


Developing Ageing policy: Lessons Learned in Georgia

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Demographic and Socio-Economic Situation, 2018



Population – 3 723 500

Birth rate (per thousand population) – 13.7

Mortality rate (per thousand population) – 12.5

Life expectancy at birth – 74.0



GDP per capita (at current prices) – 4,722 \$US

GDP real growth – 4.8%



Unemployment rate - 12.7%

Unemployment rate 65 + - 3.3%

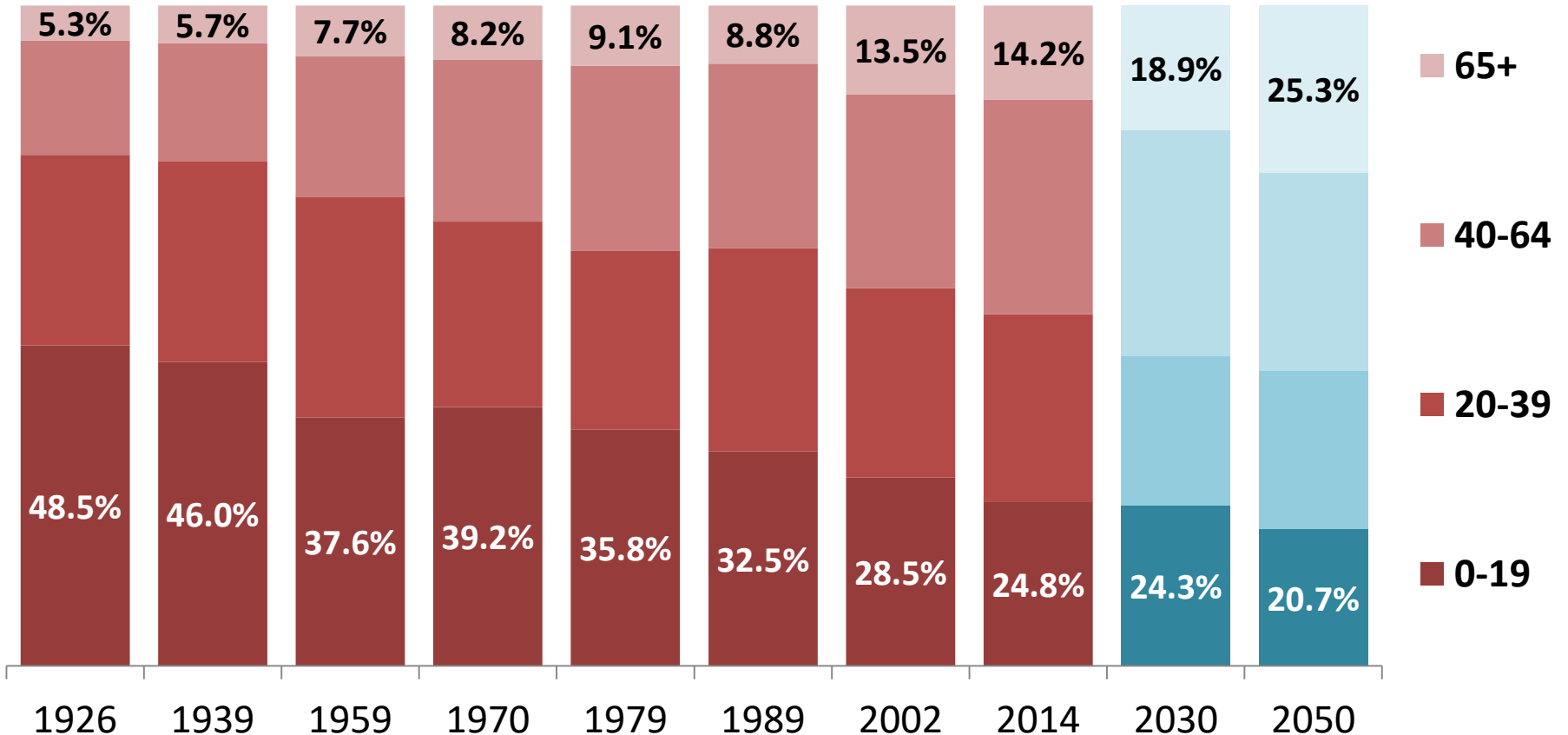


Government expenditure on Social Care as % of GDP – 6%

Government expenditure on health as % of GDP – 3%



Population Age Structure: Georgia





Important steps in developing an aging policy

- 2007 Georgia has become a member of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing
- 2015 - Developed a roadmap to the mainstreaming of aging with the support of the UNECE
- 2015 – Established Intersectoral Working Group
- 2016 - Parliament adopted the concept of state policy on population aging in Georgia
- 2017 - The Government approved the 2017-2018 National Action Plan on the State Policy on Population Aging in Georgia



Priorities of National Action Plan 2017-2018

1. The mainstream of aging
2. Integration of older citizens into society
3. Perceptions of older people and coverage by the media
4. Providing adequate social protection for the elderly
5. Utilization of the employment potential of the elderly
6. Lifelong learning
7. Health and welfare of the elderly
8. Mainstreaming the Gender Approach
9. Intergenerational Solidarity
10. Migration
11. Integration in international processes
12. research and data collection
13. Monitoring and evaluation





National Action Plan on Ageing 2017-2018

- In accordance with the priorities of the strategy Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS)
- 13 - Priorities and Goals
- 29 – Tasks
- 65 – Activities
 - 32 - fully completed
 - 9 - partially completed
 - 24 - not performed



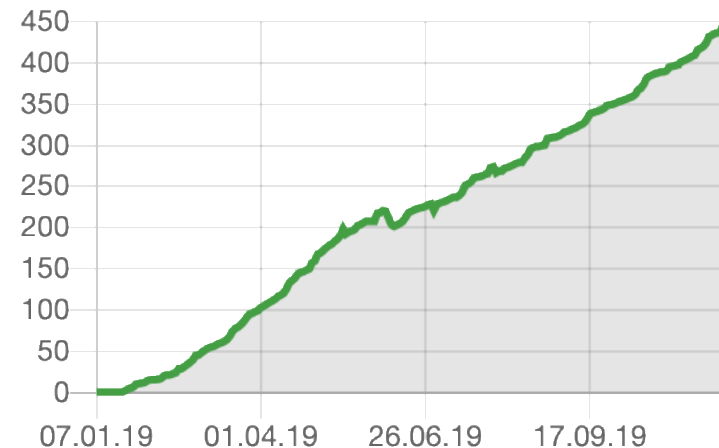


- **Key activities initiated by the strategy**



Accumulated pension scheme

- 2018 - Law of Georgia on Accumulated Pension
- 2018 - Pension Agency created
- 2019 - Accumulated pension scheme comes into force
- Pension contribution - 2% + 2% + 2%
- Participation in the pension scheme
 - Obligatory - All employed, who were not yet 40 years old by August 6, 2018
 - Voluntary:
 - For all self-employed, regardless of their age;
 - For all employees who were 40 or more years old on August 6, 2018.





Social Protection (1)

- Switch from a medical model to disability to a social model
 - The tools needed to implement the biopsychosocial model have been developed
 - Piloting started in Adjara
- Develop community-based services tailored to the needs of the elderly
 - Work on community service standards is underway
 - 11 Community Organizations: Tbilisi, Ozurgeti, Signagi, Kareli, Lagodekhi, Rustavi, Gori, Telavi, Gurjaani, Kvareli, Sagarejo - 300 Beneficiaries



Social Protection (2)

- Develop the concept of long-term care
 - The term "long-term care" is interpreted in the law
 - A long-term care standard has been prepared
 - 2020 Funding for Family (6 Beneficiaries) and Shelters (24 Beneficiaries) Services to Increase
- Home Care
 - 2016 – Home care standards is develop
 - Home care services were introduced in Tbilisi





Health and welfare of the elderly

- State Universal Health Program
- Chronic diseases drugs program
- Rural doctor / ambulance care program
- Referral service program
- Screening programs
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- Compulsory module of social gerontology and geriatrics integrated into the curricula of physicians and midwives





Utilization of the employment potential of the elderly

- 30% of teachers employed in vocational development schools are of retirement age
- Vocational Training-retraining program - 128 seniors
- Prof. Counseling - 277, Internship - 10,
- Intermediary Services - 80,
- Supportive employment - 5
- People were employed - 262
- In the framework of the program „Teach for Georgia” includes 9 retirement teachers





Awareness Raising and Volunteering

- Raising Awareness of the Law on Volunteering among the Elderly
 - 2015 - Law of Georgia on Volunteering
 - Young volunteers hold information meetings with the Elderly in 64 Municipalities
 - Young volunteers actively work in homes for the elderly
- Raising public awareness of aging issues
 - 27 meetings in 19 municipalities
 - TV and radio shows
 - Booklets and Triplets
 - Lectures and seminars



Prevention and response mechanisms for violence against the elderly

- Law of Georgia on the Prevention Violence against Women or Domestic Violence, Protection and Assistance to Victims of Violence (2006)
- 2016, the program "Health Response to Domestic Violence / Gender-Based Violence" has been implemented by support of UNFPA
- Launch awareness-raising campaign against violence, including for the elderly
- Support services for victims of violence have been developed

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