Policy implications of population ageing

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Population ageing
Rapidness of ageing
Key challenges for policy makers

a) Economic growth
b) Harmonious and equitable societies
Population Ageing

parameters for the economic implications of ageing
How can policies impact economic growth?

a) Size of workforce
b) Quality of workforce
Size of workforce

• Longer working life
• Broader participation of women
• Complementary approaches to immigration
Quality of workforce

- Short-run adaptation
- Education systems
- Capital and technology
- Social protection
- Social organisation
GDP South Asia (Per Capita 2016)

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GDP East Asia (Per capita 2016)
Policies on Health and care

• A healthy population is a productive population

• Functionality
  a) Quality
  b) Length

• Most health systems in Asia are not adapted to epidemiological transition
Rise of NCDs exceeds decline of infectious diseases in developing countries

Policies on Long Term Care

**DEMAND:**
Growing number of older people with care needs

**SUPPLY:**
Reduced informal care numbers and more complex needs
Social Protection in old age

- Social pension
- Coverage gap
- Public contributory pensions
- Voluntary pensions

Poorer: Social pension
Older people
Richer: Public contributory pensions

Pension income
Social Organisation

• Conception of old age
• Older people as a resource
In short:

• Adapting to changing demographic structures starts **now**
• Adaptation is not the addition of isolated policies
• Adaptation demands strategy
• Strategy requires evidence and knowledge
• Adaptation requires political will
Political will:

- Opportunity
- Knowledge
- Pressure
- Leadership
- Consensus