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GENDER EQUALITY  
SOCIAL INCLUSION

## Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in South Asia: Reflections and Way Forward for ADB

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## Session # 1

# Persisting Gender Inequality Issues Faced by Women and Persons with Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics

## Topic 1: ADB's commitment to gender equality and social inclusion

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## ADB Strategy 2030: Operational Priorities

 **OP 1: Addressing Remaining Poverty and Reducing Inequalities**

 **OP 2: Accelerating Progress in Gender Equality**

 OP 3: Tackling Climate Change, Building Climate and Disaster Resilience, and Enhancing Environmental Sustainability

 OP 4: Making Cities More Livable

 OP 5: Promoting Rural Development and Food Security

 OP 6: Strengthening Governance and Institutional Capacity

 OP 7: Fostering Regional Cooperation and Integration



# ADB Corporate Results Framework (CRF), 2019-2024

Results Framework Indicators      Tracking Indicators

<b>LEVEL 1: Development progress in Asian and the Pacific</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>LEVEL 2: Results from completed operations</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>88</b>
2A. Strategy 2030 Operational Priority Results 2B. Quality of Completed Operations		
<b>LEVEL 3: Performance of new and ongoing operations</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>
3A. Design and Implementation Quality 3B. Development Finance 3C. Strategic Alignment		
<b>LEVEL 4: Organizational effectiveness</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
4A. Organizational Systems and Processes 4B. Organizational Capacity	<b>60</b>	<b>156</b>



## CRF Results Framework Indicators (Examples)

### ***Strategy 2030 Operational Priority Results (Level 2A)***

- People benefiting from improved health services, education services, or social protection (number)
- Poor and vulnerable people with improved standards of living (number)
- Skilled jobs for women generated (number)
- Women represented in decision-making structures and processes (number)

### ***Quality of Completed Operations (Level 2B)***

- Completed operations delivering intended gender equality results (%) \*

### ***ADB's Operational Management (Level 3)***

- Committed operations classified gender equity theme or effective gender mainstreaming (%)\*
- Operations supporting poverty reduction and inclusiveness (%) \*

\* sovereign and non-sovereign operations

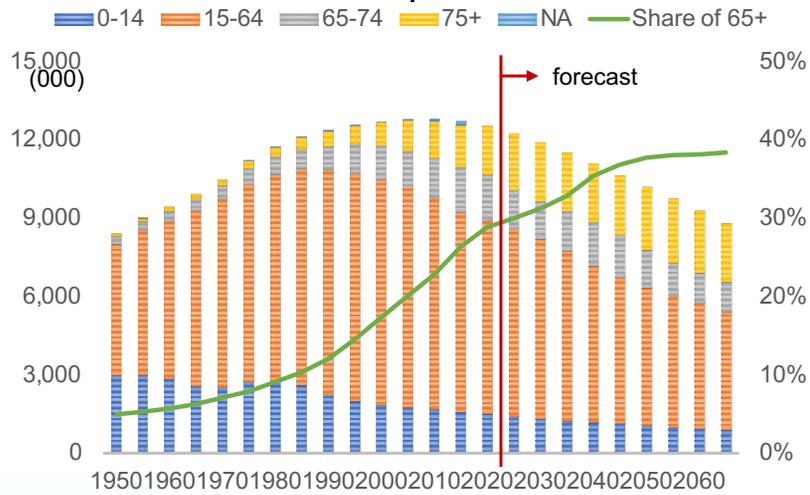


## Topic 2: Lessons from country/regional experiences in GESI



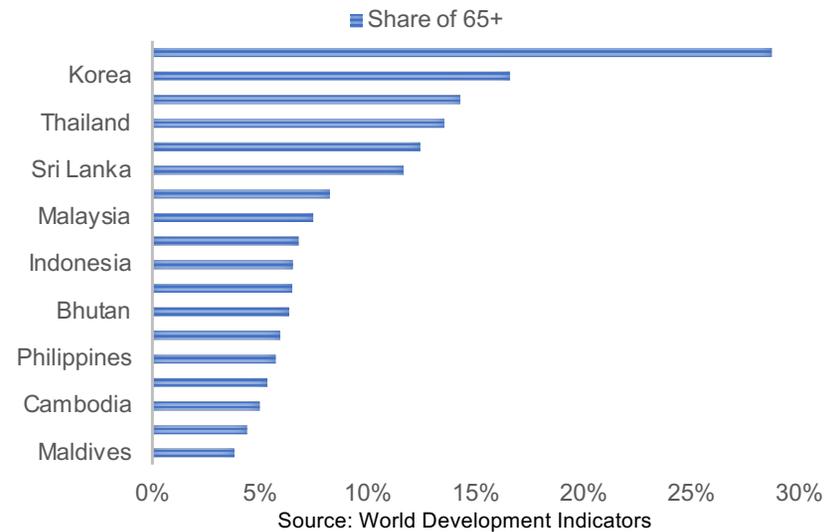
# Population Aging in Japan

## Aged Population of Japan



Source: Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

## Aged Population in Asia



## Strategies to Promote Health and Welfare for the Elderly

### *Gold Plan (1989)*

- ✓ Minimize hospitalization of the aged (from hospital to home care)
- ✓ Local governments should manage the health and welfare schemes for the aged holistically

### *New Gold Plan (1994)*

- ✓ Enact the Long-term Care Insurance Act in 1997

### *Gold Plan 21 (1999)*

- ✓ Implement the Long-term Care Insurance scheme in 2000
- ✓ Increased attention to care prevention for the aged and social integration

### *New Orange Plan (2015)*

- ✓ Promote recognition and social support for dementia





## Topic 3: Funding Modalities for GESI Programs and Projects



## Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific

- Established as Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) in 2000 and reformed and renamed in 2022
- Policy priorities: (i) universal health coverage; (ii) climate change and disaster risk management; (iii) quality infrastructure investment; (iv) public finance management; and (v) poverty reduction
- Modality: Technical Assistance (TA) and Project Grant
- Ceiling amount per proposal: \$2M for TA, \$3M for Project Grant
- By end 2021, approved \$1.03B for 520 projects



## JFPR-funded TA and Grant Projects: Examples

### <JFPR grants and TAs attached to loan projects>

- Productive Energy Use for Small Isolated Island and Rural Communities in Sri Lanka (*approved in July 2016*)
- Supporting Socially Inclusive Development for Better Livelihoods through Rupsha Power Plant Project in Bangladesh (*June 2018*)
- **Enabling and Skilling Communities for Sustainable Water Services in West Bengal in India** (*August 2018*)
- Addressing Urban Transport Needs of Vulnerable Women and Differently Abled in India (*August 2020*)
- **Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Investment Project in India, which ensured that the design of the transport infrastructure is sensitive to the needs of older persons, pregnant, and persons with disabilities** (*August 2020*)
- **Enhancing Productivity of Tea Smallholders in Sri Lanka** (*November 2020*)
- Improving Community Resilience and Ecosystem Management in Kapili River in Assam, India (*December 2020*)

### <Stand-alone JFPR programs and projects>

- Alternative Renewable Energy Pilot Project of Bhutan (*October 2020*)
- Prevention and Control of COVID-19 through WASH and Health Initiatives in Secondary and Small Towns in Nepal (*June 2021*)

