS5d37b165a310d83056400aa7.html>

supervision and assessment of the Healthy China Initiative, which will conduct annual research to monitor the project and propose policy adjustments along the way.²⁵⁸⁴

On 21 August 2019, the State Council of China announced the scheduled establishment of a long-term elderly care mechanism comprised of improved training for elderly care workers, increased social benefits and insurance and increased subsidies for elderly citizens faced with economic difficulties.²⁵⁸⁵ The government aims to tackle the extreme deficit of workers in the aged care industry in addition to expanding care services to more effectively meet seniors' physiological, safety and social belonging needs.²⁵⁸⁶

On 27 August 2019, the National Health Commission issued two guidelines to urge medical and nursing services to more effectively evaluate the demands of elderly citizens and strengthen training programs for workers for aged care.²⁵⁸⁷ National Health Commission official Jiao Yahui stated that such guidelines were issued to meet the need for quality medical products and aged care services required among debilitated senior citizens.²⁵⁸⁸

On 19 September 2019, the National Health Commission alongside other relevant authorities announced their plan to issue a guideline to further the integration of medical institutions and nursing homes.²⁵⁸⁹ The new guideline will differentiate between medical and caregiving costs, however, it is expected to make health insurance reimbursement easier.²⁵⁹⁰ The government plans to incentivize the integration process through the provision of benefits and tax breaks for hybrid facilities.²⁵⁹¹

On 26 September 2019, Minister of Health Ma Xiaowei announced that health authorities across China will further concentrate their efforts in improving the quality and accessibility of rural healthcare services.²⁵⁹² By the end of 2020, another 1,000 county level hospitals will have been upgraded to tertiary hospitals, eliminating the need for patients in these counties with serious illnesses to travel long distances for treatment.²⁵⁹³ China's investment in the development of

²⁵⁸⁴ State Council forms committee for healthcare initiative, The State Council (Beijing) 15 July 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <http://www.amgen.cn/en/media/amgen-aging.html>.

http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/201907/15/content_WS5d3968c1c6d08408f5022868.html.

²⁵⁸⁵ Elderly care services to be expanded, The State Council (Beijing) 27 August 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201908/27/WS5d648bb7a310cf3e35568083_2.html

²⁵⁸⁶ Elderly care services to be expanded, The State Council (Beijing) 27 August 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201908/27/WS5d648bb7a310cf3e35568083_2.html

²⁵⁸⁷ China promotes nursing services for debilitated senior citizens, China Daily (Beijing) 27 August 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201908/27/WS5d6539e1a310cf3e355682f0.html>

²⁵⁸⁸ China promotes nursing services for debilitated senior citizens, China Daily (Beijing) 27 August 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201908/27/WS5d6539e1a310cf3e355682f0.html>

²⁵⁸⁹ Efforts to improve senior care renewed, National health Commission of the PRC (Beijing) 19 September 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2019-09/19/c_75697.htm

²⁵⁹⁰ Efforts to improve senior care renewed, National health Commission of the PRC (Beijing) 19 September 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2019-09/19/c_75697.htm

²⁵⁹¹ Efforts to improve senior care renewed, National health Commission of the PRC (Beijing) 19 September 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2019-09/19/c_75697.htm

²⁵⁹² Chinese health authorities to prioritize rural development, China Daily (Beijing) 29 September 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201909/26/WS5d8cb75aa310cf3e3556db2d.html>

²⁵⁹³ Chinese health authorities to prioritize rural development, China Daily (Beijing) 29 September 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201909/26/WS5d8cb75aa310cf3e3556db2d.html>

healthcare services in rural areas is essential to a more even distribution in medical resources and thus a more equitable and accessible healthcare system.²⁵⁹⁴

On 9 October 2019, the National Health Commission stated that China has taken action in decreasing patients' expenses in treating high blood pressure and diabetes.²⁵⁹⁵ Patients suffering from these two chronic illnesses will have 50 per cent of their spending on medicine reimbursed.²⁵⁹⁶ These measures were also made with the intention to improve the health of the elderly population, as over 180 million elderly citizens in China suffer from such chronic illnesses.²⁵⁹⁷

On 11 October 2019, the National Health Commission announced the expansion of a pilot terminal care program into an additional 71 cities and municipal districts with the goal of advancing healthcare for the elderly.²⁵⁹⁸ More specifically, this program aims to ensure that senior citizens who are dying and/or suffering from terminal illnesses will have their "physical and mental needs better taken care of so that they can pass away with comfort and dignity."²⁵⁹⁹

On 11 October 2019, the National Health Commission announced that China will ramp up its efforts in building more accessible and elderly-friendly medical facilities.²⁶⁰⁰ It encourages all medical institutions to implement changes to provide seniors with more convenient and tailored medical services.²⁶⁰¹

On 18 October 2019, the National Health Commission officially launched an information system for the registration of the treatment of rare diseases in an effort to improve the quality of their diagnoses and treatment.²⁶⁰² Over 300 hospitals will come together in a collaborative network for rare diseases and will be required to register all information on patients with rare diseases effective 1 November 2019 and to complete the registration of all patients treated with rare diseases since 2015 by the end of 2019.²⁶⁰³

On 8 November 2019, Minister of Health Ma Xiaowei met with Italy's Minister of Health Roberto Speranza to sign the Implementation Programme of the Plan of Action for the years 2019 to 2021,

²⁵⁹⁴ Chinese health authorities to prioritize rural development, China Daily (Beijing) 29 September 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201909/26/WS5d8cb75aa310cf3e3556db2d.html>

²⁵⁹⁵ China to ease burden of patients with high blood pressure, diabetes, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 9 October 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/09/c_138457397.htm

²⁵⁹⁶ China to ease burden of patients with high blood pressure, diabetes, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 9 October 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/09/c_138457397.htm

²⁵⁹⁷ China to ease burden of patients with high blood pressure, diabetes, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 9 October 2019. Access Date: 5 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/09/c_138457397.htm

²⁵⁹⁸ China expands pilot terminal care program, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 7 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/11/c_138464379.htm

²⁵⁹⁹ China expands pilot terminal care program, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 7 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/11/c_138464379.htm

²⁶⁰⁰ China to make medical institutions elderly-friendly, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/11/c_138464358.htm

²⁶⁰¹ China to make medical institutions elderly-friendly, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/11/c_138464358.htm

²⁶⁰² China to register treatment of rare diseases, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 18 October 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/18/c_138483128.htm

²⁶⁰³ China to register treatment of rare diseases, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 18 October 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/18/c_138483128.htm

which aims to establish healthcare cooperation between Italy and China to sectors such as oncology, cardiology and primary care.²⁶⁰⁴

On 21 November 2019, the Communist Party of China and the State Council announced that the basic institutional framework for a proactive response to population ageing will be established by 2022.²⁶⁰⁵ The plan aims to combat population ageing through five main aspects: establishing a more sustainable and equitable social security system, establishing a high-quality and comprehensive health service system, promoting the “development of assistive technologies for senior citizens,”²⁶⁰⁶ “[improving] the legal system to protect the lawful rights and interests of senior citizens,”²⁶⁰⁷ and “improving the effective supply of labour in an ageing society”²⁶⁰⁸ through the implementation of a “lifelong learning system for senior citizens.”²⁶⁰⁹

On 22 November 2019, China National Health Development Research Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Amgen to launch the “Program of Building of High-Quality and Efficient Health Service System and Empirical Study in the Context of Ageing,” a three year program, which aims to improve the health outcomes and quality of care through the establishment of “an integrated, high-quality ageing service system.”²⁶¹⁰

China has taken multiple policy actions to promote healthy and active, with attention to equity and diversity, through improving quality of care for older persons, enhancing healthcare frameworks, intervening in age-related diseases, and creating age-friendly environments that address the functional ability of debilitated old people. China has also addressed political inclusion of older people through a plan, which will be established in 2022, that aims to improve legal rights of senior citizens.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Daisy Zhou

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 3 July 2019, Minister of Social Affairs and Health Agnès Buzyn made a speech to parliamentarians and industry experts on reforms being taken towards providing the elderly with a

²⁶⁰⁴ Italia-Cina, incontro tra i ministri della Salute Roberto Speranza e Ma Xiaowei, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 8 November 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3956

²⁶⁰⁵ China unveils plan for tackling population aging, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-11/21/c_138573146.htm

²⁶⁰⁶ China unveils plan for tackling population aging, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-11/21/c_138573146.htm

²⁶⁰⁷ China unveils plan for tackling population aging, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-11/21/c_138573146.htm

²⁶⁰⁸ China unveils plan for tackling population aging, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-11/21/c_138573146.htm

²⁶⁰⁹ China unveils plan for tackling population aging, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-11/21/c_138573146.htm

²⁶¹⁰ Program of Building of High-Quality and Efficient Health Service System and Empirical Study in the Context of Aging Kicked off in Beijing, Amgen (Beijing) 22 November 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2019. <http://www.amgen.cn/en/media/amgen-aging.html>

sense of autonomy.²⁶¹¹ Minister Buzyn announced various plans moving forward, including the revitalization of home support services, calling for versatility, flexibility and more coordination to improve the lives of the elderly as well as reduce their loss of autonomy.²⁶¹²

On 20 December 2019, Minister Buzyn met with the monitoring group of the Emergency Refoundation Pact, dedicated to revitalizing the French health system.²⁶¹³ At the meeting, several new measures were discussed and undertaken, including that all establishments with an emergency service must implement direct admission procedures for elderly patients, allowing them to bypass emergency room services, by the end of 2020.²⁶¹⁴

On 16 January 2020, Minister Buzyn announced several strategies to prevent the elders' loss of autonomy and aid healthy ageing, including two projects for 2020 and 2021.²⁶¹⁵ The first project aims to reduce the number of emergency visits for 'dependent elderly people' to zero within five years.²⁶¹⁶ The second project aims to address all components of healthy ageing, with a focus on increasing accesses to glasses and hearing aids for the elderly.²⁶¹⁷

France has taken actions to promote healthy and active ageing, such as home support and emergency services for the elderly that promote seniors' autonomy, preventive healthcare measures, and assistive technologies. However, no policy actions have been taken towards the promotion of active ageing in terms of social, political, economic, and/or cultural inclusion.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ian Stansbury

Germany: 0

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 1 July 2019, the Government of Germany announced that those employed in low-paying jobs, or "midijobs," which earn EUR450 to EUR850 per month would receive full pension entitlements

²⁶¹¹ Discours de Madame Agnès BUZYN — Grand âge et autonomie, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 3 July 2019. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/discours-de-madame-agnes-buzyn-grand-age-et-autonomie>

²⁶¹² Discours de Madame Agnès BUZYN — Grand âge et autonomie, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 3 July 2019. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/discours-de-madame-agnes-buzyn-grand-age-et-autonomie>

²⁶¹³ Pacte de refondation des urgences — 20 décembre 2019, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 20 December 2019. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/pacte-de-refondation-des-urgences-20-decembre-2019>

²⁶¹⁴ Pacte de refondation des urgences — 20 décembre 2019, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 20 December 2019. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/pacte-de-refondation-des-urgences-20-decembre-2019>

²⁶¹⁵ Discours d'Agnès Buzyn : Stratégie de prévention de la perte d'autonomie — 16 janvier 2020, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/discours-d-agnes-buzyn-strategie-de-prevention-de-la-perte-d-autonomie-16>

²⁶¹⁶ Discours d'Agnès Buzyn : Stratégie de prévention de la perte d'autonomie — 16 janvier 2020, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/discours-d-agnes-buzyn-strategie-de-prevention-de-la-perte-d-autonomie-16>

²⁶¹⁷ Discours d'Agnès Buzyn : Stratégie de prévention de la perte d'autonomie — 16 janvier 2020, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Paris) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 22 March 2020. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/discours-d-agnes-buzyn-strategie-de-prevention-de-la-perte-d-autonomie-16>

despite contributing to social security at a lower rate.²⁶¹⁸ The initiative is a response to population ageing, specifically the increase of the retirement age to 67 by 2031.²⁶¹⁹ It addresses the risk of old-age poverty and financial sustainability challenges to the public pension scheme and aims to increase pension coverage and promote social protection for vulnerable groups.²⁶²⁰

From 23 to 24 September 2019, the German Federal Ministry for Families, Senior citizens, Women and Youth hosted a “Peer Review on ‘Strategies for supporting social inclusion at older age,’”²⁶²¹ which engaged experts from “Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands and Romania” as well as European Commission and representatives from non-governmental organizations in discussions of national and local projects and strategies to promote social inclusion of older persons.²⁶²² The peer review identified groups at risk to social isolation and exclusion and discussed strategies, policies and practices and targeted activities that promote social inclusion, such as digital literacy to encourage digital inclusion.²⁶²³

On 29 November 2019, the Government of Germany adopted the Digital Healthcare Act, which supports government funded healthcare apps, video consultations with healthcare providers and a country-wide electronic patient medical record network.²⁶²⁴ The Government of Germany will also promote digital health literacy education to insured persons, which would enable them to use digital healthcare programs.²⁶²⁵

Germany has made taken some policy action to promote active ageing by improving pensions and digitalization of healthcare. However, it has not taken action to promote healthy ageing in terms of supporting functional ability.

Thus, Germany receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Rachael Mannie

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

²⁶¹⁸ Pensions at a Glance: How does Germany compare?, OECD (Paris) 27 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. <https://www.oecd.org/germany/PAG2019-DEU.pdf>

²⁶¹⁹ Pensions at a Glance: How does Germany compare?, OECD (Paris) 27 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. <https://www.oecd.org/germany/PAG2019-DEU.pdf>

²⁶²⁰ Pensions at a Glance: How does Germany compare?, OECD (Paris) 27 November 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2020. <https://www.oecd.org/germany/PAG2019-DEU.pdf>

²⁶²¹ Peer Review on “Strategies for supporting social inclusion at older age”, European Commission (Berlin), 23-24 September 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2019.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1024&furtherNews=yes&newsId=9418>

²⁶²² Peer Review on “Strategies for supporting social inclusion at older age”, European Commission (Berlin), 23-24 September 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2019.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1024&furtherNews=yes&newsId=9418>

²⁶²³ Executive Summary — Peer Review on 'Strategies for supporting social inclusion at older age' (Berlin), 23-24 September 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2019.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1024&langId=en&newsId=9418&moreDocuments=yes&tableName=news>

²⁶²⁴ Driving the digital transformation of Germany’s healthcare system for the good of patients, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonne) 3 December 2019. Access Date: 29 January 2020.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/en/topics/digital-healthcare-act-dvg.html>

²⁶²⁵ Driving the digital transformation of Germany’s healthcare system for the good of patients, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonne) 3 December 2019. Access Date: 29 January 2020.

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On 4 July 2019, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman announced a prospective increase of the minimum retirement age for public sector workers while presenting the Economic Survey of 2018-19.²⁶²⁶ The Government of India seeks to reduce dependency on state pensions owing to projections indicating an increase in the country's population over the age of 60 to 234.9 million people by 2041.²⁶²⁷

On 18 July 2019, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy, the Ministry of Defence, and Ministry of Railways to enhance inter-ministerial cooperation towards the eradication of tuberculosis in India by 2025.²⁶²⁸

On 9 October 2019, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan announced the launch of "The WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023: A Time of Transition."²⁶²⁹ The Country Cooperation Strategy aims to provide a framework for the WHO to cooperate with the Government of India towards health sector objectives that improve India's population health and the health sector. Minister Vardhan declared four areas of collaboration with the WHO, specifically, "to accelerate progress on UHC [universal health coverage]; to promote health and wellness by addressing determinants of health; to protect the population better against health emergencies; and to enhance India's global leadership in health."²⁶³⁰

On 11 December 2019, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot introduced the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the House of the People.²⁶³¹ The bill amends the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which mandates the care of elderly parents by adult children or the provision of financial support for the same.²⁶³² It creates administrative tribunals to resolve disputes between parents and children over maintenance amounts, increases criminal penalties for children who default on payments, establishes "senior citizen care" homes and reserves facilities for senior citizens in public hospitals.²⁶³³

²⁶²⁶ Economic Survey suggests increasing the retirement age could be considered given that life expectancy is likely to continue rising, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 4 July 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=191197>

²⁶²⁷ Indian govt warns of ageing population; says retirement age should rise, schools merge, Reuters (New Delhi) 4 July 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2020. <https://www.reuters.com/article/india-economy-aging/indian-govt-warns-of-ageing-population-says-retirement-age-should-rise-schools-merge-idUSL4N2452BT>

²⁶²⁸ Health Ministry signs MoUs with three Ministries for enhanced cooperation to end TB by 2025, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 18 July 2019. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

²⁶²⁹ Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches WHO IndiaCountry Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 9 October 2019. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

²⁶³⁰ Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches WHO IndiaCountry Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 9 October 2019. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

²⁶³¹ The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019, PRS Legislative Research (New Delhi) 23 December 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2020. <https://prsindia.org/billtrack/maintenance-and-welfare-parents-and-senior-citizens-amendment-bill-2019>

²⁶³² The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019, PRS Legislative Research (New Delhi) 23 December 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2020. <https://prsindia.org/billtrack/maintenance-and-welfare-parents-and-senior-citizens-amendment-bill-2019>

²⁶³³ The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019, PRS Legislative Research (New Delhi) 23 December 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2020. <https://prsindia.org/billtrack/maintenance-and-welfare-parents-and-senior-citizens-amendment-bill-2019>

On 4 February 2020, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced that 100,000 Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres will become Health and Wellness Centres across the country, which will facilitate operations and delivery of comprehensive primary health care.²⁶³⁴ It provides preventive healthcare services and promotes health at the community-level, and a continuum care approach will be implemented by December 2022.²⁶³⁵

On 29 February 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed aids and assistive devices at a mega distribution camp in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh to an estimated 27,000 Divyangjan and senior citizens.²⁶³⁶ This initiative aims to support senior citizens and disabled persons under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchasing/Fitting of Aids/Appliances schemes.²⁶³⁷

On 3 March 2020, the Ministry and Health and Family announced that it is implementing the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly at the various levels of health facilities.²⁶³⁸ This initiative recognizes the health care needs specific to the elderly and provides facilities dedicated towards the elderly population. The program, which will be implemented in 713 districts of India, aims “to provide accessible, affordable, comprehensive and dedicated health care services.”²⁶³⁹ For tertiary-level health care facilities, 19 Regional Geriatric Centres and 2 National Centers for Ageing have been approved for implementation.²⁶⁴⁰

India has taken some policy actions towards the promotion of healthy ageing through programs that support preventive healthcare, the development of more Health and Wellness centres, and the distribution of assistive devices. However, India has taken no policy action towards active ageing in terms of social, political, cultural, and/or economic inclusion.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Arjun Singh

Indonesia: -1

Indonesia has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

²⁶³⁴ Opening of Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 4 February 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

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²⁶³⁶ PM distributes Aids & Assistive Devices to Divyangjan and Senior Citizens at a mega distribution camp (Samajik Adhikarta Shivar) in Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 29 February 2020. Access Date: 29 February 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1604733>

²⁶³⁷ PM distributes Aids & Assistive Devices to Divyangjan and Senior Citizens at a mega distribution camp (Samajik Adhikarta Shivar) in Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 29 February 2020. Access Date: 29 February 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1604733>

²⁶³⁸ Health Issues Related to Senior Citizens, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 3 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

²⁶³⁹ Health Issues Related to Senior Citizens, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 3 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

²⁶⁴⁰ Health Issues Related to Senior Citizens, Press Information Bureau of the Government of India (New Delhi) 3 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1605657>

Indonesia has not taken any policy actions to address healthy ageing nor active ageing. No actions were found for this report after searching online news sources, government publications, ministries, and international organizations.²⁶⁴¹

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Shafna Kallil

Italy: -1

Italy has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 21 October 2019, at the G20 Ministers of Health meeting in Okayama, Japan, Italian Minister of Health Roberto Speranza declared “health as a fundamental right of the individuals and an interest to the community,” and that the Italian government would defend the principle of universality of the national health coverage and to this end has invested new resources dedicated to healthcare in the last budget plan.²⁶⁴² The meeting also addressed the issue of population ageing.²⁶⁴³ Minister Speranza declared that Italy has adopted a “global strategy” that aims to undertake collaborative efforts of various sectors in society and health systems to address disease prevention and treatment, and that Italy will address dementia as a priority.²⁶⁴⁴

On 8 November 2019, Minister of Health Roberto Speranza met with China’s Minister of Health Ma Xiaowei to sign the Implementation Programme of the Plan of Action for the years 2019 to 2021, which aims to establish healthcare cooperation between Italy and China to sectors such as oncology, cardiology, and primary care.²⁶⁴⁵

On 4 February 2020, the Istituto Superiore di Sanità introduced an application which allows health and social workers to identify elderly people at risk of frailty.²⁶⁴⁶ Funded by the Ministry of Health, the application uses a “Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly” questionnaire to identify physical activity levels of people over the age of 64 and direct them towards appropriate methods of performing physical activities.²⁶⁴⁷

Italy has reaffirmed its commitment to health systems and taken action to promote active ageing through collaborating with China on healthcare cooperation. While Italy has funded a project to

²⁶⁴¹ This non-compliance was determined after a search of the following websites: <https://www.presidenti.go.id/>, <https://jakartaglobe.id/>, and <https://www.insideindonesia.org/>

²⁶⁴² G20 sanità. Speranza: "Tutela salute individuo è alla base nostra Costituzione", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 21 October 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3934

²⁶⁴³ G20 sanità. Speranza: "Tutela salute individuo è alla base nostra Costituzione", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 21 October 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3934

²⁶⁴⁴ G20 sanità. Speranza: "Tutela salute individuo è alla base nostra Costituzione", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 21 October 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3934

²⁶⁴⁵ Italia-Cina, incontro tra i ministri della Salute Roberto Speranza e Ma Xiaowei, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 8 November 2019. Access Date: 29 February 2020.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3956

²⁶⁴⁶ The quality of life seen by people aged 65 and over, The portal of epidemiology for public health by the Higher Institute of Health (Rome) 13 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.epicentro.iss.it/passi-argento/>

²⁶⁴⁷ From the ISS an APP to counter the risk of frailty among the elderly, The portal of epidemiology for public health by the Higher Institute of Health (Rome) 13 February 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.epicentro.iss.it/passi-argento/info/app-fragilita>

promote active aging, it has not made substantive progress on the promotion of healthy and active ageing through policy measures.

Thus, Italy receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Zarlasbt Jamal

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 30 August 2019, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare selected four organizations to implement the “Lifelong Active Promotion Regional Collaboration Project (for the Second Recruitment in the First Year of Reiwa).”²⁶⁴⁸ The program aims to promote employment opportunities for elderly people and support their active role in the workplace.²⁶⁴⁹

On 30 October 2019, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called on cabinet ministers to speed up the work on introducing driver’s licences that restrict senior drivers to only drive vehicles with safe support functions.²⁶⁵⁰

On 21 November 2019, the Japanese government announced plans to subsidize the purchase of cars with safety functions for Japanese citizens aged 65 or over.²⁶⁵¹ Vehicles with safety features will allow senior residents to continue to drive while also reducing the number of fatal traffic accidents caused by the elderly.²⁶⁵²

On 17 December 2019, in response to the rise in car accidents associated with senior drivers, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism declared that it would apply the United Nations international standard on automatic breaks, requiring domestic automakers to equip passenger cars with automatic breaks by November 2021.²⁶⁵³

On 4 February 2020, the Cabinet approved bills to encourage businesses to allow employees to work until 70 years of age, which will go into effect in April 2021.²⁶⁵⁴ While the adoption of the bills is not

²⁶⁴⁸ 「生涯現役促進地域連携事業（令和元年度開始分・2次募集）」の実施団体候補として4団体を決定, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020.

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/0000207424_00006.html

²⁶⁴⁹ 「生涯現役促進地域連携事業（令和元年度開始分・2次募集）」の実施団体候補として4団体を決定, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020.

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/0000207424_00006.html

²⁶⁵⁰ After accidents involving elderly, Japan eyes license restricting drivers to cars with safety features, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 30 October 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/10/30/national/japan-drivers-license-for-elderly/> — .Xj78rVJKjOR

²⁶⁵¹ Japan aims to offer subsidies to elderly drivers for cars with safety systems, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/11/21/national/japan-subsidies-to-elderly-drivers-for-safer-cars/> — .Xj4711JKhQI

²⁶⁵² Japan aims to offer subsidies to elderly drivers for cars with safety systems, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/11/21/national/japan-subsidies-to-elderly-drivers-for-safer-cars/> — .Xj4711JKhQI

²⁶⁵³ With eye on elderly, Japan to make automatic brakes mandatory for new cars from late 2021, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 17 December 2019. Access Date: 11 January 2020.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/12/17/national/japan-automatic-brakes-new-cars-2021/> — .Xj471VJKhQI

²⁶⁵⁴ Japan to amend laws to help elderly work until 70, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 4 February 2020. Access Date: 7 February 2020. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/02/04/national/japan-amend-laws-elderly-work-until-70/> — .Xj74sVJKhQI

mandatory, the bills urge business to choose from five options such as raising the retirement age, removing the retirement age, or allowing senior employees to continue working after the current age limit.²⁶⁵⁵

Japan has taken action to promote healthy ageing through policies on safety measures that aim to improve senior citizens' ability to drive, which encourages independence and functional ability. Japan has also supported the development of community-based projects, which promote elderly citizens' employment opportunities and support their continued economic participation, enabling their active participation in society.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Fatima Chohan

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 3 July 2019, the government of Korea announced an increase in employment programs for low-income people, including older adults.²⁶⁵⁶

On 4 September 2019, the Ministry of Science Technology and Information Communications announced an increase in funding for research in the pharmaceutical sector to KRW1.15 trillion.²⁶⁵⁷ This includes an increase to KRW93.8 billion dedicated to the development of “full life cycle medical devices.”²⁶⁵⁸

On 18 September 2019, the Government of Korea announced that it will set up incentives for companies that hire older adults aged 60 or older.²⁶⁵⁹ The Government of Korea will invest KRW19.2 billion for this initiative.²⁶⁶⁰

On 18 September 2019, Deputy Prime Minister Hong Nam-ki announced measures to manage demographic changes.²⁶⁶¹ These measures include developing “smart workplaces” for older adult

²⁶⁵⁵ Japan to amend laws to help elderly work until 70, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 4 February 2020. Access Date: 7 February 2020. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/02/04/national/japan-amend-laws-elderly-work-until-70/> — .Xj74sVJKhQJ

²⁶⁵⁶ Economic Policies, H2 2019, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong City) 3 July 2019. Access Date: 17 March 2020. <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4710>

²⁶⁵⁷ Korea ups R&D budget by 16% in biotech, backs genome data initiative next year, Pulse by Maeil Business News Korea 4 September 2019. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?year=2019&no=698622>

²⁶⁵⁸ Korea ups R&D budget by 16% in biotech, backs genome data initiative next year, Pulse by Maeil Business News Korea 4 September 2019. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?year=2019&no=698622>

²⁶⁵⁹ S. Korea unveils measures to cope with population decline, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20190918004251320>

²⁶⁶⁰ S. Korea unveils measures to cope with population decline, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20190918004251320>

²⁶⁶¹ Government Unveils Framework Measures to Deal with Demographic Changes, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong City) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 March 2020. <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4754>

employees, improving pension plans and the welfare system and increasing support for businesses to maintain older adult employees.²⁶⁶²

On 14 November 2019, Deputy Prime Minister Hong Nam-ki announced additional measures to manage demographic changes, which include increasing senior housing, such as residential care facilities, developing guidelines for establishing age-friendly cities and improving pension plans.²⁶⁶³

On 19-20 October 2019, Minister of Health and Welfare Park Neung-hoo, at the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting, shared Government of Korea plans to improve international healthcare collaboration.²⁶⁶⁴ These plans include the Community Care project and the National Dementia Initiative.²⁶⁶⁵

On 29 October 2019, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced measures to improve support to those living with dementia.²⁶⁶⁶ These measures include increasing cognitive rehabilitation programs, increasing short term care service, increasing the number of care facilities for dementia patients, and the investment of KRW198.7 billion in dementia research.²⁶⁶⁷

On 15 December 2019, the Korean Minister of Health and Welfare Park Neung-hoo, China's National Health Commission Director Ma Xiaowei and Japan's Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Katsunobu Kato, released a joint statement that Korea, China, and Japan would collaborate to promote healthy and active aging and improve health systems through information and communications technology and data.²⁶⁶⁸ Korea will be increasing health insurance benefits to reduce financial burden on older citizens and aim to ensure high quality of life for senior citizens.²⁶⁶⁹

On 13 January 2020, President Moon Jae-in appointed Democratic Party lawmaker Seo Hyung-soo as vice head of the Presidential Committee on Ageing Society and Population Policy.²⁶⁷⁰ The

²⁶⁶² Government Unveils Framework Measures to Deal with Demographic Changes, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong City) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 March 2020.

<http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4754>

²⁶⁶³ Government Unveils Last Round of Measures to Deal with Demographic Changes, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong City) 14 November 2019. Access Date: 17 March 2020.

<http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4787>

²⁶⁶⁴ Minister Park Neung-hoo emphasizes international cooperation in healthcare at the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 21 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR_MENU_ID=1007&MENU_ID=100701&page=1&CONT_SEQ=351258.

²⁶⁶⁵ Minister Park Neung-hoo emphasizes international cooperation in healthcare at the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 21 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR_MENU_ID=1007&MENU_ID=100701&page=1&CONT_SEQ=351258

²⁶⁶⁶ DayNight Care for Dementia Patients to be Strengthened and National Research on Dementia to be Conducted, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 30 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR_MENU_ID=1007&MENU_ID=100701&page=1&CONT_SEQ=351361

²⁶⁶⁷ DayNight Care for Dementia Patients to be Strengthened and National Research on Dementia to be Conducted, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 30 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR_MENU_ID=1007&MENU_ID=100701&page=1&CONT_SEQ=351361

²⁶⁶⁸ S. Korea, China, Japan to work together on health coverage, infectious disease, active healthy aging, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 15 December 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2019. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20191214001900320>

²⁶⁶⁹ S. Korea, China, Japan to work together on health coverage, infectious disease, active healthy aging, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 15 December 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2019. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20191214001900320>

²⁶⁷⁰ Lawmaker picked for presidential panel on aging society, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 January 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20200113000646&ACE_SEARCH=1

committee aims to investigate future healthy ageing policies and explore solutions that address social problems.²⁶⁷¹

On 30 January 2020, the government of Korea launched the second population policy taskforce to tackle demographic challenges, which includes supporting digital financial literacy of the elderly, the development of “elder-friendly financial products”²⁶⁷², and creating senior markets.²⁶⁷³

On 17 February 2020, the Ministry of Economy and Finance announced that an increase in pension benefits from KRW250,000 to KRW300,000 per month.²⁶⁷⁴ This pension benefit will expand coverage to include the bottom 40 per cent of earners in addition to the previous standard of bottom 20 per cent of earners.²⁶⁷⁵

Korea has taken action to promote healthy and active aging through supporting the continued economic inclusion of elderly citizens, dementia support in terms of dementia research and cognitive rehabilitation programs that support functional ability, improved pension plans, and cooperation with other countries to improve health systems.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rachael Mannie

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 19 July 2019, Secretary of Welfare María Luisa Albores González announced that in the municipality of San Luis Potosí, “200 thousand people over 68 will be supported, with the delivery of MXN2,550 bimonthly.”²⁶⁷⁶ This support embodies the goal of “benefiting the elderly” to “renew the face of communities, ranches and territories.”²⁶⁷⁷

On 30 July 2019, the Directorate of Economic Social and Cultural Benefits of the Institute of Security and Social Services of State Workers released a series of online multimedia courses aimed at

²⁶⁷¹ Lawmaker picked for presidential panel on aging society, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 January 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20200113000646&ACE_SEARCH=1

²⁶⁷² Taskforce on 2nd Round Population Policy Takes Off, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 30 January 2020. Access Date: 17 March 2020. <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4827>

²⁶⁷³ Taskforce on 2nd Round Population Policy Takes Off, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 30 January 2020. Access Date: 17 March 2020. <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4827>

²⁶⁷⁴ 2020 Work Report: Promote Investment and Support Industrial Innovation, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong City) 17 February 2020. Access Date: 17 March 2020. <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4842>

²⁶⁷⁵ Korea’s minimum wage goes up 2.9% to \$7.4, child benefits increased in 2020, Pulse by Maeil Business News Korea 1 January 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?year=2020&no=726>

²⁶⁷⁶ Gobierno de México trabaja para cerrar las brechas de la discriminación y pobreza: María Luisa Albores González, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 19 July 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/gobierno-de-mexico-trabaja-para-cerrar-las-brechas-de-la-discriminacion-y-pobreza-maria-luisa-albores-gonzalez?idiom=es>

²⁶⁷⁷ Gobierno de México trabaja para cerrar las brechas de la discriminación y pobreza: María Luisa Albores González, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 19 July 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/gobierno-de-mexico-trabaja-para-cerrar-las-brechas-de-la-discriminacion-y-pobreza-maria-luisa-albores-gonzalez?idiom=es>

providing education about how to take care of older adults.²⁶⁷⁸ The courses aim to “empower [elder adults and their caregivers] with information,” which will help them “improve their quality of life and promote welfare states, thereby increasing their participation in social, family and economic life.”²⁶⁷⁹

From 14 to 16 October 2019, representatives from Mexico attended the first Hispanic Conference on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.²⁶⁸⁰ Spanish speakers congregated at the conference to share “knowledge, experience and tools” and create a “Spanish speaking movement within the Global Network for age-friendly cities and communities.”²⁶⁸¹ Activities included a series of round tables, workshops, and field visits to age-friendly communities and cities.²⁶⁸²

On 23 October 2019, Secretary González and the rector of the National Autonomous University of Mexico Enrique Graue Weichers signed a General Collaboration Agreement, in which officials specifically mentioned “opportunities for collaboration in topics such as regional development, health, environment, older adults” as part of the efforts to solve social inequality present in Mexico.²⁶⁸³

On 11 November 2019, Secretary González declared that the Pension for the Well-being of Older Adults would expand its budget from MXN100 billion to MXN126.65 billion.²⁶⁸⁴ The declaration occurred at the First Regular Session of the National Commission for Social Development.²⁶⁸⁵

On 29 January 2020, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador helped support the inauguration of the new General Hospital of Mazatlan, Sinaloa by the federal and state governments.²⁶⁸⁶ Involving an

²⁶⁷⁸Adultos Mayores. Cursos Multimedia, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 30 July 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/issste/acciones-y-programas/portal-del-adulto-mayor>

²⁶⁷⁹Adultos Mayores, Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de Los Trabajadores del Estado, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 30 July 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <http://www.issste.gob.mx/adultosmayores/>

²⁶⁸⁰First ever Hispanic conference on age-friendly cities and communities, World Health Organisation (Geneva) 14 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/>

²⁶⁸¹First ever Hispanic conference on age-friendly cities and communities, World Health Organisation (Geneva) 14 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/>

²⁶⁸²First ever Hispanic conference on age-friendly cities and communities, World Health Organisation (Geneva) 14 October 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/>

²⁶⁸³Refrenda Secretaría de Bienestar colaboración con todos los órdenes de gobierno contra la pobreza, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 November 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/refrenda-secretaria-de-bienestar-colaboracion-con-todos-los-ordenes-de-gobierno-contra-la-pobreza?idiom=es>

²⁶⁸⁴Refrenda Secretaría de Bienestar colaboración con todos los órdenes de gobierno contra la pobreza, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 November 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/refrenda-secretaria-de-bienestar-colaboracion-con-todos-los-ordenes-de-gobierno-contra-la-pobreza?idiom=es>

²⁶⁸⁵Refrenda Secretaría de Bienestar colaboración con todos los órdenes de gobierno contra la pobreza, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 November 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/refrenda-secretaria-de-bienestar-colaboracion-con-todos-los-ordenes-de-gobierno-contra-la-pobreza?idiom=es>

²⁶⁸⁶Con apoyo del Presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador, el gobierno federal y estatal inauguraron el Hospital General de Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 29 January 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/insabi/articulos/con-apoyo-del-presidente-andres-manuel-lopez-obrador-el-gobierno-federal-y-estatal-inauguraron-el-hospital-general-de-mazatlan-sinaloa?idiom=es>

investment of over MXN1,000 million, the new General Hospital is run by trained personnel and is outfitted to provide, among others, geriatric care.²⁶⁸⁷

On 31 January 2020, Secretary González specifically commended the remodeling work in two hostels in Mexico City during a visit with the Head of the National Institute of Older Adults (Inapam) Elsa Veites Arévalo.²⁶⁸⁸ Both were affiliated with Inapam and had a focus on “[providing] food, medical care, rehabilitation and occupational therapy for older adults who require extended stay.”²⁶⁸⁹

On 1 February 2020, while accompanying President Andrés Manuel López to publicize the progress of the Comprehensive Welfare Programs, Secretary González pledged to expand the coverage of elder adults receiving welfare pension from 55,000 older adults to more than 58,000 in the 2020 Comprehensive Welfare Programs.²⁶⁹⁰

On 6 March 2020, Secretary González announced that the Comprehensive Welfare Programs aim to prioritize the wellbeing of the most vulnerable population.²⁶⁹¹ The Pension Program for the Welfare of the Elderly, which financially supports over 200 thousand older adults increased from MXN2,550 to MXN2,620.²⁶⁹²

On 26 March 2020, the Secretariat of Welfare, in collaboration with Secretariat of Health adopted necessary administrative actions and sanitary measures to ensure hygienic conditions in the operation and delivery of Comprehensive Welfare Program to the most vulnerable population, namely older adults and those with disabilities.²⁶⁹³

On 27 March 2020, the Secretariat of Welfare announced that older adults and people with disabilities will receive an advance on pension payments for the two-month periods, March-April and May-June, totalling MXN5,240, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.²⁶⁹⁴ As there are more than 8 million elderly people and 800 thousand people with disabilities in the country, the investment

²⁶⁸⁷Con apoyo del Presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador, el gobierno federal y estatal inauguraron el Hospital General de Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 29 January 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/insabi/articulos/con-apoyo-del-presidente-andres-manuel-lopez-obrador-el-gobierno-federal-y-estatal-inauguraron-el-hospital-general-de-mazatlan-sinaloa?idiom=es>

²⁶⁸⁸Supervisa secretaria de Bienestar remodelación de albergues del Inapam, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 31 January 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/supervisa-secretaria-de-bienestar-remodelacion-de-albergues-del-inapam>

²⁶⁸⁹Supervisa secretaria de Bienestar remodelación de albergues del Inapam, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 31 January 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/supervisa-secretaria-de-bienestar-remodelacion-de-albergues-del-inapam>

²⁶⁹⁰María Luisa Albores informa sobre los avances de los Programas Integrales de Bienestar en Campeche, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 1 February 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/maria-luisa-albores-informa-sobre-los-avances-de-los-programas-integrales-de-bienestar-en-campeche>

²⁶⁹¹ Con programas de Bienestar, se coloca en el centro de la política social a los más vulnerables, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 6 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020 <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/con-programas-de-bienestar-se-coloca-en-el-centro-de-la-politica-social-a-los-mas-vulnerables?idiom=es>

²⁶⁹² Con programas de Bienestar, se coloca en el centro de la política social a los más vulnerables, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 6 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020 <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/con-programas-de-bienestar-se-coloca-en-el-centro-de-la-politica-social-a-los-mas-vulnerables?idiom=es>

²⁶⁹³ Continúan labores estratégicas en la Secretaría de Bienestar, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 26 March 2020. Access Date; 3 April 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/continuan-labores-estrategicas-en-la-secretaria-de-bienestar?idiom=es>

²⁶⁹⁴ En apoyo a la economía popular se adelanta pago de pensiones de adultos mayores y personas con discapacidad, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/en-apoyo-a-la-economia-popular-se-adelanta-pago-de-pensiones-de-adultos-mayores-y-personas-con-discapacidad?idiom=es>

totals to MXN46.4 billion. This initiative ensures that seniors and people with disabilities, who are the most vulnerable population to health risks of COVID-19, can purchase essential items and stay safely at home to avoid risks to their health.²⁶⁹⁵

Mexico has taken multiply policy actions to promote healthy and active ageing, with consideration to equity and diversity. Specifically, Mexico has launched online courses that support health literacy, remodelled structures to improve standard of care and functional ability of older people, improved pensions for older adults, and politically engaged older adults in the first Hispanic Conference on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. However, Mexico has not taken policy action to promote active ageing in terms of political, social, economic, and/or cultural inclusion.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Daisy Liu

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 11 October 2019, the Ministry of Health hosted the Second All-Russian Forum, titled “Russia — the Territory of Care,” which included a meeting of the Board of the Russian Association of Gerontologists and Geriatrics along with analytical contributions from the Russian Gerontological Scientific and Clinical Centre.²⁶⁹⁶ Russian regional representatives proposed various draft projects to help Russia’s elderly persons, including those aiming to prevent and reduce various ailments that they may have to endure, such as arterial hypertension, and discussed novel treatments such as lipid-lowering therapy.²⁶⁹⁷

On 12 November 2019, the Ministry of Health hosted a district meeting for the implementation of the federal project titled “The Elder Generation” in Russia’s North Caucasus.²⁶⁹⁸ The meeting discussed geriatric services and long-term care and also reiterated Russia’s national “Demography” project’s goal of increasing life expectancy in Russia up to 78 years.²⁶⁹⁹

²⁶⁹⁵ En apoyo a la economía popular se adelanta pago de pensiones de adultos mayores y personas con discapacidad, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/en-apoyo-a-la-economia-popular-se-adelanta-pago-de-pensiones-de-adultos-mayores-y-personas-con-discapacidad?idiom=es>

²⁶⁹⁶ 11.10. Москва: В Москве завершился II Всероссийский форум «Россия — территория заботы», Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 12 October 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/11-10-moskva-v-moskve-zavershilsya-ii-vserossiyskiy-forum-rossiya-territoriya-zaboty>

²⁶⁹⁷ 11.10. Москва: В Москве завершился II Всероссийский форум «Россия — территория заботы», Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 12 October 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/11-10-moskva-v-moskve-zavershilsya-ii-vserossiyskiy-forum-rossiya-territoriya-zaboty>

²⁶⁹⁸ Развитие гериатрии на Северном Кавказе, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/razvitie-geriatrii-na-severnom-kavkaze>

²⁶⁹⁹ Развитие гериатрии на Северном Кавказе, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/razvitie-geriatrii-na-severnom-kavkaze>

On 28 November 2019, Russia and the World Health Organization formed a bilateral working group for long-term care in Russia.²⁷⁰⁰ The group will work to develop and improve Russia's long-term care system by establishing an "exchange platform" for policymakers and experts in Russia.²⁷⁰¹

On 3 December 2019, head geriatrician of the Ministry of Health Olga Tkacheva held a meeting between regional district leaders, where provisions for regional geriatric services and long-term care systems were discussed and negotiated.²⁷⁰² The legal regulatory framework to govern long-term care was also introduced and discussed at the meeting, as well as frameworks for the interdepartmental exchange of data and interregional cooperation.²⁷⁰³

On 20 December 2019, the Ministry of Health released Order No. 1067n to amend the previous procedure for geriatric care to clarify several provisions, including patient referrals for palliative care, calculations for the need of gerontological beds, and the creation of regional geriatric centres.²⁷⁰⁴

Russia has taken multiple policy actions to promote active ageing, such as initiatives that support long-term care and preventive care. However, Russia has taken no policy actions towards the promotion of healthy ageing in terms of supporting functional ability. Russia has also not taken action to promote active ageing in terms of social, political, cultural, and/or economic inclusion.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ian Stansbury

Saudi Arabia: -1

Saudi Arabia has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 28 January 2020, the Saudi Prince of Riyadh region, reported to the press regarding the Fourth International Alzheimer's Conference. It acknowledged the impact of Alzheimer's disease on the elderly.²⁷⁰⁵

²⁷⁰⁰ Long-term care services in focus in the Russian Federation, World Health Organization (Copenhagen) 26 December 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Life-stages/healthy-ageing/news/news/2019/12/long-term-care-services-in-focus-in-the-russian-federation>

²⁷⁰¹ Long-term care services in focus in the Russian Federation, World Health Organization (Copenhagen) 26 December 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Life-stages/healthy-ageing/news/news/2019/12/long-term-care-services-in-focus-in-the-russian-federation>

²⁷⁰² 03.12 В Уфе состоялось окружное совещание по реализации ФП «Старшее поколение», Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/v-ufe-sostoyalos-okruzhnoe-soveshanie-po-realizatsii-fp-starshee-pokolenie>

²⁷⁰³ 03.12 В Уфе состоялось окружное совещание по реализации ФП «Старшее поколение», Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/poleznye-resursy/natsproektzdravoohranenie/stranitsa-5729/novosti-proekta/v-ufe-sostoyalos-okruzhnoe-soveshanie-po-realizatsii-fp-starshee-pokolenie>

²⁷⁰⁴ Новый приказ Минздрава России не исключает оказание ВМП пожилым пациентам, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 13 January 2020. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/news/2020/01/13/13134-novyy-prikaz-minzdrava-rossii-ne-isklyuchaet-okazanie-vmp-pozhilym-patsientam>

²⁷⁰⁵ The Launch of the Fourth International Alzheimer's Conference, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 28 January 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2020. <http://www.alriyadh.com/1801173>.

Saudi Arabia has taken verbal action towards promoting healthy ageing nor active ageing through policy measures. No stronger actions were registered for this report after searching news sources, government publications, ministries, and international organizations.²⁷⁰⁶

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Zarlasbt Jamal

South Africa: -1

South Africa has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 7 October 2019, Deputy Minister of Social Development Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu hosted an outreach initiative in Midvaal to promote cancer awareness.²⁷⁰⁷ The program aimed to encourage early diagnosis and intervention, through educating the community and providing free early screening for certain cancers, which supports healthy ageing and improves health literacy.²⁷⁰⁸

On 21 October 2019, Minister of Social Development Lindiwe Zulu launched the Active Ageing Programme in Port Elizabeth, which takes place from 21 to 25 October 2019.²⁷⁰⁹ The week-long programme aims to promote independence, improve quality of life, and encourage social and cultural inclusion older persons.²⁷¹⁰ The program was created through a partnership between the Department of Social Development and the South Africans Older Persons Forum as a response to South Africa's Older Persons Act 13 of 2006 and the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing.²⁷¹¹

On 3 February 2020, South African Human Rights Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji visited the Mpumalanga province from 3 to 6 February 2020 to promote the rights of older persons and people with disabilities and encourage dialogue about their inclusion in society.²⁷¹²

South Africa has taken some action to promote active ageing through their health promotion events, which address health literacy as well as social and cultural inclusion. However, it has not made substantive progress on the promotion of healthy and active ageing through policy measures.

²⁷⁰⁶ This non-compliance was determined after a search of the following websites: <https://www.moh.gov.za/en>, <https://www.arabnews.com>, and <https://www.sesric.org/>

²⁷⁰⁷ Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and Pinkdrive promote Cancer Awareness in Midvaal, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 4 October 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-hendrietta-bogopane-zulu-and-pinkdrive-promote-cancer-awareness-midvaal-7>

²⁷⁰⁸ Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and Pinkdrive promote Cancer Awareness in Midvaal, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 4 October 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-hendrietta-bogopane-zulu-and-pinkdrive-promote-cancer-awareness-midvaal-7>

²⁷⁰⁹ Minister Lindiwe Zulu opens 2019 Active Ageing Programme in Port Elizabeth, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 18 October 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/nelson-mandela-bay-municipality-18-oct-2019-0000>

²⁷¹⁰ Minister Lindiwe Zulu opens 2019 Active Ageing Programme in Port Elizabeth, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 18 October 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/nelson-mandela-bay-municipality-18-oct-2019-0000>

²⁷¹¹ Minister Lindiwe Zulu opens 2019 Active Ageing Programme in Port Elizabeth, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 18 October 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/nelson-mandela-bay-municipality-18-oct-2019-0000>

²⁷¹² Human Rights Commission assess the observance of the rights of people with disabilities and older persons in Mpumalanga, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 2 February 2020. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/commissioner-adv-bokankatla-malatji-conducts-provincial-visit-mpumalanga-3-6-feb-3-feb-2020>

Thus, South Africa receives a score of –1.

Analyst: Areej Malik

Turkey: –1

Turkey has not complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

From 19 to 20 October 2019, at the G20 Health Ministers’ Meeting in Okayama, Japan, Deputy Minister of Health Emine Alp Meşe announced that Turkey would adopt a multi-sectoral approach to deal with issues of chronic diseases and elderly care while continuing “to increase coverage and quality of health services.”²⁷¹³

From 29 to 31 October 2019, at the sixth Turkish Medical World Council, the Health Ministers of Turkey and Namibia signed an Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Health.²⁷¹⁴ The council organized in collaboration with the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Health and TÜSEB, and HIMSS’19 Eurasia Organization to bring together Health Ministers of various countries in the region to exchange knowledge and experience.²⁷¹⁵

From 2 to 6 March 2020, the International Institute on Ageing worked with the Turkish Geriatrics Society and Hacettepe University Application and Research Centre of Geriatric Sciences to host the seventh on-site training programme in Gerontology and Geriatrics.²⁷¹⁶ The event brought participants from various professions, including social workers, doctors, and nurses, to discuss “demographic, social, psychological, ethical and medical issues on ageing.”²⁷¹⁷

Turkey has reaffirmed its commitment to improving health services and geriatric care. However, it has not implemented substantive policy initiatives to address healthy and active ageing.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of –1.

Analyst: Zarlasbt Jamal

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 30 June 2019, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Department for Health & Social Care announced the creation of the UK Longevity Council comprising healthcare

²⁷¹³ G20 Health Ministers’ Meeting, Ministry of Health (Ankara) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/EN,58531/g20-health-ministers-meeting.html>

²⁷¹⁴ 6th Turkish Medical World Council in Istanbul, Ministry of Health (Ankara) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/EN,58532/6th-turkish-medical-world-council-in-istanbul.html>

²⁷¹⁵ 6th Turkish Medical World Council in Istanbul, Ministry of Health (Ankara) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 20 March 2020. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/EN,58532/6th-turkish-medical-world-council-in-istanbul.html>

²⁷¹⁶ ‘In-Situ’ Training Programme in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Ankara, Turkey, The International Institute on Ageing, UN-Malta (INIA)(Malta) March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.inia.org.mt/event/in-situ-training-programme-in-gerontology-and-geriatrics-ankara-turkey>

²⁷¹⁷ ‘In-Situ’ Training Programme in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Ankara, Turkey, The International Institute on Ageing, UN-Malta (INIA)(Malta) March 2020. Access Date: 19 March 2020. <https://www.inia.org.mt/event/in-situ-training-programme-in-gerontology-and-geriatrics-ankara-turkey>

experts, business leaders and civil society organisations.²⁷¹⁸ The Council aims to advise the U.K. Government on policies to ensure healthy and active ageing.²⁷¹⁹

On 4 July 2019, the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee published a report entitled ‘Social care funding: time to end a national scandal’ detailing funding deficiencies in adult social care programmes across England.²⁷²⁰ The objective is to call attention to the impact of insufficient funding on healthy ageing efforts by the National Health Service and private caregivers and compel the U.K. Government to publish a white paper detailing its plan to resolve funding issues.²⁷²¹

On 5 July 2019, the All Parliamentary Party Group for Ageing and Older People published a report on its Inquiry into Decent and Accessible Homes for Older People examining the connection between poor housing standards and healthy ageing and listing 13 recommendations to improve housing for the elderly.²⁷²² The report aims to incorporate its recommendations into the UK government’s housing policies to improve the mental, physical and social well-being of elderly residents.²⁷²³

On 25 July 2019, the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee launched an inquiry to examine the application of science and technology on improving the health of elderly individuals and supporting older persons with poor health.²⁷²⁴ The goal is to determine effective practices for accomplishing the UK government’s Industrial Strategy mission of increasing the national lifespan by five years by 2035.²⁷²⁵

On 9 September 2019, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Department for Health and Social Care announced a joint GBP133 million investment in research by the National

²⁷¹⁸ Experts to help UK champion ageing society opportunities, Government Digital Service (London) 30 June 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/experts-to-help-uk-champion-ageing-society-opportunities>

²⁷¹⁹ Experts to help UK champion ageing society opportunities, Government Digital Service (London) 30 June 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/experts-to-help-uk-champion-ageing-society-opportunities>

²⁷²⁰ Social care funding: time to end a national scandal — 7th Report of Session 2017-19 I, House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee (London) 4 June 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201719/ldselect/ldconaf/392/392.pdf>

²⁷²¹ Social care funding: time to end a national scandal — 7th Report of Session 2017-19 I, House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee (London) 4 June 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201719/ldselect/ldconaf/392/392.pdf>

²⁷²² Inquiry into decent and accessible homes for older people, All Parliamentary Party Group for Ageing and Older People (London) 5 July 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/appg/appg-for-ageing-and-older-people---report-on-decent-and-accessible-homes-for-older-people.pdf>

²⁷²³ Inquiry into decent and accessible homes for older people, All Parliamentary Party Group for Ageing and Older People (London) 5 July 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/appg/appg-for-ageing-and-older-people---report-on-decent-and-accessible-homes-for-older-people.pdf>

²⁷²⁴ Ageing: Science, Technology and Healthy Living — Lords Committee launches a new inquiry, U.K. Parliament (London) 25 July 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/news-parliament-2017/ageing-inquiry-launch/>

²⁷²⁵ Ageing: Science, Technology and Healthy Living — Lords Committee launches a new inquiry, U.K. Parliament (London) 25 July 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/news-parliament-2017/ageing-inquiry-launch/>

Health Service and Centres for Excellence in Oxford, Coventry and London.²⁷²⁶ The investment aims to support the development of new treatments for arthritis, cancer, dementia and Parkinson's, which affect senior citizens, and improve healthy ageing.²⁷²⁷

On 16 September 2019, Innovate UK announced a GBP98 million investment competition for businesses and public sector entities to develop products and services that support elderly physical activity, the health of older workers and the design of age-friendly homes.²⁷²⁸ The competition aims to support the UK government's mission of increasing the national lifespan by five years by 2035.²⁷²⁹

On 1 October 2019, Public Health England and the Centre for Ageing Better published a statement entitled "A consensus on healthy ageing" listing five commitments by signatory organisations: developing preventive healthcare strategies, removing access barriers to opportunities for the elderly, ensuring good homes, narrowing inequalities between elderly populations across demographics and challenging ageist practices.²⁷³⁰ The objective is to coordinate the activities of public and private organizations working to ensure healthy ageing by establishing common policy goals.²⁷³¹

On 28 October 2019, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced an investment of GBP33.9 million over five years into the development of autonomous robotic systems for the care of elderly persons.²⁷³² The investment aims to ensure autonomous systems incorporate principles of "respect, fairness and quality" in the care of older persons in homes and hospitals.²⁷³³

On 4 November 2019, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Thérèse Coffey announced an increase to basic and new State Pensions by 3.9 per cent beginning on 6 April 2020.²⁷³⁴ The increase

²⁷²⁶ Government to invest over 130 million in new tech to tackle cancer and debilitating illnesses, Government Publishing Service (London) 9 September 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-invest-over-130-million-in-new-tech-to-tackle-cancer-and-debilitating-illnesses>

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²⁷²⁸ Supporting healthy and active later life: apply for funding, Government Digital Service (London) 16 September 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supporting-healthy-and-active-later-life-apply-for-funding>

²⁷²⁹ The Grand Challenge missions, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/industrial-strategy-the-grand-challenges/industrial-strategy-the-grand-challenges>

²⁷³⁰ A consensus on healthy ageing, Public Health England (London) 1 October 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839709/Healthy_Ageing_Consensus_Statement.pdf

²⁷³¹ A consensus on healthy ageing, Public Health England (London) 1 October 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839709/Healthy_Ageing_Consensus_Statement.pdf

²⁷³² Care robots could revolutionise UK care system and provide staff extra support, Government Digital Service (London) 26 October 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/care-robots-could-revolutionise-uk-care-system-and-provide-staff-extra-support>

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²⁷³⁴ Welfare and Pensions Update: Written statement — HCWS74, U.K. Parliament (London) 4 November 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2019-11-04/HCWS74/>

aims to raise retirement incomes of elderly persons and support their active participation in society.²⁷³⁵

On 23 January 2020, the National Health Service of England announced the availability of ‘Urgent Community Response Teams’ beginning in April 2020 to provide older people at risk of hospitalization with access to healthcare professionals within two hours of a request.²⁷³⁶ The urgent community response teams will also make available “tailored packages of intermediate care, or reablement services” for older persons within a two-day standard, which will help treat older persons in their own home and support their independence.²⁷³⁷ The creation of National Health Service response teams aims to fulfil the National Health Service’s Long-Term Plan objective of supporting England’s ageing population, particularly those with urgent care needs.²⁷³⁸

The United Kingdom has taken policy actions to promote healthy and active ageing through preventive health care measures, investments towards the development of age-friendly homes which healthy ageing in terms of functional ability, and improved pensions to support elderly people’s active participation in society. However, the United Kingdom has not taken policy action to address the social, economic, cultural, and/or political inclusion of older people.

Thus, United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Arjun Singh

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measure to address health promotion.

On 9 July 2019, Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan of the US Department of Health and Human Services introduced the Quality Summit.²⁷³⁹ The summit aims to encourage dialogue on how to evaluate and improve the current programs the Department of Health and Human Services offers to enhance quality of care for patients.²⁷⁴⁰

On 12 September 2019, through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, the US Department of Health and Human Services pledged USD351 million to 56 states, territories,

²⁷³⁵ Welfare and Pensions Update: Written statement — HCWS74, U.K. Parliament (London) 4 November 2019. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2019-11-04/HCWS74/>

²⁷³⁶ Rapid NHS response teams to help people stay well at home, National Health Service England (London) 23 January 2020. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/rapid-nhs-response-teams-to-help-people-stay-well-at-home/>

²⁷³⁷ Rapid NHS response teams to help people stay well at home, National Health Service England (London) 23 January 2020. Access Date: 8 February 2020. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/rapid-nhs-response-teams-to-help-people-stay-well-at-home/>

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²⁷³⁹ HHS Announces Quality Summit to Streamline and Improve Quality Programs across Government, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 9 July 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/07/09/hhs-announces-quality-summit-streamline-improve-quality-programs-government.html>

²⁷⁴⁰ HHS Announces Quality Summit to Streamline and Improve Quality Programs across Government, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 9 July 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/07/09/hhs-announces-quality-summit-streamline-improve-quality-programs-government.html>

and non-profit organizations to improve maternal health outcomes.²⁷⁴¹ The department also awarded USD23 million in funding to create three new programs to support and promote maternal health.²⁷⁴²

On 18 September 2019, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration donated USD85 million to approximately 300 healthcare centres.²⁷⁴³ This investment will help establish new infrastructure, expand oral health services, and improve the current services.²⁷⁴⁴ It encourages early detection of oral diseases to prevent future health issues.²⁷⁴⁵

On 19 September 2019, the US Department of Health and Human Services announced the National Youth Sports Strategy to encourage youth participation in sports, promote access, and raise awareness of the advantages of playing sports, which promotes physical activity and healthy ageing early in life.²⁷⁴⁶ This strategy was created in response to President Trump's call for a national strategy to engage more youth in sports.²⁷⁴⁷ Through the strategy's new grants, there will be more opportunities for children, especially those from marginalized communities, to participate in sports.²⁷⁴⁸

On 1 October 2019, the National Institutes of Health, through the National Institute on Ageing, pledged over USD73 million over the next five years toward two research centers, specifically the "Open Drug Discovery Center for Alzheimer's Disease"²⁷⁴⁹ and the "Indiana University School of

²⁷⁴¹ HHS Awards \$374 Million to Programs Supporting Maternal and Child Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 12 September 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/12/hhs-awards-374-million-programs-supporting-maternal-child-health.html>

²⁷⁴² HHS Awards \$374 Million to Programs Supporting Maternal and Child Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 12 September 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/12/hhs-awards-374-million-programs-supporting-maternal-child-health.html>

²⁷⁴³ HHS Awards over \$85 Million to Help Health Centers Expand Access to Oral Health Care, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/18/hhs-awards-over-85-million-help-health-centers-expand-access-oral-healthcare.html>

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²⁷⁴⁶ HHS Releases First Federal Strategy to Increase Youth Sports Participation, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 19 September 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/19/hhs-releases-first-federal-strategy-increase-youth-sports-participation.html>

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²⁷⁴⁸ HHS Releases First Federal Strategy to Increase Youth Sports Participation, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington) 19 September 2019. Access Date: 17 February 2020. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/19/hhs-releases-first-federal-strategy-increase-youth-sports-participation.html>

²⁷⁴⁹ NIH-funded translational research centers to speed, diversify Alzheimer's drug discovery, National Institute on Ageing (Bethesda) 1 October 2019. Access Date: 3 April 2020. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/news/nih-funded-translational-research-centers-speed-diversify-alzheimers-drug-discovery>

Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery center,²⁷⁵⁰ which aim to support the research and development of drugs towards Alzheimer's disease.²⁷⁵¹

On 22 October 2019, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality pledged USD16 million to enhance primary care in relation to unhealthy alcohol use.²⁷⁵² The six grant receivers will use evidence-based interventions at more than 700 healthcare centres to promote healthy living.²⁷⁵³

On 2 January 2020, the Trump administration and the Food and Drug Administration banned certain e-cigarette flavours to regulate and prevent the use of e-cigarettes among teenagers.²⁷⁵⁴

The United States has taken some policy action to promote healthy and active ageing through adopting a life-course perspective towards health and policy measures taken towards preventive care and the promotion of active lifestyles, such as the e-cigarette ban, the National Youth Sports Strategy, and funding towards Alzheimer's research. However, the United States has not taken policy actions to address healthy ageing in terms of seniors' functional ability nor has it taken action to address social, political, economic, and/or cultural inclusion of older people.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote healthy and active ageing through policy measures to address health promotion.

On 10 July 2019, the kick-off meeting for the Integr@tención project was held in Valladolid.²⁷⁵⁵ This project, funded by the EU through the INTERREG VA Espana Portugal programme, aims to develop products and services to ensure that elderly citizens suffering from "autonomy loss, disability, or chronic conditions" are taken care of at home.²⁷⁵⁶ These objectives will be achieved

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through the “development and piloting of a joint model of care and technology support provision.”²⁷⁵⁷

On 20 September 2019, Innovation to Market (I2M) announced a matchmaking event to be held in February 2020 to support organizations seeking to implement digital Active and Healthy Ageing (AHA) solutions but are unable to find relevant matches in the market.²⁷⁵⁸ This program will connect healthcare organizations with unmet needs with digital AHA solutions offered by (primarily) tech companies.²⁷⁵⁹

On 7 October 2019, the European Commission announced the launch of EU_SHAFE (Europe Enabling Smart Healthy Age-friendly Environments).²⁷⁶⁰ Co-financed by INTERREG Europe and led by municipality of Bizkaya, this project strives to develop a comprehensive approach to “Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments” through the improvement of policies and practices in seven European regions.²⁷⁶¹ EU_SHAFE will aim to create an inclusive ecosystem comprised of public authorities, European networks, user associations, and research professionals to work towards the development of community-based services that will help with healthy and active “ageing at home” across Europe.²⁷⁶²

On 19 October 2019, the Medical University of Lodz, Poland, announced its plan to run a pilot program dedicated to PhD candidates whose research addresses the biomedicine of AHA.²⁷⁶³ The Medical University of Lodz holds a status of Lead Partner with the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.²⁷⁶⁴

On 28 October 2019, the European Commission announced SoCaTel’s call to take part in their upcoming “Transforming Ageing” hackathon. SoCaTel is a European project which allows users, professionals, and public administrators to collaboratively partake in design of services related to

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dependence.²⁷⁶⁵ Moving forward with the project, SoCaTel will organize a series of hackathons to promote the development of technologies to improve the accessibility of health and social care services in the home for elderly citizens.²⁷⁶⁶

On 18 November 2019, the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on AHA announced that they would reward organizations that have successfully implemented AHA innovations.²⁷⁶⁷ The goal of these I2M Adoption Awards is to not only recognize the work of adopters and technological suppliers AHA innovation, but to also inspire other healthcare organizations to better their delivery of healthcare services in the context of AHA.²⁷⁶⁸

On 3-4 December 2019, TeNDER, a project funded by Horizon 2020 (the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation), held its first meeting in Madrid to discuss “task allocations, timelines, and key deliverables.”²⁷⁶⁹ This project aims to develop an integrated care model to manage multi-morbidity in patients with neurodegenerative diseases.²⁷⁷⁰ It includes five large scale pilot programs in various care settings (e.g., in-hospital acute care or at home) and monitoring patients.²⁷⁷¹

On 6 December 2019, the EIP, funded by the European Union, organized a two-day workshop attended by over 300 stakeholders.²⁷⁷² It specifically tackled lifespan health promotion and the prevention of age-related frailty and disease, aiming to highlight the importance of digital solutions in the implementation of home-care service provision and social inclusion for the elderly.²⁷⁷³

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On 19 December 2019, the European Commission presented the development of 11 Blueprint scenarios.²⁷⁷⁴ “Blueprint” refers to the “European Blueprint on Digital Transformation of Health and Care for the Ageing Society” and embodies a collective European vision on how innovation can transform healthcare in a rapidly ageing society.²⁷⁷⁵ Blueprint scenarios are primarily used in workshops with a variety of stakeholders to “enable co-development, stock-taking of the best practices and/or ICT [information and communications technology] solutions, and the targeting of various key topics from different points of views.”²⁷⁷⁶ They are essential building blocks to widening the support for the large scale uptake of digital innovation for active and healthy ageing in the European Union, as they successfully showcase improved interactions between digital AHA solutions and patients.²⁷⁷⁷

On 1 January 2020, a consortium of 12 entities, specifically, Cáritas Diocesana de Coimbra, SYNO GmbH, CNR (ISTI), Fraunhofer Institute for Computer Graphics Research IDG, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Institute of Communication and Computer Systems, Jožef Stefan Institute, Afedemy, Academy on Age-Friendly Environments BV, Linköping University, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Stitching Smart Homes, and Etablissementsa Lievens Lanckman, launched the project, PlatformUptake.eu, which is funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 programme.²⁷⁷⁸ This project is working towards creating an online information hub with the aim to assess the societal impact of existing open source platforms for the development of innovative solutions in the AHA domain.²⁷⁷⁹ This online information hub will also support the uptake of these aforementioned platforms by providing “support materials on all relevant platforms, stakeholder events, and the promotion of synergies, knowledge exchange, and a common understanding among all stakeholders in the AHA market.”²⁷⁸⁰

On 28 February 2020, the European Commission announced that in spring 2020, the EIP and DigitalHealthEurope (DHE) will collaborate to promote EIP and DHE twinning schemes, which will “support ... Europe’s quadruple helix stakeholders: industry, civil society, academic and

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governments.”²⁷⁸¹ While the EIP twinings focus on healthy and active ageing with the aim to expand digital solutions to health and care, the DHE twinings aim to address health data sharing across borders, advance research on disease prevention, and support person-focused care.²⁷⁸²

On 5 March 2020, the European Commission announced that ProACT had secured grants to advance their platform, research, and trials, and that it would launch a spin-off company in 2020 to leverage ProACT’s outputs to aid other research endeavours.²⁷⁸³ ProACT is a European initiative originally spanning from January 2016 to July 2019 which successfully developed a digitally integrated care system for elder citizens suffering from multimorbidity, their caregivers, and healthcare providers to better manage multiple chronic diseases.²⁷⁸⁴

The European Union has taken multiple policy actions to promote healthy and active ageing, such as investments towards the development of age-friendly environments and products that aim to improve autonomy of older people, innovative technological approaches to enhance health outcomes of the ageing population, and the development of community-based services to encourage social inclusion.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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