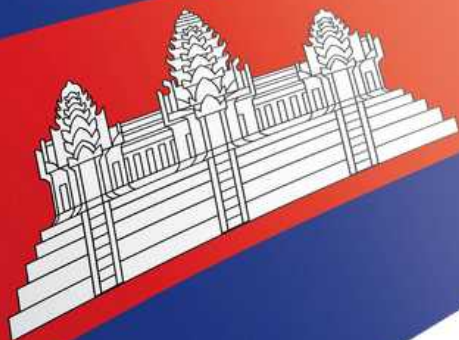




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AGEING SITUATION



- In 2015, Ageing population was **1.11 million** equal to **7.6%** of total population (15.6 million)
- In 2030, Ageing will be increasing **1.99 million** equal **11%** of total population and 21%(about 5 million) by 2050.
- In **1998**, Life expectancy of Male was 54 years old and Female was 58 years old
- While in **2019**, Life expectancy of Male was 74 years old and Female was 76 years old

**Two factors explain the emergence of population ageing –
Declining of fertility and Rising of life expectancy.**

Policy & Government Response

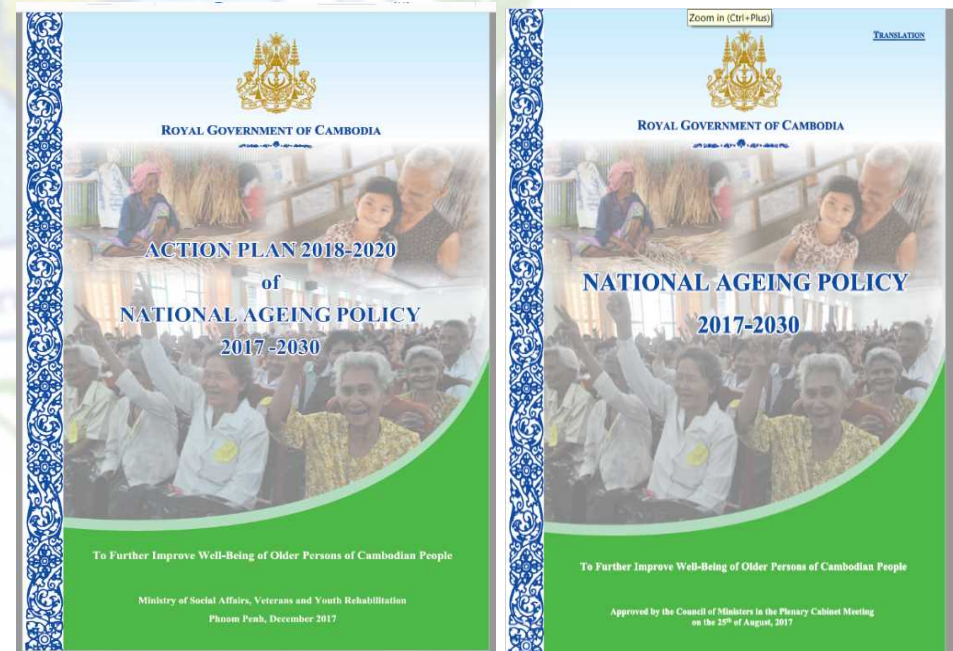


Established **National Ageing Policy (2017 - 2030)**

Consistently enhance and promote the quality of life for older persons in Cambodia with emphasis on ensuring for equal rights and opportunities.

- Promote awareness of the National Aging Policy for 25 city/provinces.
- Coordinates with inter-ministries, institutions, national and sub-national levels, local and international Organizations to support elderly welfare in Cambodia.
- Advancing policies, plans, initiating of supportive projects to Elderly.

National Policy 2017-2030





NAP (2017-2030)

MAIN GOALS

Ensure Older Persons are enabled to fully participate freely and dignifiedly engage in their Family, Community, Social, Economic, Cultural and Political Activities .

Social Engagement and Inclusion

To ensure that younger persons or youth are better equipped and well-prepared with knowledge that enables them to lead more productive, healthy, active and dignified life at old age.

Enhancing the participate in society, connectivity and Intergenerational for Older Persons





National Ageing Policy (2017-2030)

9 priority
areas
with the
objectives
and
strategies

1- Ensuring Financial Security

2- Health and Well-Being

3- Living Arrangements

4- Enabling Environment

5- Older People's Associations and Active Ageing

6- Intergenerational Relations

7- Elder Abuse and Violence

8- Emergency Situations

9- Preparing the Younger Population



Promoting Initiatives for Social Participation of Older Persons

National Ageing Policy 2017-2030

(the 5th Priority Area: Active Ageing and Older People's Associations)

This Area aims to allows older people to realise their potential for physical, social, and mental well being and to participate in society .

- Enhancing the older people who are retired, ill, or disabled to be active as any other older person
- Maintaining dignity and independence for older people is crucial for achieving active ageing
- Improving well-being through collective activities organized by older people themselves
- Providing the older persons with opportunities for active ageing through the primary structures of OPAs



Promoting Initiatives for Social Participation of Older Persons

National Ageing Policy 2017-2030

(the 6th Priority Area: Promoting the Intergenerational Relations)

This Area aims to enhance the quality of life for older persons by ensuring equal rights and opportunities.

- Promoting the mutual understanding and respect between generations
- Eliminating Age-based discrimination
- Fostering solidarity between generations, along Cambodian Culture
- Encouraging the knowledge exchange between generations (lifelong learning)
- Cooperating among stakeholders and related-ministries to support the creation and strengthening of OPAs that facilitate intergenerational activities.

National Aging Policy Implementation

“the 5th Priority Area”

OPAs and and Active Ageing

“the 6th Priority Area”

Intergenerational Relations

Organizing the Cambodian Elderly Day
(1st October /every year)

Recognition the Role and Value of
Elderly in the Society and
the Intergenerational Relations
Empowerment

GOOD PRACTICES

Establishing and Organizing
the guidelines for
the Establishment and
Management of OPAs

Initiating the development of
National Care Center
to promote long-term care services to
Older Person and training center for
Care-giver to enhancing Elderly
Welfare.

Older People Associations (OPAs)



- Currently, there are **584 OPAs** under operating in the communes in Cambodia
- OPA will serves as a channel communication and linkages of intergenerational to expressing the opinions, participation and encouragement to older persons to stay active with various activities.
- Bridge the gap between generations to improve the dignity and quality of life of older people.
- Enhancing intergenerational relations through a variety of activities and initiatives.
- Encourage, motivate and promote community support for older persons, and celebrate important holiday events.
- Continuity of Government on monitoring and strengthening OPAs to improve the operation of OPAs across the country efficiency and sustainability.



Future Direction Promoting Initiatives for Social Participation of Older Persons



ASEAN & Japan Cooperation will be a key mechanism to strengthening and coping the promoting initiatives for social participation of Older Persons in Cambodia through comprehensive enhancement of the Social Inclusion, Economic Security and Active Aging.

- **Exchange of Good Practices:** Enables Cambodia to learn from successful community-based elderly care models.
- **Policy Models:** Enables Cambodia to study and adapt effective aging policies and social protection system from each of ASEAN & Japan member nations.
- **Collaborative and Technical Assistance:** Offers comprehensive support and assistance to regional member countries in design, implementation, and enhancement of policies.
- **Replication of successful models:** Enables Cambodia to pilot and scale up Aging Policies and Elderly Welfare from model's member nation that have successfully adopted.

Future Direction Elderly and Digital Literacy



Digital literacy among the elderly in Cambodia is a priority areas that government looking to promote as well as a growing area of concern and Our direction are :

- **Structuring the National Digital Literacy Framework**
- **Launch Intergenerational Digital Mentoring Program** : Promote digital literacy for Elderly with the help of youth.
- **Conduct outreach Public Awareness Campaign of Digital Inclusion.**

Several Barriers:

- In Fact, Cambodia struggles in Elderly's digital literacy since there is no specific policy of digital relevant to the elderly.
- Growing Digital literacy initiatives efforts focused are still limited on Elderly and Intergenerational Empowerment.
- Limited access to technology and internet, low level of education and financial issues.



CHALLENGES

- Do not have Law on Ageing Rights, Digital Policy Plan for Elderly, Protective legal instruments, and Inaccurate of Data and Management.
- Inadequate of Human Resource and Technical Assistance
(Consultant, Expert, Advisor, ...etc.).
- Insufficient of Finance to execute the Government's National Elderly Policy Implementation.
- Insufficient of Cooperation with Stakeholders, Local and International Organizations.
- Ineffective system and Finance shortages to support OPAs operation.
- Lack of opportunities to enhance capacity of skill training for caregivers, management, and training to Government Officers.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION**

