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# Demographic Dividend Project In Papua New Guinea

Demographic Dividend with Gender Dimension (DDGD) Programme  
*Harnessing Intergeneration Benefits of Demographic Change in Asia and the Pacific:  
Engaging all Groups from Youth to Older Persons*

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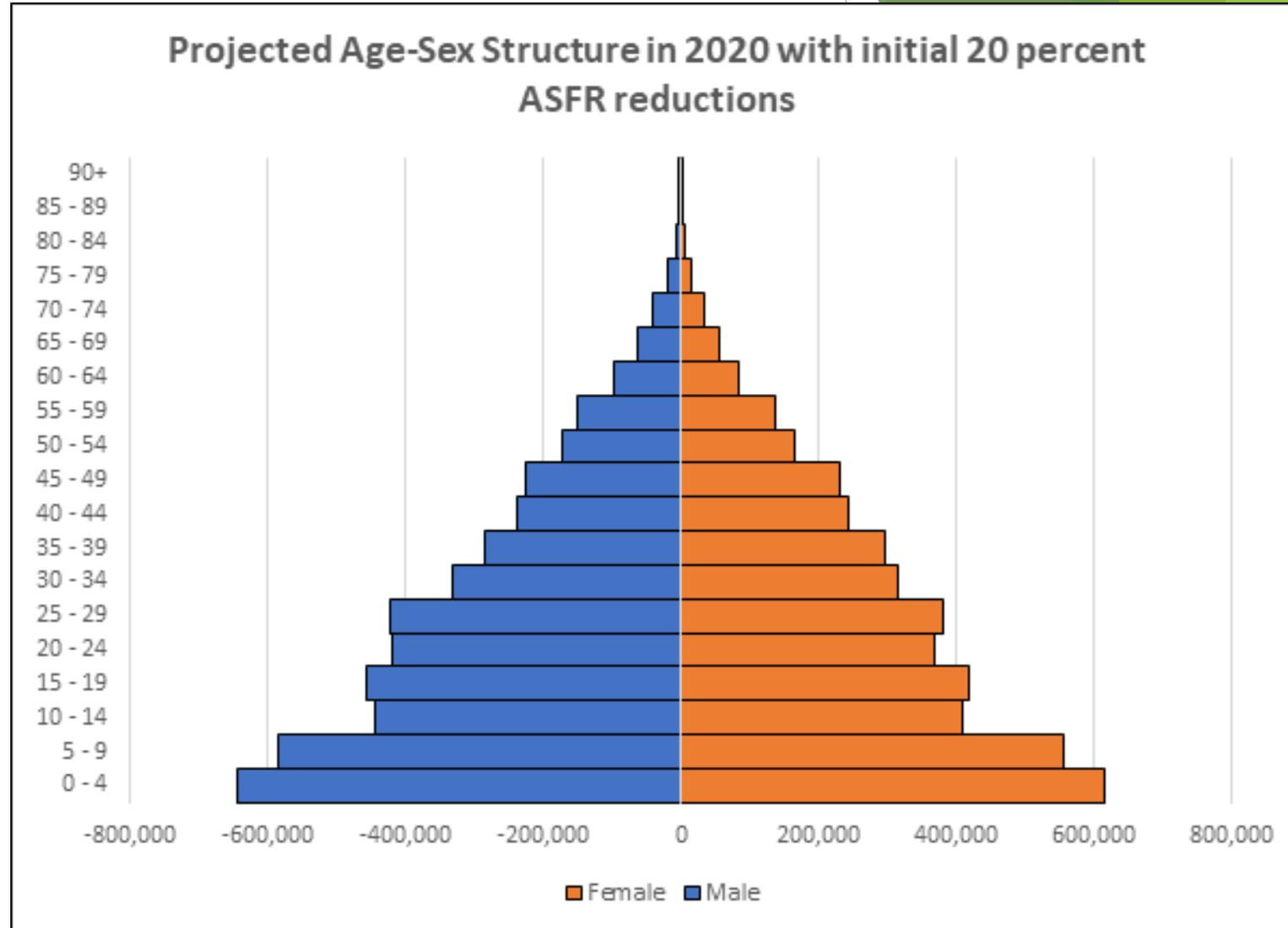
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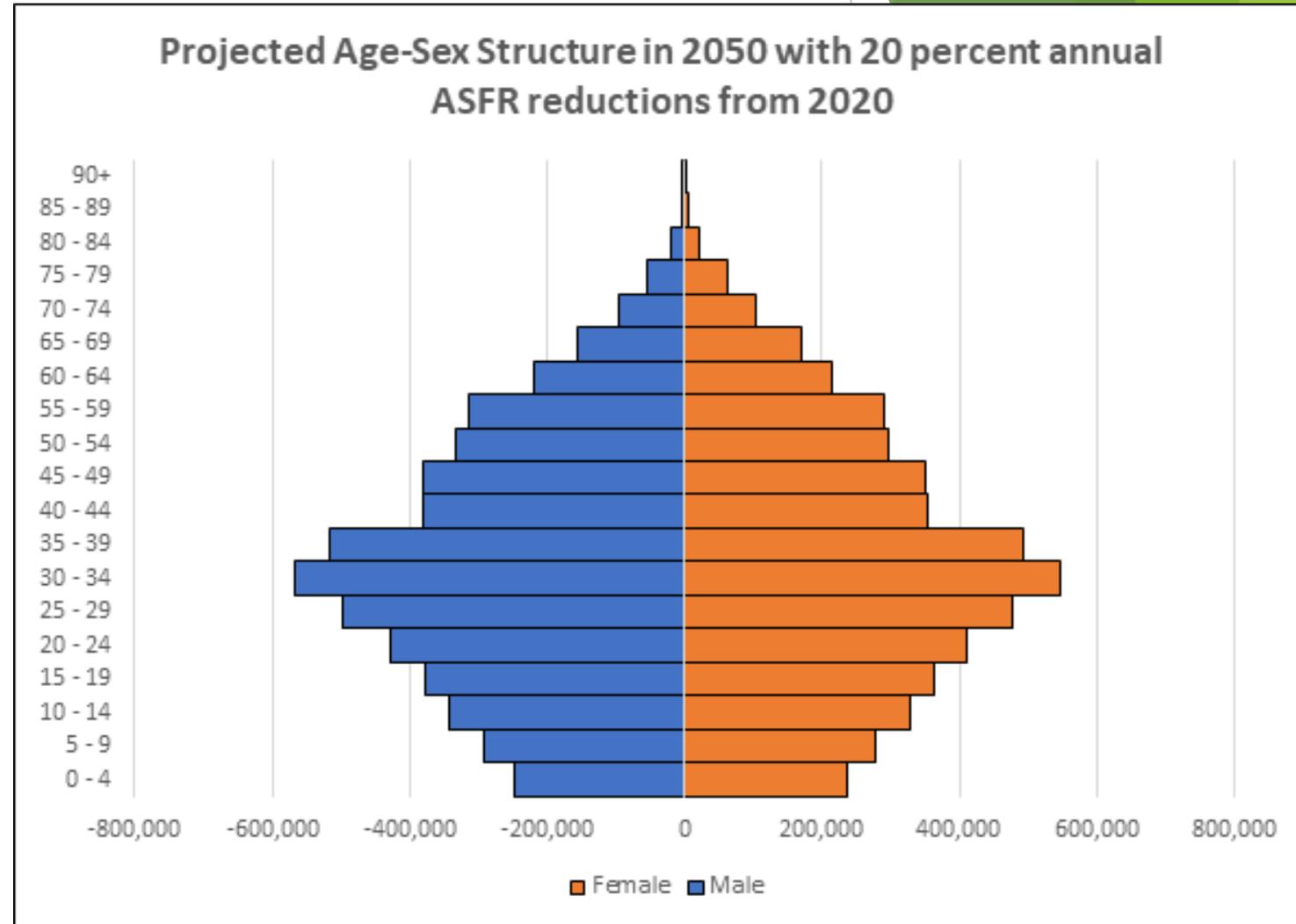
# Demographic scenario: Current Age-Sex Population Structure

- ▶ With the prevailing high population growth rates, a larger segment of the population is below 15 years; the age-sex structure is comprised of a wider population base and narrower top towards the older age groups



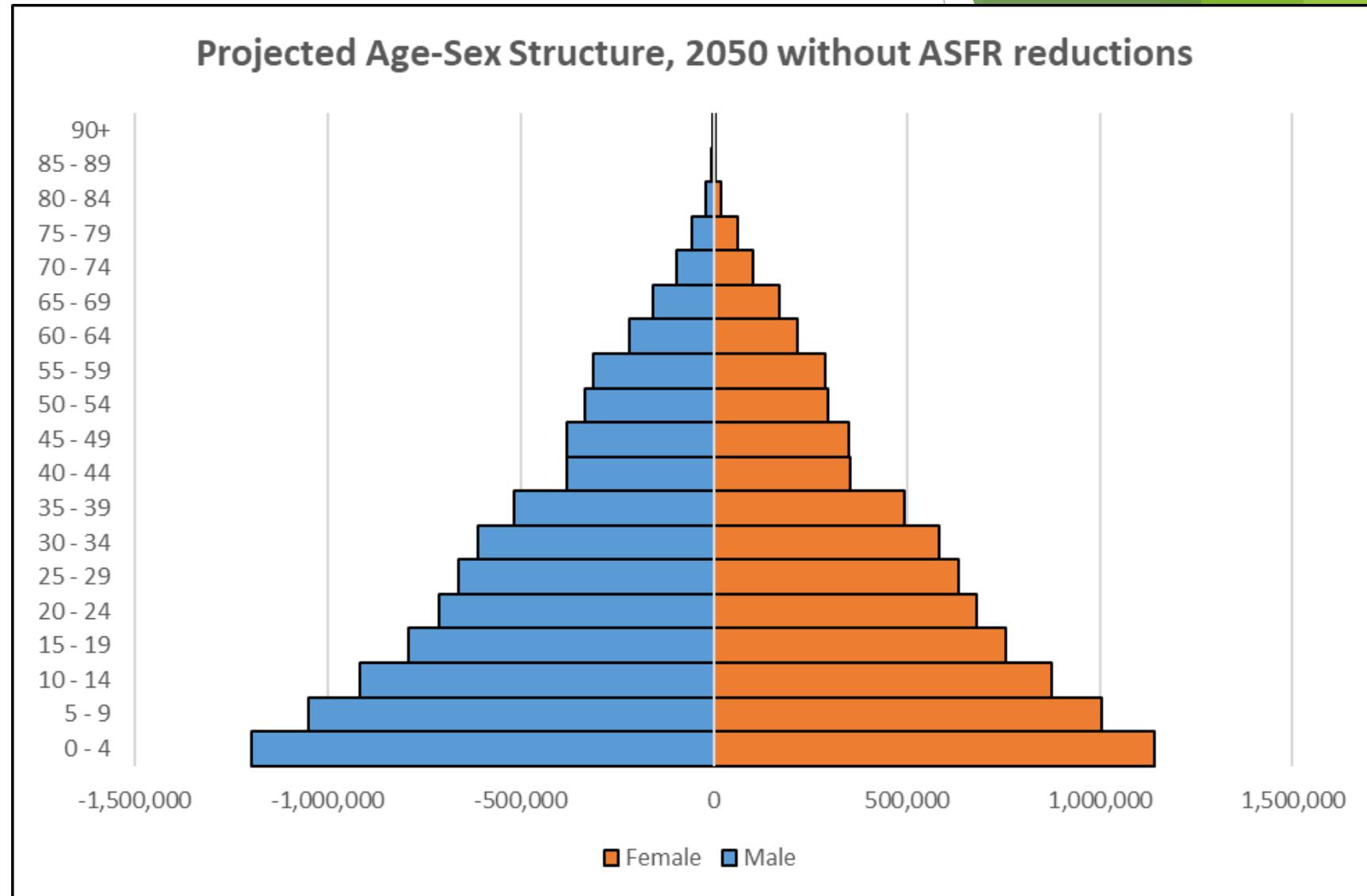
# Demographic scenario: 2050 Projected Age-Sex Population Structure with 20% Total Fertility Rate (TFR) reductions

- ▶ Current TFR: 4.1 children per woman
- ▶ Overtime, TFR should decline, resulting in a smaller base of the population pyramid, whilst the previous high cohort should move into the working ages (15-64 years), with the potential to boost economic productivity and growth (GDP).
- ▶ Lower dependency ratios from a smaller proportion of under 15 years population contributes to savings of government revenue for reinvestment in the economy



# Demographic scenario: 2050 Projected Age-Sex Population Structure without any ASFR reductions

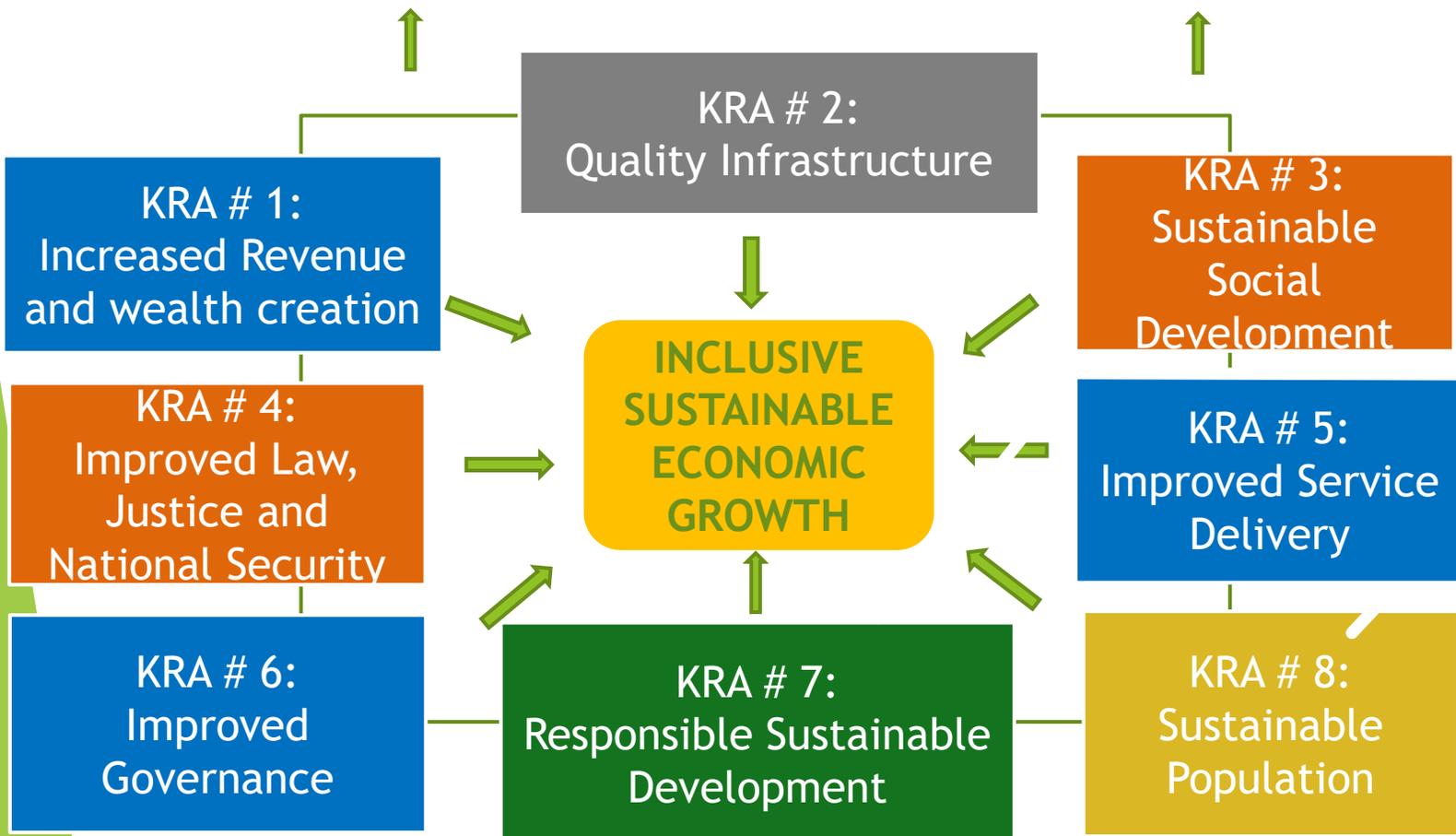
- ▶ However, if the population growth rate is unabated and ASFRs continue at present rates, the age-sex structure would remain the same in 2050, with a broad base (depicting high fertility rates) with more or less the same socio-economic challenges in reference to the size of the population as is today.



# MTDP III Key Results Areas

Increase Revenue    Increase Exports    Reduce Imports    Create Wealth    Deliver Quality Services

*Alotau Accord II Priorities*



*Emphasizes StaRS principles*

*Requires demographic transition via investments in family planning*

# Key Result Area (KRA) 8: Sustainable Population

4. Government to strengthen partnerships with Private sector and NGOs to provide reproductive health education and health care

- ***This is linked to National Population Policy (NPP) Goal # 3, 14, 15 and 16***

5. Provinces and Districts to take ownership of population agenda by coming up with comprehensive promotional and awareness programmes under partnership arrangements with churches and other non-government organizations

- ***This is linked to NPP Goal # 4***

6. To manage population growth by controlling fertility rate through the provision of incentives such as taxation and targeted education scholarships

- ***This is linked to NPP Goal # 12***

# 3. DD with Gender Dimension in relation to the National Population Policy 2015-2024

The Demographic Dividend (DD) concept is part and parcel of the NPP 2015-2024 based on the following:

- i) NPP aims to accelerate the demographic transition to further lower the high birth rates and death rates. This is key to enhancing birth declines and initiating the DD process;
- ii) NPP promotes integrated population and development and includes economic, social and environmental Goals, Objectives, Targets and Strategies. This is part of the national investments to create a high-quality workforce and overall sustainable population;
- iii) NPP aims to guide the national government efforts at the national and provincial levels amongst all stakeholders. The DDGD supports the realization of the long-term economic and social development of the nation.

# Demographic Dividend Project in PNG

## Inception Meeting in June 2019 (Meeting Outputs)

- Action plan developed and next steps discussed to take the project forward in PNG;
- Participants recognized the importance of the project in the implementation of PNG Vision 2050 and formulation of MTDP IV;
- Participants expressed support to the project, recognizing the need for data.

## First National Dialogue Workshop in Nov 2020 (Meeting Outputs)

- National stakeholders understood the concept of DD which is new to PNG;
- Participants recognized the link between the DD and achieving government's population policy, Vision 2050, Alotau Accord, etc. DD offered an entry point to population policies;
- ESCAP Indicator Framework to Assess Progress on Harnessing the Demographic Dividend with a Gender Dimension in Asia and the Pacific (39 DD indicators) used to review the MTDP III and identify overlaps.

# Demographic Dividend Project in PNG

## Second National Dialogue Workshop in Sept 2021 (Meeting Outputs)

- National and provincial planners recognized the relevance of DD with Gender Dimension in the development of national and provincial plans;
- ESCAP Indicator Framework on DD (with 39 indicators) assessed as to their relevance in the PNG context, availability of data, and inclusion in the local plans;
- Led to the inclusion of the DD Chapter in the MTDP IV;
- Paved the way in the conceptualization of the project on National Transfer Accounts/National Time Transfer Accounts;
- Reiterated on the need for a multi-sectoral approach to make this undertaking move forward.

## Third National Dialogue Workshop scheduled on 24 and 27 June 2022 (Expected Outputs)

- DD with Gender Dimension introduced to Provincial planners, data analysts, and M&E Officers in preparation and inclusion in the Provincial MTDP IV
- ESCAP Indicator Framework on DD (with 39 indicators) assessed for possible localized data collection (ward/village level).

# Challenges

Sustained government investments including skilled human resources to health, education, employment and empowerment of young people given competing priorities

Sustained multi-sectoral approach at both the national and sub-national levels given decentralized service delivery

Risks mitigation measures to be in place and monitored such as security and violence

Lack of or limited disaggregated data on young people especially for those groups left furthest behind which has to be collected, generated, analysed, disseminated and institutionalized

# Way Forward

i) Inclusion of DD Chapter in the MTDP IV that would focus on harnessing the DD to meet the GoPNG objective of building quality Human Capital for PNG

ii) Inclusion of strategies in the national and provincial plans towards the achievement of DD

iii) Development of National Transfer Accounts/ National Time Transfer Accounts for PNG

iv) Updating and monitoring of the ESCAP Indicator Framework on DD (with 39 indicators)

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Thank you 😊

Any Questions?

