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**Week of Social Protection 18-22 June – Maputo, Mozambique**

# **"Population ageing in Mozambique: Achievement, Threat or Opportunity?"**

*Envelhecimento Populacional em Moçambique:  
Conquista, Ameaça ou Oportunidade?*

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# Universal Coverage of Social Protection for Older People

**Achievement?**

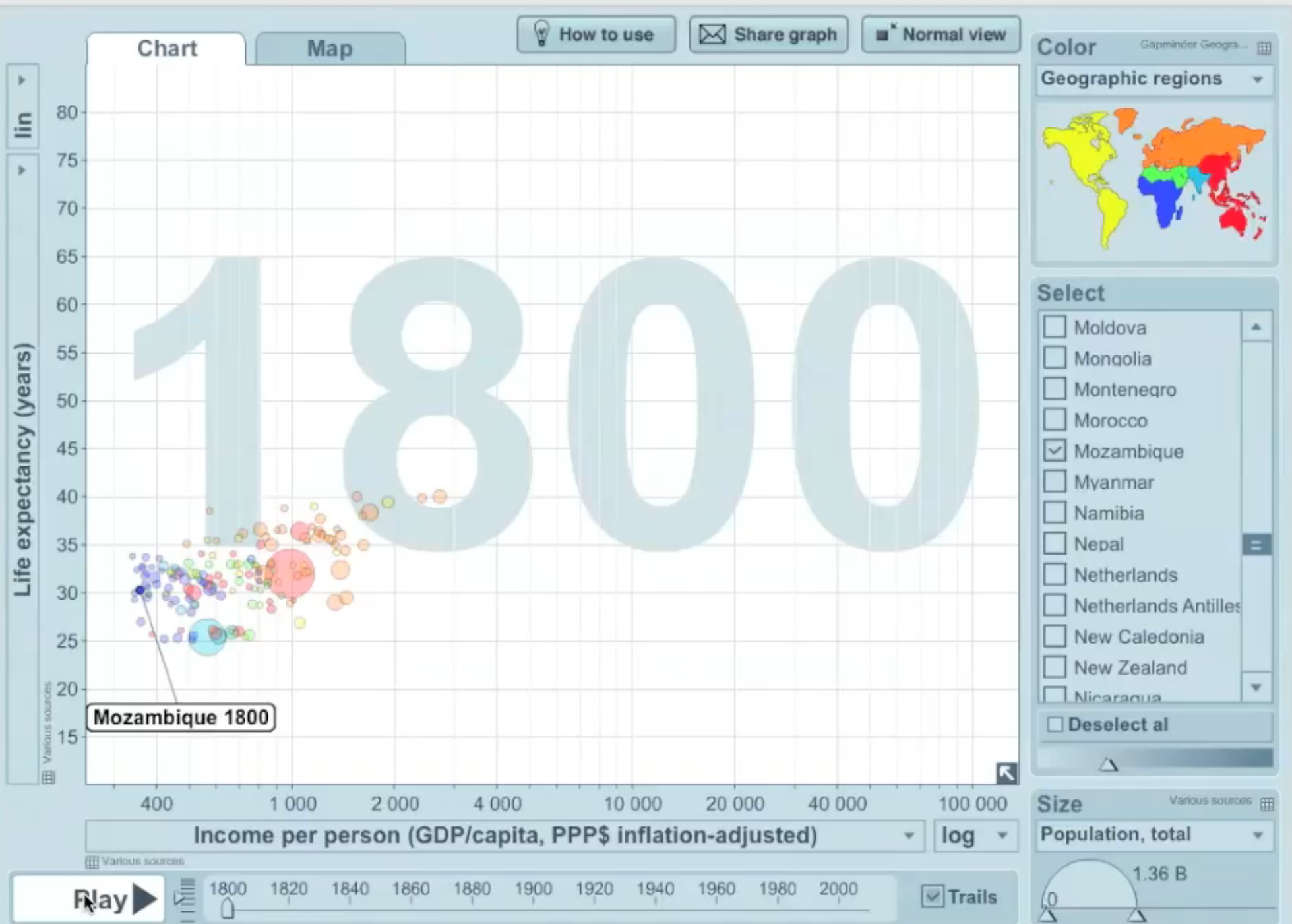
**Threat?**

**Opportunity?**

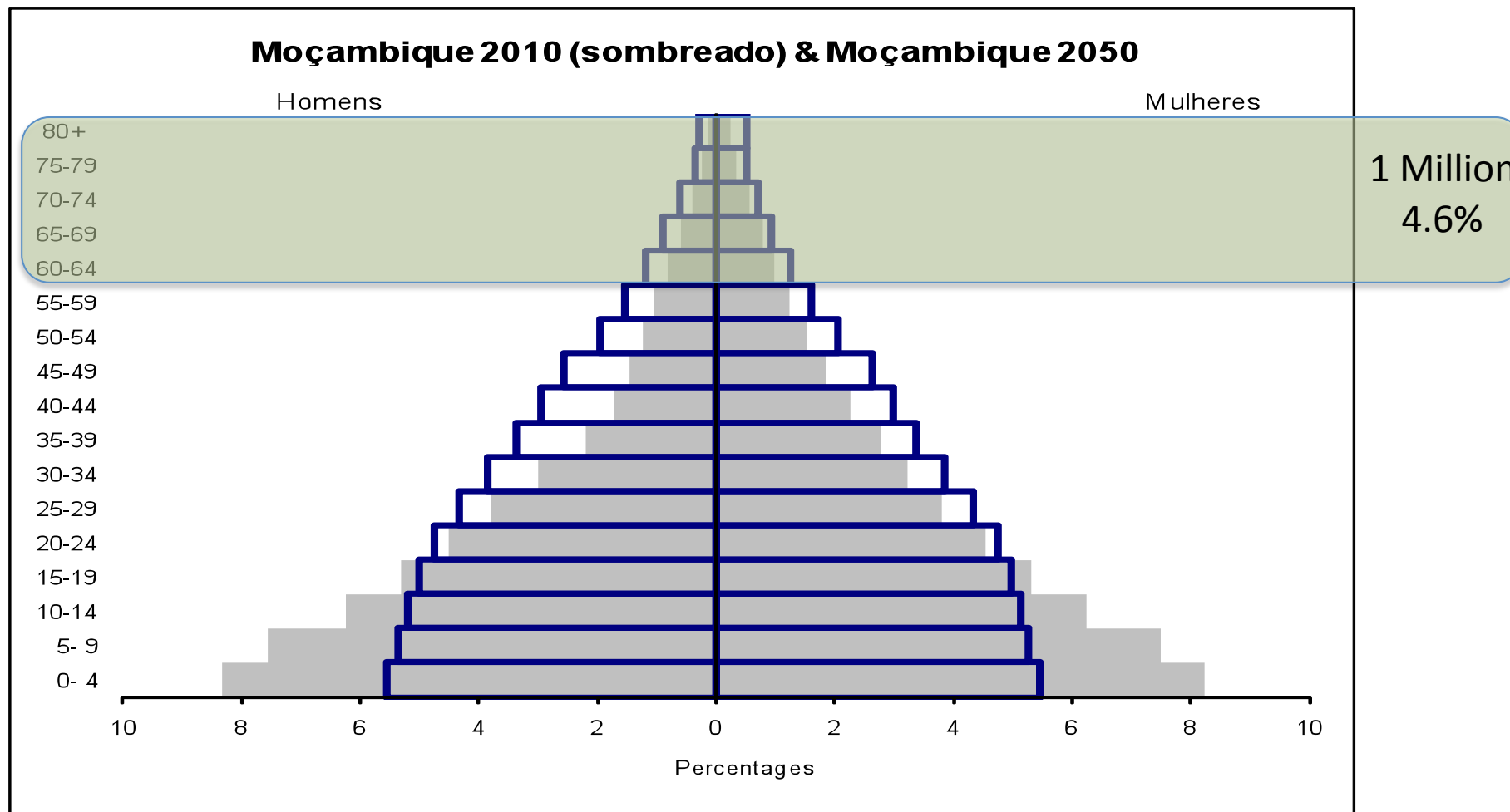
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# Achievement? Where?

- We all want to live longer
- But in Mozambique life-expectancy is still low
- High level of primary causes death
- Incipient demographic transition
  - Continuous population growth
  - Pressure on the labour market

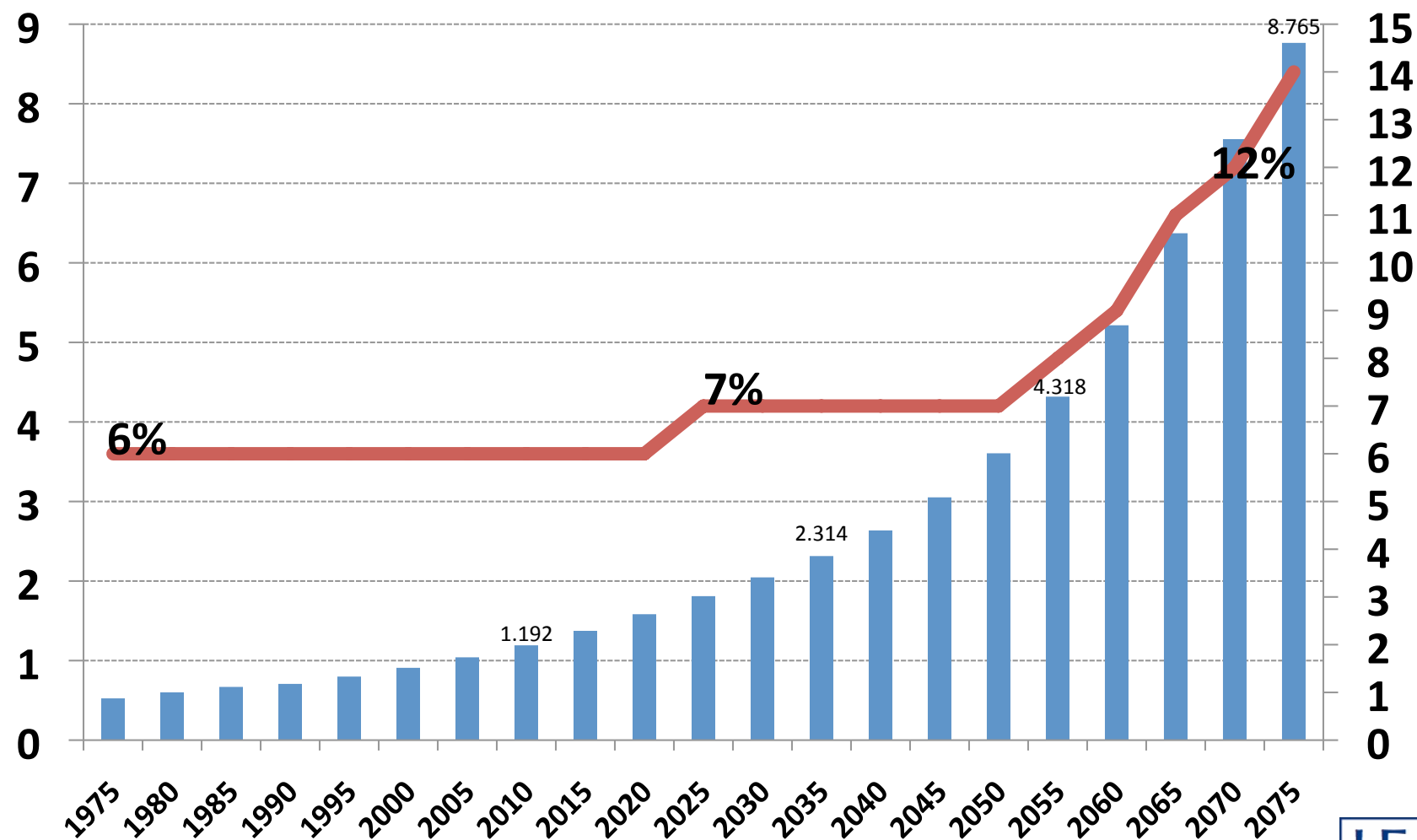


# Mozambique population pyramid:



Source: INE (2010)

## Elderly population in Mozambique (million) Old age dependency ratio (%) – 1975-2070:



Source: UNPOP

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# Threat?

- More than 20 elderly killed in 2011, accused of sorcery (AIM)
- Particular vulnerability to poverty and exclusion
- Elderly people contribute less to the economy... Truth or myth? Are they really a burden to the society?





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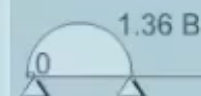
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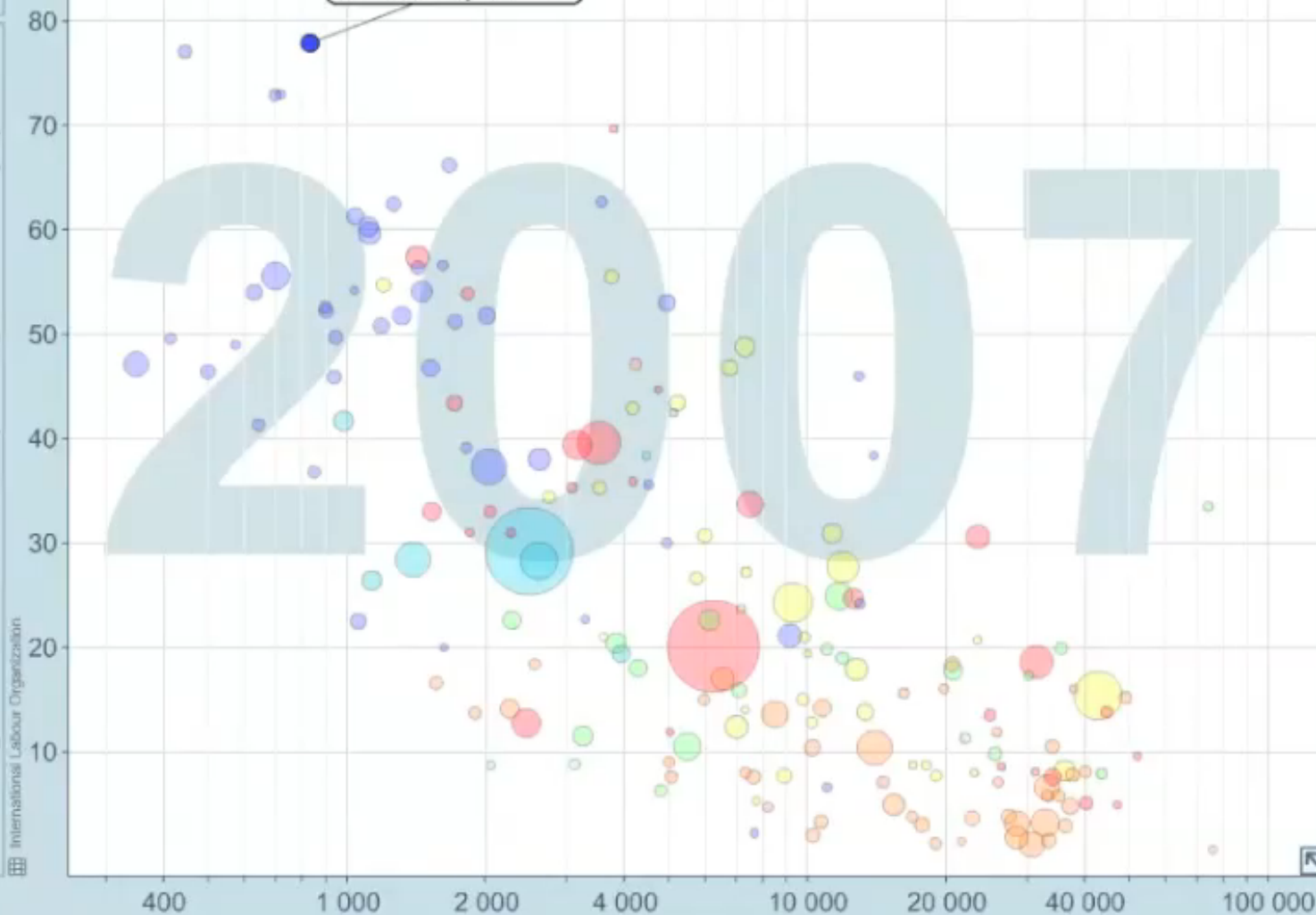
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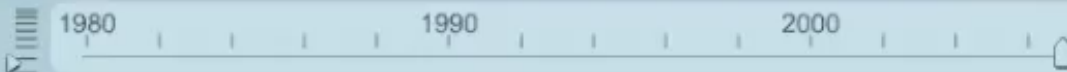
Aged 65+ labour participation rate (%)



Income per person (GDP/capita, PPP\$ inflation-adjusted)

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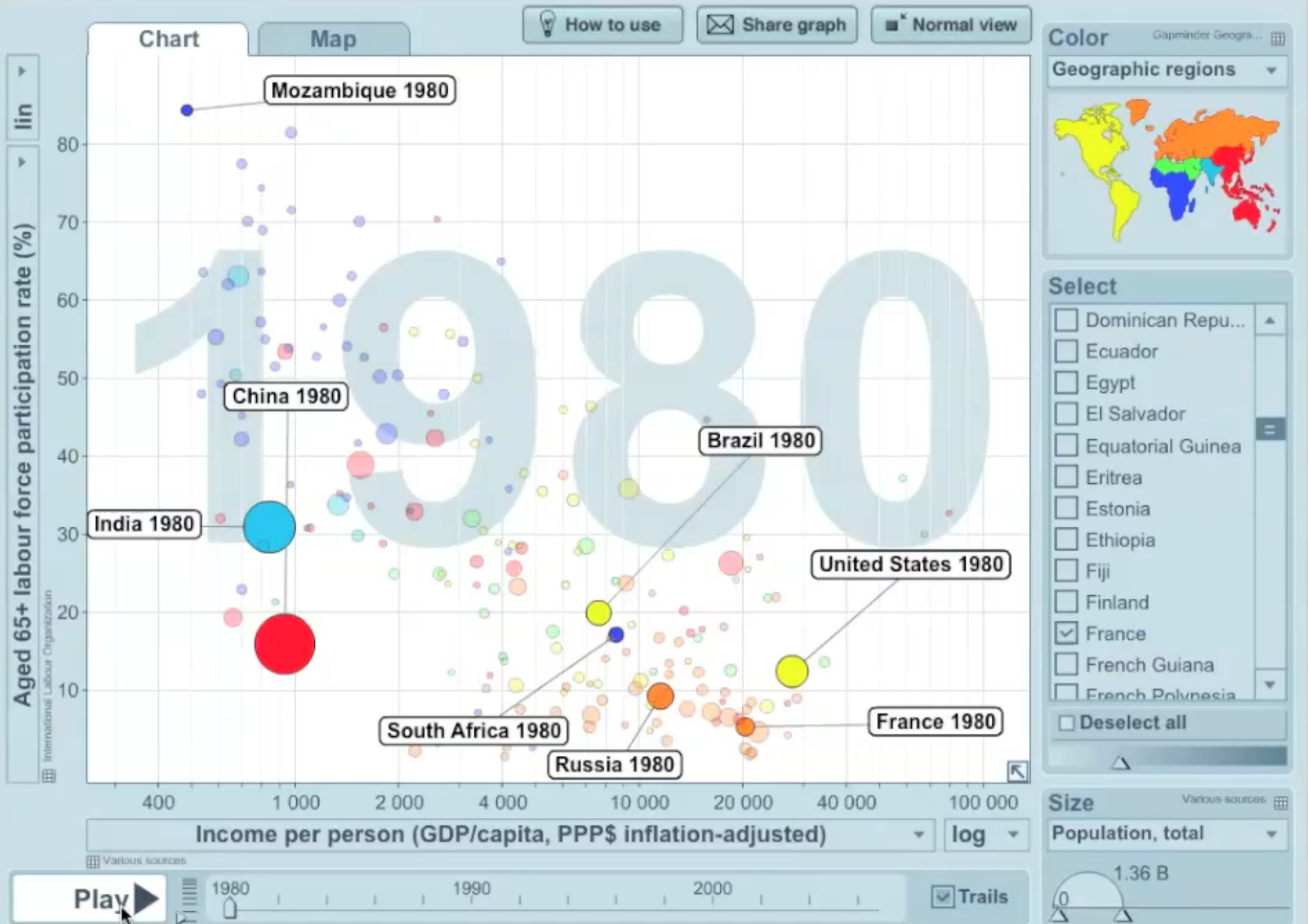
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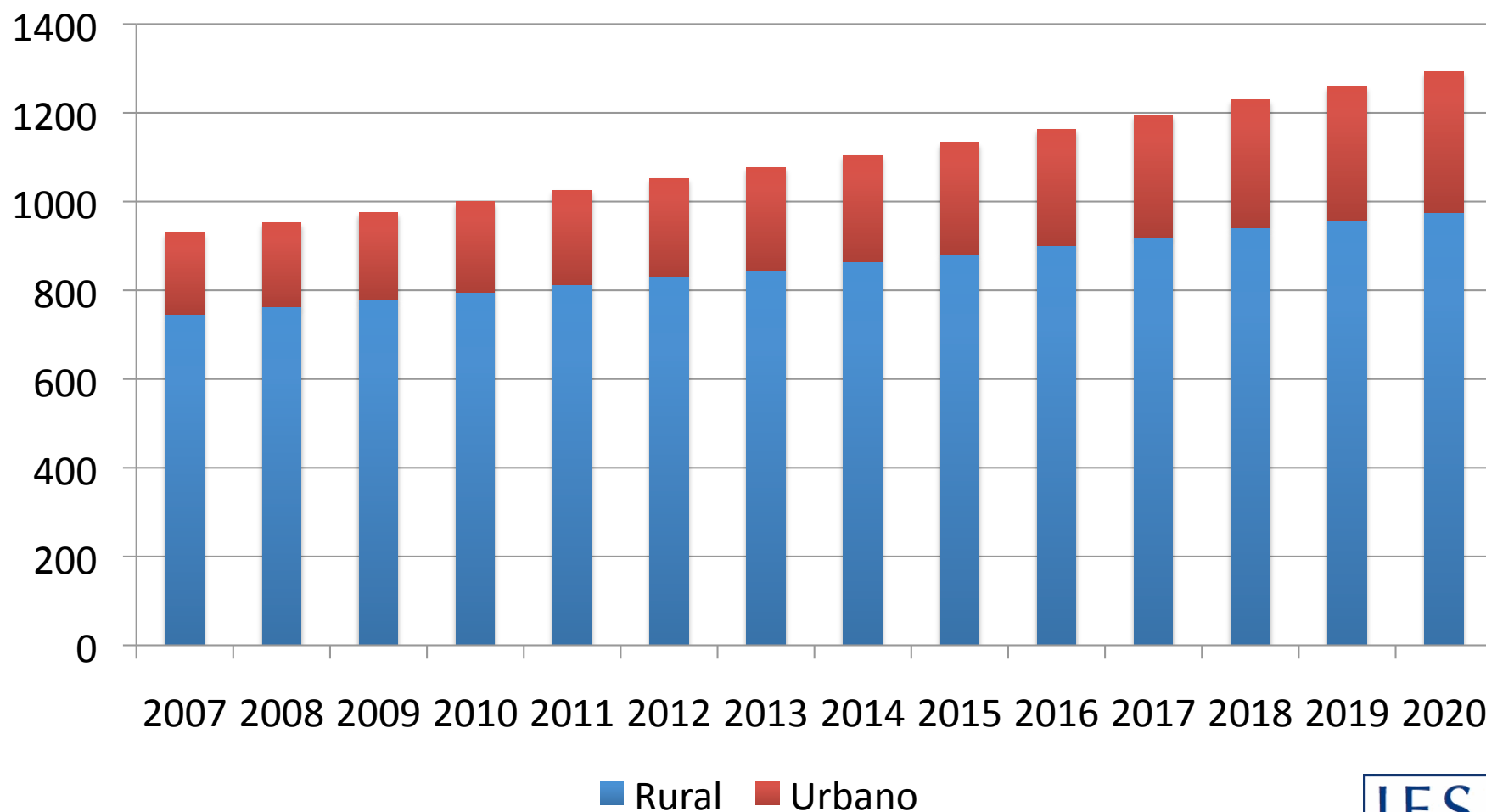
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## Elderly population in Mozambique (thousands) Urban and Rural – 2007-2020:



Source: INE (2010)

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# Opportunity?

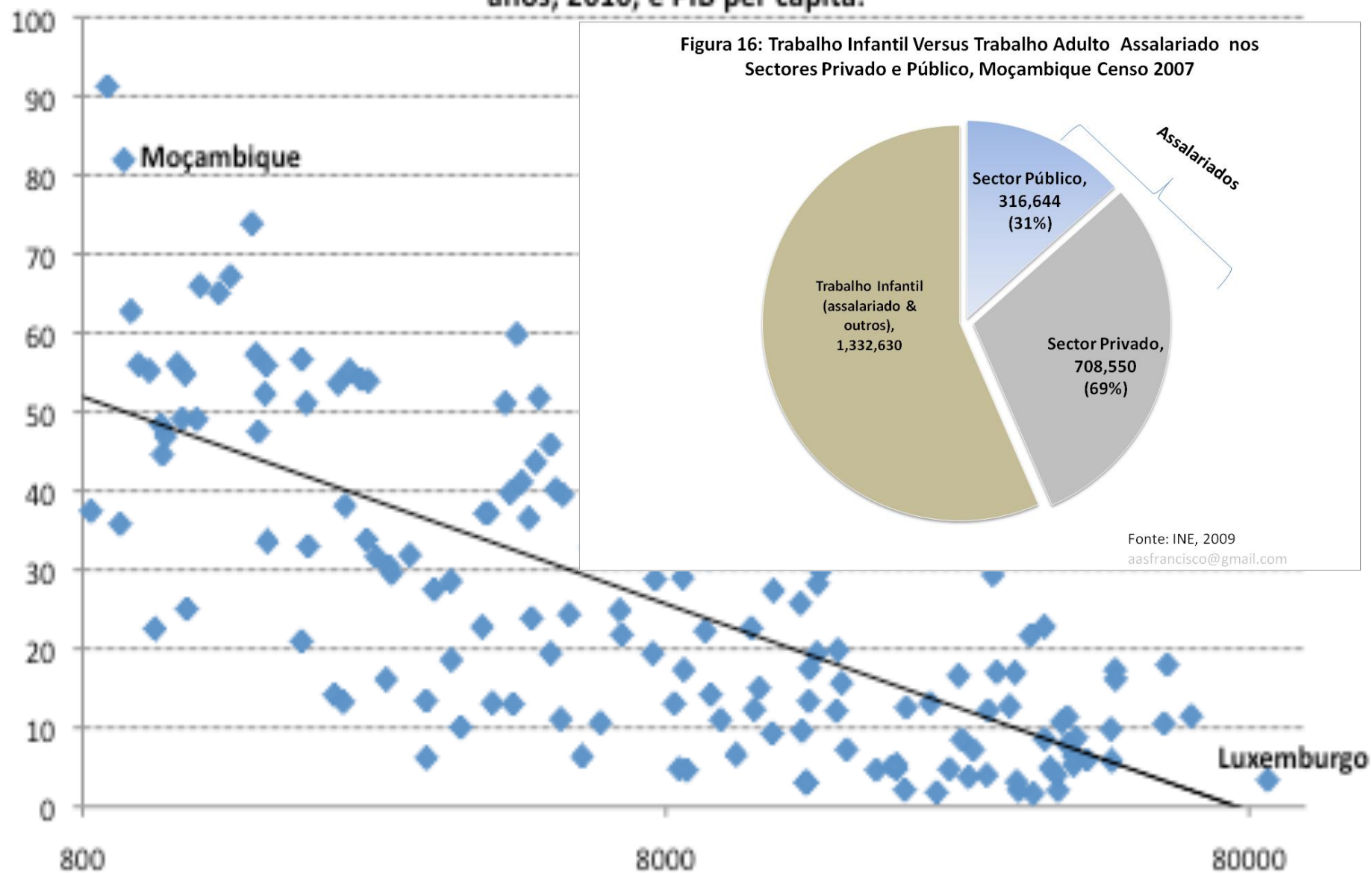
- Anticipation
- Effectiveness on social benefits provision (vulnerable group / intergenerational solidarity)
- Research - Interdisciplinary Nature: Gender; Labour; Health; etc.
- Elderly people can be a valuable resource to the society, but this contribution is not guaranteed

# Discussion 1/3:

- Population ageing is still not an **achievement**
- It can be a **threat**, mostly for the older persons than to the society in general
- We are living a very particular moment, which represents an important **opportunity**

Universal Coverage of Social Protection for Older People plays an important role in order to seize this opportunity

## Relação entre participação na força de trabalho dos Trabalhadores com 65 e mais anos, 2010, e PIB per capita.



Fonte: International Labour Office, LABORSTA.

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## Discussion 3/3:

### – Financial Social Protection:

- Should provide the basic needs for elderly autonomy and full participation
- Should provide their empowerment, instead of dependency
- Should be viable and sustainable