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Written Intervention Decade of Healthy Ageing

Viet Nam's population is 97 million people. Among which, people of age groups 60+ accounted for 11,9% and is projected to reach 17,5% by 2030. This makes Viet Nam one of the fastest aging countries in the world.

While population ageing affects all aspects of the socio-economic development process of each country, and affects the live of every community, family and older person, it can bring added values to the families and the society. If people are growing old and healthy, many of them can continue to work after their retirement, either formally or informally and provide vital support to their family.

The Government of Viet Nam is committed to care and improve well-being for older people. Vietnam has approved the Law of older people since 2009. In October this year, The Government approved an Action Plan for health care of Older People, until 2030. The Action Plan aims to have 100% of older people entitled to periodic health check-up; and be assisted with NCD prevention and management; among others. These legislative documents provide guidance to local government, communities and families, on planning, budgeting, and providing care for older people. This year, the Government has successfully contained the COVID-19 pandemic where older people were given special attention.

However, challenges ahead are huge. Older population will require quality primary health care, and long-term care, at some points in the older age. In the coming years, Vietnam will need to strengthen primary care system and achieve universal health insurance coverage. We need to also design and pilot different models of



community-based integrated care which is affordable and acceptable to older people and to communities. Training of care workforce is another important task, among others. We hope WHO will continue to play a key role in facilitating and providing timely and quality advices to member states in this important area.