

**UNITED NATIONS TWELFTH INQUIRY AMONG GOVERNMENTS  
ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**MODULE I**

**POPULATION AGEING AND URBANIZATION**

This module contains questions about government policies, programmes and strategies relating to population growth, age structure and the spatial distribution of the population, giving special emphasis to population ageing and urbanization. Population ageing refers to an upward shift in the distribution of population by age, which is often measured by an increase in the number of persons aged 65 years or older relative to the total population. Urbanization refers to an increase in the percentage of total population living in urban areas.

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## A. POPULATION POLICIES

- 1.1 Does the Government have a national policy, programme or strategy to address the following population issues?

POPULATION ISSUE	YES	NO	NAME OF POLICY, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY
a. Population growth / decline			
b. Population ageing			
c. Sustainable urbanization			
d. Youth employment			
e. Gender equality and women's empowerment			

*[Please provide references or links to current policy documents in the space provided at the end of the Module.]*

- 1.2 Has the Government incorporated population trends and projections into its current national development plan?

YES	NO

- 1.3 What is the policy of the Government concerning the present rate of the country's population growth?

RAISE	MAINTAIN AT CURRENT LEVELS	LOWER	NO OFFICIAL POLICY

## B. POPULATION AGEING

- 1.4 Does the Government view the ageing of the country's population as a matter of concern?

	MAJOR CONCERN	MINOR CONCERN	NOT A CONCERN
a. At present			
b. In the next 20 to 30 years			

1.5 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] related to the employment and retirement of older persons?

MEASURE	YES	NO
a. Raise the minimum retirement age		
b. Raise social security contributions of workers		
c. Introduce or enhance non-contributory old-age pensions		
d. Promote private savings schemes for retirement		
e. Create incentives for employers to retain or hire older persons		
f. Address discrimination against older persons in the work place		

1.6 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] related to the care, living arrangements and well-being of older persons?

MEASURE	YES	NO
a. Provide incentives for families to care for older persons		
b. Create schemes for long-term, institutional care of older persons		
c. Expand opportunities for assisted living and old-age friendly communities		
d. Provide affordable housing for older persons		
e. Expand opportunities for adult education and lifelong learning		
f. Develop or strengthen programmes to prevent abuse of and violence against older persons		
g. Promote active and healthy ageing		
h. Promote gender-responsive programmes for older persons		

C. SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION AND URBANIZATION

1.7 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] to encourage population redistribution?

MEASURE	YES	NO	NOT APPLICABLE
a. Reduce migration from rural to urban areas			
b. Reduce migration into large urban agglomerations			
c. Decentralize large urban centres to smaller urban, suburban or rural areas			
d. Promote the settlement of underpopulated areas			
e. Relocate out of environmentally fragile or threatened areas			

1.8 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] to promote rural development?

MEASURE	YES	NO	NOT APPLICABLE <sup>1</sup>
a. Create employment in rural areas			
b. Increase access to markets for farm products			
c. Provide incentives to establish or retain industries in rural areas			
d. Relocate industries from large urban centres to rural areas			
e. Increase access to information and communications technology in rural areas, including affordable access to the Internet			

<sup>1</sup> Where the country is 100 per cent urban.

1.9 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] to improve the living conditions of the urban poor?

MEASURE	YES	NO	NOT APPLICABLE <sup>2</sup>
a. Increase access to safe water and sanitation			
b. Secure access to basic education			
c. Increase access to essential health care services			
d. Secure land tenure			
e. Ensure access to adequate, safe and affordable housing			

1.10 Has the Government adopted any of the following measures [in the past five years] to improve the sustainability of large urban centres?

MEASURE	YES	NO
a. Increase availability of public transport		
b. Improve road safety and reduce road traffic accidents		
c. Introduce more stringent pollution limits for motor vehicles		
d. Increase energy efficiency in housing/buildings		
e. Increase reliance on cleaner fuels and technologies at the household level		
f. Introduce more stringent environmental regulations for industries within or surrounding large urban centres		
g. Improve solid waste management systems		
h. Increase access to green and open public spaces		

<sup>2</sup> Where access is near universal.

- 1.11 Please provide any additional comments and information, including references or links to relevant policy documents.

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