THAILAND: ACTION PLAN

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Thailand: Key Takeaways from TDD

In order to create healthy and vibrant aging cities, we need to ensure that strategic plans and actions must:

• benefit all generations

• coordinate at all levels – national government, local government and community – and with all sectors – health, transport, labor, housing, etc.

• take gender dimensions into consideration

• Include all stakeholders in all planning and implementation processes.

• promote public-private partnership (and participation).

• ensure a sustainable fiscal policy

• have a good monitoring and evaluation framework to improve implementation.
Thailand: Implications

Thailand will enter into a super aged society in 2031, the government has been formulated national and local policies and action plans. However, this is an initial stage, and there is a need to strengthen knowledge and technical aspects on:

1. how to better integrate coordination and implementation of the strategic plan at all levels.

2. how to build active database and management information system that could feed into policy formation and implementation on a timely basis. (sex-disaggregated data)

3. how to enhance public awareness to prepare for aging society – at all aged groups such as schools, work place and communities.

4. how to strengthen fiscal policy to ensure long term sustainability for aging programs.

5. how to better engage private sector for innovation and investment.
Thailand: Actions to be Taken

• Short-term:
  • Propose aging society as a national agenda.
  • Develop communication strategy on aging society. Work with media to raise public and policy makers’ awareness on aging and also on their rights.
  • Set up a knowledge and learning committee on aging.
    • Conduct a series of knowledge learning events on key aspects of aging.
    • Conduct a series of brief policy notes on aspects of aging. -- feasibility studies (cost-benefits) of investment projects for policy formulation.

Medium-term:
• Develop a database and Management Information System (MIS) - Work with the National Statistic Office and relevant agencies to develop sex-disaggregated data of the elderly population.
• Integrate aspects of aging in school curriculum
• Pilot participatory community plan for healthy and vibrant aging communities (at least one rural and one urban area)
• Explore Public-Private Partnership (and Participation) initiatives

Long-term:
• Revise rules and regulations to promote Public-Private Partnership (and Participation).
Thailand: Lending and TA Active or Needed

Technical Assistance Work Planned:

- South-south knowledge sharing exchange on aging aspects
  - Public-Private Partnership (and Participation)
  - Community integrated and comprehensive plan for active aging society.
Thailand: Support Needed

- **World Bank and TDLC Program (Japan)**
  - Coordinate international learning experience on aging issues
  - Support on assessing fiscal policy and targeting methodologies
  - Support brief policy analysis such as integrated gender dimensions in national and local elderly planning and care work.
  - Management Information System (MIS) development and data analysis for aging.

- **Knowledge Products (Case Studies, Policy Notes, etc.) For policy formulation and for improving implementation:**
  - Develop community participatory aging plan – case studies
  - Comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system
  - Systematic review of gender gaps among aging population.
  - Develop frailty prevention research
  - Explore PPP -- geriatric medical tourism