Kenya Country Assessment: policy architecture, available data, evidence needs and gaps

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Policy architecture

- Considerable scope of provisions - in:
  - NPOPA
  - other (sectoral) policies
  - strategic plans
  - legal frameworks

- 16 of 18 MIPAA Issues addressed
- 2 omissions:
  - Rural development, migration and urbanization
  - Intergenerational solidarity

- Most Issues (13) fully covered (i.e. **all** objectives addressed)

- Much less implementation

- Major action mainly on:

  – Social protection: cash transfers, health insurance
  – HIV/AIDS services
  – Long-term care (residential home, care centre planned)

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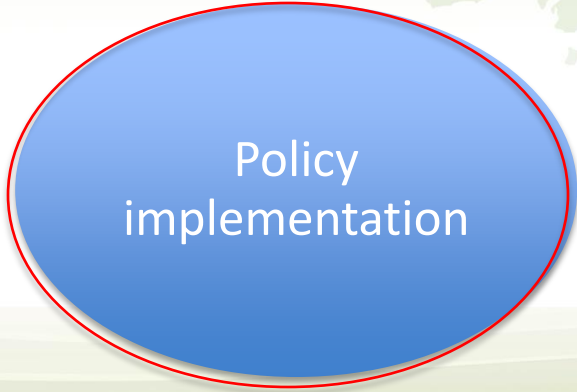Policy formulation

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Evidence use

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- Little explicit use of evidence for policy formulation
  - exceptions: Vision 2030/OPCTP; KNASP 2009-2013

- Emerging evidence use/generation toward policy implementation
  - Long-term care, elder abuse

- Incipient monitoring & evaluation
  - OPCTP

Available data

- Considerable number of potentially relevant data sources
  - National surveys
  - Administrative data
  - Other studies (e.g. 'audits')

- Speak to 16 MIPAA Issues
(complete data gap only for 'mental health' ; 'images of aging')

- Offer important, albeit partial, initial evidence base on circumstances of older people

- Plus: opportunity for benchmarking; exploring trends over time

- All national survey data sources (bar 2) fully accessible

- Access / usability of administrative and other data – to be explored/negotiated

- Yet: limited exploration, 2° analysis of existing data thus far

Priority evidence needs

- Wide spectrum of evidence needs (79 areas) to enable further development/ implementation of effective ageing policies

- Cover virtually all MIPAA Issues (bar 'training of health care professionals')

- Across all, need for capturing:
  - Sub-national (county) specificity
  - Heterogeneity / inequalities: socio-spatial, age, sex

Priority direction I

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Issue 1: *active participation in society and development*

1. Nature and scope of older people's skills, qualifications, capacities, including indigenous knowledge
2. Older people's perspectives on/satisfaction with their involvement in, and contributions to their community, and society more broadly
3. Current and possible future opportunities for engagement for retirees and other older people (community, county, regional, national levels)
4. Membership in groups, committees or associations (formal/informal,; professional /non professional; civic/business/political/cultural) and roles or functions within them
5. Representation of older people among political leadership (all levels) (important but not to be captured through survey tool)
6. Nature and scope of engagement in domestic activities/'work'

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Issue 2: *work and the ageing labour force*

1.   In-depth profile of older people's employment history; labour force participation; economic activity
2. Nature and scope of challenges, discrimination faced by older workers

Issue 3: *rural development, migration & urbanization*

1. Housing, water and sanitation situation and needs of older persons in rural and low-resource urban areas
2. Scope, patterns, motives for migration in older age, and older migrants' level of integration in new communities
3. Age, sex profile of farming population
4. Profile of older farmers' agricultural activities, access to and adequacy of extension or other agricultural support services
5. Access, ownership and control of land

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Issue 4: *access to knowledge, education & training*

1. Current use of, demand for and attitudes to, and access to adult / continuing education services and factors hindering/enabling access
2. Older people's involvement in delivery of adult / continuing education, vocational and other forms of training

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Issue 5: *intergenerational solidarity*

1. Subjective perspectives on relationship/cohesion between old and young at family, community and societal levels
2. Level and patterns of support and other engagement between old and young at family and community levels
+ all evidence needs regarding long term care (PDIII Issue 2)

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Issue 6: *eradication of poverty*

1. Income status and livelihood sources (incl. transfers from others) in cash and in kind of older persons
2. Levels and patterns of poverty in older population
3. Coping mechanisms of older people living in poverty (external support, concrete strategies, psychological)
4. Long term impact of OPCTP on poverty levels in older population

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Issue 7: *income security, social protection/security & poverty prevention*

1. Coverage by any public social security, social health insurance, or social assistance (national safety net programme)
2. Barriers to coverage by social security, social health insurance or social assistance
3. Perceived adequacy and effects of social security, social health insurance or social assistance received

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Issue 8: *emergency situations*

1-4 not captured in tool – but cannot easily be captured. Likely requires other kind of data collection
1. Level and nature of exclusion of older people in emergencies and post-emergency responses
2. Impacts of humanitarian crises on older people
3. Capacity for disaster preparedness and resilience among older persons
4. Extent of involvement of older people in post-emergency re-building of communities / societies

Priority direction II

Issue 1: *health promotion and well-being throughout life*

1. Prevalence of key NCD and NCD risk factors in older population
2. Prevalence and types of nutritional diseases among older people
3. Prevalence of vision and hearing impediments among older people
4. Disease profile of older population
5. Profile of dietary consumption among older people
6. Older people's perspectives on 'healthy' food, nutrition and physical activity

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Issue 2: *universal and equal access to health care services*

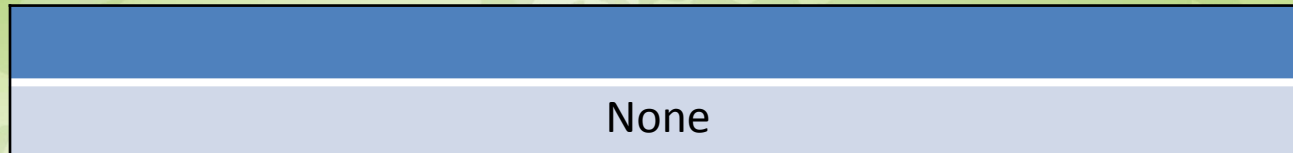| |
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| 1. Extent and patterns of older people's health service use/access |
| 2. Profile of older adults using reproductive health services |
| 3. Nature of key service access barriers faced by older people |
| 4. Medication for older adults: affordability, availability, appropriateness, adherence |
| 5. Extent, patterns of health insurance among older people (tbc) |

Issue 3: *older persons and HIV/AIDS*

1. Number of older people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS
2. Determinants of rising HIV infection among older people
3. Nature and scope of older people's role in care to grand – or foster children
4. Experiences, challenges and support needs of older carers of grand- or foster children

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Issue 4: *training of care providers and health professionals*

None

Issue 5: *mental health needs of older people*

1. Prevalence of dementia among older people

2. Types of support/care received by older people with dementia

3. Patterns and levels of mental ill-health among older people

Issue 6: *older persons with disabilities*

1. Extent, types and causes of functional impairment in older population

2. Impacts of old-age acquired disability

3. Scope of use, and utility of assistive devices for mobility and functioning among older population

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Priority direction III

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Issue 1: *housing and living environment*

1. Housing and sanitation conditions / needs of older persons living in low resource rural and urban areas
2. Need for, and promising approaches to adapting housing for older population
3. Public transport access and needs of older people
4. Accessibility of physical infrastructure (buildings, housing and public institutions) among older people

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Issue 2: *care and support for caregivers*

1. Sources of long term care support (state, community, family, private sector) for older people

2. Number of older people receiving long term care, including in institutions

3. Adequacy of, and unmet need for, long term in the older population

4. Older and younger people's perspectives regarding community, family, state, private sector provision of long term care

5. Approaches for the regulation of institutional care provision

6. Nature and scope of older people's role in care to grand – or foster children

7. Experiences, challenges, support needs of older carers of grand- or foster children

Issue 3: *neglect, abuse and violence*

1. Extent, patterns (perpetrators-victims), types and determinants of elder abuse
2. Nature and prevalence of restorative justice (counseling, etc.) for victims of elder abuse

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Issue 4: *images of ageing*

1. As for PD I, Issue 1:

   Evidence on older people's participation in society and development

Data gaps

- Addressing priority evidence needs with existing data sources:

  - 4 - may be fully furnished

  - 15 - may be partially furnished

  - 60 - cannot be furnished

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