

Government Views and Policies

<i>Population policy variable</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>2011</i>
Population size and growth				
View on growth	Too high	Too high	Too high	Too high
Policy on growth	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
Population age structure				
Level of concern about working-age population	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about ageing of the population	--	--	--	Major concern
Measures to address population ageing*	--	--	--	Neither
Fertility				
View on fertility level	Too high	Too high	Too high	Too high
Policy on fertility level	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
Level of concern about adolescent fertility	--	--	Minor concern	Major concern
Policies to reduce adolescent fertility	--	--	Yes	Yes
Reproductive health and family planning				
Government support for family planning	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support
Grounds on which abortion is permitted**	--	--	1	1
Level of concern about violence against women	--	--	--	Major concern
Policies to prevent domestic violence***	--	--	--	1,2
Health and mortality				
View on life expectancy at birth	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
View on under-five mortality	--	--	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
View on undernutrition in children	--	--	--	Unacceptable
View on maternal mortality	--	--	--	Unacceptable
Level of concern about overweight and obesity	--	--	--	Minor concern
Level of concern about non-communicable diseases	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about tuberculosis	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about malaria	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about HIV/AIDS	--	--	Minor concern	Major concern
Measures to address HIV/AIDS****	--	--	--	1,2,3,5,6
Spatial distribution and internal migration				
View on spatial distribution	Minor change desired	Minor change desired	Major change desired	Satisfactory
Policy on migration from rural to urban areas	--	--	--	Lower
Policy on migration into urban agglomerations	--	No intervention	No intervention	Lower
International migration				
View on immigration	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on immigration	Maintain	Maintain	Lower	Maintain
Policy on permanent settlement	--	--	No intervention	No intervention
Policy on temporary workers	--	--	No intervention	Maintain
Policy on highly-skilled workers	--	--	--	--
Policy on family reunification	--	--	No intervention	Maintain
Policy on integration of non-nationals	--	--	No	No
Policy on naturalization	--	--	--	Yes
Level of concern about irregular migration	--	--	--	--
Prgms. to facilitate migrants' return to home countries	--	--	--	--
View on emigration	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Too low
Policy on emigration	Maintain	Maintain	No intervention	Raise
Policy to encourage the return of citizens	--	--	No	No
Acceptance of dual citizenship	--	--	--	Yes
Special governmental unit dealing with diaspora	--	--	--	Yes
Measures to attract investment by diaspora*****	--	--	--	None of these

* 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.