

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 low	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on growth	No intervention	No intervention	No intervention	No intervention
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 low	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on fertility level	Raise	No intervention	Raise	Maintain
Level of concern about adolescent fertility	--	--	Minor concern	Minor concern
Policies to reduce adolescent fertility	--	--	No	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**	--	--	1,2,3,4,5,6	1,2,3,4,5,6
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	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
View on under-five mortality	--	--	Acceptable	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	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about malaria	--	--	--	Not a concern
Level of concern about HIV/AIDS	--	--	Major 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	Satisfactory	Minor change desired	Major change desired
Policy on migration from rural to urban areas	--	--	--	Lower
Policy on migration into urban agglomerations	Lower	Lower	Maintain	Lower
International migration				
View on immigration	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on immigration	Maintain	Maintain	Lower	Raise
Policy on permanent settlement	--	--	Lower	Maintain
Policy on temporary workers	--	--	Lower	Raise
Policy on highly-skilled workers	--	--	--	Raise
Policy on family reunification	--	--	No intervention	Maintain
Policy on integration of non-nationals	--	--	Yes	Yes
Policy on naturalization	--	--	--	Yes
Level of concern about irregular migration	--	--	--	Major concern
Prgms. to facilitate migrants' return to home countries	--	--	--	Yes
View on emigration	Too high	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on emigration	Lower	Maintain	Maintain	No intervention
Policy to encourage the return of citizens	Yes	--	Yes	Yes
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.