



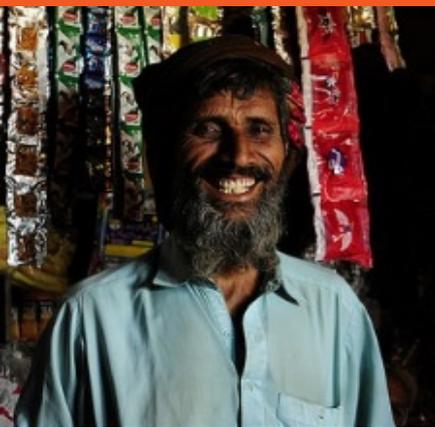
COVID-19: older people's experiences in real life and data



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COVID-19 has presented extraordinary challenges for households, communities, and countries all over the world, disproportionately affecting wellbeing and rights of at-risk population groups. The mortality rate among older people has been higher overall, and for many older women and men, the pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequalities, ageism, discrimination, abuse and violence, and has disrupted income security.



The pandemic has also brought to the front a number of pervasive problems in relation to the inclusion of marginalised groups in official statistics. Globally, COVID-19 data on older people has been scarce, fragmented and inadequately granular resulting in a narrow and partial understanding of health and socio-economic impacts, and inequalities within older populations. The data that is available becomes itself a barrier to the protection and prevention of discrimination against older people in policy and responses.

As the global community comes together to "build back better" and improve the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data, we need to examine what data systems got right and where they failed in relation to COVID-19 data on older people.

The round table discussion will:

- Explore information required to understand the impact of the pandemic on the wellbeing and rights of older people.
- Examine systemic barriers to better data on older women and men.
- Identify actions members of the data community can jointly take to improve availability of data on older people for inclusive response and recovery.



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