

Government Views and Policies

Population policy variable	1976	1986	1996	2011
Population size and growth				
View on growth	--	--	Too low	Too low
Policy on growth	--	--	Raise	Raise
Population age structure				
Level of concern about working-age population	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about ageing of the population	--	--	--	Minor concern
Measures to address population ageing*	--	--	--	2
Fertility				
View on fertility level	--	--	Too low	Too low
Policy on fertility level	--	--	Raise	Raise
Level of concern about adolescent fertility	--	--	..	Minor concern
Policies to reduce adolescent fertility	--	--	No	Yes
Reproductive health and family planning				
Government support for family planning	--	--	..	Direct support
Grounds on which abortion is permitted**	--	--	1,2,3	1,2,3
Level of concern about violence against women	--	--	--	Major concern
Policies to prevent domestic violence***	--	--	--	2
Health and mortality				
View on life expectancy at birth	--	--	Acceptable	Acceptable
View on under-five mortality	--	--	..	Acceptable
View on undernutrition in children	--	--	--	Acceptable
View on maternal mortality	--	--	--	Acceptable
Level of concern about overweight and obesity	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about non-communicable diseases	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about tuberculosis	--	--	--	Not a concern
Level of concern about malaria	--	--	--	Not a concern
Level of concern about HIV/AIDS	--	--	..	Minor concern
Measures to address HIV/AIDS****	--	--	--	1,2
Spatial distribution and internal migration				
View on spatial distribution	--	--	Satisfactory	Major change desired
Policy on migration from rural to urban areas	--	--	--	..
Policy on migration into urban agglomerations	--	--
International migration				
View on immigration	--	--	Satisfactory	Too low
Policy on immigration	--	--	No intervention	Raise
Policy on permanent settlement	--	--	..	Raise
Policy on temporary workers	--	--	..	Raise
Policy on highly-skilled workers	--	--	--	..
Policy on family reunification	--	--	..	Raise
Policy on integration of non-nationals	--	--
Policy on naturalization	--	--	--	Yes
Level of concern about irregular migration	--	--	--	Major concern
Prgms. to facilitate migrants' return to home countries	--	--	--	..
View on emigration	--	--	Too high	Too high
Policy on emigration	--	--	Lower	Lower
Policy to encourage the return of citizens	--	--	Yes	Yes
Acceptance of dual citizenship	--	--	--	Yes
Special governmental unit dealing with diaspora	--	--	--	Yes
Measures to attract investment by diaspora*****	--	--	--	1,2,4

* Measures to address population ageing: (1) change in statutory retirement age in the last 5 years; (2) pension system reform in the last 5 years.

** Grounds on which abortion is permitted: (1) to save a woman's life; (2) to preserve a woman's physical health; (3) to preserve a woman's mental health; (4) in case of rape or incest; (5) because of foetal impairment; (6) for economic or social reasons; (7) on request.

*** Policies to prevent domestic violence: (1) legal provision; (2) policy.

**** Measures to address HIV/AIDS: (1) blood screening; (2) information/education campaigns; (3) antiretroviral treatment; (4) non-discrimination policies (legal measures); (5) distribution of condoms; (6) prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT).

***** Measures to attract investment by diaspora: (1) tax exceptions or breaks; (2) reduction of tariffs on goods or import duties for diaspora companies; (3) preferential treatment in providing credit; (4) preferential treatment in allotment of licenses; (5) streamlined bureaucratic procedures for investment; (6) diaspora bond/mutual fund.