NATIONAL TRANSFER ACCOUNTS:
Harmonized Population Data for Population Policy and Development in Thailand

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CURRENT SITUATION OF THAILAND

Fertility Rate

2022: 1.16
2040: 1.1

Age Structure

2022:
- 60+: 19.5
- 15-59: 64.1
- 0-14: 16.4

2040:
- 60+: 32.1
- 15-59: 55.1
- 0-14: 12.8

Support Ratio

2022: 3.3 : 1
2040: 1.7 : 1

SPEED of AGEING

Number of years for population age 65+ to increase from 7% to 14%

Singapore: 19
Brazil: 21
Thailand: 22
Sri Lanka: 23
China: 26
Japan: 26
UK: 45
USA: 69
Sweden: 85
France: 115

Thailand is ageing much faster than developed countries.
**CURRENT SITUATION OF THAILAND**

- **Rapid ageing process:** Thailand has already entered complete aged society in 2021 and is expected to reach super aged society by 2034.

- **Increasing shares of elderly living alone and skipped generation households:** Share of elderly living alone increased from 6.3% of total elderly population in 2002 to 10.8% in 2017 while share of skipped generation households increased from 10% to about 20% in 2016. Large share of both groups in poverty with total share of poor elderly of 7.2% in 2019.

- **Rising share of elderly with disabilities will pose implications on long-term care:** Share of disabled elderly increased from 15.6% in 2007 to 20.6% in 2017.
▪ Only working-age population has labor income higher than their consumption with public sector playing important role to support education in school-age population and health services in elderly population.

▪ Thai elderly relies mostly on asset reallocation with some supports from family and the government.
POLICY ADVOCACY – Indicating beneficiaries of government programs

- NTA data are used to calculate the amount required to raise a child and to prepare for retirement

- NTA data are also used as empirical evidence support the government’s decision to implement the Child Support Grant
The change in population structure has resulted in a significant increase in the proportion of public health expenditure, causing public debt to GDP to rise to 5.41% in 2040.

Thailand is in the transition period between the 1st and the 2nd demographic dividends. The projection points out an important opportunity to prepare the country to cope with changes.
Results of NTA and the projection of NTA in 2040 were incorporated in the drafting of Population Plan during the Twelfth National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021).

Public and private consumption for children in early ages has been used as empirical support for government’s decision whether to implement the Child Support Grant.

NTA results for public health consumption were also included as part of health inequality situation analysis in “Poverty and Inequality Situation of Thailand 2019”

NESDC and UNFPA Thailand co-organized an online symposium on “National Transfer Accounts and Social Protection Provision in Thailand” on December 17, 2021.

NTA and its evidence on sustainability of social protection was included in the Quarterly Social Situation Report just released on February 28, 2022.
THANK YOU