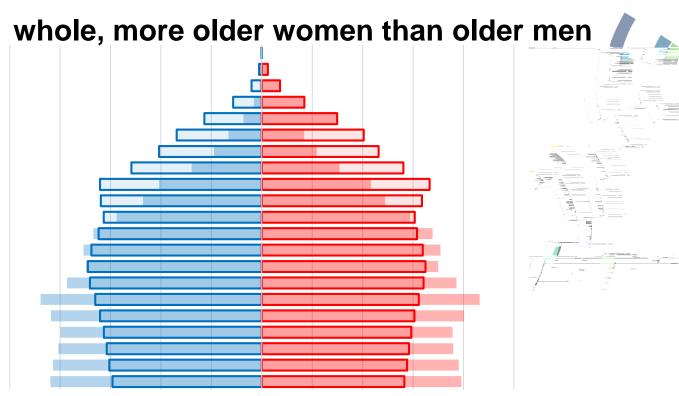
Population ageing and its implications on social protection

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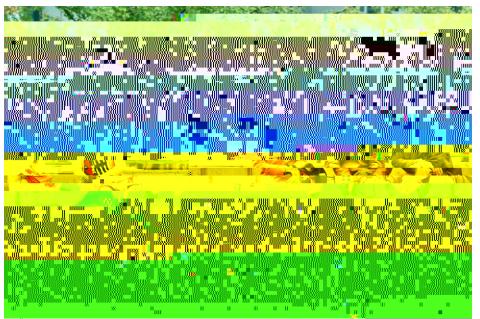
Healthcare costs are mostly borne by private households



Source: WHO, Global Health Observatory Data Repository, online, accessed 10 June 2019



Can older persons rely on the younger generation?



Thailand: support from children and work



more men than Many older persons still work what does it tell us? women Proportion of older persons (60+) who are employed, by sex, latest available year 80 70 Male Female 60 50 Per cent 40 30

Thailand

Bangladesh

Source: HelpAge from LFS 2013 (Bangladesh), LFS 2008 (Nepal), LFS 2012 (Philippines, LFS 2013 (Thailand, LFS 2014 (Viet Nam)

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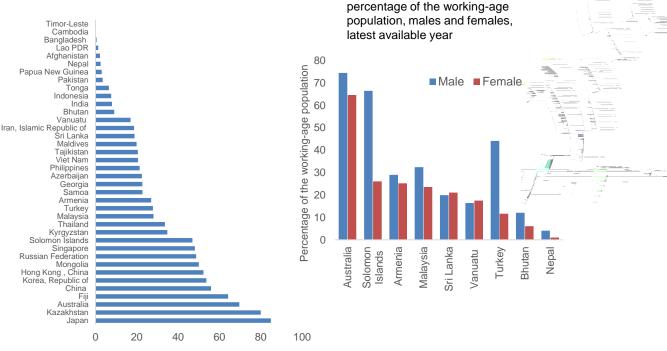
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Coverage of pensions is low in most countries of the Asia-Pacific region

Effective coverage of pensions as a percentage of the working-age population, total, latest available year



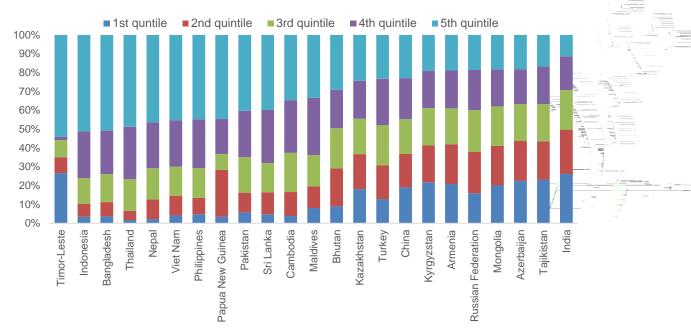
Effective coverage of pensions as a

Source: International Labour Organization, Social Protection Report 2017-2019

Percentage of the working-age population

Most pension beneficiaries are in the highest income groups

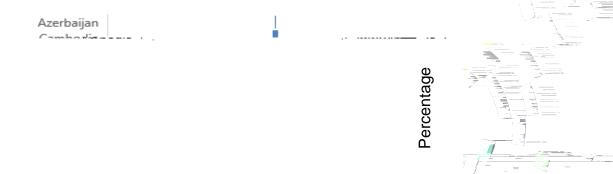
Contributory pensions: beneficiary incidence by income quintile



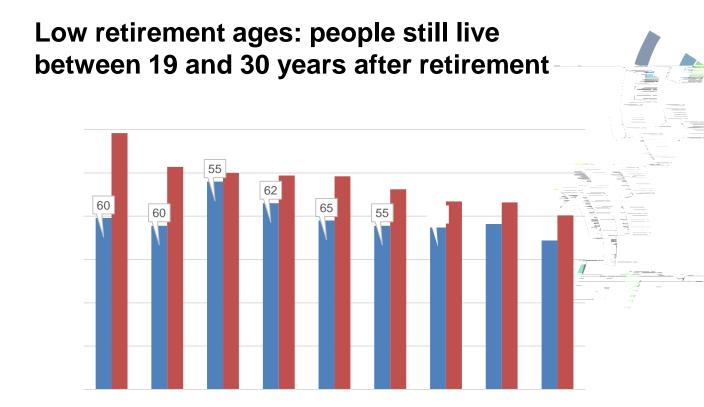
Source: World Bank, ASPIRE database, Atlas of Social Protection Indicators of Resilience and Equity, online, accessed 6 June 2019

Pension benefits are often low even for the poorest income group

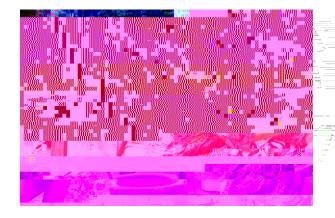
Adequacy of contributory pensions for the poorest income quintile: Percentage of total welfare of all beneficiaries in that population group



Source: World Bank, ASPIRE: The Atlas of Social Protection Indicators of Resilience and Equity, online database, accessed 20 February 2019



Social protection coverage for the informal sector is limited





Conclusions

Ageing before social protection systems are in place

Women are often inadequately protected

Need more data disaggregated by chronological age, sex, and ideally income quintile

More detailed data on health expenditure



More detailed data on quality of labour force participation of older persons



Need to measure income transfers within the family and how they are done



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