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**Country and/or location of implementation:** Argentina

**Instances responsible for its implementation:** National Institute of Social Services for Retirees and Pensioners (PAMI) and the Ministry of Territorial Development, Habitat and Housing

### Specific issue covered and beneficiaries of the action or policy

The Own Home–Active Home (Casa Propia–Casa Activa) program is a policy that facilitates access to housing for the elderly, and promotes active old age and human development in the community. It involves the construction of housing complexes with common spaces where people over 60 may carry out educational and recreational activities, and sports, as well as access Day Care Centers with primary and therapeutic health care. The director of PAMI assured that, with this project,

Argentina becomes the first Latin American country to have a collaborative housing program for the elderly. There are many such undertakings in the world, but through private initiative, and we are making it a State policy. (Risso, 2021)

Understanding that one's living space is fundamental for integral health, social wellbeing, and human development, Own Home–Active Home seeks to achieve active aging that favors autonomy, intimacy, and independence, while promoting a cooperative spirit that helps people live their lives in society, with a more supportive, collaborative, and innovative approach in humanitarian terms (Government of Argentina, 2021).

PAMI promotes the concept of active aging as a stage of life constituting a fresh start and an opportunity to take on new projects. Active Home promotes a model of neighborly living and human development to strengthen this active aging. It is important to highlight that, in Argentina, there are 4.4 million people over the age of 60, 18.8 % of whom are elderly. The homes will be assigned on consignment to older adults who cannot access a permanent housing solution or whose age makes them ineligible for a mortgage.

### Results expected from and obtained with the action or policy

With an investment of over 21 billion Argentine pesos (approximately 1.055 billion USD), 3,200 homes will be built and assigned on consignment to people over 60 years of age. They expect to develop “one hundred collaborative housing projects in 23 provinces and 40 municipalities in the province of Buenos Aires. In each of these, 32 homes will be built with facilities and common areas for specific uses, which will be complemented with a Day Center where physical and cognitive activities, among others, will be offered to improve personal autonomy and independence. The Ministry of Territorial Development, Habitat and Housing will finance the works and they will be executed by the provinces and/or municipalities, which will also be in charge of managing the operation and maintenance of the homes, common areas, and Day Centers. In turn, PAMI will equip and finance the operation of the latter.” (Government of Argentina, 2021).

### Obstacles and challenges in the implementation of these policies and actions

This is a public policy in process of implementation. There are still no results to assess its outcomes and/or challenges.

### Justification of compliance with the inclusion criteria

This is a novel policy in many respects: it not only responds to the problem of access to housing for people over 60, but also contributes to a new concept of active aging and community development. This type of co-living responds to a need that is not currently being met: these are not residences and nursing homes for elderly people with high degrees of dependency, but rather spaces to meet and engage in joint activities in a community environment. Lastly, it is a public initiative, financed and managed entirely by the State. It is a public service and infrastructure for housing and care for the elderly that recognizes the centrality of care at a key stage in one's life cycle: that of old age. In addition, it contributes to reducing the care work that is usually done within families.

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