



SOCIAL PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION OF ELDERLY

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



Total
Population

July 2014 estimation: 422,675 people

Male: 113,879.6 people Female: 212,866 people

Age
Structure

0-14 years: 24.2% (male 52,753 / female 49,548)

15-24 years: 17.3% (male 36,187 / female 36,965)

25-54 years: 46.9% (male 96,006 / female 102,028)

55-64 years: 7.6% (male 16,542 / female 15,589)

65 years and over: 4% (male 8,301 / female 8,756)

Dependency
ratios

Elderly dependency ratio: 6.5%

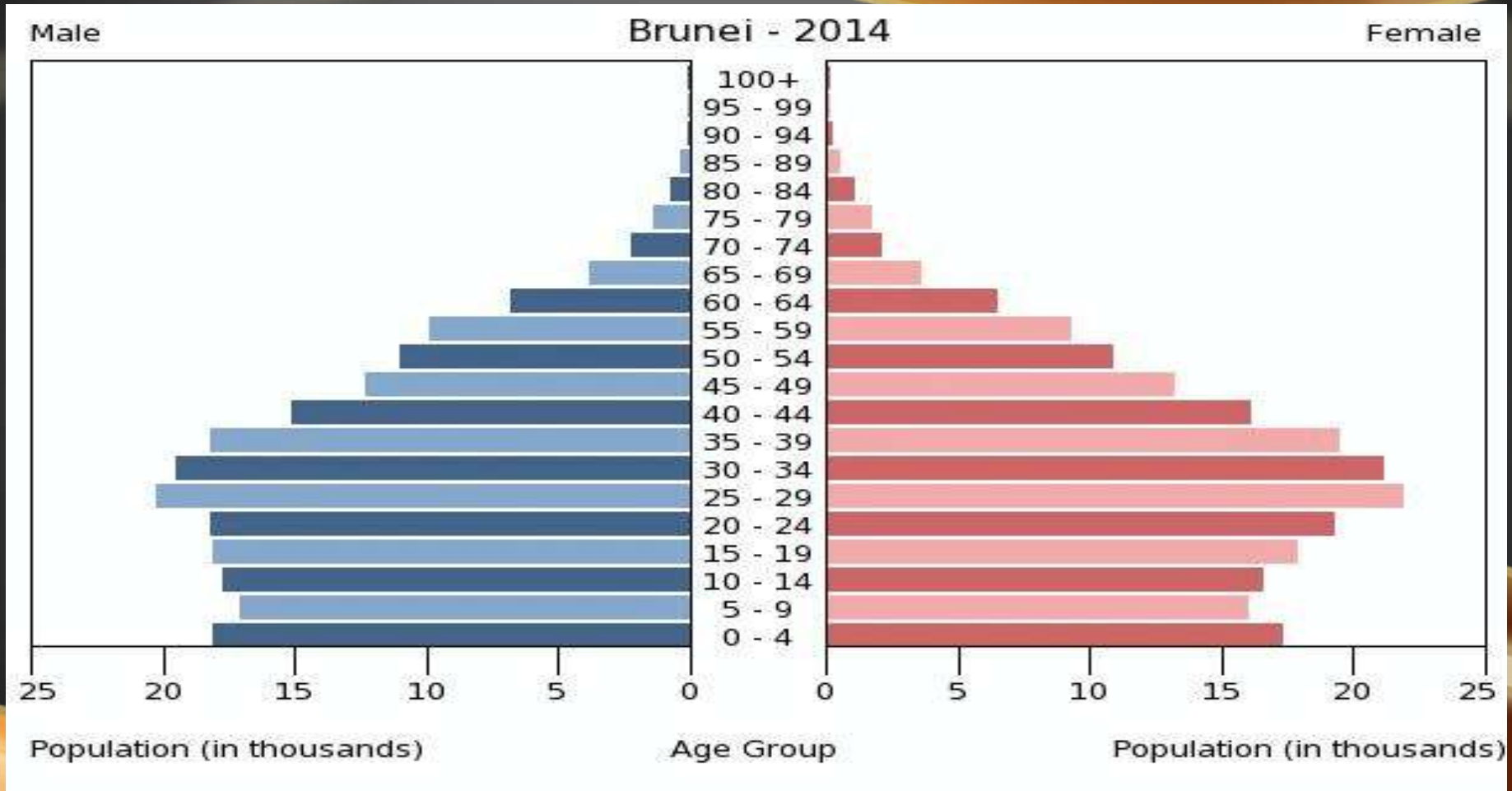
Life
Expectancy

Male: 74.46 years

Female: 79.19 years

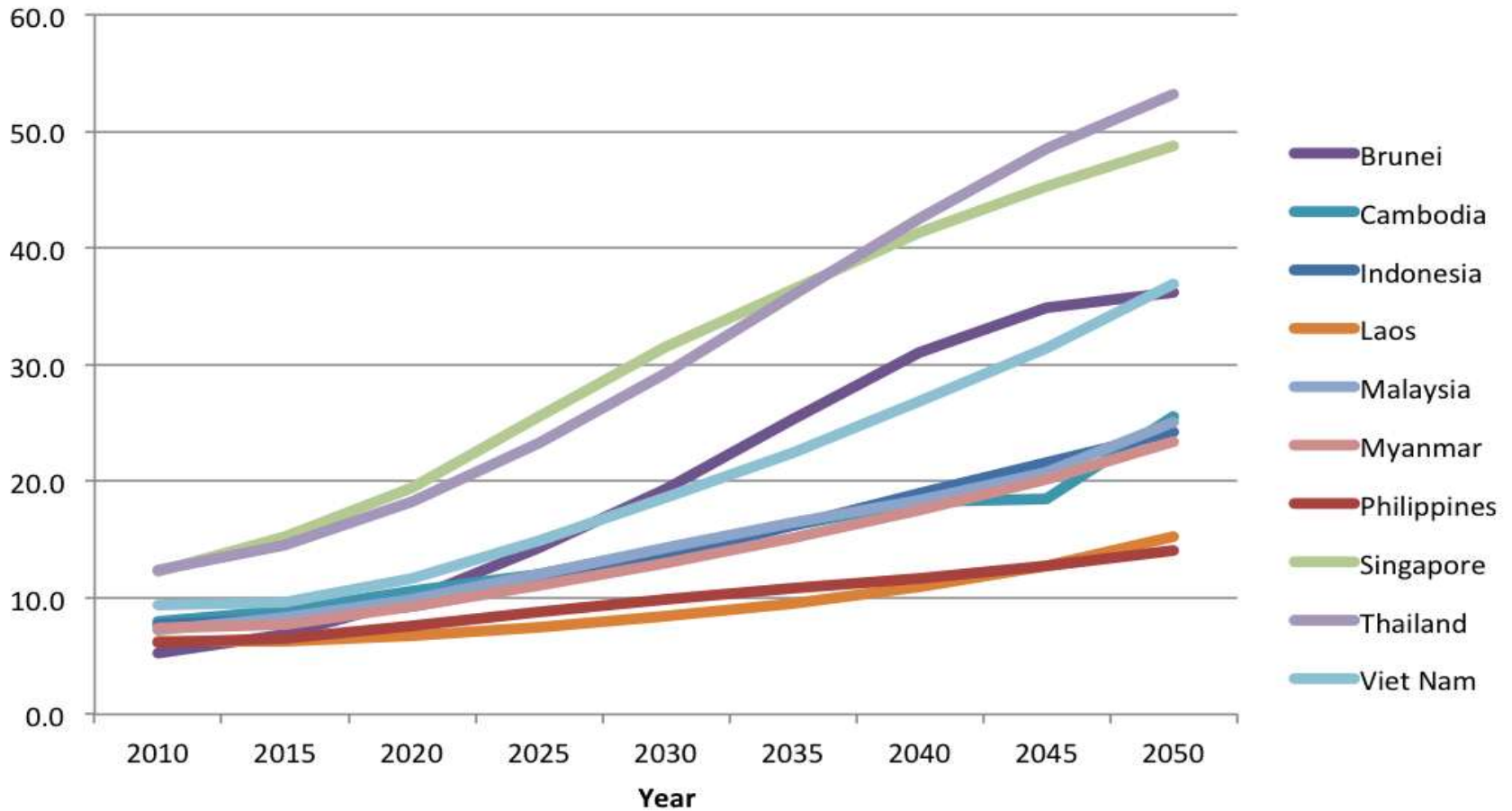


Brunei Age Structure



Old-age dependency ratio

(ratio of population age 65+ per 100 persons age 15-64)



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ELDERLY



- Establishment of **National Council of Social Issues** in 2008.
- Establishment of **Plan of Actions for Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2011**. Addressing 9 issues: Law and Regulations, Health, Employment, Education, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation and Recreational, Infrastructure and Research.
- Draft of the formulation of a Disability Order.
- Convention on the Rights of People with Disability (2007)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ELDERLY



- **OLD AGE AND DISABLED ACT 1954**

- ✓ No-mean tested
- ✓ Non-contributory assistance of BND250/USD201
- ✓ All citizens and residents:
 - Old Age Pension: 60 years old
 - Blind Pension: 15 years old
 - Mental allowance: 15 years old
 - Disabled pension: 15 years old

- **WELFARE ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE**

- ✓ Mean tested

- **GOVERNMENT PENSION**

- ✓ Pre 1993
- ✓ 55 years mandatory retirement

- **EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND (ETP)**

- ✓ Post 1993
- ✓ Provident fund

- **SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTION PENSION (SCP)**

- ✓ Commenced early 2010
- ✓ Provident fund

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY



- Launched an activity center for elderly in March 2013.
- Objectives:
 - ✓ To ensure active and meaningful life.
 - ✓ Act as 'Support Centre'.
 - ✓ A symbol of appreciation for elderly.
 - ✓ Reduce Empty Nest Syndrome (loneliness).
 - ✓ Interaction among elderly.
 - ✓ A place where youngers learn and gain knowledge



SOCIAL PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY



- International Day for Older Persons since 1999.
- Activities organised such as forum, seminars, workshop and sports for elderly.
- A workshop was held to hear the voice of older persons under Plan of Actions for Elderly Persons (7 November 2013)
- Recently held, a Thanksgiving Ceremony in conjunction with International Day for elderly (30 September 2014)



PARTICIPATION OF THE ELDERLY



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY



- Establishment of Homecare Program for Older Persons (2005).
- Objectives:
 - ✓ Improve quality of life of elderly.
 - ✓ Enhancing family values.
 - ✓ Raise public awareness on volunteers' work.
- Active participation of NGOs for examples establishment of Brunei Council on Social Welfare, Fund raising for vulnerable elderly, Home Visit



STATISTICS OF VOLUNTEERS AND OLDER PERSONS (OPs)



DISTRICTS	VOLUNTEERS	Ops
BRUNEI MUARA	48	22
TUTONG	30	1
BELAIT	0	4
TEMBURONG	6	10
TOTALS	84	37

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY



- Involve in NGOs / associations
 - ✓ PAKATAN Association
 - ✓ PEKIRA Association
 - ✓ Social Welfare Council
 - ✓ Women Association
- Former government Employees invited to join the National Day parade.

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY



PENYULUH

- NGO
- Promote healthy ageing
- Collaborate with local hospital
- Activities such as health talks
 - Healthy diet & living
 - Common health symptoms
 - Religious talks

Continuous working with older adults regarding their needs

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CHALLENGES



- Enhancing the role of family in elderly care.
- Maintaining the sustainability of financial resources.
- To encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- Maintaining a sustainable delivery of healthcare.
- Encourage committed voluntary work.
- Addressing issue of 'Empty Nest Syndrome'
- Achieving all the actions in line with Plan of Action on Elderly.
- Provide support for caregivers.
- Establish database on elderly.
- Limited healthcare resources.
- Multi-sectorial intervention on achieving Healthy Ageing.

WAY FORWARD



- Support systems for those elderly who need long-term care.
- Drafting policy and laws for elderly.
- Conduct research/studies on elderly.
- Training volunteers for elderly care.
- Sustainability of financial for social security.
- Promote active healthy ageing lifestyle.
- Promote elderly-friendly infrastructures.