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

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Session 2: Old Age and Disability in South Asia—Issues and Responses

Old Age Issues and Intersecting Inequalities in South Asia

Global challenges and trends of responses to aging populations

(including government and CSO priorities and programs)

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Overview

1. Population aging in South Asia
2. Intersectionality and vulnerabilities
3. Global policy frameworks
4. Policies to implementation

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Understanding for action: Population aging and older people

Figure 1: Total population aged 65+ by selected ADB subregion, 2000, 2020 and 2050

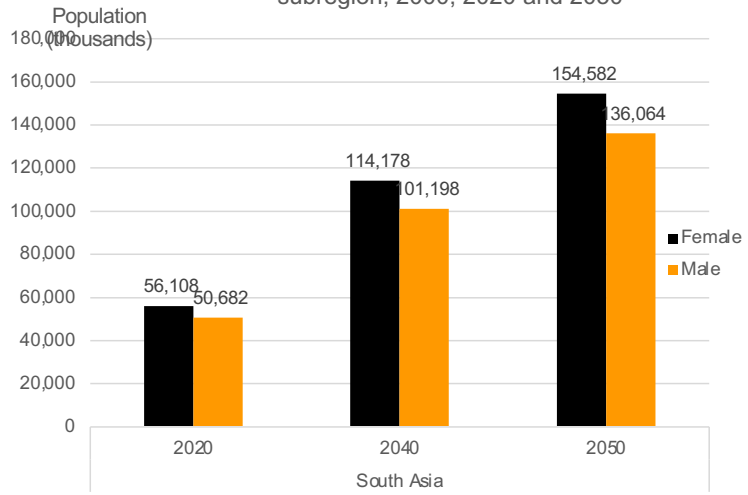


Figure 2: Total fertility rate and life expectancy at birth, 1950–2050

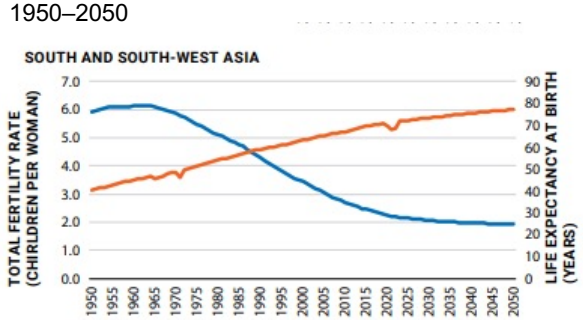


Figure 3: # of 'oldest old' (millions)

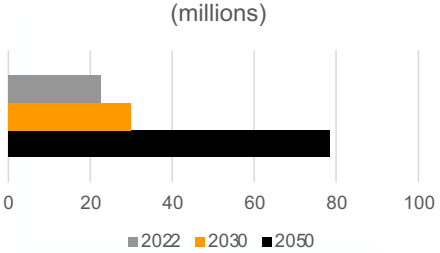
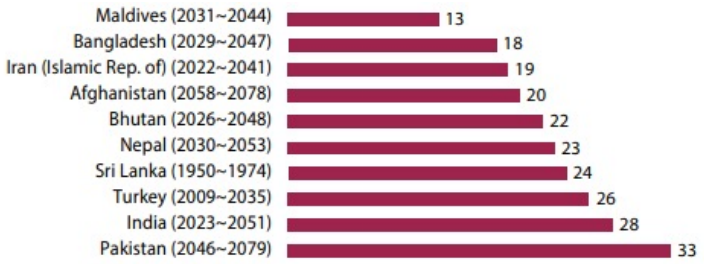


Figure 4: % of population +65 years old

	2020	2050
Bangladesh	6%	15%
Bhutan	6%	16%
India	7%	15%
Maldives	4%	23%
Nepal	6%	11%
Sri Lanka	11%	21%

Figure 5: Speed of population ageing in selected countries, 1950–2100: number of years required or expected for the percentage of the population aged 65 years or older to rise continuously from 7 to 14 per cent



Source: UN ESCAP (2021) ESCAP Population Sheet

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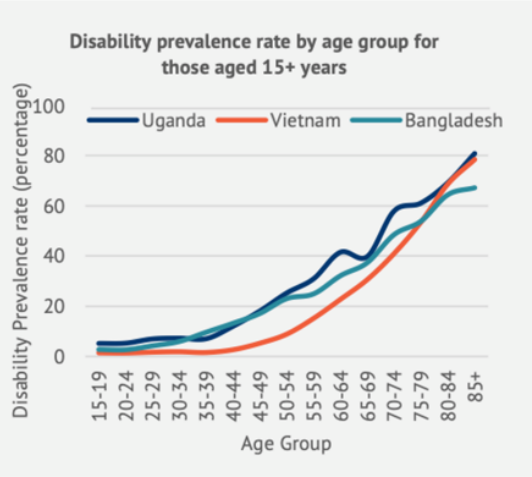
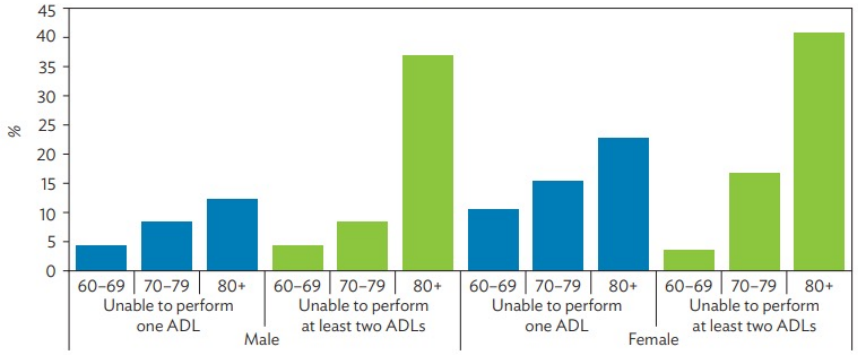
Intersectionality and vulnerabilities

Figure 1: Disability prevalence by age

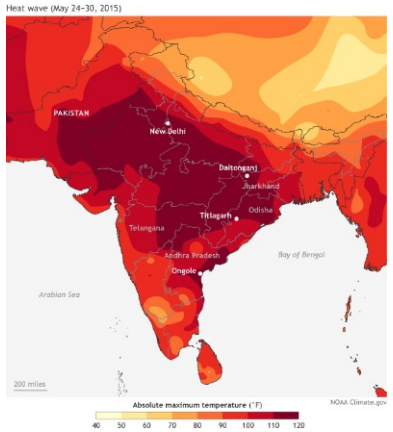


Source: Kidd et al. (2019)

Figure 2: Inability to Perform Activities by Age and Sex, *Country Diagnostic Study on Long-Term Care in Sri Lanka, ADB*



ADL = activities of daily living.



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Increasing policy attention…

- At international levels
  - SDGs
  - 4th regional review of Madrid Implementation Plan of Action on Aging
  - UN Decade of Healthy Aging, 2021-2030
- Existence of national policies
- Key challenges:
  - How to translate policies to practice and programs on the ground
  - Determining the role of government, CSOs, the private sector and individuals and families

2021-2030
United Nations
Decade of Healthy Ageing

ICPD25
International Conference on Population and Development

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Livable cities (OP4) and rural development and food security (OP5)

- Livable cities, with a focus on accessibility
  - Transport and physical mobility
  - Public spaces
  - Affordable housing
  - Technology
  - Green and healthy cities
- Rural development and food security
  - Access to basic services, including appropriate health and social services
  - Inclusion in agricultural and food security programs
  - SME support
- Cross cutting work on digital access and literacy

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Reducing remaining poverty and accelerating progress in gender equality

- Social protection
- Health
- Long-term care
- Employment and income opportunities

Figure 1; Proportion of older persons receiving a pension: ratio of persons above statutory pensionable age receiving an old-age pension (including contributory and noncontributory) to persons above statutory retirement age, by latest available year

Bangladesh	39%
Bhutan	N/A
India	43%
Maldives	100%
Nepal	82%
Sri Lanka	38%

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Growth opportunities

- Health and care workforce and jobs
  - New roles and skills required
  - Domestic and global demand

- Key silver economy industries
  - Health and wellness
  - Tourism
    - Global and domestic demand
  - Financial services
  - Housing
  - Food and beverages

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SAGE
SENIORCARE AGEING GROWTH ENGINE

By 2030, 60+ cohort in India expected to have spending power of $1.7 trillion, increase of 142% in a decade

Source: Monitor Deloitte Analysis; World Bank Population Data; EIU; Euromonitor

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Way forward and areas of collaboration

1. Data
2. Planning from policies to programs
   - Long-term care: knowledge – planning – pilots – program and projects
3. Accessibility
4. Mainstreaming across sectors
5. Social and economic inclusion
6. Jobs and growth

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