



Addressing population and development issues
to achieve sustainable development

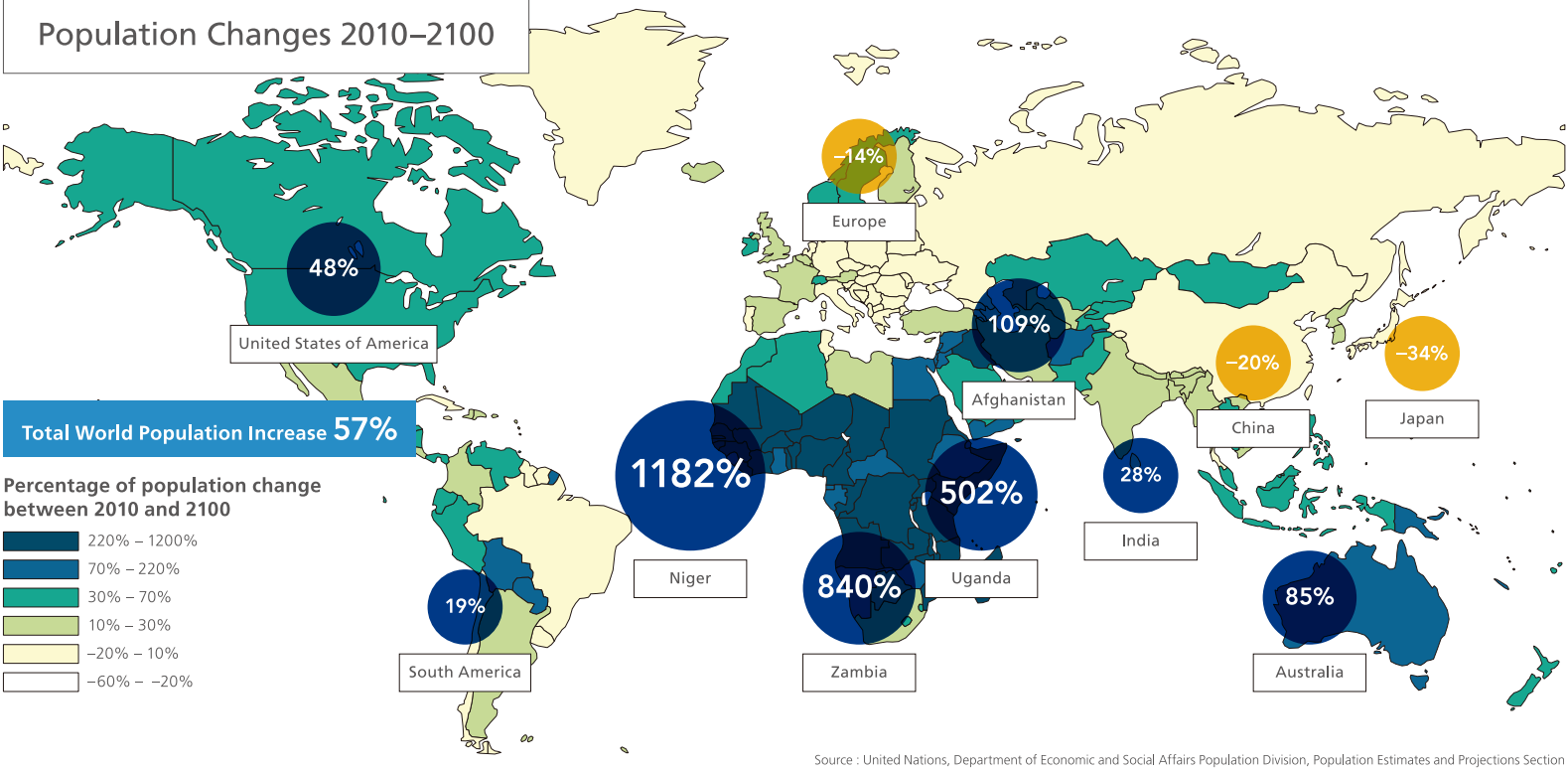


The Asian Population and Development Association (APDA)

Introduction

The world as we know today is increasingly changing and interconnected, which poses important challenges to global issues of energy, food, human security, poverty, and the environment. The world population is still on the rise and is projected to reach 9 billion by 2050 and surpass 10 billion by 2100. The population of Africa, with the fastest growth rate in the world, was one billion in 2011 but is expected to more than triple to 3.6 billion in 2100. On the other hand, developed countries are concerned about the issues of rapidly aging populations and fewer children.

From one end of the spectrum to the other, population issues are becoming more and more diverse, causing a range of economic and social challenges. In dealing with the increasing burdens these demographic conditions bring to our societies, a sustainable approach to how we live in dignity and in harmony with the Earth's carrying capacity is needed, and finding solutions to stabilize populations is a vital step in this endeavor.



Message from APDA's Chair

Whereas problems accompanying the aging and super-aging societies like Japan and other developed countries are distinct from the challenges that still face countries in Africa and some parts of West Asia that continue to suffer from high birthrates and infant mortality. Yet, while population issues have become diversified, our numbers continue to grow.

Given the finite capacity of the Earth it is clear that it will become increasingly difficult to sustain the improvement in the material standards of our lives. APDA is earnestly grappling with these challenges, to find what should be done to realize our goal of development that is sustainable anywhere in the world.

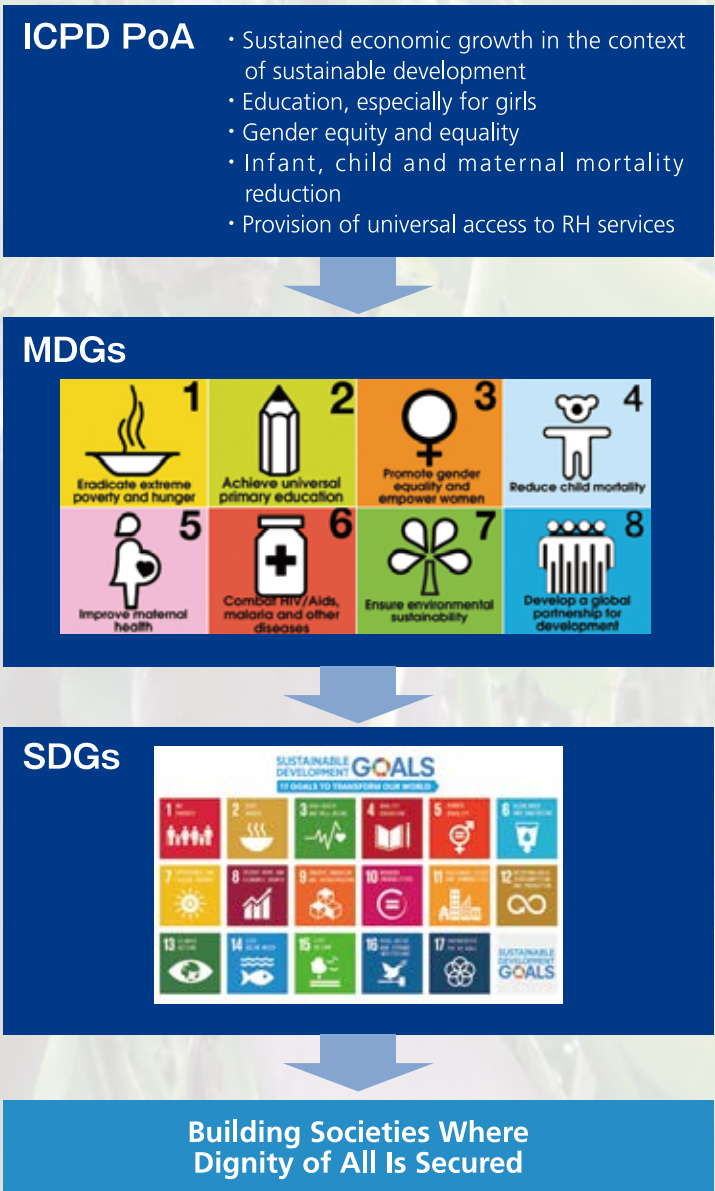


H.E. Yasuo Fukuda
Former Prime Minister of Japan,
Chair of APDA; Honorary Chair of JPFP

APDA – Committed to population and development issues

Stabilizing any country's population constitutes an indispensable condition for its achieving sustainable development. In September 2015 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda), which has the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its core. Building on the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the 2030 Agenda acts as a platform for the work being undertaken to achieve development across a range of areas. With the aim of achieving the 2030 Agenda, and in order to build societies where the dignity of people can be protected, APDA has joined forces with governments, international organizations, civil society organizations, and companies to work on putting population-related issues at the center of efforts to achieve sustainable development.

In particular APDA is promoting the role that parliamentarians can play in addressing population-related issues in the conviction that the building of accountability and transparency towards a country's citizens will form the foundation for the global partnerships that have been espoused as an indispensable condition for realizing the 2030 Agenda.



What do we do?

APDA's activities are aimed at increasing awareness, enhancing knowledge and strengthening cooperation and collaboration between parliamentarians and among the public in the field of population and development with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and other partners:

Conduct (government-commissioned) studies, research and survey programmes on population and development to support formulation of population- and development-related policies and programmes

Support JPFP activities

Organize advocacy seminars both in and outside of Japan

Implement capacity building activities (regional/ inter-regional Meetings and Study Visit programmes) to promote understanding of population and development issues by sharing knowledge and experiences

Disseminate information through quarterly publications "Population and Development" and generate publicity via the media

Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit (GCPDP2016), 2016, Japan



Members enjoy benefits such as:

- 1 Staying up to date with the latest developments and news on population and development
- 2 Subscriptions to the quarterly publication "Population and Development" (in Japanese), in addition to printed project reports, calendars, etc.
- 3 Unlimited access to background reports, data and research related to population and development
- 4 Participation to attend seminars and networking events open to parliamentarians, specialists, NGOs and representatives from the public and private sectors
- 5 Opportunities to work together with APDA to engage in population and development advocacy and information dissemination activities
- 6 Access to a wide network of specialists and other resources related to population and development

By registering for a small monthly membership fee of 500 yen (equivalent to US\$5) per month through credit card payment (VISA & Master), you can already become a supporter of APDA and become involved in its global work. Your donation will be used to support APDA's global activities and achieve its mission.

If you wish to make contributions without using your credit card, please contact your financial institution to arrange bank transfers. The details of our bank account are below.

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Since April 2011, APDA has been officially registered as a public interest incorporated foundation under Public Interest Commission of the Cabinet Office. APDA therefore is a tax-exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by Japan's law.

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APDA and JPFP – Who we are

Since its establishment in 1982, APDA has worked toward fulfilling its mission to address population and development issues functioning on one hand as the Secretariat of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) and secondly as the Tokyo office of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), organizing capacity enhancement programmes while providing opportunities and platforms to advocate, cooperate and exchange first-hand experiences and information. In recent years, APDA has extended its work area to include dealing with population and development issues in Africa.

After WWII, Japan was the first non-Western country to achieve demographic transition – a population development stage shifting from high birth and death rates to low birth and death rates. This feat was considered to be an exemplary model to guide the then developing countries facing rapidly growing populations towards stabilization of their populations.

Japan launched the world's first non-partisan organization JPFP in 1974 dealing with population and development issues. Population programmes can never be forced on people; they must be undertaken in such a way as to respect the autonomy of individuals. Given this nature, parliamentarians as elected representatives of the people are vital to increase people's understanding of population issues, enact legislation, mobilize funds, and ensure accountability of projects in these fields. JPFP's efforts in driving parliamentarians' activities on population and development have led to the creation of other regional parliamentary fora dealing with these issues, which has brought about better policies and programmes and positive legislative and budgetary changes. In cooperation with the National Committees

on Population and Development around the world as well as experts in these fields, APDA has been engaged in research and surveys and the survey results are used to support parliamentarians' activities in Japan and abroad.



Hon. Sadakazu Tanigaki
Chair of JPFP

Fact of World Population

The United Nations (2015) estimates that the globally 136.70 million children are born annually. 90% of these children are born in developing or in the least developing countries, with research suggesting that around 30 million newborn babies are due to unintended pregnancies. If universal access to RH services including family planning is to be achieved, we will be able to end preventable maternal deaths, improve individual health and well-being, and contribute to stabilizing the world population.



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Achieving Results and Making a Difference

Improving accountability and transparency for ODA and population programmes

APDA implemented a series of projects funded by the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), where parliamentarians from Asia, Africa, Latin America and other regions discussed and examined parliamentarians' role in promoting Official Development Assistance (ODA) and population programmes. Such initiatives resulted in increased accountability, transparency and better governance in Uganda, Zambia, Kenya and other countries.

Contribution to the Republic of Kazakh Government's tax reform

APDA's research and survey results were utilized by the Japanese Government and other governments in formulating related national policies and programmes. One of the key findings of the research that identified structural problems in the then-existing agricultural system of Kazakhstan actually prompted the Kazakh Government to initiate structural reforms of the taxation system (2004) based on APDA's recommendations.

Integrating HIV/AIDS prevention programmes into ODA projects

APDA/JPFP contributed to creating a workable scheme of integrating health intervention measures such as HIV/AIDS prevention programmes into Japan-financed overseas infrastructure projects. In 2000, APDA conducted a survey on the labour force in Cambodia and found out an increasing risk of HIV infection among construction workers and sex workers at the ODA-assisted port construction site in Sihanoukville. With APDA/JPFP's appeals to MOFA to incorporate HIV/AIDS prevention programmes into the project, the risk that the whole country's HIV infection rate would be pushed up by 1% due to Japan's ODA was resolved. The scheme created out of this project proved to be extremely effective and highly recognized and thus it has been ever since applied to other countries such as Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.



Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development on the Integration of Population Issues into National Development Frameworks – Part III, 2014, Zambia



International Parliamentarians' Conference and Study Visit on Population and Aging, 2013, Japan



Visiting Programme for Tsunami Disaster Relief Project and Activation of Parliamentarian Activities on Population and Development, 2005, Indonesia

Our Projects

APDA Membership

Let's think ahead together!

How can we create an environment where men and women of all ages can participate in social activities in various ways depending on their own abilities and desires? How can we reduce the number of mothers who die during childbirth due to insufficient healthcare facilities or scarcity of healthcare staff? How can we empower children in remote areas to develop their full potential when they have to spend their day fetching water instead of attending school? How can we ensure children grow up to be healthy adults when each time it rains sewage water leaks into their houses?

Tackling population issues is indeed inherent to all our lives. Each day we confront challenges that revolve around these issues. Effective resolution of these issues requires inclusive and innovative approaches that are fostered by people's understanding. APDA joins forces with a variety of counterparts in other countries to address population issues through supporting parliamentarians and research activities.

By becoming a member of APDA for a mere 500 yen membership fee per month, you can already start engaging in efforts that contribute to realizing a better world that develops with principal of sustainability and justice. APDA, in continuous cooperation and collaboration with other regional and national population and development platforms, and together with strong partnership with UNFPA and IPPF, will strive to improve precious lives of all women, men and children and create equal opportunities and frameworks for them to develop and maximize individual unique capabilities so that everyone can participate fully in all aspects of society.

