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Decade of Healthy Ageing

Development of a proposal for a Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030

Intervention

Chair,

As a member state of the SEAR in the EB, Sri Lanka endorses the proposal for the decade of healthy ageing 2020-2030 by WHO / DG. It gives opportunity to strengthen the collaboration of government with private sector, NGO’s, civil society and by which we will be able to create elderly friendly environments and improve lives of the older people, their families as well as the communities in which they live.

Health systems should align accordingly to maintain good health status of older people according to the strategies identified in the elderly health care policy in Sri Lanka. Measures should be taken to maximize their functional ability by maintaining their intrinsic capacity. They will be able to draw their physical and mental capacities at any point of time. Sri Lanka has identified strategies to address elderly care needs in par with the proposal for decade of healthy ageing.

Infrastructure development to introduce model ‘elderly-care day centers’ and ‘intermediate care centers’ linked to the ‘aged friendly city concept’ are currently in progress. These centers will adopt a multidisciplinary team approach in close collaboration with secondary and tertiary healthcare institutions. As a region we need to strengthen efforts to maintain an appropriate and sustainable workforce in geriatric care to ensure the delivery of quality long term care.
Sri Lanka supports the Development of a proposal for a Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030

Thank you.