

Global State of Care

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A landmark report on global carer* priorities, featuring policies and programs that safeguard carers' health and well-being, minimize financial stress, facilitate access to information, create flexible workplaces and support evidence-informed decision-making.



AUSTRALIA



Australia does not have a pension credits system, but the government provides a payment called a Carer Payment to unpaid carers who provide full-time care and pass an income test.

The Employment Insurance Act entitles employees to income benefits: Compassionate Care Benefit, Family Caregiver Benefit for Children, and Family Caregiver Benefit for Adults.



CANADA



FRANCE



Unpaid carers receive indirect financial support through personalized independence allowance (expenses to ensure autonomy of elderly people) and disability allowance.

The German Government provides non-contributory pension credits, accident insurance and unemployment insurance to unpaid carers that qualify.



GERMANY



INDIA



Carers Worldwide facilitates employment, training and education opportunities tailored to exist alongside caring responsibilities.

In 2017, a fund was established for the financial coverage of legislative measures aimed at recognizing the social and economic value of the unpaid carers.



ITALY



SPAIN



The Spanish Government provides financial benefits for dependent people to pay for care costs from an accredited centre or an unpaid carer.

Unpaid carers are legally defined as people who look after family members, friends, or others because of long-term physical or mental ill health or disability, or care needs related to old age.



UNITED KINGDOM



UNITED STATES



Respite programs are provided under the National Family Caregiver Support Program and the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006 to families across all age and disability groups.

*Unpaid carer (also referred to as a caregiver, carer or family caregiver) is an individual, such as a family member, neighbour, friend or other significant individual, who takes on a caring role to support someone with a diminishing physical ability, a debilitating cognitive condition or a chronic life-limiting illness. (IACO 2013)

The Global State of Care report reinforces the growing carer movement and recognizes advancements around the world. IACO member countries will leverage this informative work to encourage global adoption of strategy and action plan for carers.

