

Overall Implication for Planning – for consideration by planners and policy makers

- ❖ Niue has a negative population growth rate 3.8%. Planners and Policy makers need to be aware of this and the Government needs to establish economic and social development to attract people back to Niue. People basically love their home land, many leave because of socioeconomic opportunities and expectations outside of Niue.
- ❖ The country's age structure is an important implication for overall development of the country as well as for planners, policy makers and researchers. Age structure can effect socio-economic development of the country.
- ❖ The number or percentages of infants and young children, which is about 8.7% of the population, are needed to establish child health programmes, including immunisation.
- ❖ To assist future plans on education, the size of school-aged population, which is about 30% of the population, is an important indicator of the need.
- ❖ It has a big impact on population by knowing the number of women at childbearing age, which is 412 according to 2001 Niue Population and Housing Census, gives some crude idea of future population growth.
- ❖ Data on working age population with 56% is an important indicator for future income generation or employment creation endeavors.
- ❖ Information on young adult population provides the picture planners need to be able to plan for the provision of appropriate services for them.
- ❖ Information on the elderly population is needed to calculate future expenditure on pension entitlements from Community Affairs and can estimate budget for future.
- ❖ As the number of births today affects the school age population in the next five or six years and it also affects the working age population in the next 15 years.