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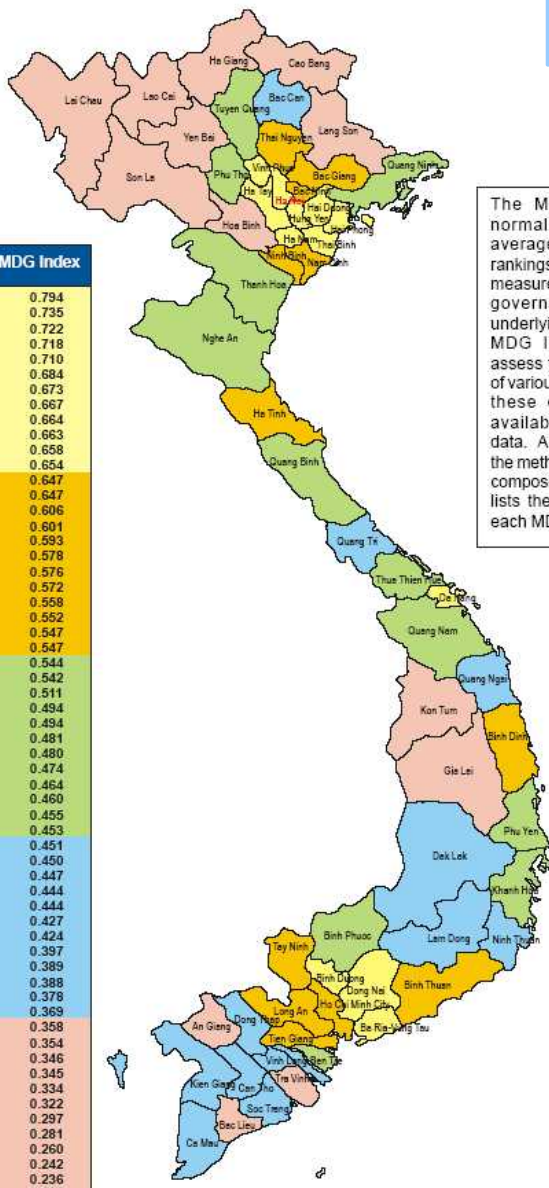
**The Role of Government in “Active Ageing”
in Vietnam**



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Background information

MDG MAP



Province	MDG Index
Ha Noi	0.794
Ha Tay	0.735
Da Nang	0.722
Hung Yen	0.718
Hai Duong	0.710
Ba Ria-Vung Tau	0.684
Hai Phong	0.673
Binh Duong	0.667
Dong Nai	0.664
Vinh Phuc	0.663
Thai Binh	0.658
Ha Nam	0.654
Nam Dinh	0.647
Ho Chi Minh City	0.647
Bac Giang	0.606
Ninh Binh	0.601
Ha Tinh	0.593
Bac Ninh	0.578
Tien Giang	0.576
Tay Ninh	0.572
Thai Nguyen	0.558
Binh Thuan	0.552
Long An	0.547
Binh Dinh	0.547
Phu Tho	0.544
Thanh Hoa	0.542
Quang Nam	0.511
Tuyen Quang	0.494
Thua Thien-Hue	0.494
Ben Tre	0.481
Quang Binh	0.480
Khanh Hoa	0.474
Quang Ninh	0.464
Nghe An	0.460
Binh Phuoc	0.455
Phu Yen	0.453
Ninh Thuan	0.451
Lam Dong	0.450
Ca Mau	0.447
Dao Lac	0.444
Can Tho	0.444
Vinh Long	0.427
Kien Giang	0.424
Quang Ngai	0.397
Quang Tri	0.389
Soc Trang	0.388
Bac Can	0.378
Dong Thap	0.369
Hoa Binh	0.358
Bac Lieu	0.354
Yen Bai	0.346
An Giang	0.345
Lang Son	0.334
Ha Giang	0.322
Lao Cai	0.297
Tra Vinh	0.281
Gia Lai	0.260
Kon Tum	0.242
Lai Chau	0.236
Cao Bang	0.227
Son La	0.171

The MDG Index is the normalized weighted average of the provincial rankings on 17 variables that measure various social and governance dimensions underlying the MDGs. The MDG Index attempts to assess the relative situation of various provinces vis-à-vis these dimensions using available provincial level data. Appendix 1 describes the methodology used for the composition of the index and lists the variables used for each MDG.

- ✚ Area: 331,000 km²
- ✚ Population: 90 millions (11/2013)
- ✚ 74% people living in rural area

Source: UNDP 2002

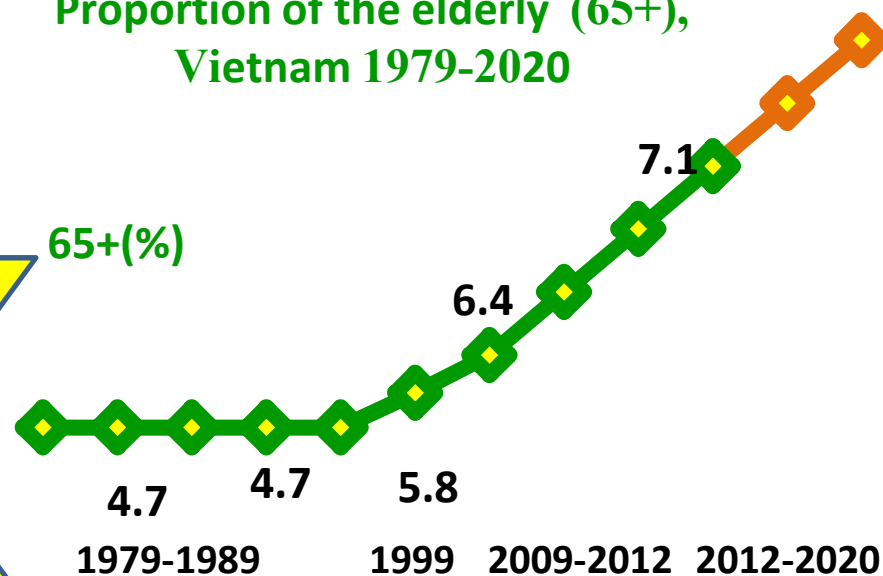


VIETNAM IS IN THE PERIOD OF BECOMING “AGEING POPULATION”

Year	Popu. (millions)	60+ (millions)	%	65+ (%)
1979	53,74	3,71	6,9	4,7
1989	64,38	4,64	7,2	4,7
1999	76,33	6,19	8,1	5,8
2009	85,84	7,45	8.68	6,4
2010	86,75	8,15	9,4	6,8
2011	87,61	8,65	9,9	7,0

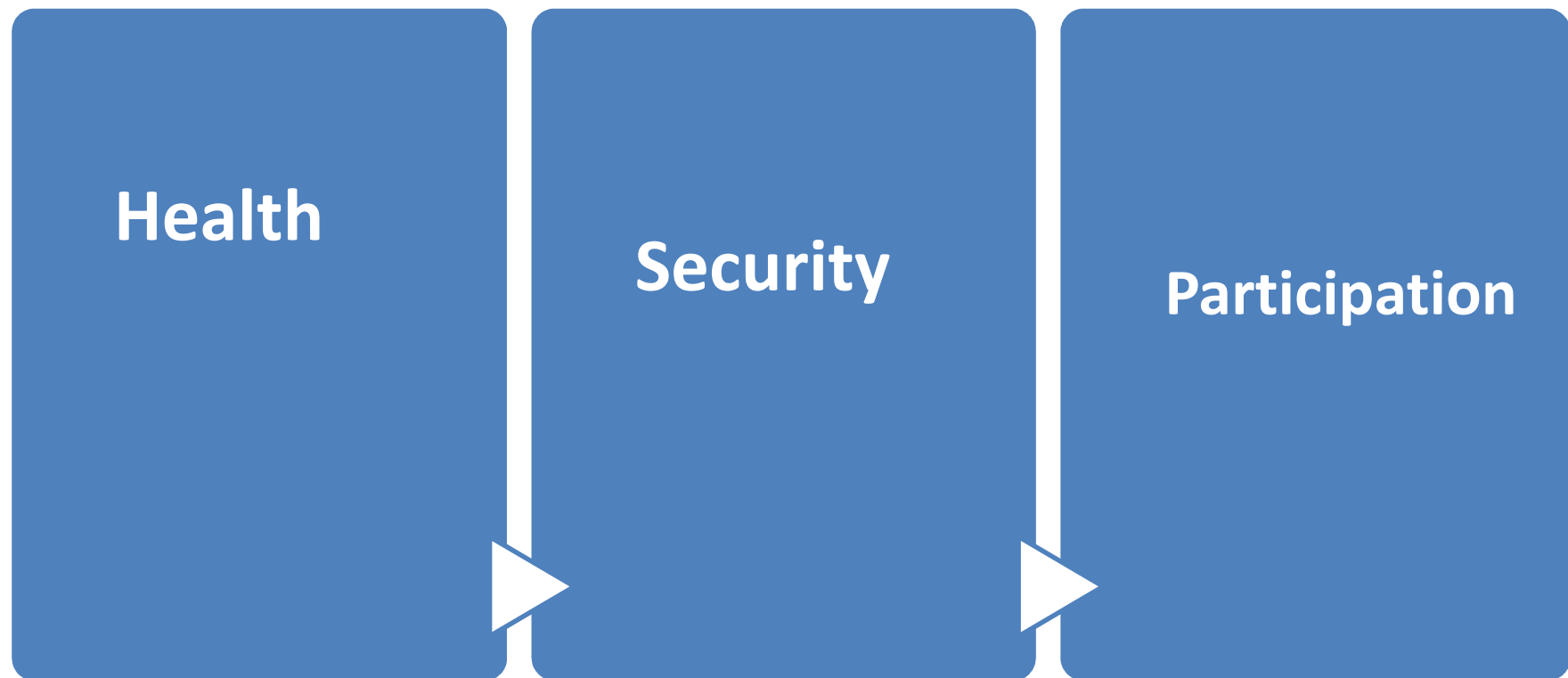
- ✓ Average life expectancy: 73
- ✓ Traditional culture: multi-generation family - 50% elderly people living with children (VHLSS, 2010)

Proportion of the elderly (65+),
Vietnam 1979-2020



**In 2011:
Vietnam becoming
a country with
aging population**

Role of government in active ageing in Vietnam



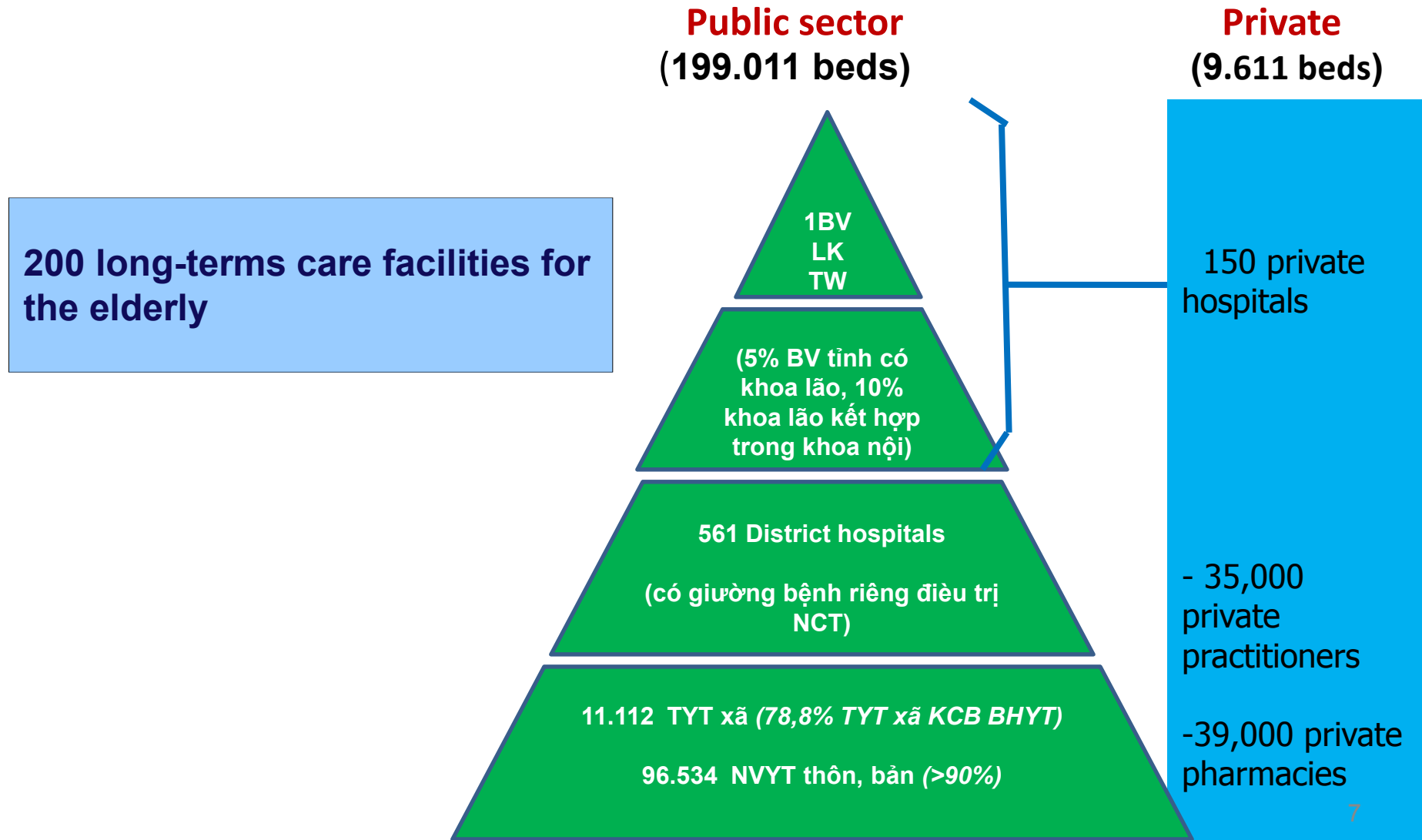
Overall policy framework toward elderly care in Vietnam

- Law on the Elderly issued by National Assembly in Nov. 2009 and under law policies
- National action plan on elderly people for 2012-2020
- Other health related policies:
 - Law on health care for people for the period 2011-2020 and vision of 2030
 - Resolution of the Politburo on strengthening PHC
- Decree 67/2007/ND-CP and Decree 13/2010/ND-CP of the government on social allowance for vulnerable group include the elderly who have no income

Main contents of the elderly care related policies

Health	The elderly's right in health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elderly are given priority when seeking health care at the health facilities• The elderly ≥ 80 years is followed up health status by CHSs and can received health services at home in the case if needed
	Facility services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health facilities must have separate treatment beds or separate treatment room for the elderly

Health service delivery system for the elderly care



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Security	Health security program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elderly ≥ 80 years, the elderly poor and no income are provided free health insurance cards
	Income security for the elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lonely and no income elderly: provided monthly allowance from the government

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Participation

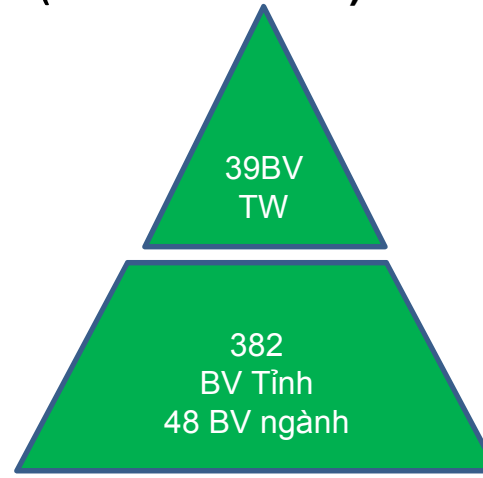
- There are organizations for the elderly: the Elderly Care Committee at central level, Elderly Association at province level and at the community level, there is village elderly associations (existed in every village) and village elderly clubs.
- Addressed important role of the elderly in keeping local political stability and encourage the elderly to actively participate in local community activities.



Challenges in caring for Old people in Vietnam

Challenges in health service provision at PHC level

**Public
(199.011 beds)**

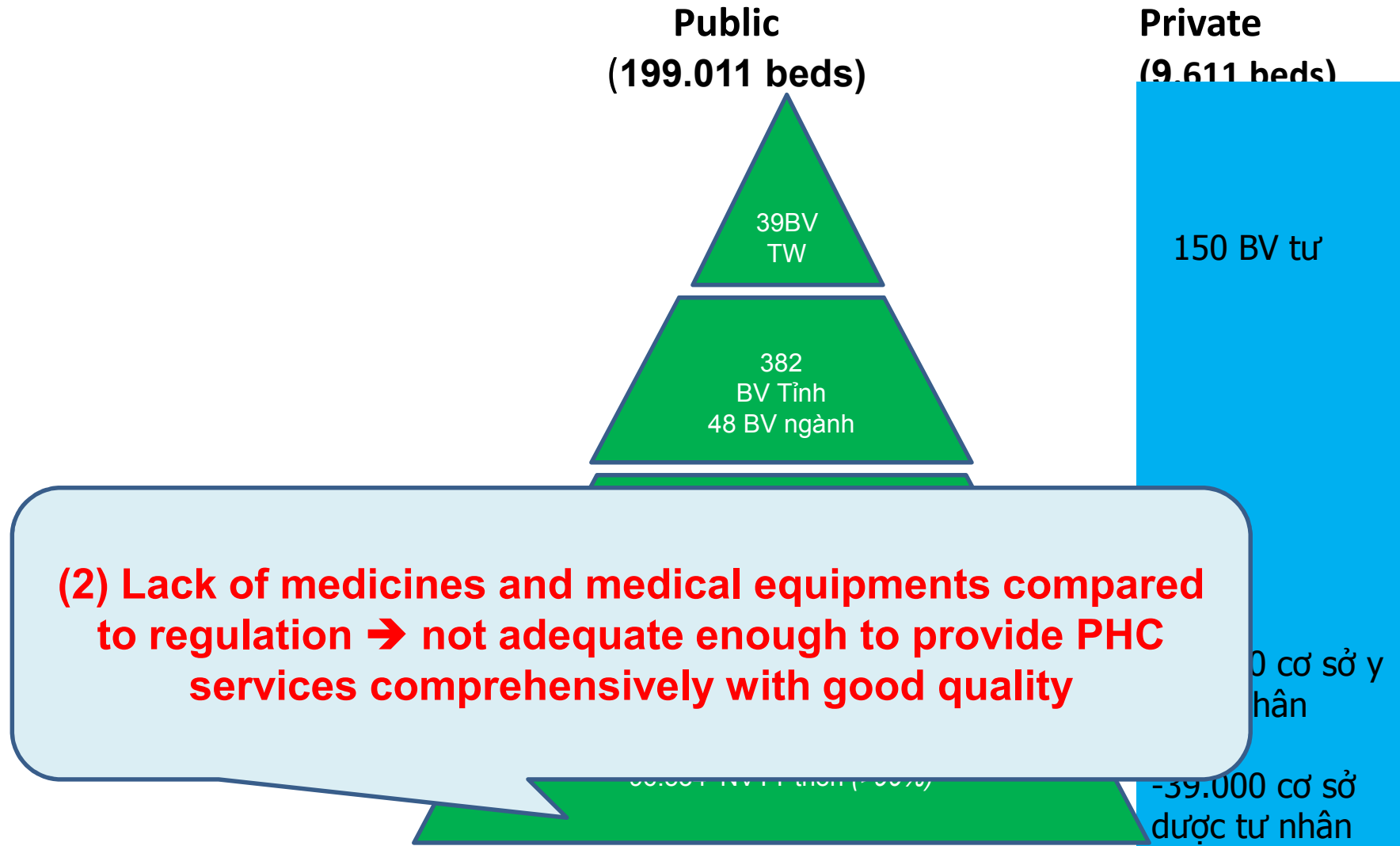


**Private
(9.611 beds)**



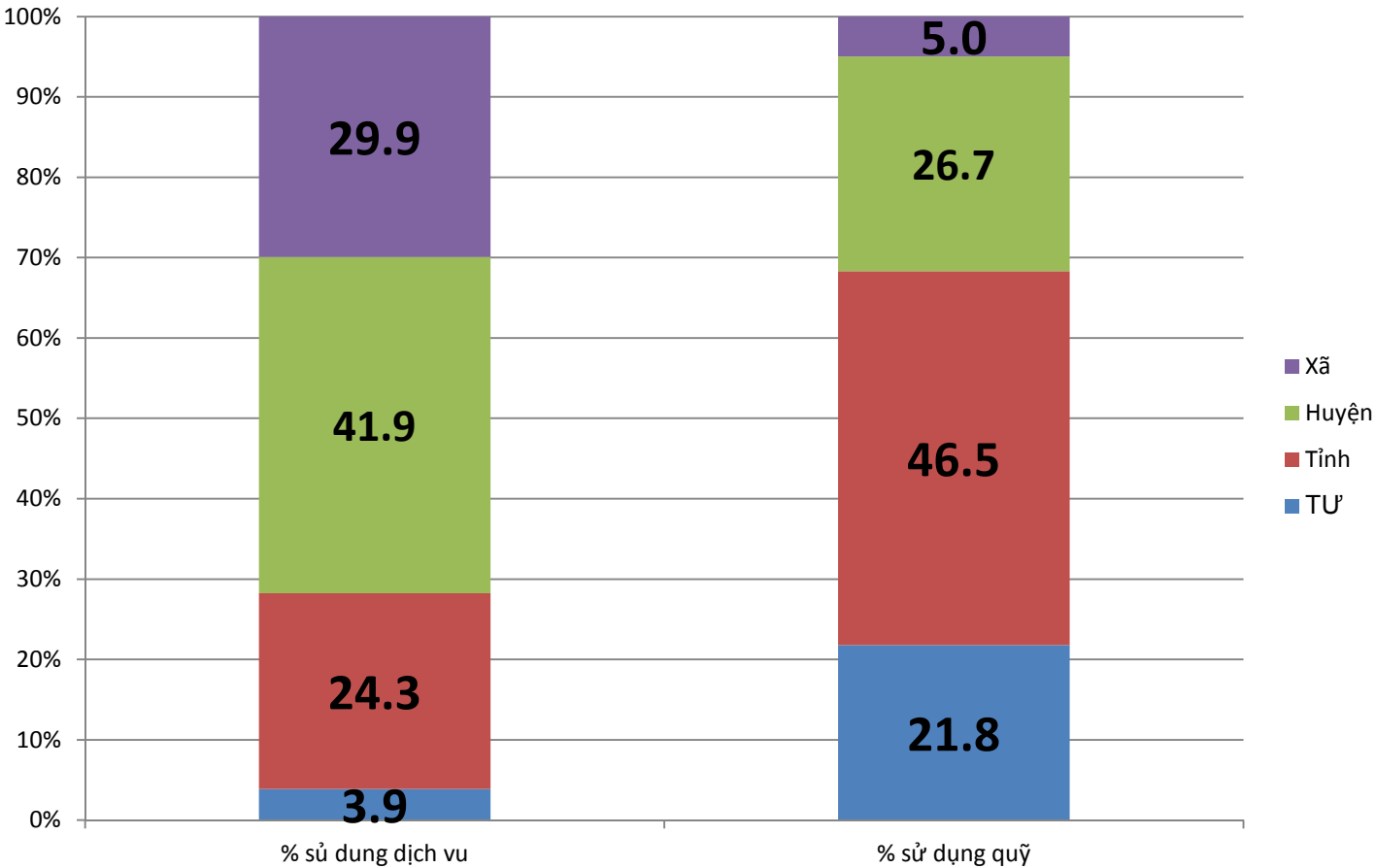
(1) Shortage and low quality of health workforces at grassroot level in providing PHC services: mal-distribution (27-60-80); difficult to attract and sustain health workforces in rural & mountainous areas; lack of knowledge and skills in providing health services

Challenges in health service provision at PHC level

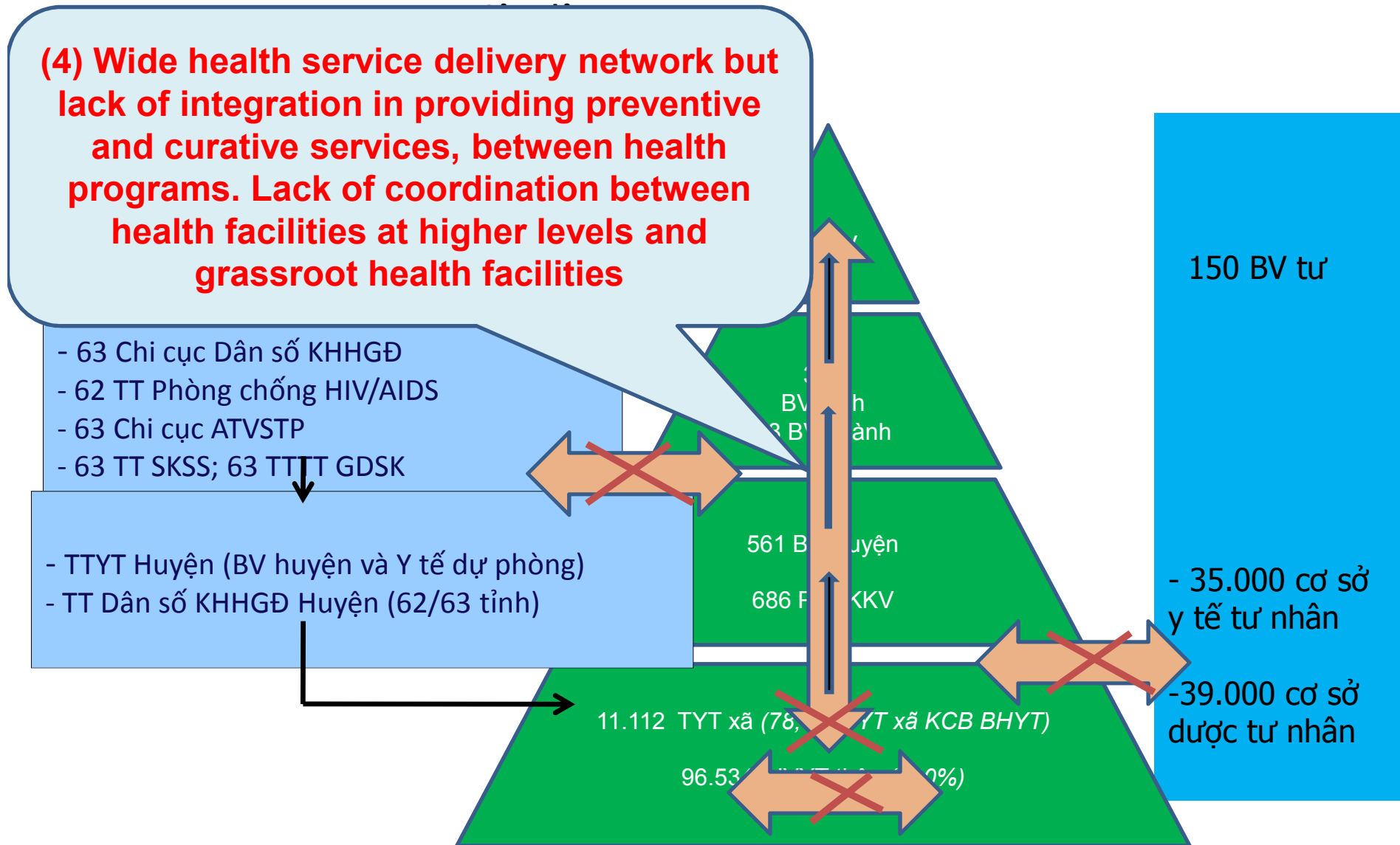


(3) Budget allocation is in favor of tertiary hospitals and under-funded for PHC

→ can not follow up health status of the elderly ≥ 80 years



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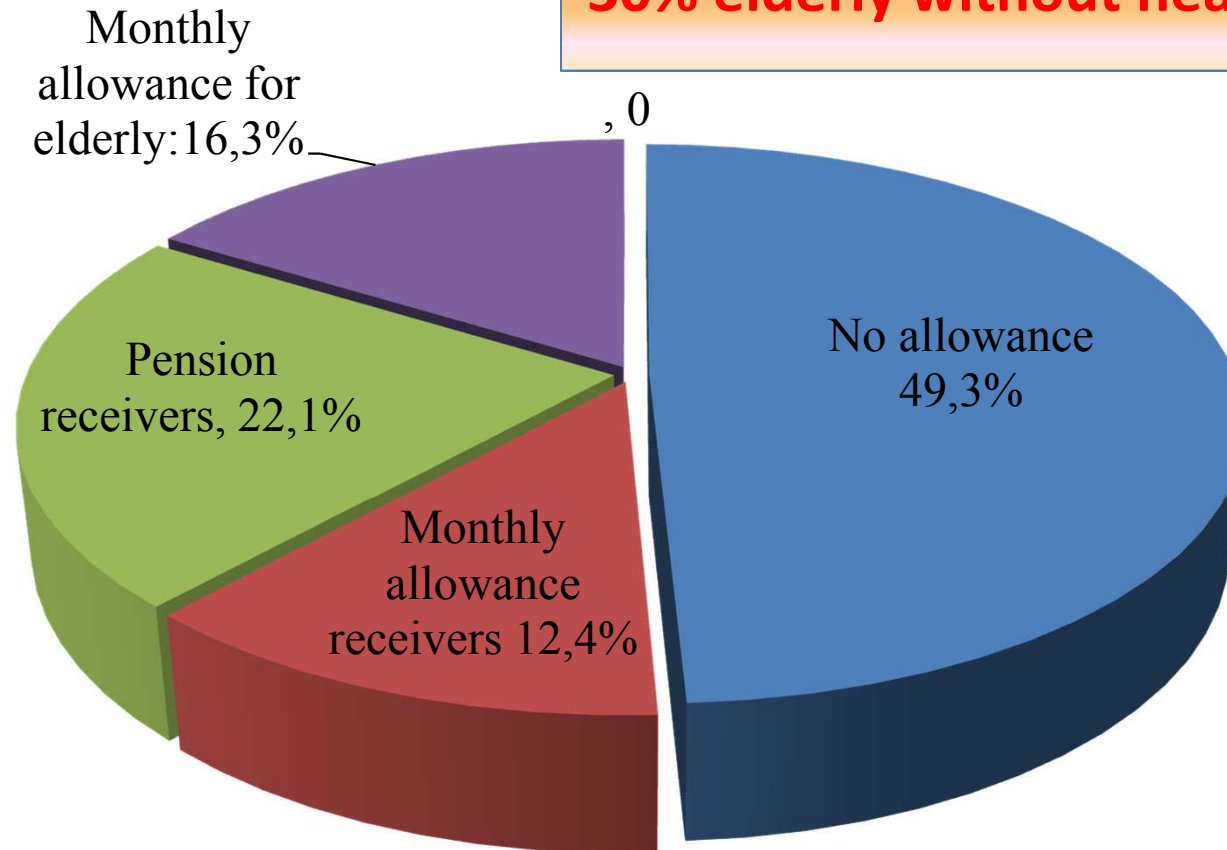


Low coverage of social allowance (50%)

Low rate of allowance

(21% of the minimum living standard and 34% of the minimum food consumption)

30% elderly without health insurance



Challenges in caring for old people

➤ **Social Security fund is at risk of breaking in the future**

Due to:

- The benefit rate is higher than the contribution rate (contribute 16-22%, benefit 75%) and Vietnam applies PAYG system with defined benefit managed by the government.
- Limited number of participating people in social insurance scheme: can involve only 20% labor force; low % of people involved in voluntary social insurance scheme due to high premium compared to income and workers aged >45 yrs (40 yrs for female) can not participate because participation duration is not adequate.
- Compliance of private enterprises in social insurance scheme for their labor forces is very low.
 - ➔ According to ILO, social security fund would probably exhausted by 2030

Challenges in caring for old people

- Long-term care facilities is limited in terms of quantity: 200
- Caring for the elderly is mainly responsible by the family but lack of knowledge on health care for the elderly among caregivers





Thank you for your attention!

