What role for ICTs in the region's future society?

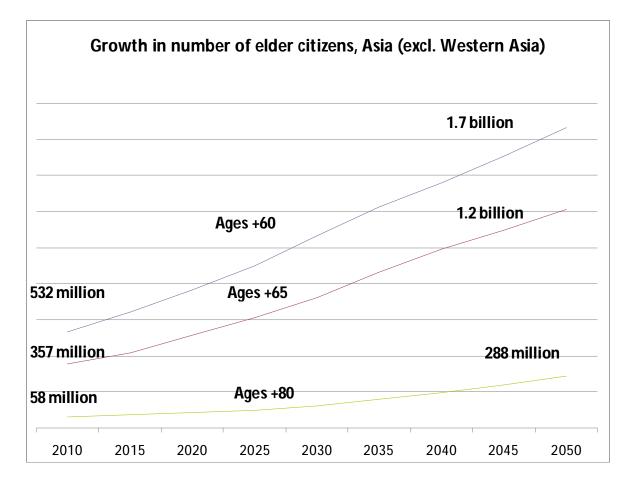
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Poverty

- Rising prosperity: increase in real per capita GDP from US\$ 1,795 to US\$ 2,718 between 1990 and 2009
- Region still has 947 million people living in absolute poverty, of which about 20% are disabled (10% for general population) and 98% of disabled poor children do not attend school
- Poor girls and women with disabilities experience triple discrimination

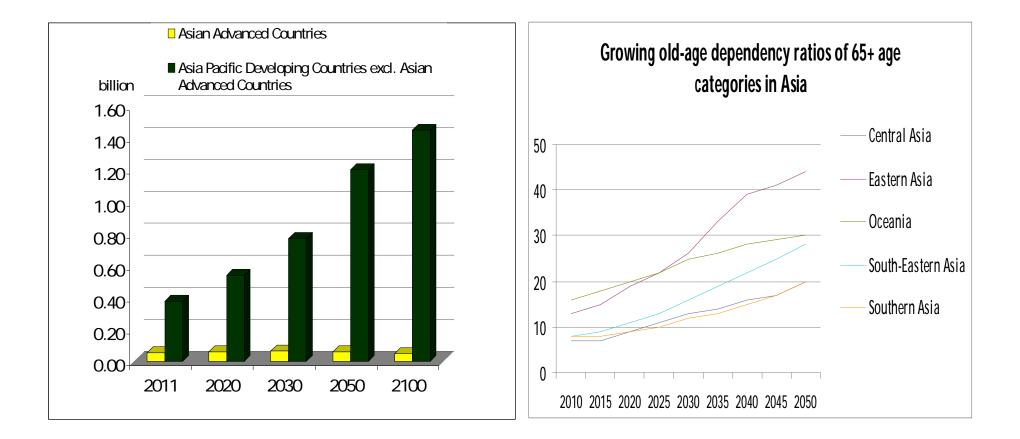
The region's ageing society



- Demographic shifts will entail significant ageing
- Much older population, 400% increase in very old (+80)

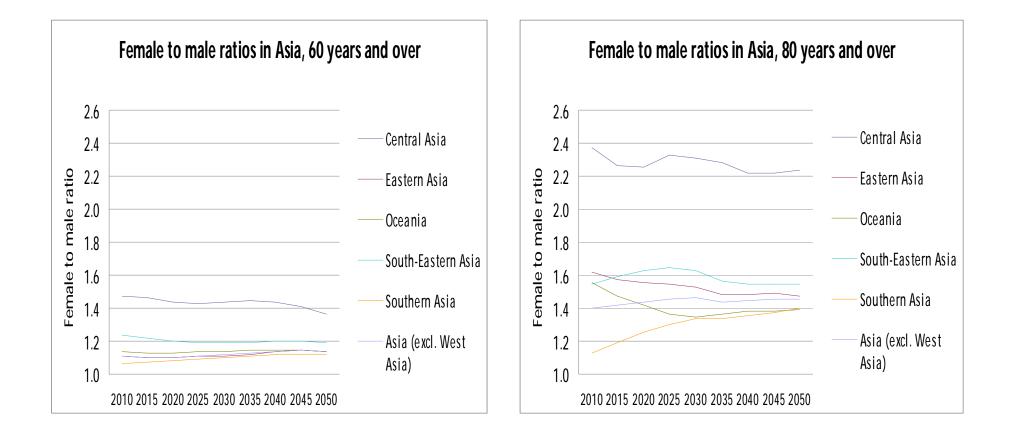
Source: ESCAP, based on UNDESA population statistics, 2010 projections

....with increases all in developing countries



Source: United Nations, DESA, Population Division (2011). World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision

...and feminization of the ageing society



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Future challenges

- Non-communicable diseases (NCDs): increase with life expectancy worldwide, particularly in developing countries, from 20 to 70 million deaths per annum in Asia
- Dementia projected to increase five fold
- Pressure on public finances exacerbated by
 - lack of age-friendly, barrier-free environments
 - declining youth and working populations results in reduced capacity of families as primary caregivers
 - limited geriatric care services
 - lack of social protection coverage: 4.78% of GDP (Asia) as compared to 20.5% (OECD)
- Mobility and autonomy losses
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