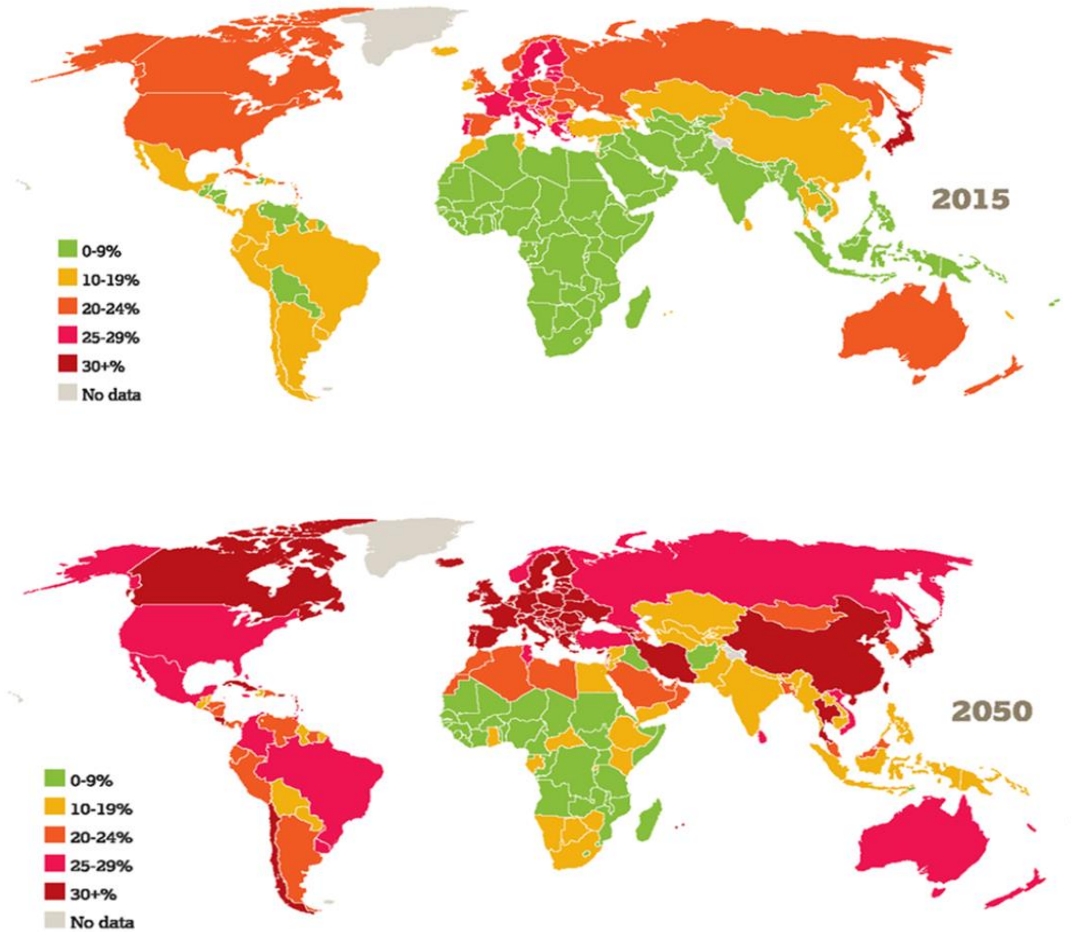


Introducing the Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age Disaggregated Statistics

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The world's population is ageing

Global population aged
60 years and over



Source: Global AgeWatch Index 2015, HelpAge International

Sustainable Development Goals

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the pledge to leave no one behind require timely and reliable data across all ages.



Improving the data - The story so far ...

- The basis for the group began before 2015
- It was formerly endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission in March 2018
- The work programme will complete in 2023



The foundations are laid

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The Sustainable Development Goals create new opportunities



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UK Office for National Statistics comes on board at the World Data Forum



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The Winchester Seminar brings everyone together



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The City Group is agreed at the 49th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission



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Preparations start for UN Statistical Commission 2018

Summer 2017

Throughout 2017 the core group grew and began meeting regularly to prepare for the 49th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and planning a seminar in Winchester.



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The first formal meeting takes place in Chichester

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June 2018

The first formal meeting takes place to discuss and agree the work plan and ways of working.

6 – 9 March 2018

ONS presented the report on ageing related statistics and age-disaggregated data to the Commission, including a proposal to establish the Titchfield Group. The proposal was accepted by the Commission with strong support and no opposition.

Completion

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Pre 2015

Demand for evidence based data and statistics on older persons has been called for since the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2002. Various initiatives, including the UNECE Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics, continued to document and call attention to these gaps over the subsequent years.

2015

The adoption of the SDGs in 2015 and the pledge to Leave No One Behind stimulated a global conversation about how progress could be measured. Space opened up to talk about the significant gaps in ageing statistics and age-disaggregated data and the need for concrete solutions.



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Widening the circle

2016

Throughout remainder of 2016, DFID and HelpAge explored the City Group option and worked to build support for the idea of a UN city group with a wider group of agencies. Several partners came on board, including UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women and WHO.

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A City group first raised at the 48th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission

7 – 10 March 2017

At the Statistical Commission in 2017, the City Group was first proposed by ONS and the Commission agreed that it could be added to the agenda of the 2018 Statistical Commission.

Office for National Statistics, UK



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February – August 2016

Recognising the significant issues, DFID launched an Open Policy Making Initiative on age disaggregation across the life course. This culminated in a conference with CSO partners, representatives of UN agencies and USAID where the idea of a city group was first proposed. DFID & CSO participants continued to work together to consider how to drive forward this important agenda – which lead to DFID's development of its Data Disaggregation Action Plan with a commitment to work towards a city group on age and ageing data.



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DFID brings people together around data disaggregation and ageing

Who is involved?

NSOs (over 40 – all world regions)

Civil society organisations, such as HelpAge International

Others, e.g. DFID, academic experts,

UN agencies, funds and programmes:

UN Women, UN Dept of Economic and Social Affairs, UN Population Fund, UN Habitat, UN Development Programme, World Health Organisation



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Our commitment

“The overall objective of the proposed Titchfield Group is to develop standardized tools and methods for producing both data disaggregated by age and ageing-related data, and to encourage countries to do so, by playing a leading role in the development and communication of new standards and methodologies. “

(Report to UNSC 49th session)

Introducing the work plan

- Analysis of available evidence
- Horizon scanning
- Conceptual framework
- Alignment to SDG goals and other work
- Standardisation and harmonisation
- Platform for sharing data and information



Analysis of available evidence

Stocktake of data sources

Scoping document – what indicators should we look for?

Identification of starting point for countries – perhaps a country position paper

List of country representatives to check our assessment is right

Communication that advocates the use of pilot studies

Horizon scanning

Report on suitability
of sources for the
future

To what extent are we
prepared for humanitarian
disaster – are new data
sources needed?

What could the future
look like and how
might data needs
change?

Conceptual framework

Ageing and ageing
processes
description

Examples of
conceptual
frameworks on
other topics

What is used
already and may
be required in the
future?

‘Think pieces’
on key
concepts

Definitions /
measures for
projections

Analytical
framework

Life course
approach
important

Case studies from
NSOs/countries,
including relevance to
government policies

Alignment to SDGs and other relevant work

Identification of groups and other international work to be aligned with

Guidelines on standardised age cohorts

List of priority SDG indicators, including flexibility for country specific requirements

Standardisation and harmonisation

Report/guidance
on standard
approaches (to
enable global
comparisons,
inequality analysis,
projection
approaches

Assessment
of current
data/sources

Technical and
advocacy
documents

Library of
tools for data
collection and
analysis

Platform for sharing data and information

Assessment of
legal and
ethical barriers
for sharing data

Adoption of a
data sharing
platform

Knowledge
transference

Assessment of
suitable
platforms (e.g.
Data Shield and
SDMX)

The next 2 years

- By May 2019 – first draft of conceptual framework to reflect work on:
 - Yr 1 initially : Ageing and ageing processes description (living document?)
 - Yr 1 Case studies from NSOs/countries
 - Examples of conceptual frameworks
- Key concepts (via think pieces?)
- By end 2019
 - Reports on data relevant to government policies (including case studies) – need to demonstrate a life course approach
- By Oct 2020
 - analytical framework
 - Assessment of evidence scoping document

2020 to 2023

- Presentation of assessment of evidence to UNSC (Oct 2022)
- Finalise assessment of evidence (Oct 2022)
- Standardisation and harmonisation guidelines (Oct 2022)

Getting involved

Come and join us! We want to hear about

- Your data sources on older people
- New ideas for generating data on older people
- Methodological or digital opportunities for filling gaps

Find out more

- <https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/events/titchfield-city-group-on-ageing/>
- Email: ageing@ons.gov.uk
- [#TCGageing](#)

