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1) **Introduction**

   a) The Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age-disaggregated statistics was created at the forty-ninth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in March 2018 (ref 49/118).

   b) The purpose and overall objective of the Titchfield Group supports the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by identifying gaps and developing international guidance and methods for producing both data disaggregated by age and ageing-related data across the life course. This work is carried out in collaboration with United Nations (UN) bodies, National Statistics Offices and other organizations concerned with multiple aspects of ageing-related and age-disaggregated statistics. The Titchfield Group aims to lead the dissemination of good practices across the world and facilitate collaboration.

   c) Progress on the work is documented in the following reports:

      i) Report to the Statistical Commission Fiftieth Session https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/50th-session/documents/BG-Item4a-Titchfield-E.pdf

      ii) Report to the Statistical Commission Fifty-third Session https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_53/documents/2022-30-TitchfieldGroup-E.pdf

   d) The United Nations Statistical Commission Forty-ninth session. 6–9 March 2018. Report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data agreed the Group will initially operate for a five-year period, from 2018 to 2023, after which time a review of its substantive work as well as its methods of work will be carried out (E/CN.3/2018/19 A.6).

   e) This report details the both the method of review and the resulting outcomes.

2) **Activities of 2022 - 2023**

   a) The Titchfield Group commenced a gaps analysis in 2023. This exercise identified the expected outcomes at the start of the programme, the current state of work, and the differences between the two states.

b) The base for the desired state was the United Nations Statistical Commission Forty-ninth session. 6–9 March 2018. Report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data.

c) The desired states were compared to the progress of the group and assigned a RAG (Red-Amber-Green) status.

   i) Red Status was assigned where the desired state was not included in the current work strands or operation of the group. Action is required to take this desired state forward. These have been marked as 'Recommendations' for action in the below table of Gaps Analysis.

   ii) Amber Status was assigned where the desired state was included in the current work strands or operation but will not fulfil the requirements or is not being progressed at the present time. Action is required to take this desired state forward. These have been marked as 'Recommendations' for action in the below table of Gaps Analysis.

   iii) Green Status was assigned where the desired state was included in current work strands or operation. The work planned will fulfil requirements of the desired state. No further action is needed. These have been marked as 'On Target' in the below table of Gaps Analysis.

d) The desired states were indexed into themes of:

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e) The assessment of gaps against the desired state was completed with thanks to a representative subgroup of the Titchfield City Group on Ageing Steering Group. This method ensured current progress on work strands continued uninterrupted. It also avoided potential repetition of work completed in planning and outlining the requirements of the work strands. The six work strands are as follows:

   i) Assessment of current evidence and identifying gaps

   ii) Conceptual and analytical framework

   iii) Standardisation and harmonisation guidelines

   iv) Horizon scanning / future needs of data users

   v) Age-disaggregation and ageing-related statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework

   vi) Sharing information on good practices; Development of a platform for sharing information

f) The interlinkage of the work strands is recognised, not only within the group, but globally. This five-year review has the added benefit of assuring the work of the group is in line with international advancements, and not duplicating work being progressed by other agencies and organizations.

g) A subgroup of the Steering Group was formed in 2023. In a series of virtual workshops, the subgroup reviewed the Red and Amber rated desired states and made recommendations to progress the work.

h) All resulting gaps were reviewed at the 2023 technical meeting, with final proposals for the way forward agreed by the Titchfield Group on Ageing Steering Group in October 2023. A report of the meeting can be found here.

3) Endorsement and actions of the Steering Group

a) The Titchfield Group on Ageing Steering Group considered the products of the work strands in light of the discussion and decisions made in the 2023 technical meeting, the horizon scanning activity, and the conclusion of the gaps analysis review of the first five years of the Titchfield Group.

b) The Steering Group agreed the following work strands objectives are being taken forward as planned, providing the following gaps are addressed:

    i) Assessment of current evidence and identifying gaps

        (1) The steering group acknowledges the work of Data Gap Analysis for SDG Implementation using Policy Priorities and Indicators for Ageing and Older Persons. The work of the technical meeting highlighted some gaps to be taken forward in 2024. These include analysis on country positions and ways of working that can be shared on successes.

    ii) Conceptual and analytical framework for comprehensive information on older adults

        (1) The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work on Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators is related to Sustainable Development Goals only. The work of the technical meeting agreed the challenges related to Ageing are broader than these indicators alone. The group propose to build on the work available and include in the work planned for publication in 2024.

    iii) Standardisation and Harmonisation Guidelines

        (1) The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work to date. After assessment of the work completed, and feedback from the workshop at the 2023 technical meeting in Geneva, the steering group propose to build on the materials available globally.

        (2) The Group agreed to use the collection of data from the work strand assessing current evidence and identifying gaps and provide guidance on barriers in relation to older persons. The work will also include guidance on harmonisation across and between time. The strand will review which Strategic Development Goals can be harmonised, along with challenges and guidance. It was also proposed to produce guidance on the harmonisation to alternative measures of ageing.

c) The Steering group has reviewed the gaps analysis with regard to the following work strands and agrees the objectives have been satisfied either within current work strands or other agencies.

d) The Steering Group ratifies the decision to close the below work strands subject to the above being taken forward. Further information on rationale can be found in the below gaps analysis.

    i) Horizon scanning / future needs of data users

ii) Age-disaggregation and ageing-related statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework

iii) Sharing information on good practices; Development of a platform for sharing information

4) Gaps Analysis

Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. The work of the group connects National Statistical Offices, enlisting expertise from academic and non-profit sectors from a variety of international countries. Encouraging collaboration and good practice for sharing to promote a common understanding of the narrative. (E/CN.3/2018/19 Note by the Secretary General).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group continues have wide support across National Statistical Offices, academia, non-profit sectors, and United Nations agencies; and brings these groups together to share learnings, advancements and collaborate on the workplan.*
b) Connecting countries through which they could learn from each other and collaborate on standardized approaches to disaggregating data on the dimensions of ageing and filling ageing-related data gaps (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.16)	
c) Coordinated action is needed by national statistical offices. (E/CN.3/2018/19 I.9)	

	Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration

Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
d) Contribute to the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, particularly in the area of data disaggregation and interlinkages, and to help develop an understanding of the impact of demographic trends on the attainment of the Goals (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.16)	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group members continue to collaborate with and contribute to global statistical work promoting the improvement of ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data in areas relevant to older population and to build upon existing work.*
e) Contributing to the review and analysis of the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals from the perspective of age-related measures within the framework and time frame set by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.26)	
f) The Titchfield Group will also aim to link up with the important work associated with the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.25)	**On Target:** *Titchfield Group was joined by members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Task Force on Population and Housing Censuses at the 2023 technical meeting in Geneva. The task force welcomed the Titchfield Group's recommendations on requirements for future censuses in relation to older populations. The Titchfield group will continue to collaborate with the work of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme*

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Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
g) Harness private sector expertise in relation to innovative approaches (E/CN.3/2018/19 Note by the Secretary General, III.23).	**Recommendations:** *Members of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics include older populations in their consideration of the work programme and key priorities where relevant. This includes the missingness of data on older persons when using big data for statistical purposes, for example mobile phone data.* **Recommendations:** *The World Bank consider older populations in relation to the priorities and consideration of the work programme. This includes the impact on older persons who can be adversely affected by social, economic and environmental changes.* **Recommendations:** *The United Nations World Data Forum promote the inclusion of an ageing narrative throughout the themes of the work, both in data and statistics and the ambitions of the stakeholder community.*
h) The Titchfield Group will seek to contribute to … greater awareness amongst policymakers and development practitioners of the importance of the ageing agenda, and the pledge in the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first. (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.23).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group are proud to be a voice in the global conversation and wish to continue doing so as a community network in the post 2030 framework that follows.*
	The Titchfield Group recognise the importance of this aim and welcomed the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing to the 2023 technical meeting in Geneva. The Standing working group introduced their work on UNECE Data for evidence-based policy in the region.

Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i) There are a number of specialized ageing surveys and longitudinal studies on ageing administered in different countries, … More countries should be encouraged to develop and administer these specialized types of studies and should be provided with support in this regard. (E/CN.3/2018/19 I.11)	*The Titchfield Group continues to explore and present case studies at technical meetings in this area to encourage interest in the importance of this work. Including but not limited to Longitudinal Ageing Study in India, ELSA (English longitudinal survey of ageing), CLOSER and United Kingdom – Office for National Statistics design for a longitudinal linkage error framework.* *The group acknowledges the work of Gateway to Global Aging Data in this area.* ***Recommendations:** The Titchfield Group continues to promote the work in this area and encourages the community to progress work on the ageing population.*

Assessments	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. The Titchfield Group would contribute to and build upon international standards and methods for the compilation of ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data, by reviewing and extending existing advances (E/CN.3/2018/19 Note by the Secretary General, III.23)	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group recognises there are two elements: The big issues to address; and understanding what other ageing work is taking place. This is included as a standing agenda item at the steering group.*

	Assessments
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
ii. Identifying and promoting good practice for sharing, quality assessment and use of administrative and civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) data related to ageing (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.26).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group included a workshop at the 2023 technical meeting in Geneva to horizon scan and share knowledge and support other work taking place.*
iii. The Titchfield Group will draw on the various manuals and guidelines addressing specific aspects of the statistical monitoring of age and ageing developed by various stakeholders, including members of the Group (E/CN.3/2018/19 V.28).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group work plan fulfils this aim. The collaboration, case studies, assessment of evidence, all build on existing manuals and guidelines available, with a focus on the area of ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data in areas relevant to older population.*

	Data
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. The Titchfield Group will … support effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and fulfil the pledge to leave no one behind, data are required across all ages (E/CN.3/2018/19 I.2)	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group work plan includes an assessment of data gaps. The steering group acknowledges the progress of the work strand taking forward the Assessment of current evidence and identifying gaps in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Indicators related to ageing which addresses this requirement.*
ii. and across the full range of sustainable development targets (E/CN.3/2018/19 I.2)	

	Data
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
iii. with a particular emphasis on Sustainable Development Goals related to poverty eradication, good health, gender equality, decent work, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities and peaceful and inclusive societies (E/CN.3/2018/19 I.2).	
iv. much of the survey data … excludes various age groups. Where such data exist, lack of harmonization of age disaggregation together with small sample sizes at older ages means that data are not comparable or adequate for monitoring the Goals. (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.1).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group work plan includes an assessment of evidence in relation to the harmonisation and standardisation of data and dissemination of to statistics on older populations. The steering group acknowledges the progress of the work strand taking this forward which includes case studies to highlight the challenges and best practices. It is noted that effective partnering between National Statistical Offices, Civil Societies and data holders will help to close the gaps.*
v. Additionally, a lack of age standardization can be the source of a misleading perspective. (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.10).	
vi. Data are not collected in a standardized and systematic way on key topics such as economic independence, violence, abuse and neglect of older people, dementia, prevalence of HIV/AIDS and caregiving (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	
vii. Lack of knowledge of existing data on older persons: for example, existing data on older people may be collected, but may not be analysed or published, or made openly accessible, particularly in cases where they are held across a range of agencies (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	

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Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
viii. Older people living outside of traditional households (e.g.., the institutionalized and the homeless) … availability, coverage and utilization of administrative and civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) data… health systems … death registrations (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	
ix. Many household surveys do not cover older age groups … the disaggregation of indicators in a number of countries is capped at age 65 or over (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	
x. Harnessing private sector expertise in relation to innovative approaches, including big data will also be important, in the use and presentation of ageing. (E/CN.3/2018/19 Note by the Secretary General, III.23).	

| **Concepts and Definitions** | |

Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. The Titchfield Group will address issues of conceptualization, methodology and instruments, existing issues and deficits in data in the domains of ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data. (E/CN.3/2018/19 Note by the Secretary General, III.23, IV.26).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group noted methodology is the data collection method and not the statistical or analytical methodology. The Titchfield Group work plan includes a publication on Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators, as well as a work plan providing an assessment of data gaps which will fulfil this desired state.*

	Concepts and Definitions	
Desired State		*Gaps Analysis Findings*
ii.	Develop a conceptual framework for ageing-related statistics that aligns the policy and analytical context so as to ensure that data and analysis are directed towards addressing and help inform the policy challenges and formulation associated with an ageing population (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.9, III.21).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group work plan includes a publication on Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators. The steering group acknowledges the progress of the work strand taking forward which fulfils this desired state in relation to the Sustainable Development Goal's.*
iii.	There may be coverage and definitional issues associated with administrative data; for example, coverage of older people living outside of traditional households may be limited (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work on Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators is related to Sustainable Development Goals.*
iv.	Many older women and men are … making significant contributions … including in formal and informal employment, … unpaid work … care for others …participation in decision-making processes. Others are unable to contribute or face significant barriers … to … autonomy and their ability to participate … Improvements …will provide a more nuanced understanding of diverse forms of participation (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.3, II.12).	*The challenges related to Ageing are broader than these indicators alone. The group propose to address this desired state in the work planned for publication later in 2024.*

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Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
v. The … group should ensure that any proposed development of statistics related to ageing or age-disaggregation is relevant to … the following policy-focused statistical priorities and challenges … sustainable development strategies that empower older persons …linkages between multiple dimensions of the lives of older persons … the diversity and inequality among older persons and the contexts in which they live … challenges and opportunities associated with ageing as reflected in the information available to key stakeholders and society … the participation and engagement of older persons in the economy and society (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.21).	
vi. the critical domains … relate(d) to ageing and age disaggregation … could include economic empowerment and income security, literacy and lifelong education, health and long-term care, violence, gender equality, social inclusion, participation and living arrangements for older persons. Coverage will be agreed when the group is formed (E/CN.3/2018/19 III.24).	

Methods	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. Standards and methodologies for collecting the missing information directly from older persons through household survey instruments do not exist, for example, with respect to consistency among available age groups across sources both within and across countries (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.10).	*The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work plan on the Data Gap Analysis for SDG Implementation using Policy Priorities and Indicators for Ageing and Older Persons. It will provide valuable intelligence here in relation to the Strategic Development Goals and indicators related to older persons. The work plan on Standardisation and Harmonisation will include an examination of evidence collected to support the reduction in gaps.*
ii. Challenges associated with and guidelines for combining/linking multiple sources of data (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.11).	***Recommendations:** The Titchfield Group notes the following items of work, on which to build*
	a) *UNECE Recommendations for Measuring Older Populations in Institutions. Report identifies area of work, and suggests the Titchfield Group could provide a suitable forum to review the gaps.*
	b) *Overview of the implementation of household surveys in developing countries Household Sample Surveys in Developing and Transition Countries*
	c) *UNECE handbook Using Administrative and Secondary Sources for Official Statistics*
	d) *UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs collaborative on Adminstrative Data.*

iii. Preparing and promoting with national statistical offices qualitative techniques for enhancing quantitative analysis. (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.29).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group recognised the work conducted in this area and presented the following advancements at the 2023 technical meeting in Geneva.* a) *United Kingdom Office for National Statistics : Voices of our ageing population: Living longer lives. Why does population ageing matter and what do the Census 2021 data tell us? This article was compiled in partnership with Age UK, the Centre for Ageing Better and the International Longevity Centre UK.* *The Titchfield Group note the following work in this area and agree these advancements and future work fulfil the desired state.* b) *age-sensitive analysis tool and the example in the Gender-Based Analysis Plus which has been used in Canada since 1995.* c) *UNECE- guidelines for mainstreaming ageing identifies ways to measure the progress, which uses qualitative data. Section 2, p33 examines data gaps in ageing statistics.* d) *Community-dwelling population compared to total population charts are found in the Results section from the analyses with European census data and SHARE data in the Recommendations for Measuring Older Populations in Institutions paper. Page 27.* e) *Qualitative research in age and ageing: enhancing understanding of ageing, health and illness Age and Ageing, Volume 44, Issue 5, September 2015, Pages 726–727.*

	Products

Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. The Titchfield Group will develop documentation/a handbook covering data on ageing-related and age-disaggregated data for national statistical offices which will cover the conceptualization, measurement methodology such as compilation of ageing-related data by different means of disaggregation, analytical methods and dissemination of data related to ageing. (E/CN.3/2018/19 Annex.A4)	**On Target:** *The scope of the work is for two publications. The first in Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators is related to Sustainable Development Goals. The second, planned for later in 2024 will Assess current evidence and identifying gaps in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Indicators related to ageing, review the evidence in relation to the harmonisation and standardisation of data and dissemination in relation to statistics on older populations. The report will present this in a framework which recognises that the challenges related to Ageing are broader than these indicators alone.*
ii. Promote a common understanding of the core concepts of ageing through development of a conceptual framework for ageing-related statistics that aligns the policy and analytical context so as to ensure that data and analysis are directed towards addressing and help inform the policy challenges and formulation associated with an ageing population (E/CN.3/2018/19 II.9, III.21, IV.26).	
iii. Producing and facilitating assessments at global, regional and national levels of the most important ageing policy imperatives and their statistical requirements, including existing and new data sources and the statistical measurement gaps. (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.26).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work plan on the Data Gap Analysis for SDG Implementation using Policy Priorities and Indicators for Ageing and Older Persons provides valuable intelligence here in relation to the Strategic Development Goals and indicators related to older persons.*

Products	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
iv. The Titchfield group will seek to contribute to … improve & producing guidelines and case studies on age-related statistics, harmonized standards, and standardized methods for collection, processing and analysis of ageing-related data … over the life course (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.26, IV.27).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group acknowledges the work plan on producing standardisation and harmonisation guidelines and the sharing of case studies fulfils this requirement.*
v. The Titchfield Group will focus its efforts on the documentation of good practice and the development of standardized recommendations and approaches to supporting age-disaggregation across the life course and producing ageing-related statistics for national statistical offices (E/CN.3/2018/19 V.27).	
vi. The Titchfield group will seek to contribute to … Greater availability of tools and guidelines to increase capacity and facilitate understanding and action on ageing issues (E/CN.3/2018/19 IV.27).	

Products	
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
vii. Development of a platform for sharing information (E/CN.3/2018/19 V.29).	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group is grateful and acknowledges the work of other agents in providing a platform and is closing this requirement.* a) *Open Sustainable Development Goals platform. Developed in partnership with UK Office for National Statistics.* b) *WHO on the Decade of healthy ageing platform.* c) *WHO Ageing Data Portal* d) *IRIS Home International repository for information sharing.*
viii. Preparing and promoting with national statistical offices a set of guidelines … covering production of prospective statistics on ageing	**On Target:** *The Titchfield Group acknowledges the following work published on this topic.* a) *UN: Measures of Population Ageing February 2019* b) *ONS: Living longer: is age 70 the new age 65? Measuring ageing in terms of remaining life expectancy, instead of years lived, may provide a better indicator of the health of our ageing population.*
	The Titchfield Group will support the future work programme from the World health Organization in this area. Improving understanding measurement and monitoring of healthy ageing. This, in addition to the above items fulfils this desired state.

	Operations
Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
i. A formal workplan would be developed (E/CN.3/2018/19 V.29).	**On Target:** *Titchfield Group developed a work plan and reported back to the Statistical Commission Fiftieth session. Updates to the progress can be found on the United Nations Statistical Division Titchfield Group page.*
ii. The Chair of the Titchfield Group will be assumed by the United Kingdom Office for National Statistics. (E/CN.3/2018/19 VI.31).	**On Target:** *The Office for National Statistics continues to chair the group.*
iii. Secretariat services for the Group will be provided by the Office, including the development of a communications strategy and a resource mobilization strategy (E/CN.3/2018/19 VI.31).	**On Target:** *ONS Population Statistics Directorate has provided resource to progress the work.*
iv. A steering committee, incorporating the Office for National Statistics, other national statistical offices that are members of the Titchfield Group, and representatives of multilateral organizations, civil society and academia, will provide strategic direction (E/CN.3/2018/19 VI.31).	**On Target:** *The steering committee meets monthly and comprises both national statistical institutions and international organizations. Current members of the group are National Statistical Institutions: UK (Chair and Secretariat), South Korea, Mexico, Australia, Uganda, Ghana, South Africa. International Organisations: UN Women, World Health Organisation, UN Population Fund, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Advisory Organisations: Help Age International, Department for International Development (UK), individuals and organisations from academia.*

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Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
v. The steering committee will operate in a spirit of equal partnership among the members and will remain open so as to welcome additional members from other national statistical offices (E/CN.3/2018/19 VI.31).	**On Target:** *The steering group continues to welcome new members and interest from National Statistical Offices, Multilateral Organizations, Civil Society and Academia.*
vi. The Titchfield Group will carry out its work through holding face -to-face meetings, with technical sessions (once a year); through task team meetings and electronic discussion forums on specific themes, with designated membership from national statistical offices and other participants in the Group, including civil society; through commissioned documents; and through representation and information sharing at age and ageing-related conferences and proceedings. National statistical offices may assist the Chair by taking leadership roles in task teams set up to address specific issues and deliverables. (E/CN.3/2018/19 VI.32).	**On Target:** *The steering group agreed the Titchfield Group uses the appropriate mode of collaboration for each item of work.* *The steering group agreed technical meetings are held when required to progress the work.*

	Operations

Desired State	*Gaps Analysis Findings*
vii. The Group will initially operate for a five-year period, from 2018 to 2023, after which time a review of its substantive work as well as its methods of work will be carried out (E/CN.3/2018/19 A.6).	**On Target:** *The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic disrupted the progress of the Titchfield Group, with members and resources diverted to urgent pandemic-related matters. With older populations often having suffered the worst impacts of COVID-19, awareness of the need for better evidence with regard to those impacts has increased.* *Further details can be found in the Report of the Titchfield Group on Ageing-Related Statistics and Age-Disaggregated Data Methods to the 53rd session of the UNSC. The Titchfield group requested an extension to 2025.*
	The technical meeting recommends the initiatives of the group could carry on past this point in some form to support global initiatives in this area.
	This gaps analysis completes the five-year review of the work of the group.