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Overview of the situation of persons in vulnerable situations in North and Central Asia – some examples

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Megatrends shaping our world today (according to the UN Economist Network)

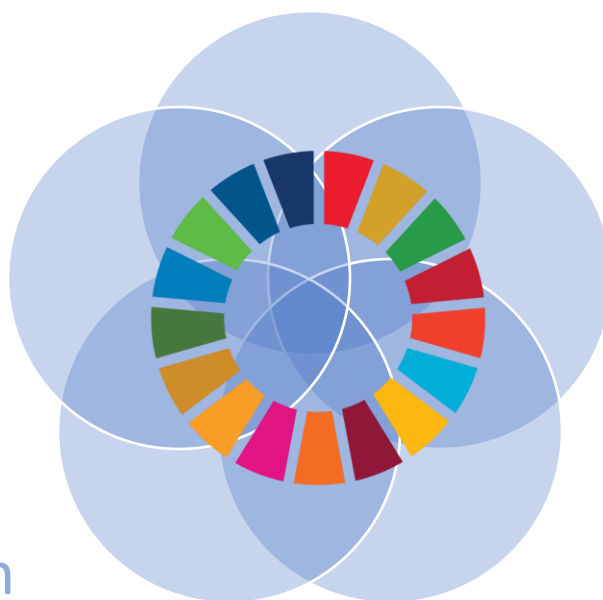
Emerging and frontier technologies

Demographic Trends

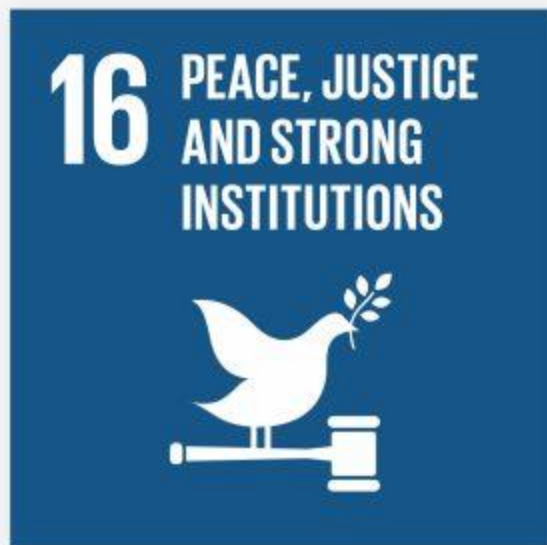
Urbanization

Climate change and
environmental degradation

Inequalities



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Trafficking in persons

Decision-making

Legal identity and birth registration/data

Digital innovations

Stakeholder engagement

Older persons

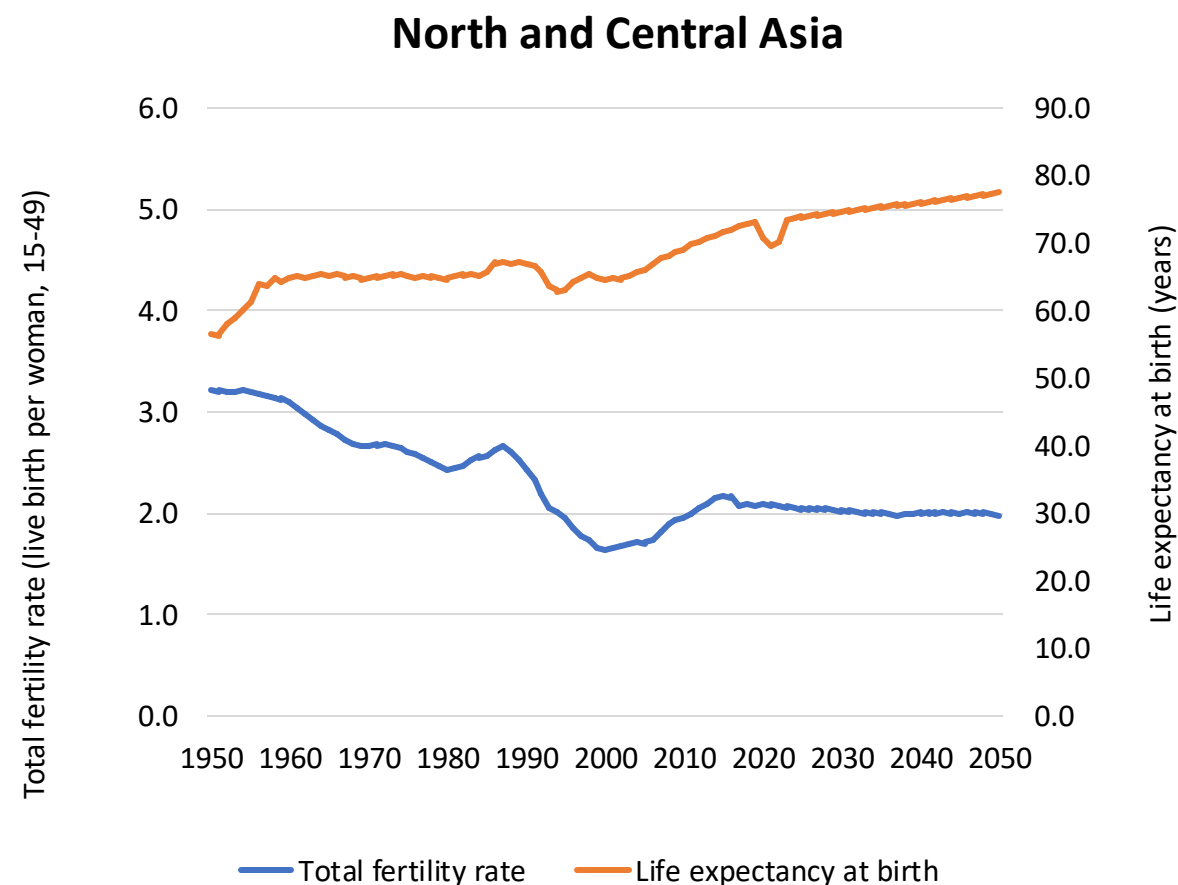
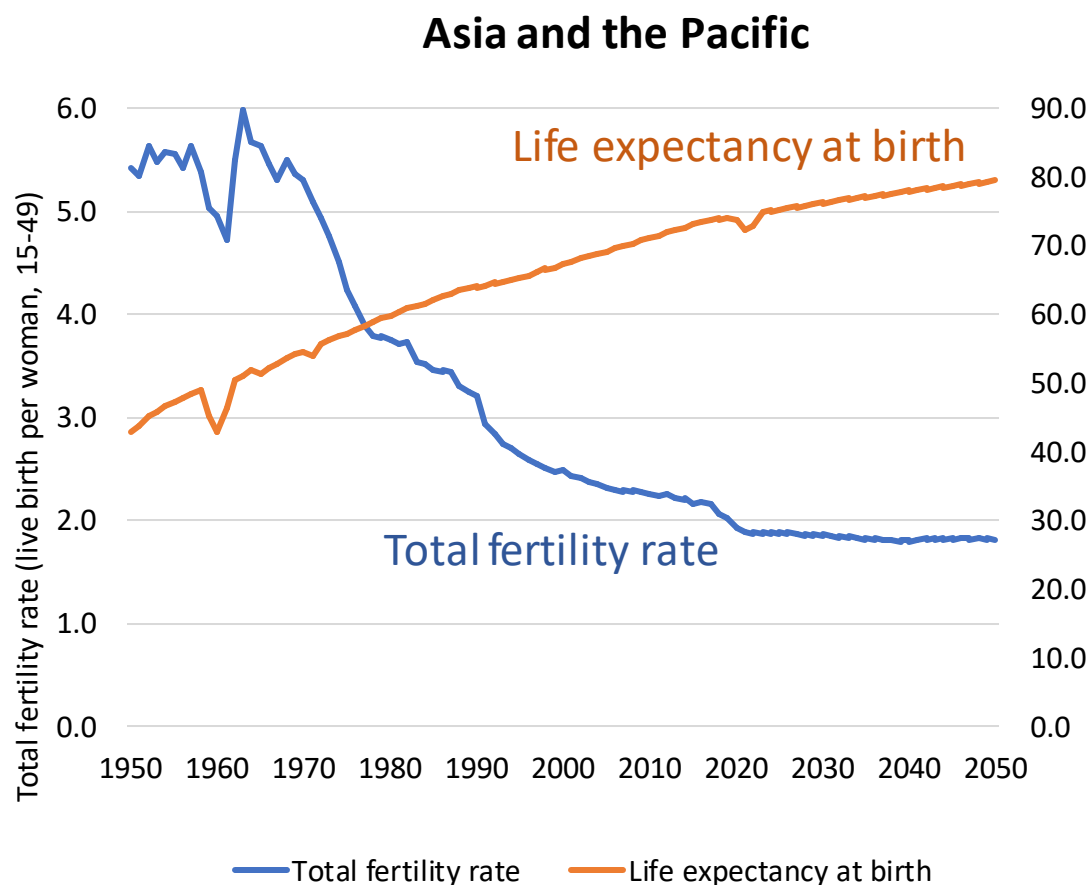


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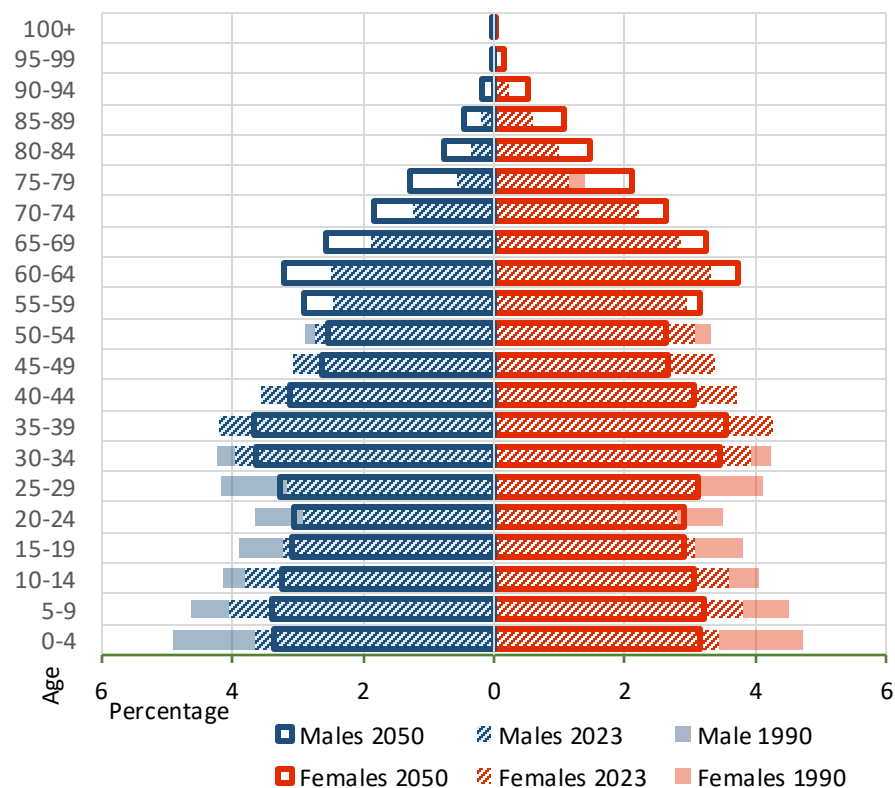
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Fertility rates and life expectancy, Asia and the Pacific and NCA, 1950-2050

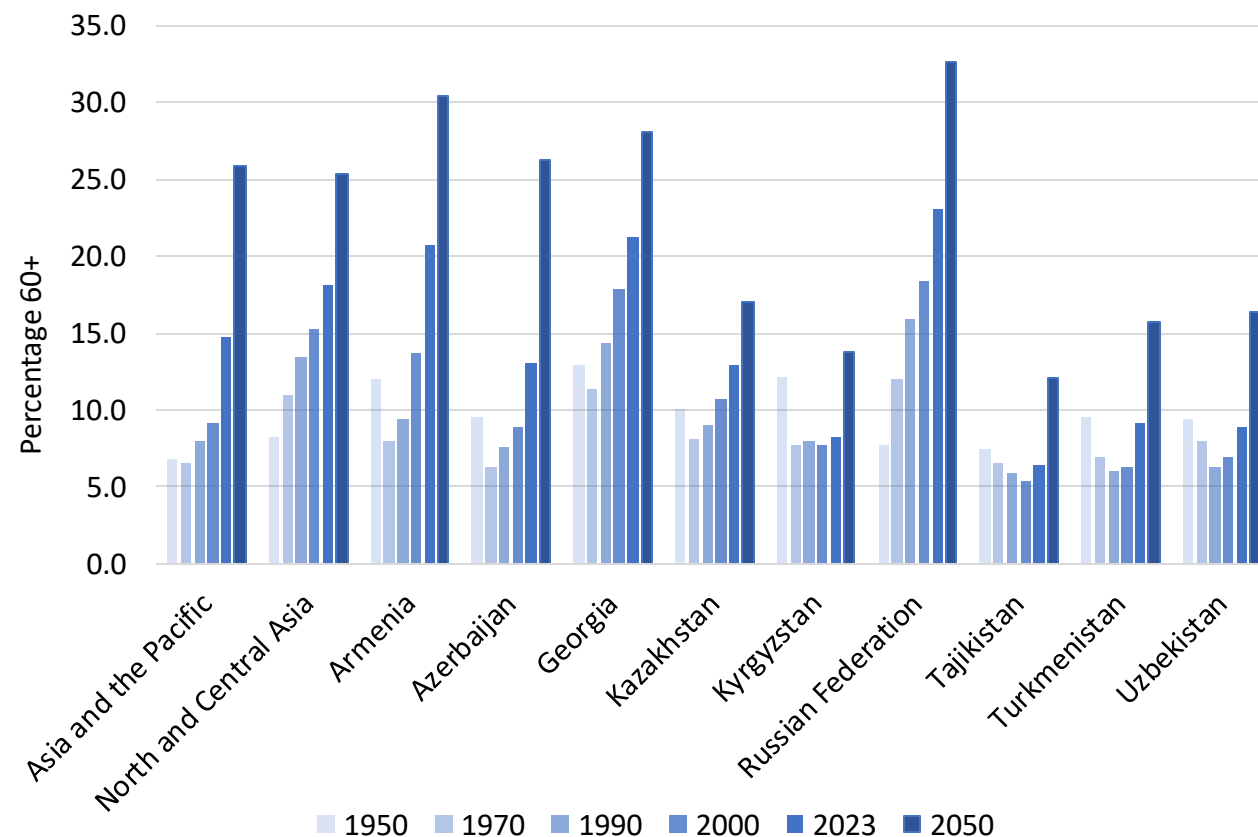


Changes in the population age structure, NCA, 1950-2050

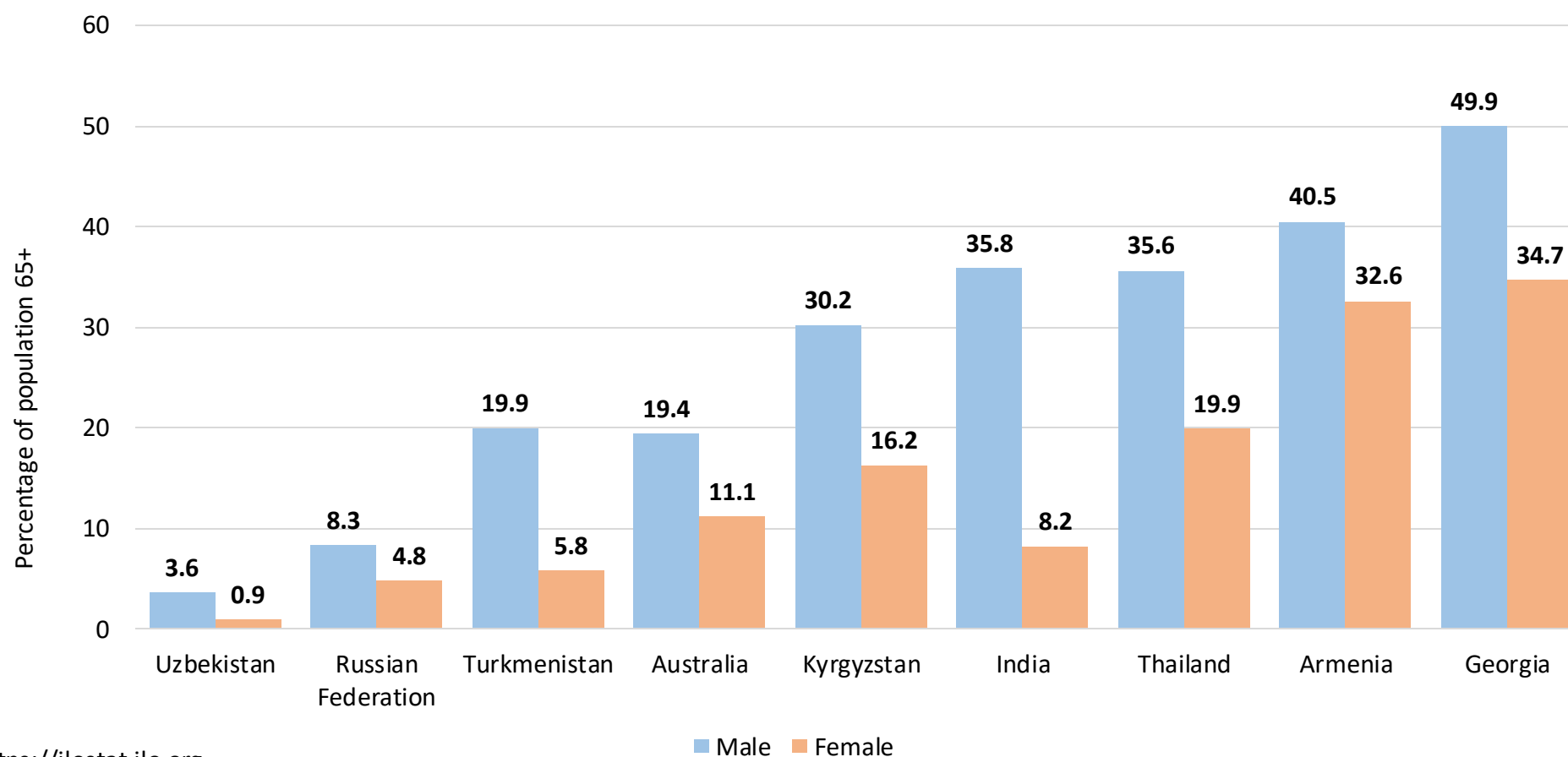
Population pyramid, NCA, 1990, 2023, 2050



Growth in the population 60+, 1950, 1970, 1990, 2000, 2023, 2050

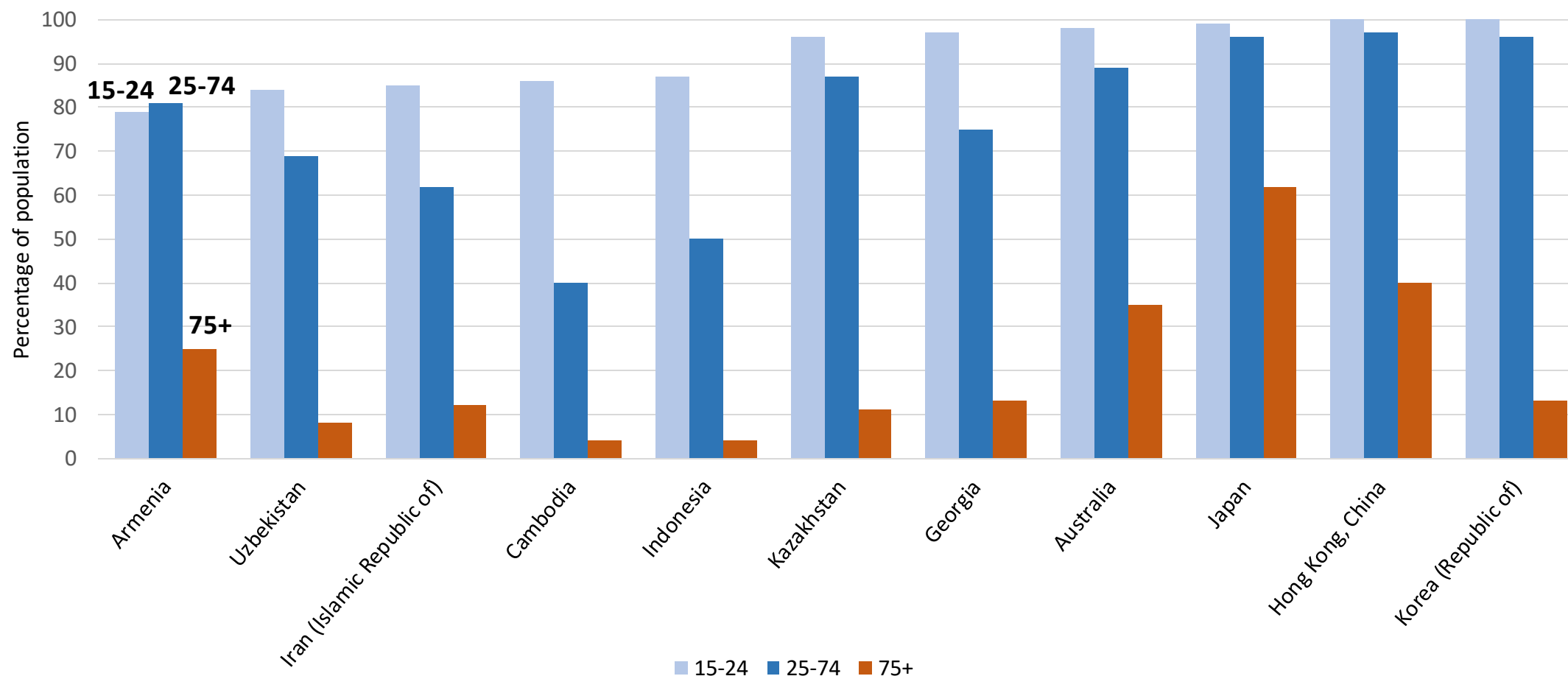


Labour force participation, 65+, by gender, selected countries (latest available data)



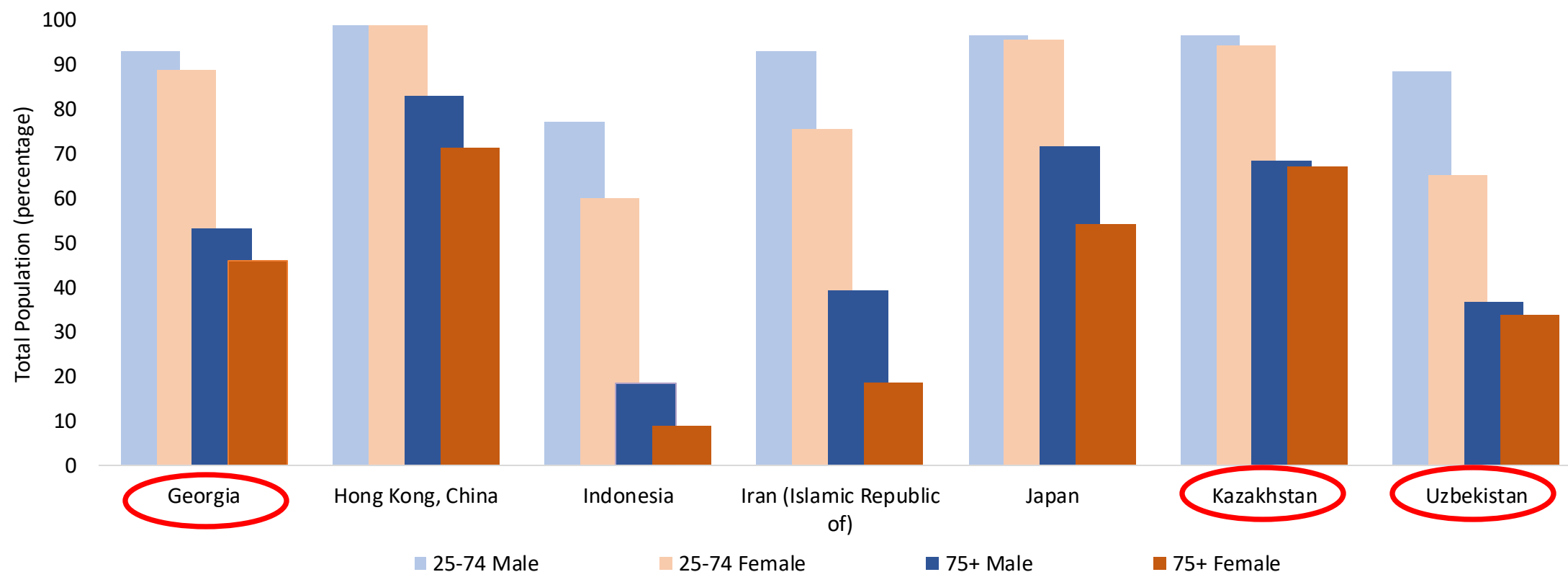
Source ILO 2023, <https://ilostat.ilo.org>

Internet access by age group, selected countries, 2020 (or latest available year)



Source: ITU 2022. Digital Development Dashboard, <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Dashboards/Pages/Digital-Development.aspx> (accessed 11 August 2022)

Mobile phone ownership by age and gender (latest available year)



Outcome: 4th Asia-Pacific Review and Appraisal of MIPAA (2022)



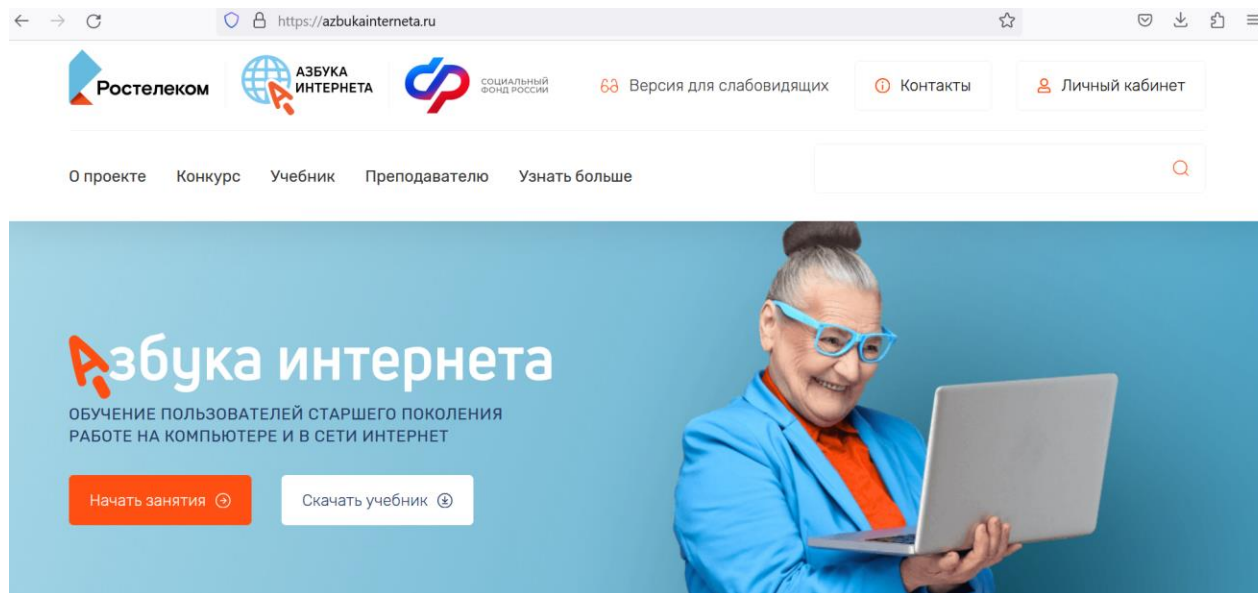
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- (f) **Optimize and invest in the use of digital technologies** and innovative means and mechanisms to address the various challenges and opportunities of population ageing;
- (k) ... unhindered, timely, fair and equitable **access to safe diagnostics, therapeutics, medicines, vaccines and essential health technologies** and their components, as well as health equipment;
- (r) To promote **literacy, numeracy and technological skills**, as well as **training and retraining**, for older persons and the ageing work force, in particular as many societies transition from ageing to aged societies, and to ensure that the benefits of new technologies, **especially information and communications technologies**, are available to all, including older women and older persons with disabilities, and that the right to privacy is respected;
- (w) To encourage the **harnessing of scientific research and expertise through the realization of technology**, and to build the evidence base by promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships for multidisciplinary and intergenerational research on ageing;
- (y) To promote skills and competencies development and continuous training of health and social care workers in geriatric skills and of home-based caregivers of older persons on skills on caregiving and gerontological skills, supporting/investing innovations and **advanced technologies to obtain and maintain the highest standard of services and care for older persons**;

Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of older persons

The Internet ABC – Russian Federation



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website <https://azbukainterneta.ru>. The page features a navigation bar with logos for Ростелеком, АЗБУКА ИНТЕРНЕТА, and СОЦИАЛЬНЫЙ ФОНД РОССИИ. It also includes a version indicator for visually impaired users, a 'Контакты' (Contacts) button, and a 'Личный кабинет' (Personal account) button. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a menu with links: 'О проекте', 'Конкурс', 'Учебник', 'Преподавателю', and 'Узнать больше'. The main content area has a blue background with the title 'Азбука интернета' and the subtitle 'ОБУЧЕНИЕ ПОЛЬЗОВАТЕЛЕЙ СТАРШЕГО ПОКОЛЕНИЯ РАБОТЕ НА КОМПЬЮТЕРЕ И В СЕТИ ИНТЕРНЕТ'. Two buttons are visible: 'Начать занятия' (Start lessons) and 'Скачать учебник' (Download manual). A photograph of an elderly woman with glasses using a laptop is positioned on the right side of the main content area.

International migration - labour migration and human trafficking



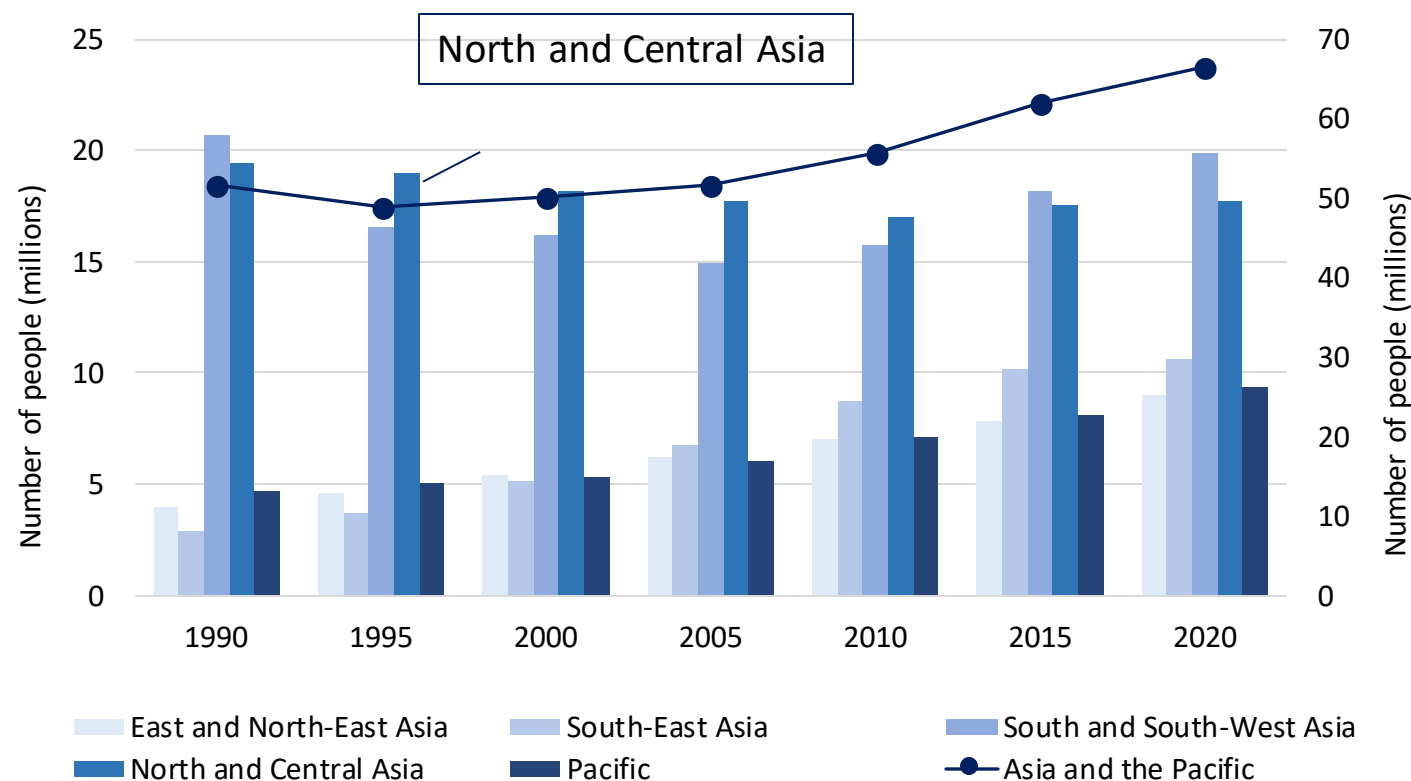
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© Alexander Parkyn-Smith, Uzbek migrant farm worker in Kazakhstan

Immigrants (migrant stock) in Asia and the Pacific + offences in trafficking in persons in selected NCA countries

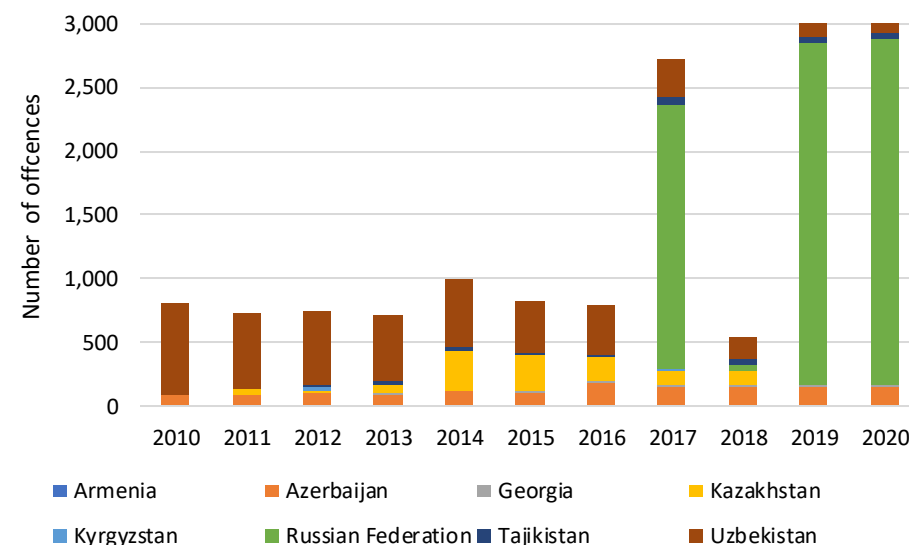
Migrant stock, NCA, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2020). International Migrant Stock 2020.

Number of offences in trafficking in persons in selected countries in NCA, 2010-2020

(data are not available for all countries for all years)

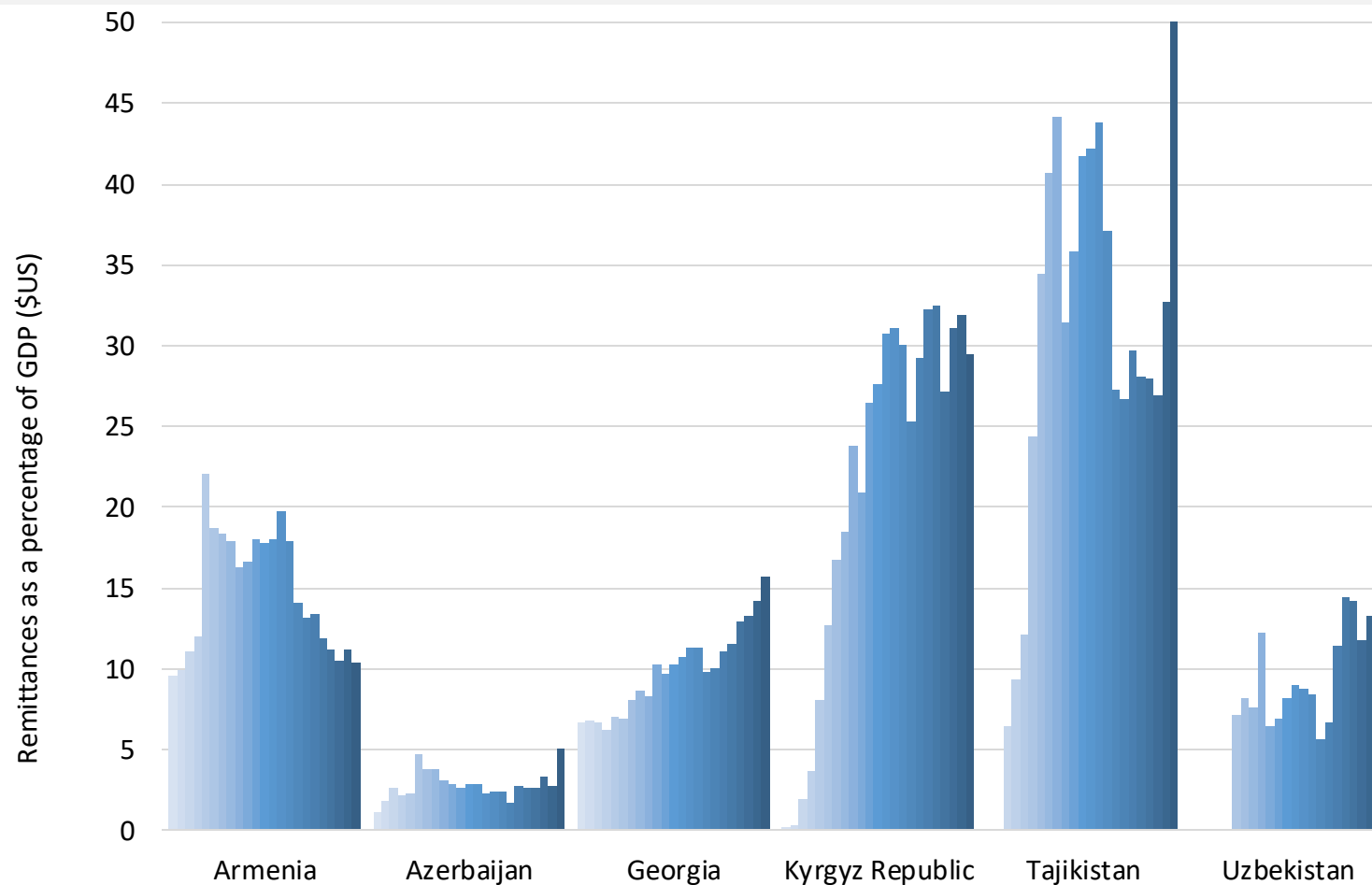


Source: UNODC (2022), UNODC Research - Data Portal – Trafficking in Persons. <https://dataunodc.un.org/dp-trafficking-persons>; accessed 25 October 2023

Personal remittances as a percentage of GDP in NCA, 2000-2022



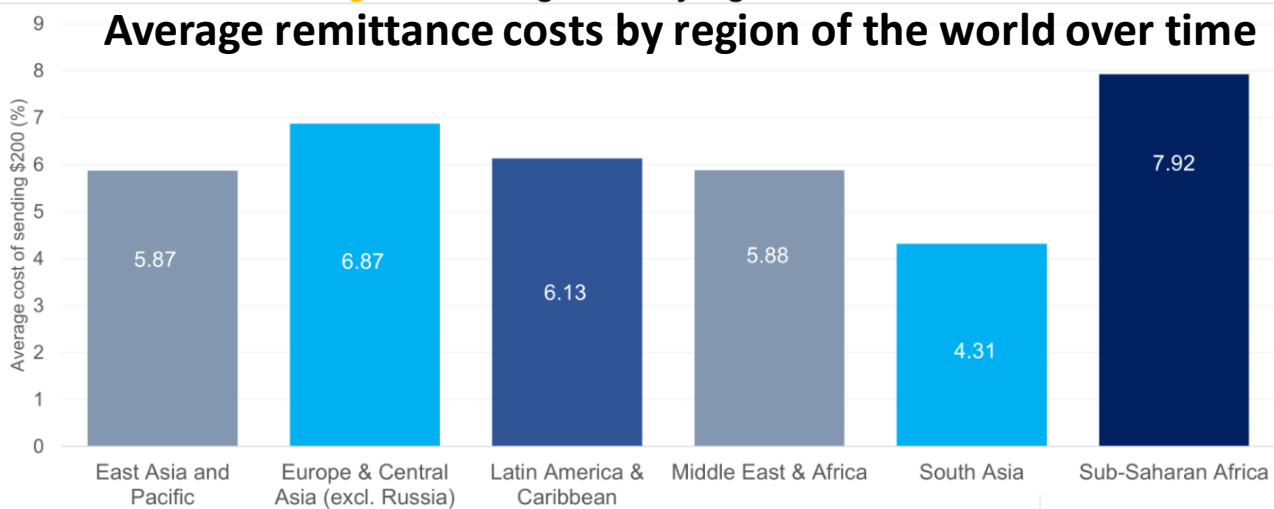
Marcel Crozet / ILO; Tajik migrant agricultural worker in Podolsky district, Moscow region



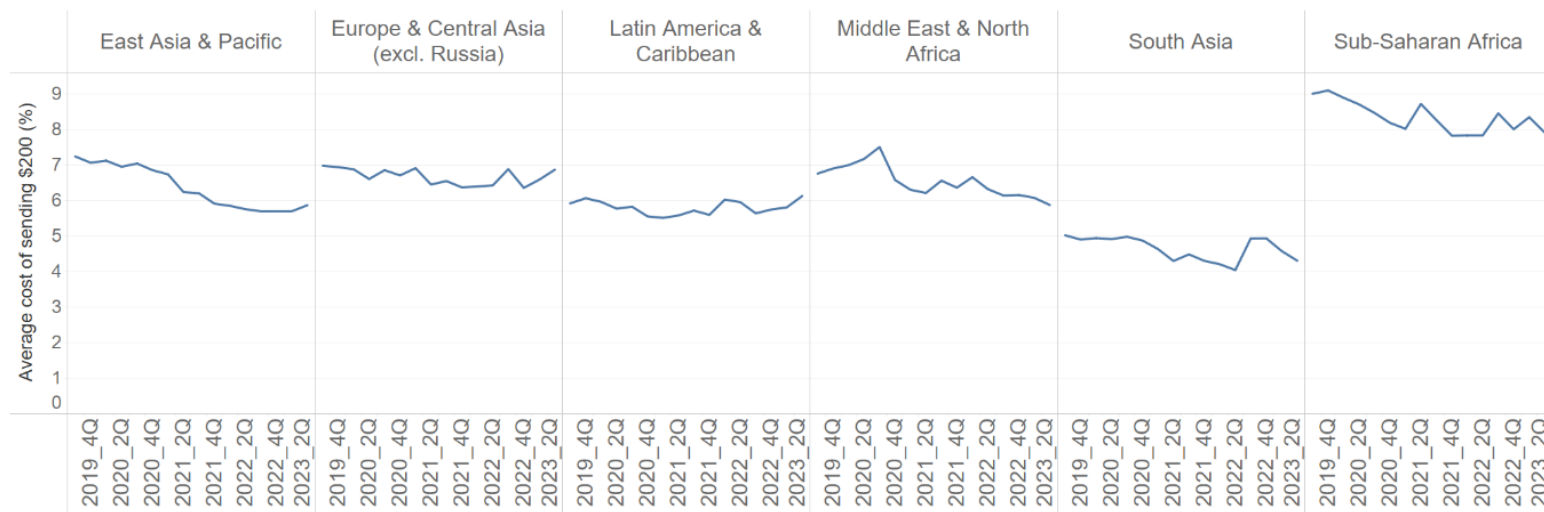
Source: World Bank, 2023, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/BX.TRF.PWKR.DT.GD.ZS>

Remittance costs globally, 2019-2023

Average remittance costs by region of the world over time



Average remittance costs by region of the world



Source: World Bank, Remittance Prices Worldwide, June 2023, available at <http://remittanceprices.worldbank.org>

Outcome: Asia-Pacific Regional Review of GCM (2021)

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48. ... and the use of **information and technology** in Turkmenistan to discover cases of **human trafficking** and fight various crime groups in cyberspace.

55. The panel stressed the importance of **financial inclusion of migrants** as well as the **digitization of remittances** ... Digitization of remittances could not only facilitate sending of remittances, including during shutdowns, and save remittance costs, for women migrant workers it could also enhance their personal safety.

63. Representatives of countries of destination shared examples of facilitating civil registration and birth registration ... including through **digitization and easy-to-understand information and** facilitating visa arrangements and establishing immigration services centres.

68. ... Examples of pre-departure orientation and training of migrants were shared as well as reintegration policies that supported returning nationals through reorientation, skill training and financing, including facilitating **digital remittances**.

79. ... A call was made for comprehensive partnerships in countries of origin and destination between Governments, migrant organizations, lawyers and civil society to provide **comprehensive information to migrants, including through the use of digital technology**



David Snyder/UN Women; Older persons residing in the village of Bokonbaevo, Kyrgyzstan

Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of migrants

Digital remittances

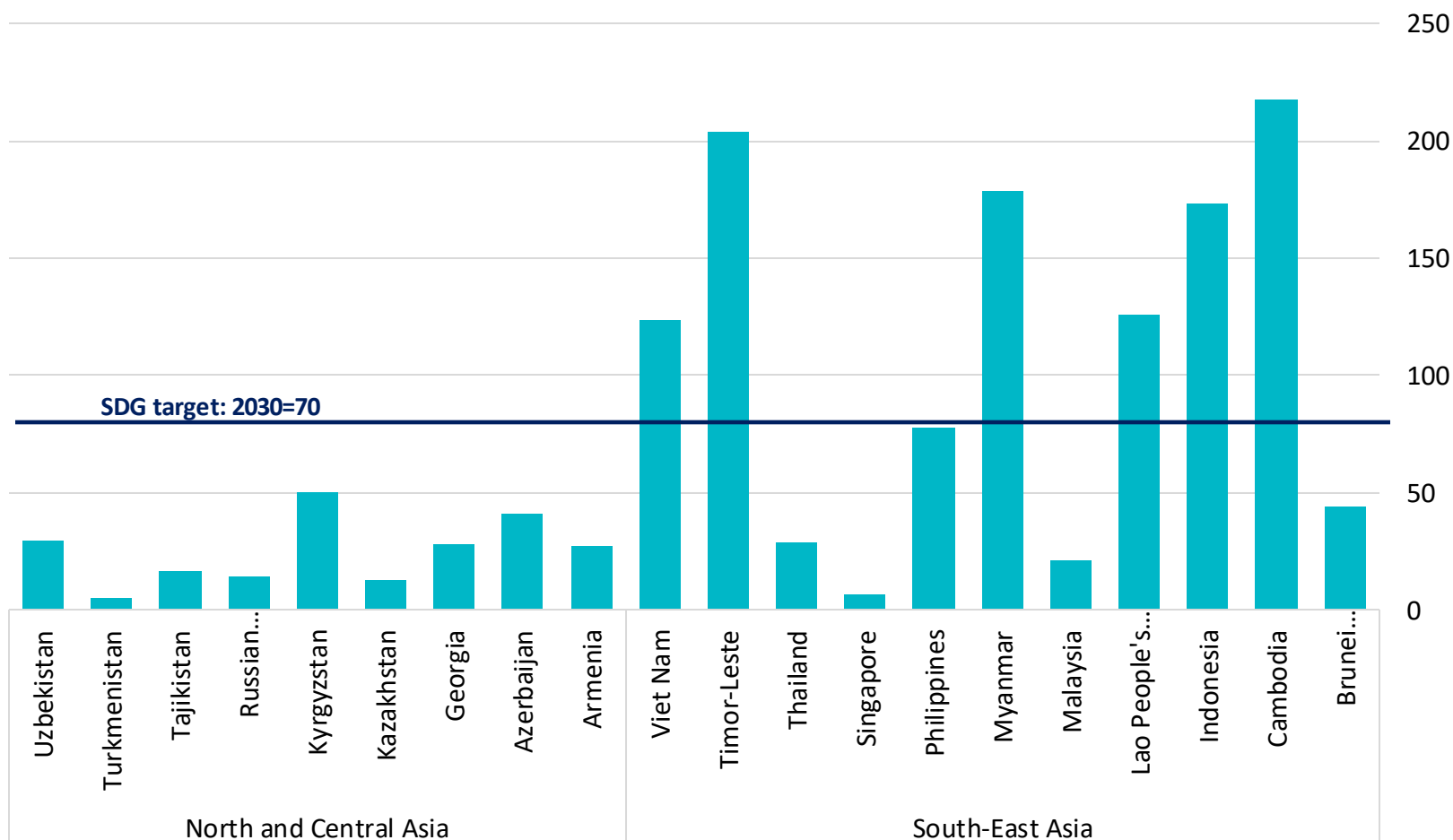


Women and girls



© Jaqueline Macou, woman at village market in Kyrgyzstan

Maternal mortality, deaths per 100,000 live births, selected countries in Asia and the Pacific, 2020



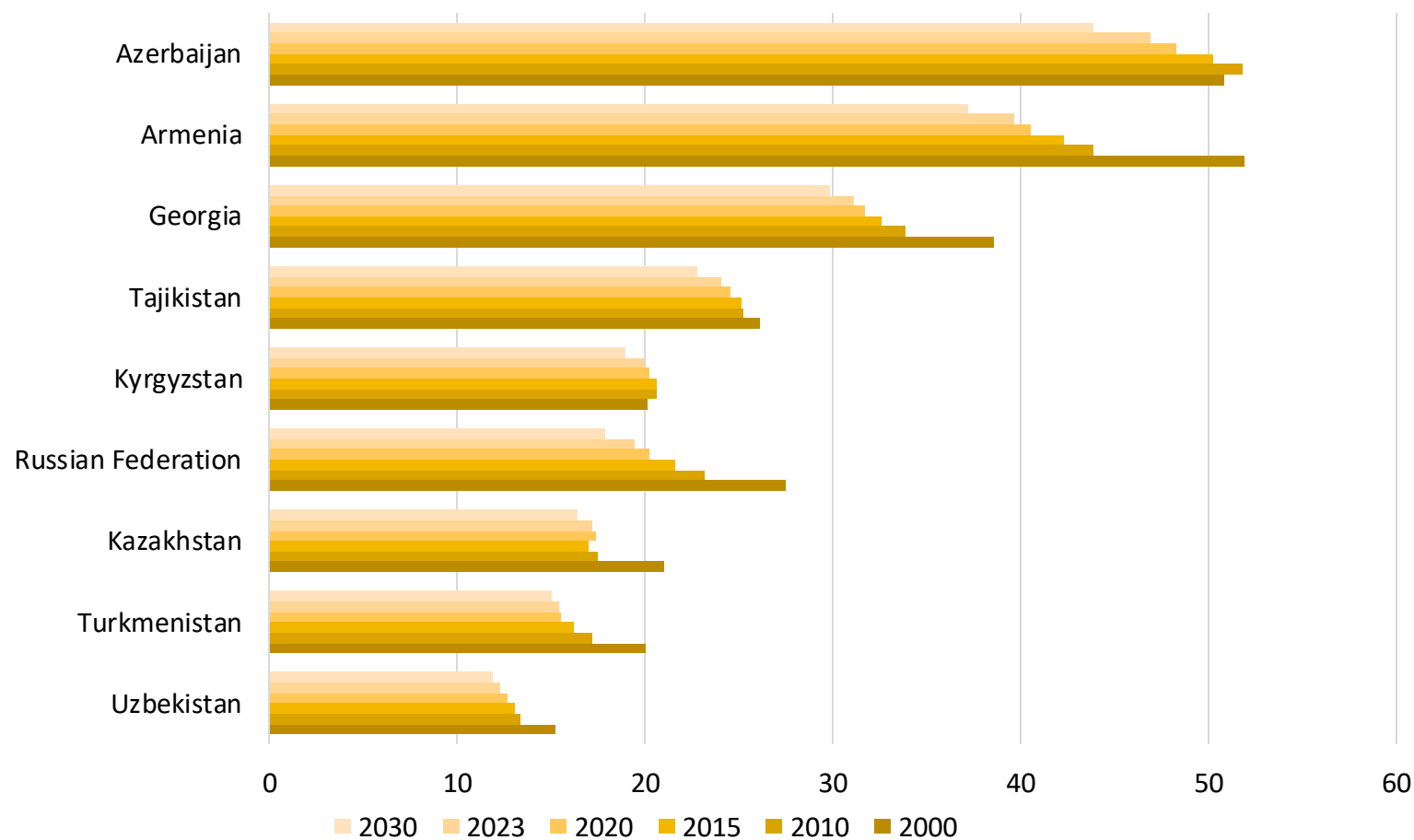
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Source: ESCAP Statistical Database, accessed on 6 May 2023; World Health Organization, Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020.

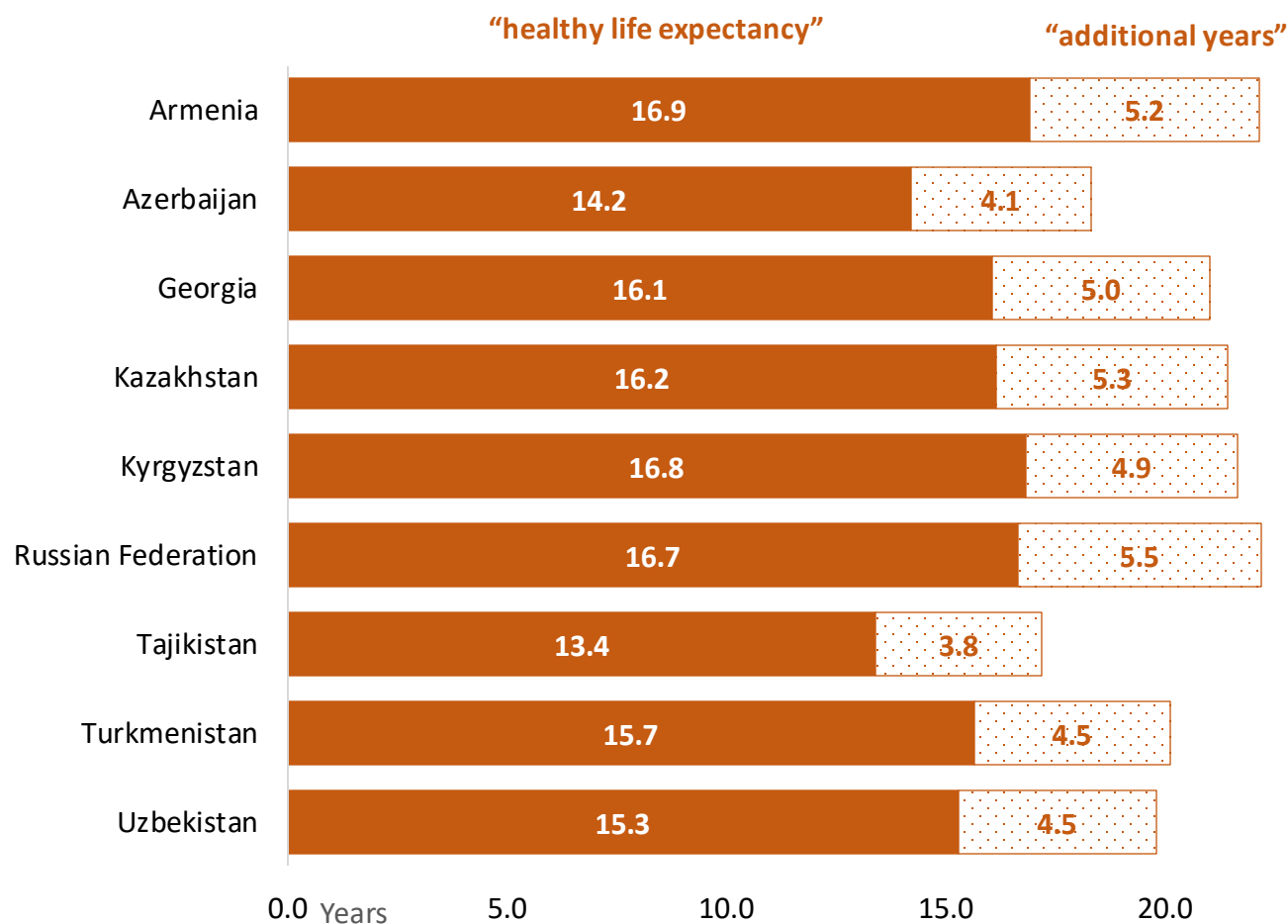
Unmet need for family planning with modern methods, selected countries in NCA, 2000-2030

Percentage of women of reproductive age, either married or in a union, who have an unmet need for family planning for modern methods



Source: Population Division,
<https://population.un.org/dataportal/home>

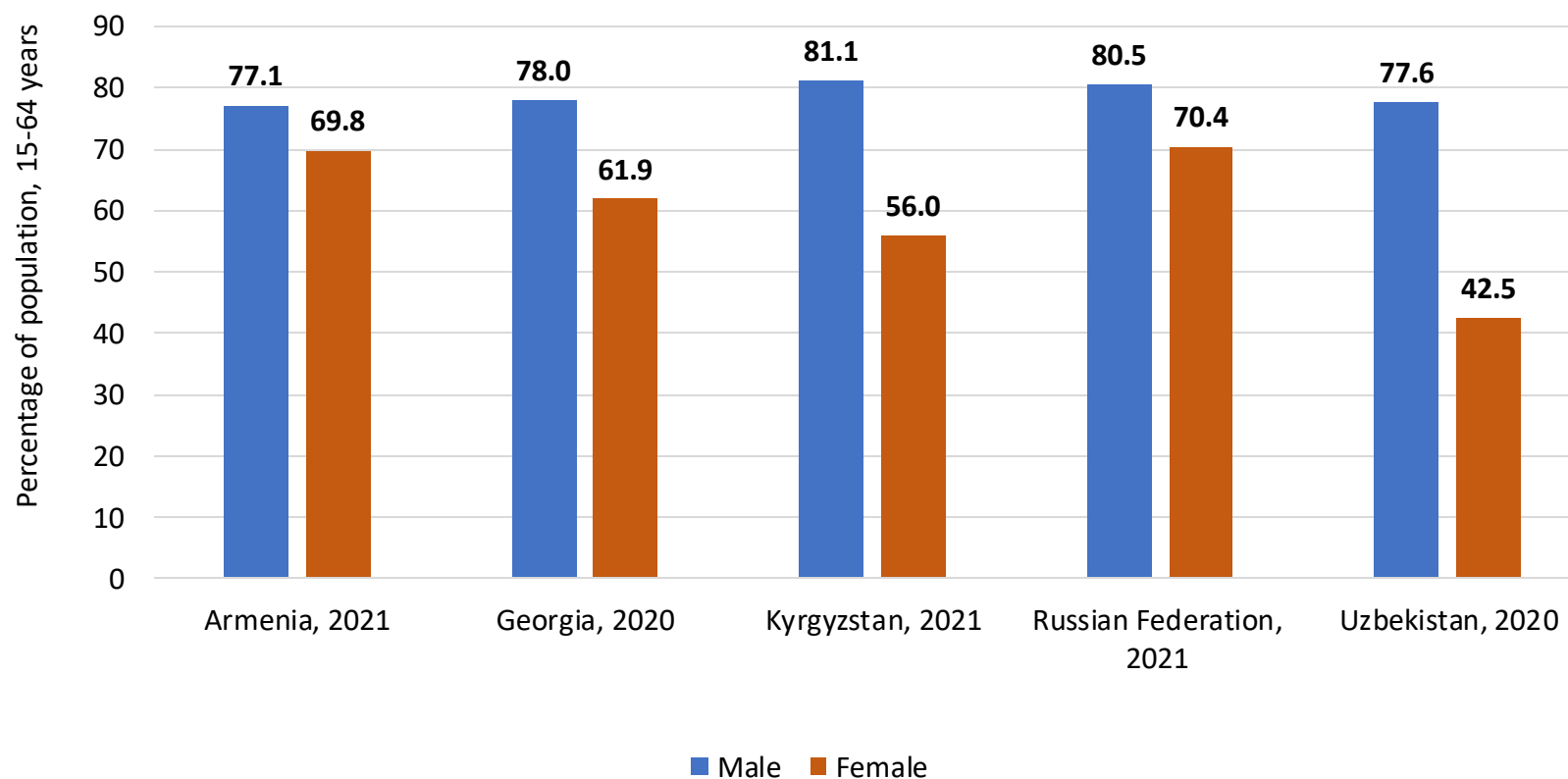
Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy at age 60 of women in NCA, latest data



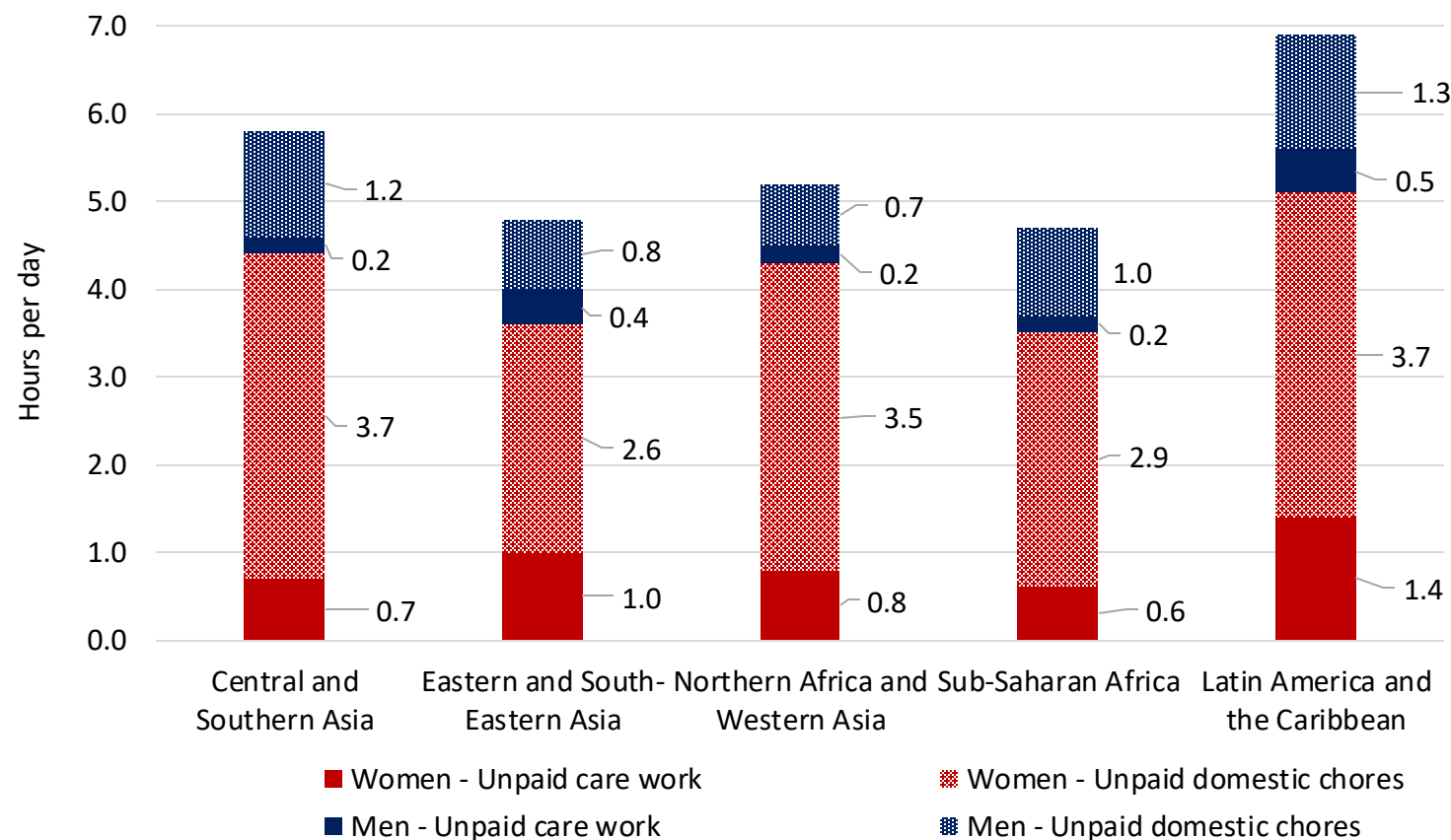
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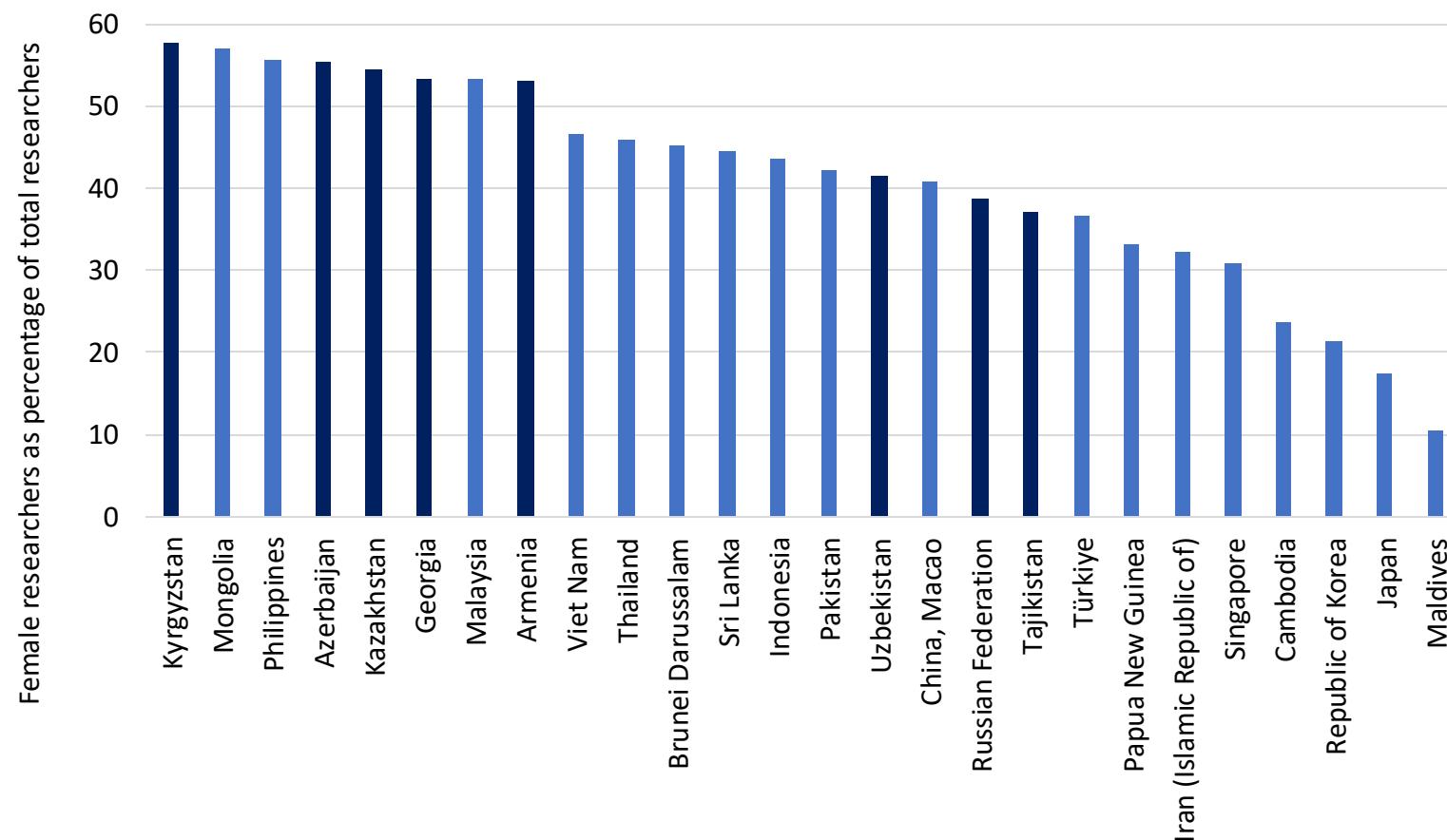
Labour force participation rate, males and females, 15-64 years (percentage), (latest available year)



Amount of time spent by women and men on unpaid domestic work and unpaid care work in hours per day, averaged by region: 2001-2018 (latest available data)

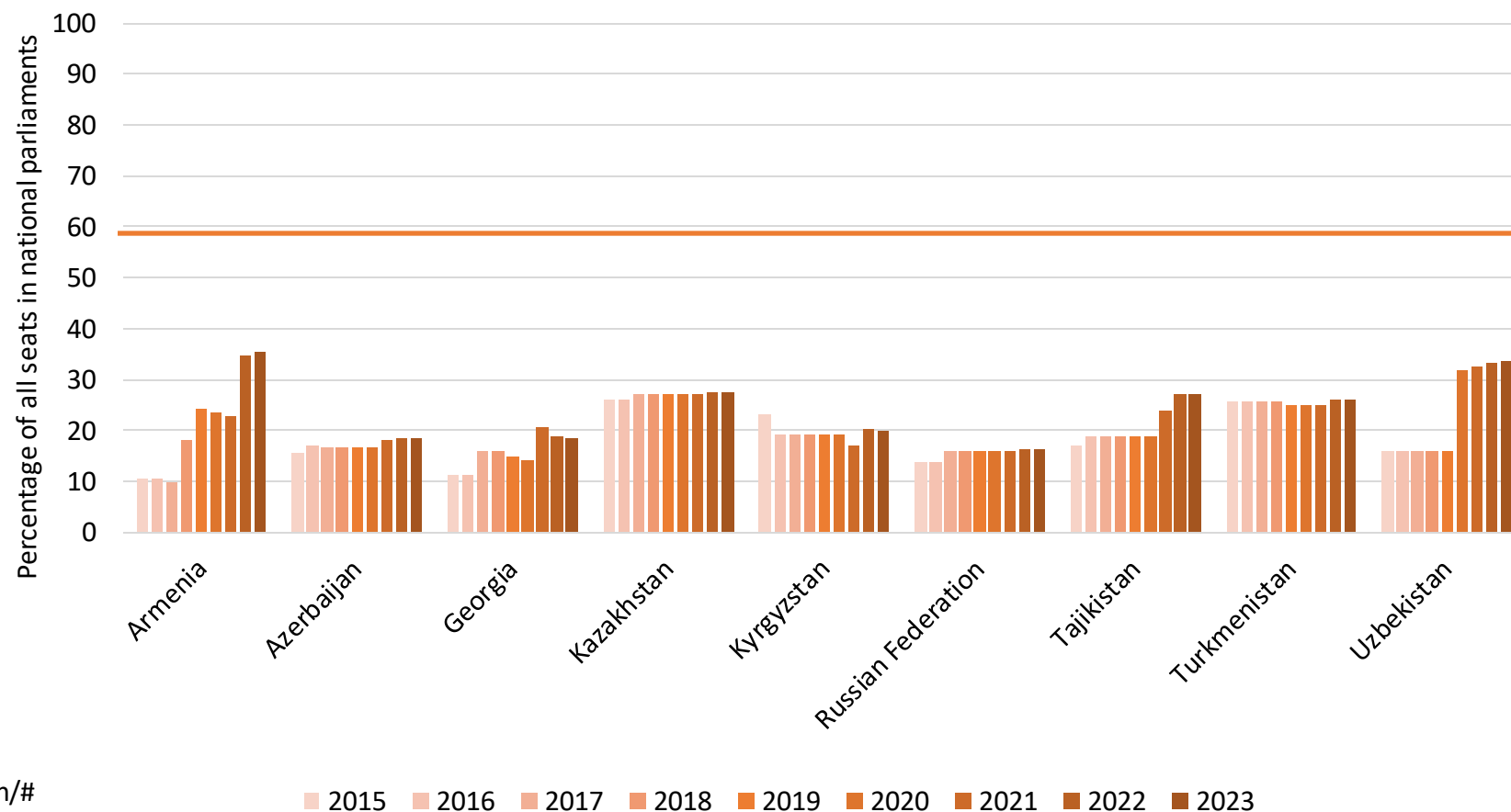


Female researchers, selected countries in Asia and the Pacific, (latest available data)



Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (<http://uis.unesco.org/>). Data as of October 2023

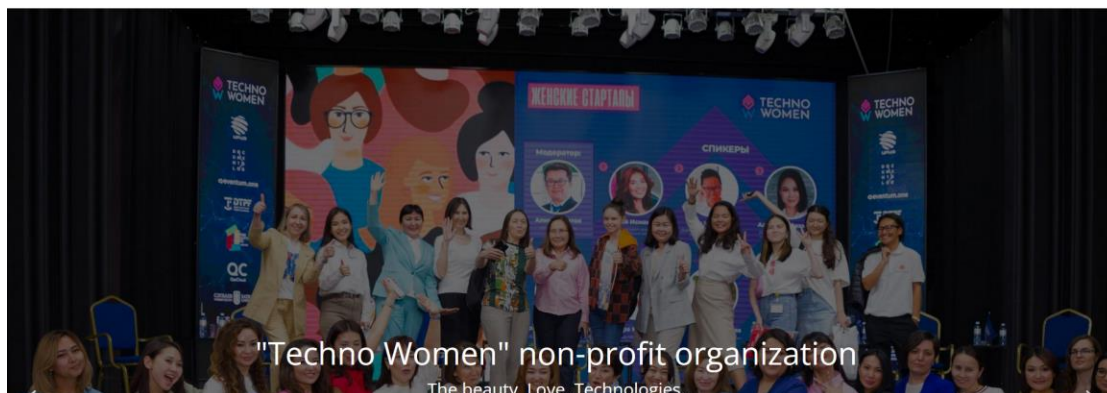
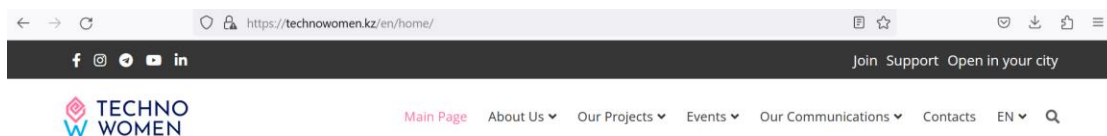
Seats held by women in national parliaments in NCA, 2015-2023



Source ILO 2023, <https://ilostat.ilo.org/topics/women/#>

Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of women and girls

Techno Women Central Asia - Kazakhstan



Digital skills for women and girls (UNDP) - Kyrgyzstan



Recommendations



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1. Decent work for people of all ages and all abilities

- a) Create lifelong-learning opportunities; reskilling; upskilling
- b) Invest in intergenerational learning
- c) Ensure flexibility regarding statutory retirement ages
- d) Foster public-private partnerships
- e) Transition to green and more flexible jobs
- f) Create age- and disability-friendly workplaces

2. Social protection

- a) Design universal social protection schemes
- b) Use digital solutions to support delivery and adaptation of social protection
- c) Create family-friendly social protection measures

3. Universal health coverage

- a) Provide access to integrated, affordable and quality health services
- b) Use mobile outreach for delivery
- c) Promote healthy ageing
- d) Address the specific health care needs of women, migrants, persons with disabilities

4. Regional cooperation and data

- a) Implement and monitor regional and subregional norm-setting documents
- b) Share good practices and lessons learned
- c) Collect, analyze, and disseminate data
- d) Invest in capacity-development
- e) Develop partnerships (with CSOs, international organizations, private sector and international organization) and follow



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