

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	--	--	--	Minor 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	--	--	Major 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	Acceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Acceptable
View on under-five mortality	--	--	Unacceptable	Acceptable
View on undernutrition in children	--	--	--	Unacceptable
View on maternal mortality	--	--	--	Unacceptable
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	--	--	--	Major concern
Level of concern about HIV/AIDS	--	--	Minor concern	Major concern
Measures to address HIV/AIDS****	--	--	--	1,2,3,4,5,6
Spatial distribution and internal migration				
View on spatial distribution	Major change desired	Major change desired	Major change desired	Minor change desired
Policy on migration from rural to urban areas	--	--	--	Lower
Policy on migration into urban agglomerations	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
International migration				
View on immigration	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on immigration	Maintain	Maintain	Lower	Maintain
Policy on permanent settlement	--	--	Lower	Maintain
Policy on temporary workers	--	--	No intervention	Raise
Policy on highly-skilled workers	--	--	--	Lower
Policy on family reunification	--	--	No intervention	Raise
Policy on integration of non-nationals	--	--	No	Yes
Policy on naturalization	--	--	--	Restricted
Level of concern about irregular migration	--	--	--	Minor concern
Prgms. to facilitate migrants' return to home countries	--	--	--	..
View on emigration	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Policy on emigration	Maintain	Maintain	No intervention	Maintain
Policy to encourage the return of citizens	Yes	--	No	Yes
Acceptance of dual citizenship	--	--	--	Yes
Special governmental unit dealing with diaspora	--	--	--	Yes
Measures to attract investment by diaspora*****	--	--	--	1,5,6

* 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.