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, according to data from the World Bank.

- 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.

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

Medicines and Vaccinations
Medical Services
Transportation
Utilities

Basic and prime commodities, restaurants and other establishments
Restaurants and food purchase, admission fees to entertainment and recreation centers
Social Pension

Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage

Social Insurance

Assistance in Crisis Situations

Government Assistance and Services
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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)
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
THANK YOU

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