Leaving No One Behind In An Ageing World

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Population ageing is a success story of our time.

It brings both opportunities and challenges.
Today’s younger countries need to plan ahead to manage the challenges and opportunities of population ageing.
Giving every person an equal chance to grow older in good health and with economic security starts by promoting equal opportunities from birth.
Older persons should be able to continue working for as long as they can and want to, but not be compelled to do so.

Flexible, phased or partial retirement policies more equitable than a uniform increase in mandatory retirement age.

Low-income workers often live shorter lives.
Changes in living arrangements and ageing of populations has increased demand for long-term care globally.

The COVID-19 crisis exposed weaknesses in long-term care.
Rethinking approaches to long-term care will benefit today’s older persons and those who care for them, and future generations of older persons.

13.6 MILLION
the estimated deficit of long-term care workers.

80%
of all long-term care in Europe is provided by informal caregivers.

9 in 10
the number of formal long-term care workers that are women in OECD countries.

1.5%
the average percentage of GDP in OECD countries spent on long-term care in 2019; down from 1.7 per cent in 2017 despite growing demand.

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