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PHILIPPINE COUNTRY REPORT

*“Healthy and active ageing toward an
inclusive society”*

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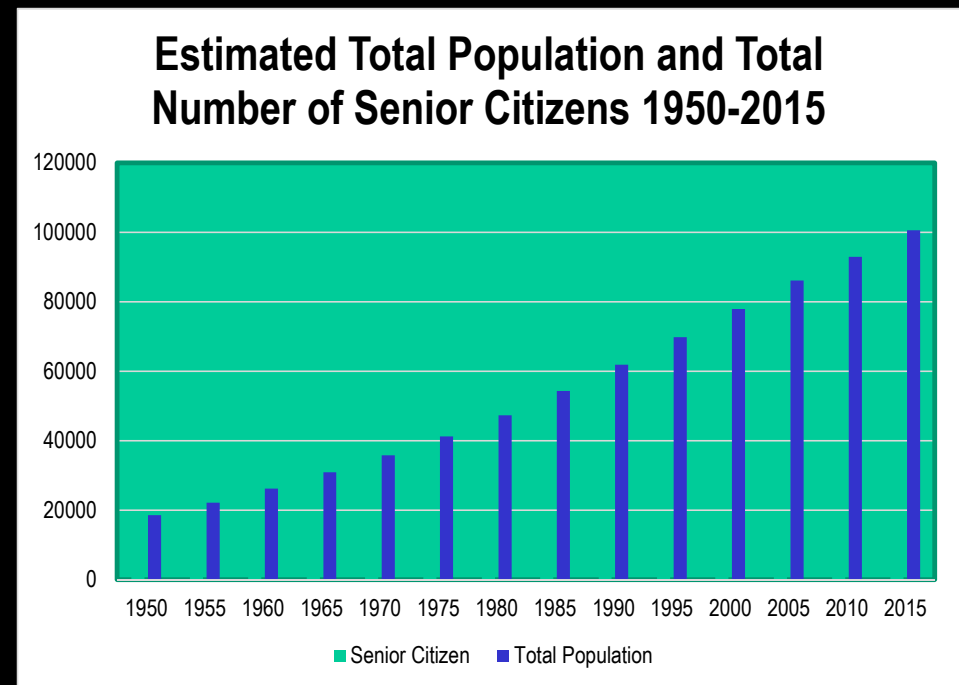


With a total of **103 million people** living in the country, the Philippines was the second nation in ASEAN with the highest population in 2016



data from the World Bank

Overview of Ageing Population in the Philippines



- Senior citizens in the Philippines accounted for **7.48 %** of the total population or about 7.55 million, according to the 2015 statistics.
 - The number is expected to rise at **19.6 million** by 2040

Sources: World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision and Philippine Statistics Authority Census of Population and Housing

Overview of Ageing Population in the Philippines

- Among the basic sectors, senior citizens consistently ranked as the 2nd lowest in terms of poor population.
- Majority are still living with their children.
- 22% receives income from pension.
- 39% of senior citizens are working.
- 47% are males working mostly in the agriculture sector.
- 33% are females engage in blue collar jobs.



National Social Welfare Policy

Social Welfare

Social Safety Nets

Social Insurance

Labor Market Interventions

Social Protection Components

Laws and Policies on Older Persons

- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 344** – “Accessibility Law of 1982”
- **Article XV, Section IV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution** - “it is the duty of the family to take care of its older person members while the State may design program.
- **“Senior Citizens Act”, 1992** - An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits, and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes.
- **“Senior Citizens Center Act”** - mandated the establishment of a senior citizens center in all cities and municipalities to serve as a venue for educational, recreational, social and health and programs and activities.
- **Executive Order No. 105, series of 2003** - Approving and Directing the Implementation of the Program “Provision of Group Home
- **“Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage for all Senior Citizens”, 2014** – The National Health Insurance Program is mandated to cover all Senior Citizens.
- **RA 10868 or the “Centenarians Act of 2016”** - It gives a “Letter of Felicitation “ from the Philippine president and a “Centenarian Gift” in the amount of PhP100,000.00 (US\$2,083.33) to Filipino citizens in the country or abroad who reach the age of 100 years.
- **Republic Act 11350** – An Act Creating the National Commission of Senior Citizens

20%
SENIOR CITIZEN
DISCOUNT



Privileges for Older Persons under the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 (RA 9994)



Medicines
and
Vaccinations



Medical
Services



Transportation



Utilities



Restaurants and food
purchase, admission
fees to entertainment
and recreation centers



Basic and prime
commodities, restaurants
and other establishments

Social Pension



Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage



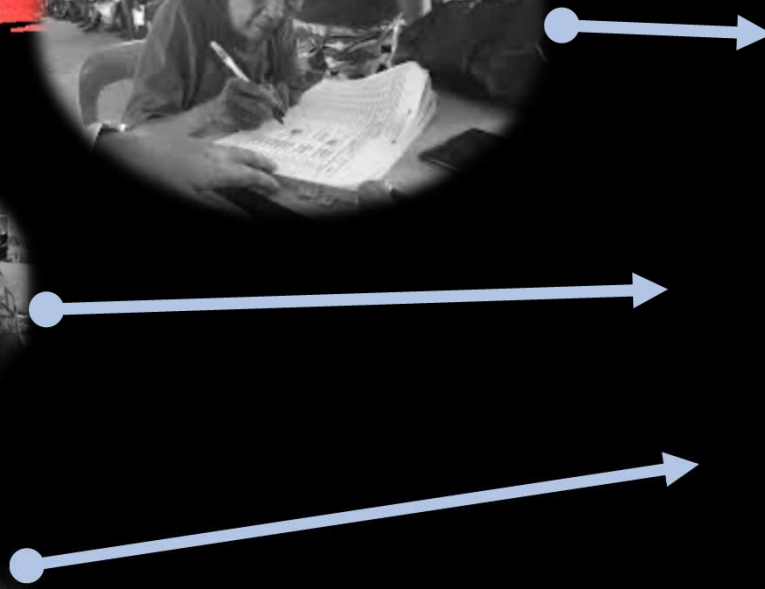
Social Insurance



Assistance in Crisis Situations



Government Assistance and Services



**Centenarian
Gift**

**Home Care
Support**

**Education &
Training**



**Universal
Healthcare**

**Employment
Opportunities**

**Government
Assistance and
Services**

**Support to
People's
Organizations**

Health

Welfare

Health Insurance Coverage for Indigent Older Persons

Health Insurance Enrollment

Information from Listahanan, targeting system of the DSWD identifying the poor older persons

Preventive Care

Screening, check-up services, vaccinations, health advocacies and education, Human Resources for Health Deployment Program

Social Pension (support for food, medicine, subsistence); social participation and wellness activities

Medical Maintenance

Free Diabetes and hypertension medicines; purchase of essential medical supplies, accessories and equipment, community based rehab program

Social Pension

Lifestyle Care

Hataw Exercises and Laboratory Screening

Support to senior citizens organizations (FSCAP), wellness activities, senior citizen centers

Health

Welfare

Health emergencies and disasters

Nutrition; WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene); medical services; Mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS); environmental and occupational health program

Camp management, cash for work

Long Term Care

Last Mile Project, Health Facility Enhancement Program

Residential Care facilities for the elderly, and other auxiliary and palliative care services like visits to bedridden older persons and other volunteer interventions;

Increasing income, livelihood and possible employment opportunities

Health education, (medical screening) matching of physical fitness to work task
OSH

None residential care facilities providing skills training for older persons

Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program



- **DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) or Kabuhayan Program** provides grant assistance for the working poor, marginalized and vulnerable workers for capacity building on entrepreneurial ventures
- 2017 to 3rd quarter of 2019: **10,356** senior citizens were assisted.
- **58%** or 5,973 beneficiaries were women

Challenges

- Availability of comprehensive and unified database on older persons as basis for the provision of services
- Harmonizing existing IT programs / systems
- The Data Privacy Act gives additional layer to access data / information sharing among agencies
- Establishing nationwide seamless health and welfare services due to cultural / political difference in newly created autonomous region (BARMM)
- Access in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Area (GIDA)

Moving Forward



- Priority Legislative Agenda to Institutionalize Care Needs
 - Long-Term Care Act. Seeks to go beyond healthcare needs, but to a National Long Term Care Program Framework which addresses the needs of older people.
 - Family Care Act. It aims to measure is a laudable act which seeks to bring back equality and justice to family caregivers.
 - Anti-Senior Citizens Abuse Act. The proposal aims to finally define and penalize elder abuse for the unique offense that it is, in the same tradition as other types of domestic violence like those against women and children
- Full implementation of the Universal Health Care in 2019
- Operationalization of the Republic Act 11350 – An Act Creating the National Commission of Senior Citizens

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