

FAO is committed to supporting older person's rights and inclusion in development processes.

Older persons' contributions to agrifood systems are significant as rights-holders, consumers, producers, knowledge holders, guardians of local and traditional practices, etc. At the same time, millions of older persons, especially in rural areas of low-income countries, face serious food insecurity and poverty challenges. Furthermore, ageing population and rural-to-urban migration have been placing considerable pressure over old people living in rural areas of developing countries, in terms of burdens and responsibilities, exacerbating age-related inequalities and vulnerabilities.

The new Strategic Framework places a renewed emphasis on enhancing social inclusion in FAO's work, which may also entail dedicating greater attention to age-based considerations and targeting elderly people more specifically, in order to contribute to the Agenda 2030's principle of leaving no one behind.

FAO remains ready to partner with relevant institutions to ensure that older persons' rights be protected, and their contribution properly valued in the context of agrifood systems and food security.