

## 資料2

高齢化と開発：ヘルプ・エイジ・インターナショナルのアジア太平洋地域における活動  
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**Ageing and Development:  
HelpAge International Activities  
in the Asia Pacific region**

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**HelpAge  
International**  
HelpAge International is a registered charity

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**Aim of presentation : to introduce**

- Who : mission and structure
- What : areas of work and activities
- How : implementation strategies
- Where : countries & regionally

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**HelpAge International (HAI) is**

- a global network of non-for-profit organisations
- mission to work with and for disadvantaged older people worldwide to achieve a lasting improvement in the quality of their lives
- promotes specific policies and programmes for mainstreaming vulnerable groups into the development processes

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**HAI in Asia Pacific**

- 20 years: networking, researching, programming, training, capacity building, community interventions and advocating
- a network of 40 autonomous national organisations from 18 countries
- NGOs, government agencies, mass organisations, academic institutions with outreach for practical community interventions
- HAI offers technical support in capacity building, programming and fund raising
- Network members organisations exchange and share
- Meet annually since 1993. The 14th annual regional conference in Pondicherry India 7 - 10 November 2006 on "New Paradigms in Social Protection"

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**Critical issues for  
older people in Asia Pacific**

- Poverty in old age in the context of rapid ageing of low income countries
- Social exclusion
- Virtual lack of access to care and services, including health care
- Increase in caring responsibilities by older people especially in HIV afflicted households
- Adverse impact resulting from changes in family circumstances
- Neglect in situations of disasters, relief and rehabilitation

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**HAI's main areas of work  
in the Asia Pacific in 2006-10**

- Social Protection
- Livelihoods Improvement
- Support for older carers : HIV/AIDS
- Emergency relief, rehabilitation and disaster preparedness
- Civil Society strengthening: voices of older people

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**Social Protection**

- Improving/expanding public social assistance : social pensions
- Strengthening community based care : home help & home care
- Improving access to health care
- Supporting access to basic amenities : water, sanitation, shelter

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**Livelihoods : improving incomes**

- Micro-credit and income generation opportunities
- Skills improvement : farming, rice and cow banks
- Organising older people for group activities and mutual support

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**Older carers : HIVAIDs**

- Support to older carers

**Emergencies**

- Inclusion in relief, rehabilitation and disaster preparedness programmes

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**Civil Society**

- Strengthening organisations of older people and partner organisations to help enlist government and community support

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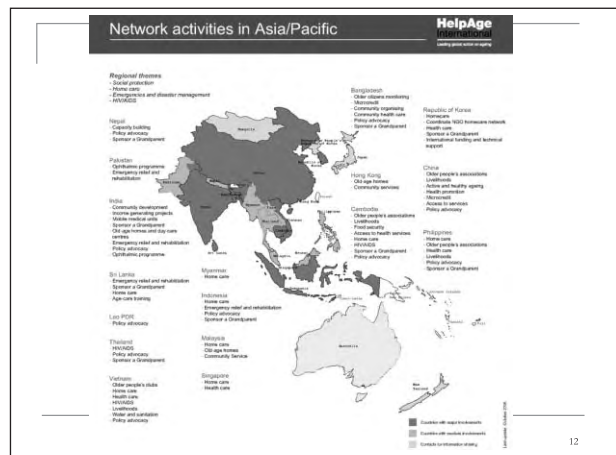
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**Activities of HAI and the network members**

1. Community based pilot projects with older people, households, community level stakeholders including service providers to bring change and impact
2. Gathering and analysing evidence and lessons of community projects to enhance impact and as tools for advocacy
3. Capacity building of older people, their organisations and partner organisations
4. Wider dissemination of experiences and lessons for awareness raising, sensitisation, replication and policy advocacy : nationally, regionally, globally

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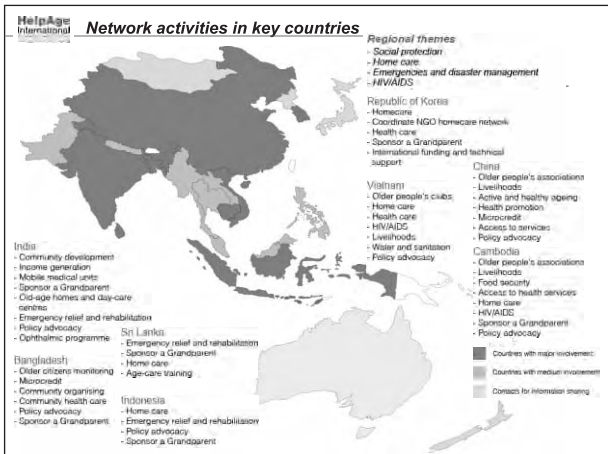
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**Home care for older people in ASEAN countries : ROK-ASEAN project 2003-2006; 2006-2010**

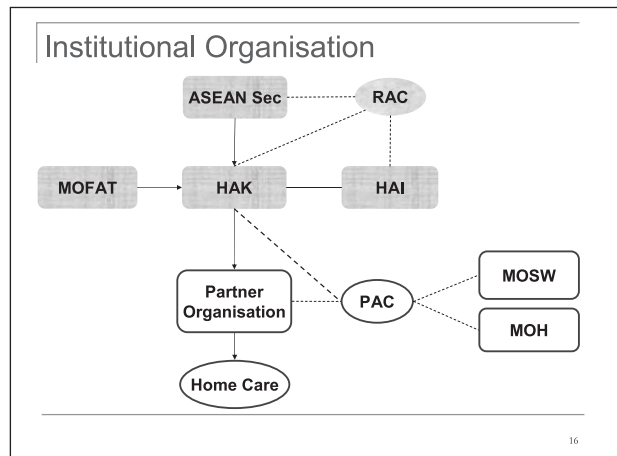
**Aim: Developing and replicating volunteer based home care models adapting key features of Korean model to suit local socio-cultural and economic context**

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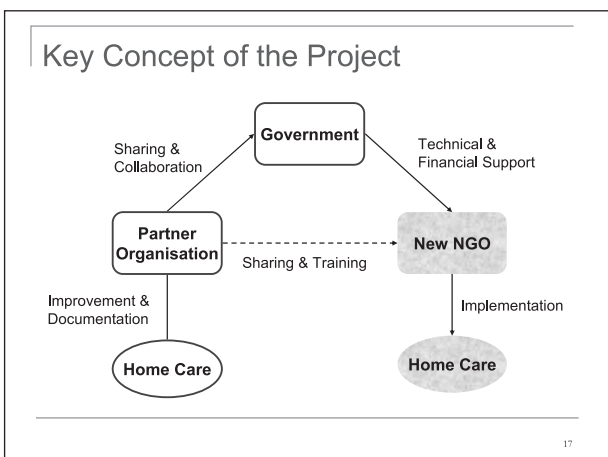
**Project objectives**

- To enhance the capacity of Government and partner organisations in ASEAN member countries to strengthen their model on volunteer-based home care for older people.
- To promote GO-NGO collaboration in replicating the model in their respective countries.

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**HAI-CNCA-EC project "Poverty Alleviation for older people and their communities in Western China" 2002 -2006; 2006 onwards**

- **Objective**
  - Promotion of sustainable livelihoods and well-being of poor and disadvantaged older people, their families and communities in rural areas of three poor provinces
- **Where?**
  - Three western provinces: Shaanxi, Sichuan and Hunan
- **Target area**
  - 17 villages in 9 counties and 3 provinces

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**Activities of the project**

- Income generation through seed money
- Improved health: access, quality and self-care
- Increased participation, self-esteem and involvement of older people
- Influence decision-makers on supporting and replication similar approaches

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**Impact**

- Increased incomes
- Better access to health care
- Strong functioning OPAs for mutual support
- Skills improvement
- Improved self worth
- Enhanced support from government

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*Persistent very low coverage of contributory pension schemes in most developing countries in Asia.*

Mainly:

- informal sector
- rural sector
- life time poor

Legend:

- Coverage gap
- Private schemes coverage
- Pension and PF coverage

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**Non-contributory cash assistance programmes in Asia**

<b>Universal cash transfers</b>	Nepal 75+ Old age allowance Macau 65+ Old age allowance Brunei 60+ Old Age & Dis.Pension Hong Kong 70+ SS Allowance Vietnam 90+Old age allowance
<b>Means-tested cash transfers</b>	Bangladesh 57+ Old age allowance India 60+ Old age allowance Sri Lanka 60+ Allowance for Indigent Thailand 60+ Old age allowance Malaysia 60+ Financial Assistance Vietnam 60+ Old age allowance Hong Kong 65-69 + SS Allowance
<b>Older people get cash transfers from means tested general social assistance schemes</b>	China: Guaranteed Minimum Living Allowance (GMLA) Rep. of Korea: GMLA Sri Lanka: Poverty Alleviation Transfers

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**In Asia : coverage and benefits too small**

In Asia benefits too small to raise the poor above the poverty line, but important supplementary source to reduce the severity of poverty.

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 Ensuring Social Protection in old age  
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**HAI network offers opportunities for**

- Community based programming to reach vulnerable older people and households
- Collaboration with NGOs, government agencies and academic institutions
- Advocacy in Asia Pacific

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