The construction and the use of the AAI in ASEAN+3

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Overview

1. Motivations: Importance of Quantitative Evidence
   1.1 DATA (i.e. Surveys, Censuses and Administrative Registers)
   1.2 EVIDENCE (i.e. What works? Identifying policy priorities! Mutual learning)
   1.3 POLICY (i.e. Better ageing-related policies, better sustainable development).

2. The AAI in the ASEAN+3 countries
   2.1 Key Insights using the EU version of the AAI – work undertaken for the EU-China project
   2.2 The AAI for ASEAN+3 countries, work undertaken for the UN ESCAP in Bangkok
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Motivations
Good policy is the ultimate objective

Data as the backbone of the whole process

Countries have varying levels of capacity in each of these three pillars
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The AAI in the ASEAN countries
2.1 Speed and scale of population ageing

Population aged 60+ in 10 ASEAN countries, in 2015, 2030, and 2050

Key insights

- The EU version of the AAI replicated for China, Korea, and Japan. The work is generating great interest among policymakers in these countries (in China and Korea, in particular) but the EU AAI is requiring modifications.
- A “New” AAI is currently under construction for the ASEAN+3 countries making adjustments in the choice of indicators and in the methods of aggregation to earn more credibility.
- Challenge is lack of data (the first pillar) in very many countries but the situation is changing fast with the HRS-family of surveys coming into existence.
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The EU AAI for China and Korea
The overall AAI score for China is 37.3, which is higher than that of Korea (35.3) and the EU average (33.9).

China is 7th out of 30 countries.

The overall AAI score for China hides away important information regarding the non-market forms of active ageing: China ranked among the lowest in the independent living aspects of active ageing.
Thank you

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