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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



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SOCIETIES WILL BE OLDER

from 1 in 10 people 65+



in 2021

to 1 in 6 people 65+



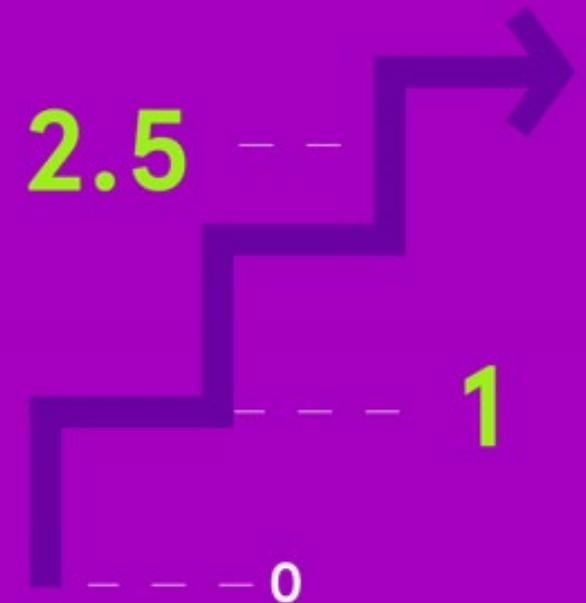
in 2050

THE SHIFT IN THE AGE STRUCTURE OF A POPULATION CAN RESULT IN DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE BETWEEN

1 AND 2.5

PER CENT

OF ANNUAL GROWTH IN GDP PER CAPITA



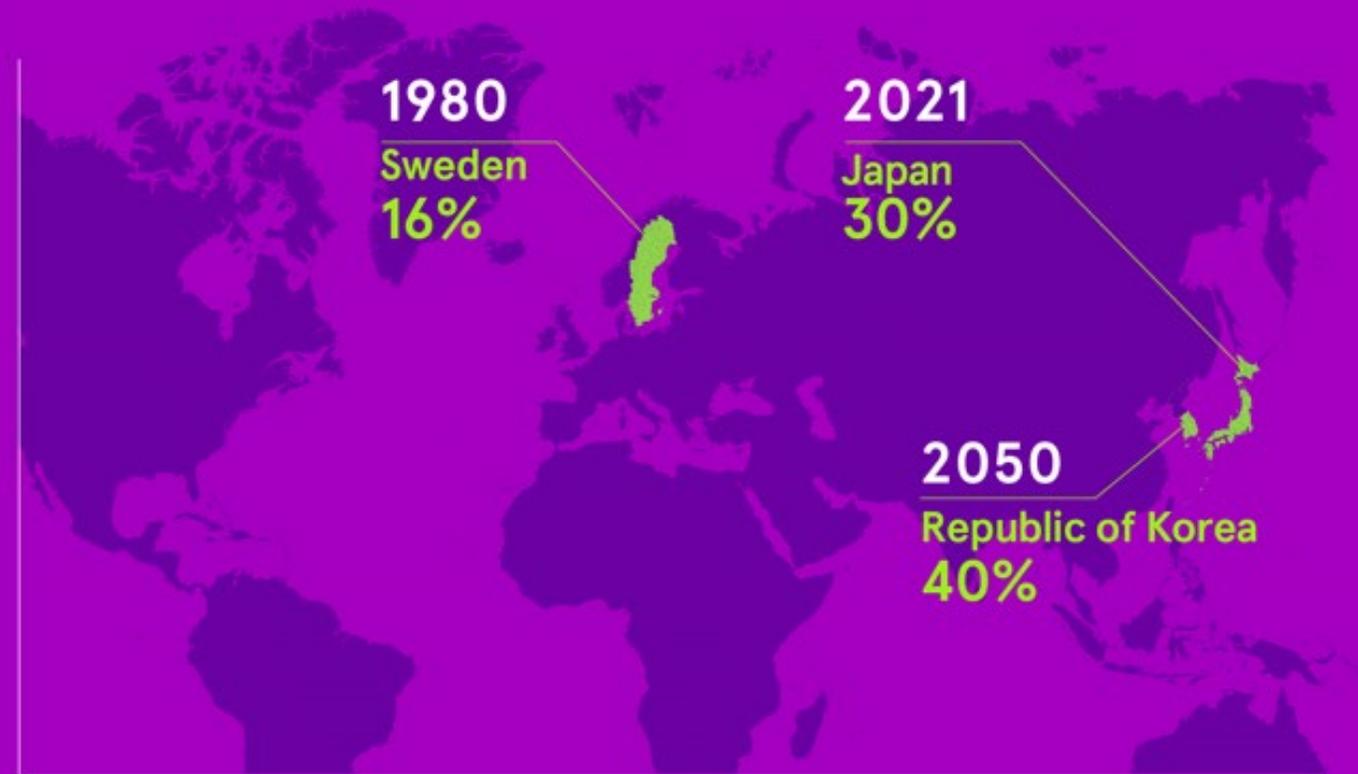
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Today's younger countries need to plan ahead to manage the challenges and opportunities of population ageing

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IS SHIFTING

from Europe towards Eastern and South-Eastern Asia by 2050

World's oldest country or territory (with the largest share of people 65+)



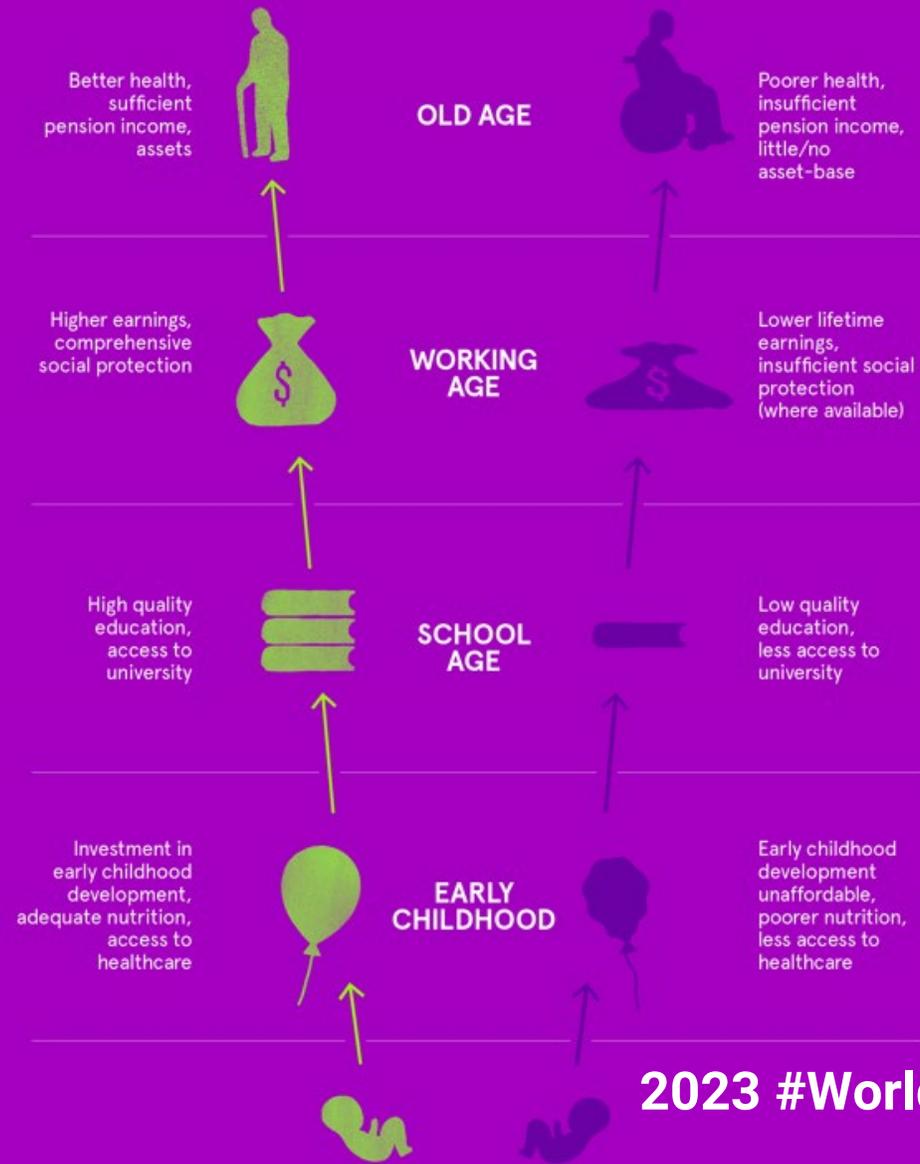
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UNEQUAL AGEING ACROSS THE LIFECOURSE

Giving every person an equal chance to grow older in good health and with economic security starts by promoting equal opportunities from birth



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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



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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



1 in 3
the number of women
65 and over that need
long-term care in the EU.



and **1 in 5 men**



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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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