



UCL BEYOND BOUNDARIES CONFERENCE

Positive partnerships: assistive
technologies session

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Strategy 2030: Operational Priorities



Finance



Knowledge



Partnerships

Strategy 2030: Partnerships



“ADB will actively develop and nurture knowledge partnerships with bilateral & multilateral partners, think tanks, universities, CSOs, foundations, and the private sector”




“Such partnerships will provide platforms for testing ideas, sourcing different ways of thinking about critical development issues, and jointly developing and sharing knowledge content”


Partnerships in Action

● Implementation / Technical Support 

● Knowledge Sharing 

● Capacity Building 

● Research 

● Innovation and Pilots 

● Institutional reforms/Policy Dialogues 

● Formation of capital/assets 

Partnerships are needed at



Global level



Regional level



Local level

Trends and Challenges

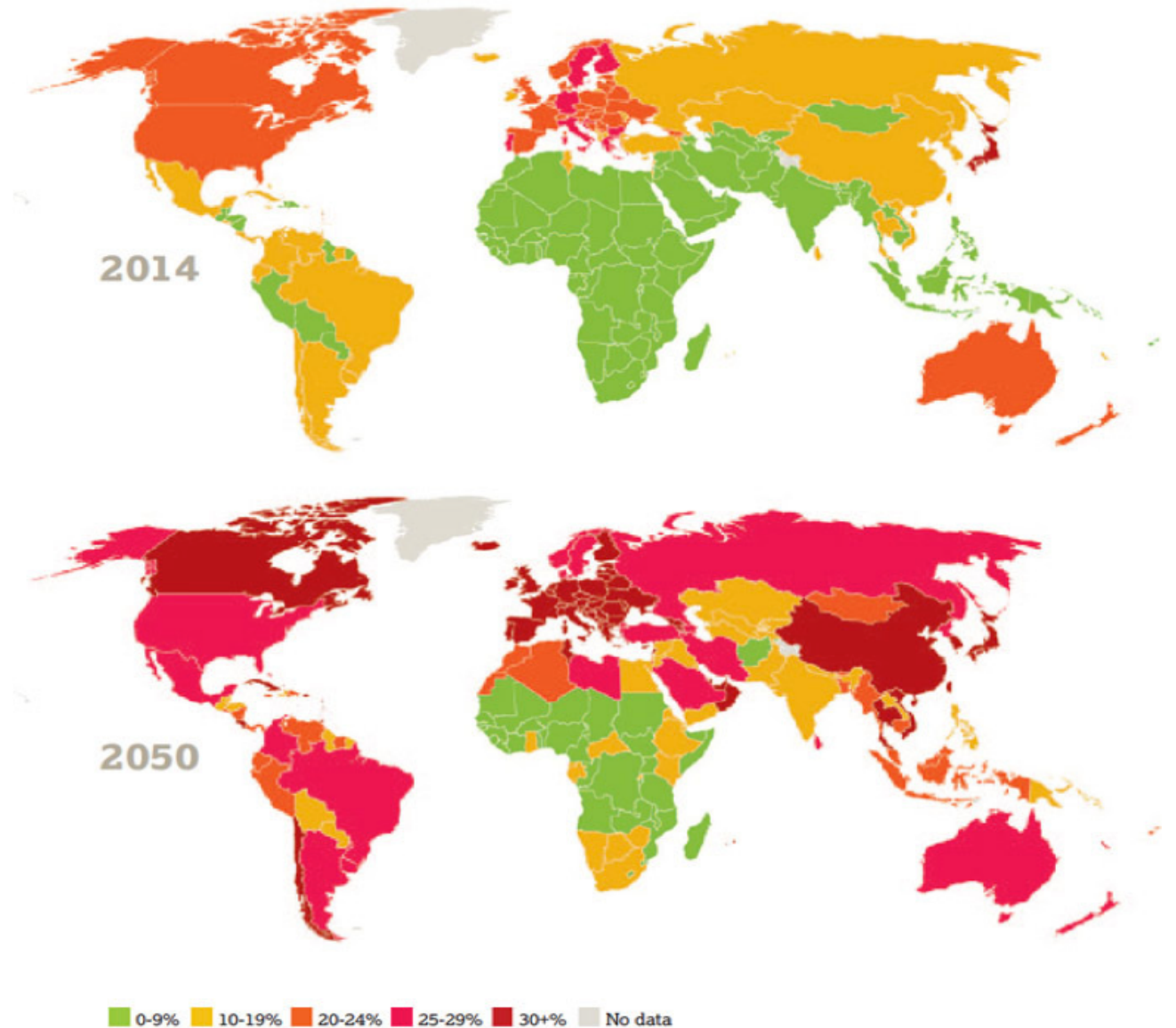


Trends and Challenges	Covid-19
Remaining poverty and inequality: 264 million people still live below the \$1.90 per day poverty line, and around 1.1 billion live on less than \$3.20 per day	Could push 70-100m into extreme poverty (WB) Could generate 176 million additional poor at \$3.20 and 177 million additional poor at \$5.50 in lower and upper middle income countries
Demographic transition: Asia and the Pacific is both the youngest and the fastest-aging region of the world.	Youth unemployment critical issue going forward “covid-generation” Covid-19 health impacts on older persons, loss of livelihoods
Disability: About 70% of the global population of people with disabilities (690 million persons) live in Asia and the Pacific	Disruptions and limited access to health and education services, impacts on livelihood opportunities
Migration and labor mobility: urbanization, regional and global migration, remittances	Impacts on remittances, access to care and other services for migrants, longer term employment
Rapid changes in technology	Coverage, affordability and accessibility
Informality and vulnerability	Lack of broad based and comprehensive social protection; “missing middle” of informal sector and migrants for coverage

Key Issues in the Leave No One Behind Agenda: Disability and Aging

- **Major social and development challenges for Asia and the Pacific: S2030**
- Approximately 70% of the global population of people with disabilities (690 million) live in the Asia and the Pacific region
- From 2015-2015 global population 60+ expected to go from just under 1 bill to just over 2 bill. 65% of that will take place in Asia
- **Next 15 years is critical time to adapt**
- **Policy development is happening quickly**, but strategic planning and clear ideas on how best to adapt are lagging. Cuts across all sectors.
- **Demand for AT is gaining momentum as a key issue**

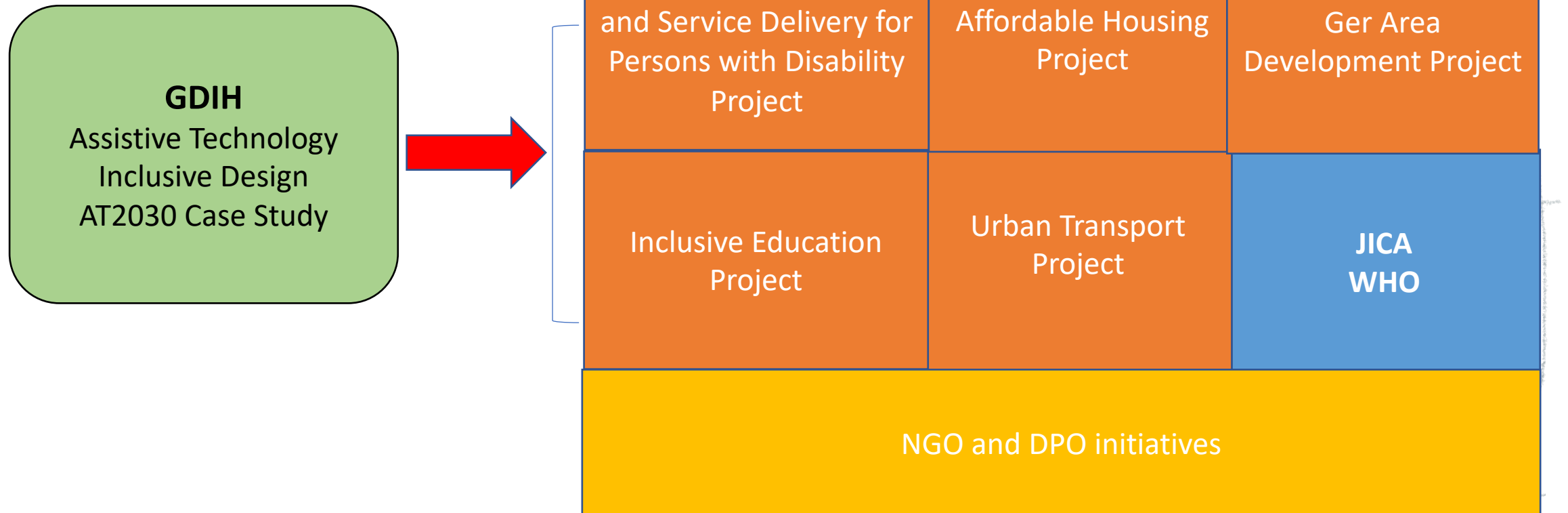
Proportion of population aged 60 or over in 2014 and 2050



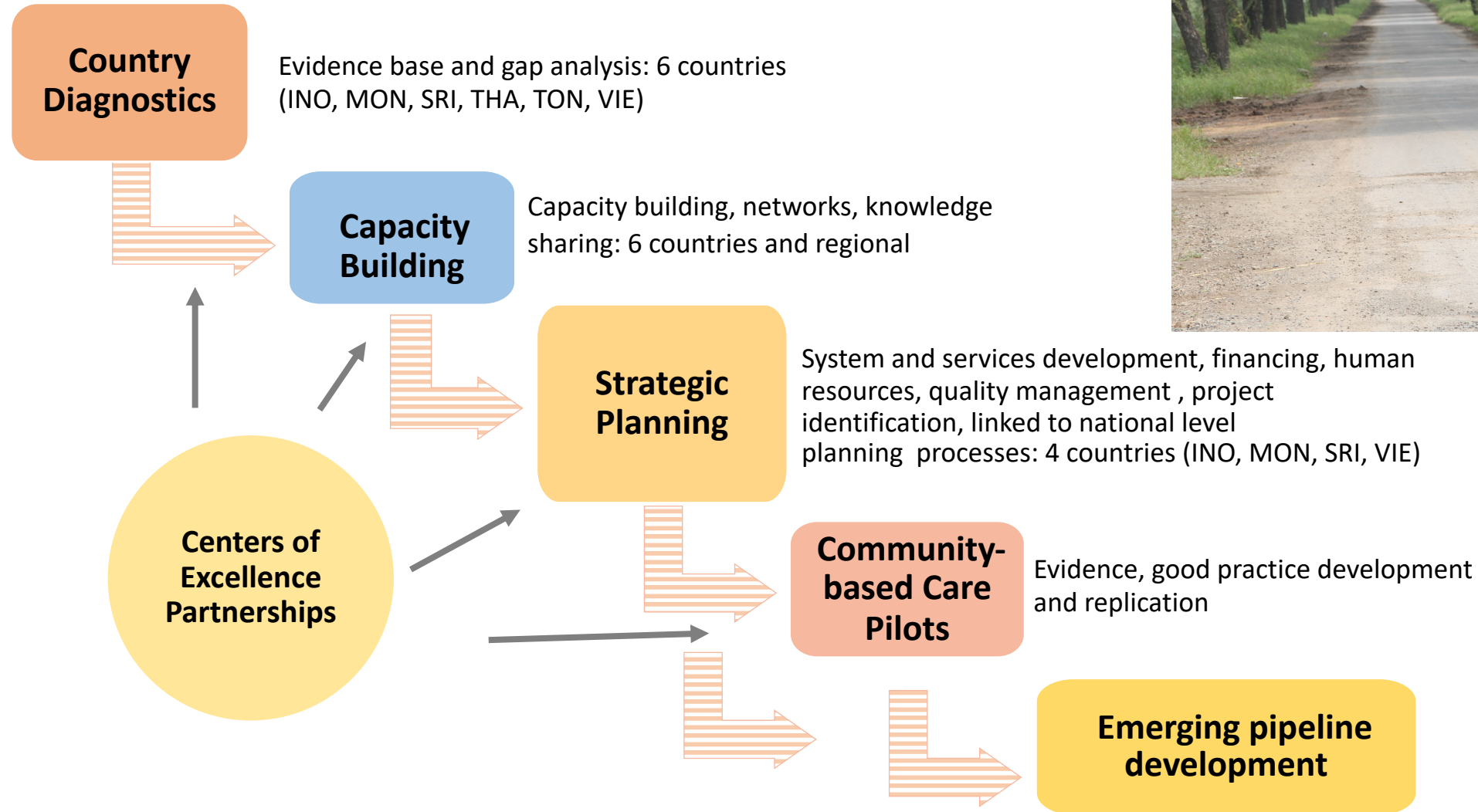
Source: UNDESA Population Division, *World population prospects: the 2012 revision*, DVD edition, 2013

Note: The boundaries shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations

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Aging and Care: Technical Assistance and Partnerships



Creating an Ecosystem of Partnerships

Tsao Foundation

- Center of Excellence on community care models
- Capacity Building
- Piloting
- Evaluation

GDIH

- Assistive Technology
- Inclusive Design
- Capacity Building
- Technical Assistance
- Tools

University Network

- Developing the evidence base for policy makers
- Developing new methods and tools for rapid assessment
- Centers of Excellence

Advocacy

- GLAD
- HelpAge
- CBM Australia
- DPO Networks

Conclusion: What works/what challenges

- Partnerships have a lifecycle
- They need to be nourished and managed
- Champions are important
- Partnerships don't need to last forever
- They require TRUST and it takes time to develop
- Identifying potential partners and looking for innovators is hard work
- Getting on the same page, aligning priorities, assessing capacity and clarifying roles are essential steps
- Flexibility and Focus are key
- Effective partnership management is required
- Networking across partnerships can help magnify and drive change