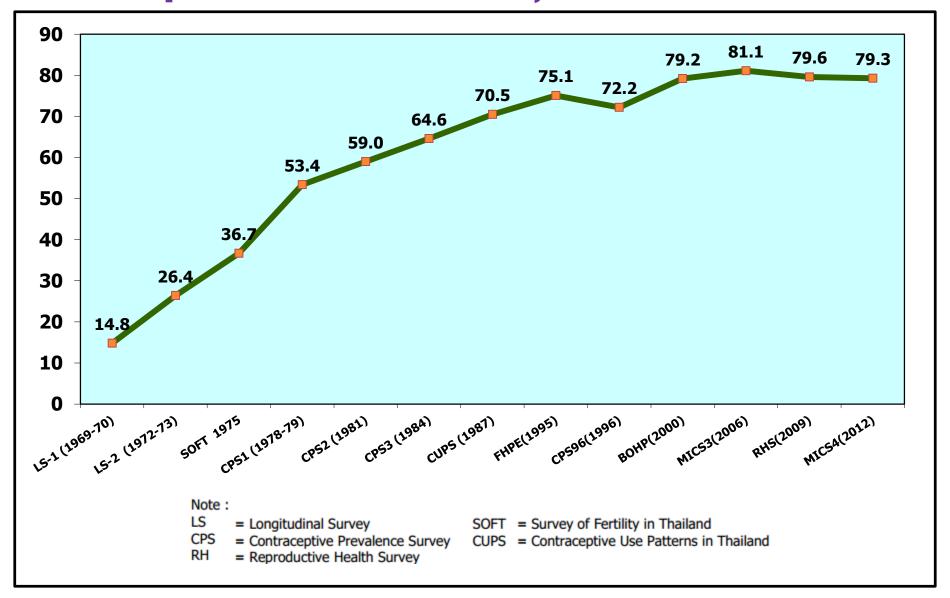
# Improve maternal and child health to achieve SDGs: Thailand

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#### Contraceptive Prevalence Rate, Thailand 1969-2012

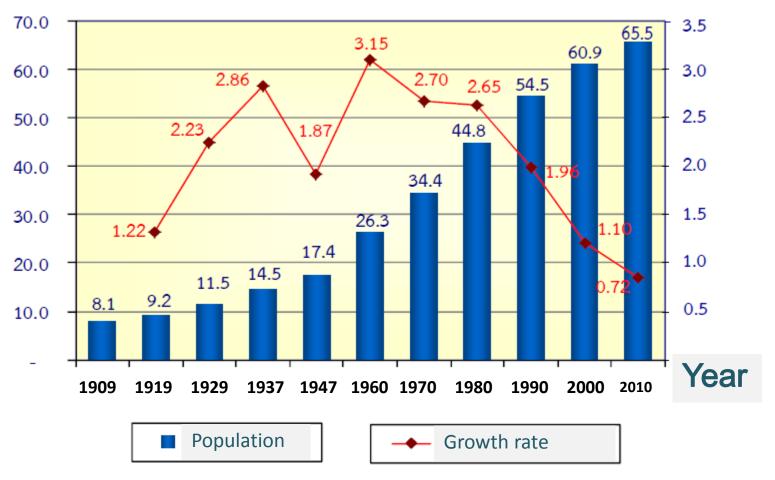


Source: National Statistics Office

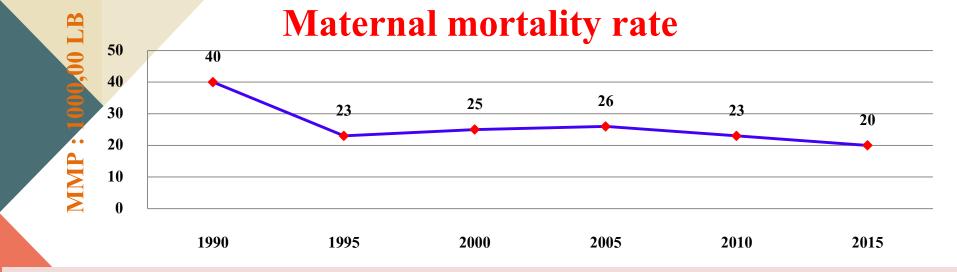
#### Number of Pop. and Growth rate, Thailand



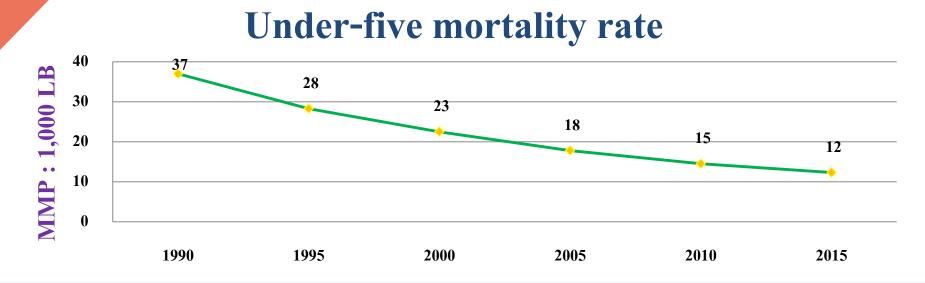
**Growth rate (percent)** 



**Source: Thailand Population Census, 2010** 

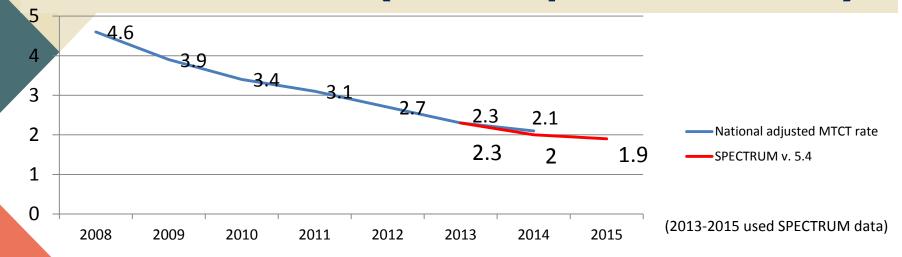


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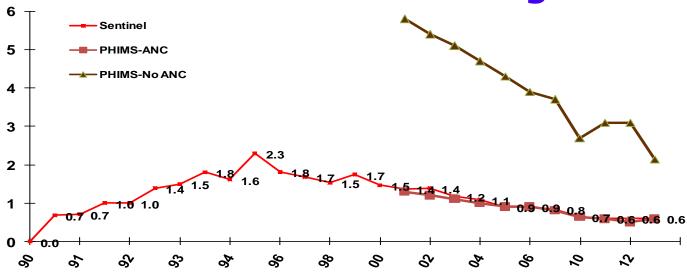


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#### **HIV MTCT Rates (GARP report 2008-2015)**

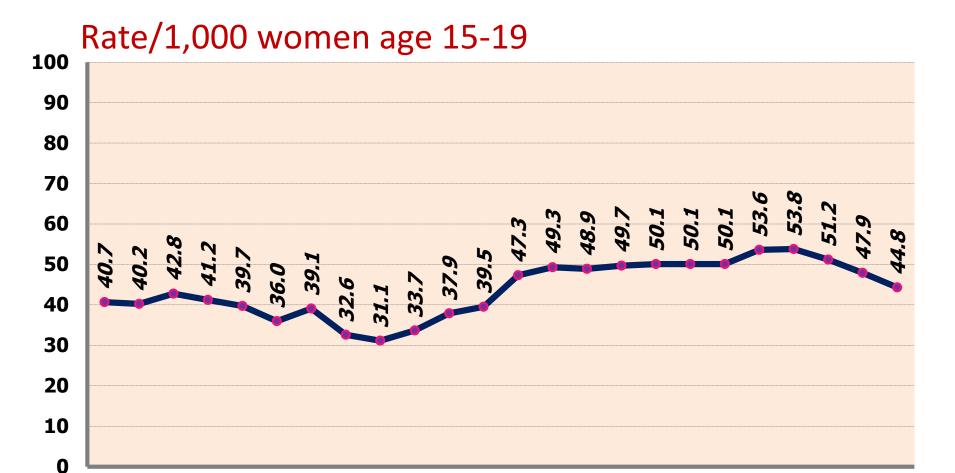


#### **HIV Prevalence in Pregnant Women**



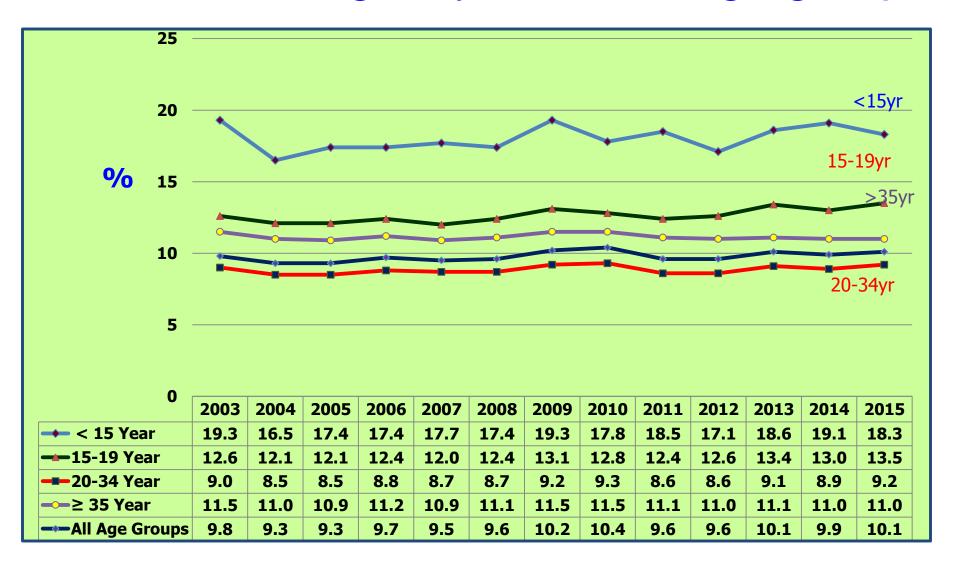
Sources: serosentinel surveillance, BoE PHIMS, Department of Health

## Teen Birth Rate among age 15-19



Source: Health Statistics

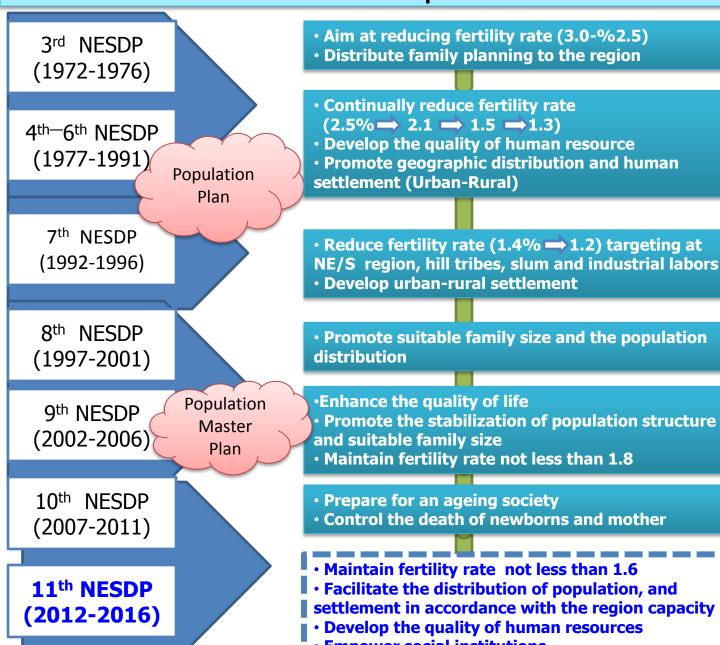
### Low Birth Weight by Maternal age group



Source: Health Statistics, MoPH

## What we have done?

#### Population Policies in the NESDP



Reduce the fertility rate and promote the geographic distribution, and develop quality of life

Maintain the fertility rate at the replacement level

## Thailand's 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021)

...to improve the economy via investments on transport infrastructure and logistics, ...and to increase the connectivity with neighbouring countries to support the free flow of goods, labour and investment within Asean.

The highlights of the framework involving the advancement of human resources; the enhancement of mothers' and children's health; direct government funding to schools in remote areas; the development of a system to screen and allocate teachers; a focus on the "social determinants of health", and preparations for an ageing society.

Other economic plans include support for research and development (R&D) to increase innovation and value-added products, enhancing the efficiency of the workforce, revival of the One Tambon One Product (Otop) scheme, improving the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, providing support for the move towards a "digital economy", and restructuring the industrial sector, especially those industries related to the strengths of the country.

### The population policies and responses

# Focusing on increasing number of births while ensuring the quality of all births:

- To encourage pro-natalist and family policies for intended pregnancies
- To reduce pregnancies among teenagers to avoid unwanted and/or low quality pregnancies

## National Reproductive Health Development Policy (2017–2026 A.D.)

"Thai government has the policy to promote and support birth to be **Desirable**, **Safe** and **Good Quality** of child development"

#### **National RH Strategies**

Goals 1.To maintain the Total Fertility Rate not lower than 1.6
2. To make every birth be planned, have preparedness from before pregnancy and also childbearing assistance
3. To promote safe motherhood, well postpartum care, and the child development

#### 4 Strategies

related legislations, policy, and strategies	2. Developing health service system and providing equal access to services	3. Developing social welfare system	4. Developing information system and social communication

## legislation on the prevention of and solutions to adolescent pregnancy

- Adolescents shall be entitled to decide for themselves and have the right to SRH's information, services
- Provide sexuality education in educational institutions
- Arrange a system in giving care, help and protection to pregnant students
- Provide SRH services to adolescent
- Provide social welfare relating to teen pregnancy prevention and solution
- Local administration shall have power and duties to cope the problem

