

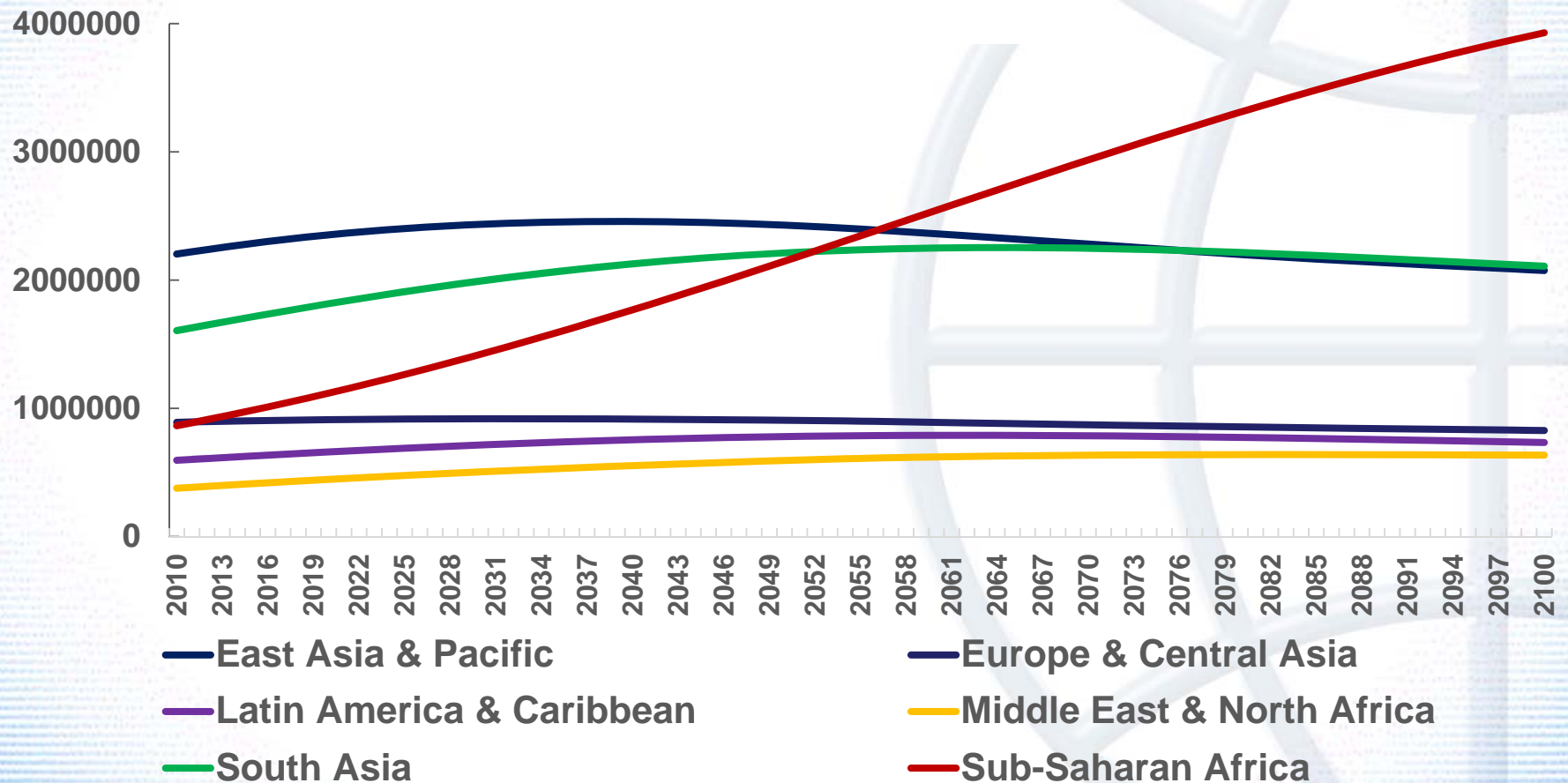


Demographic Dividend Potential For Africa

Some Findings from Two WBG Reports

Washington, April, 2015

Population Projections Medium Fertility Scenario

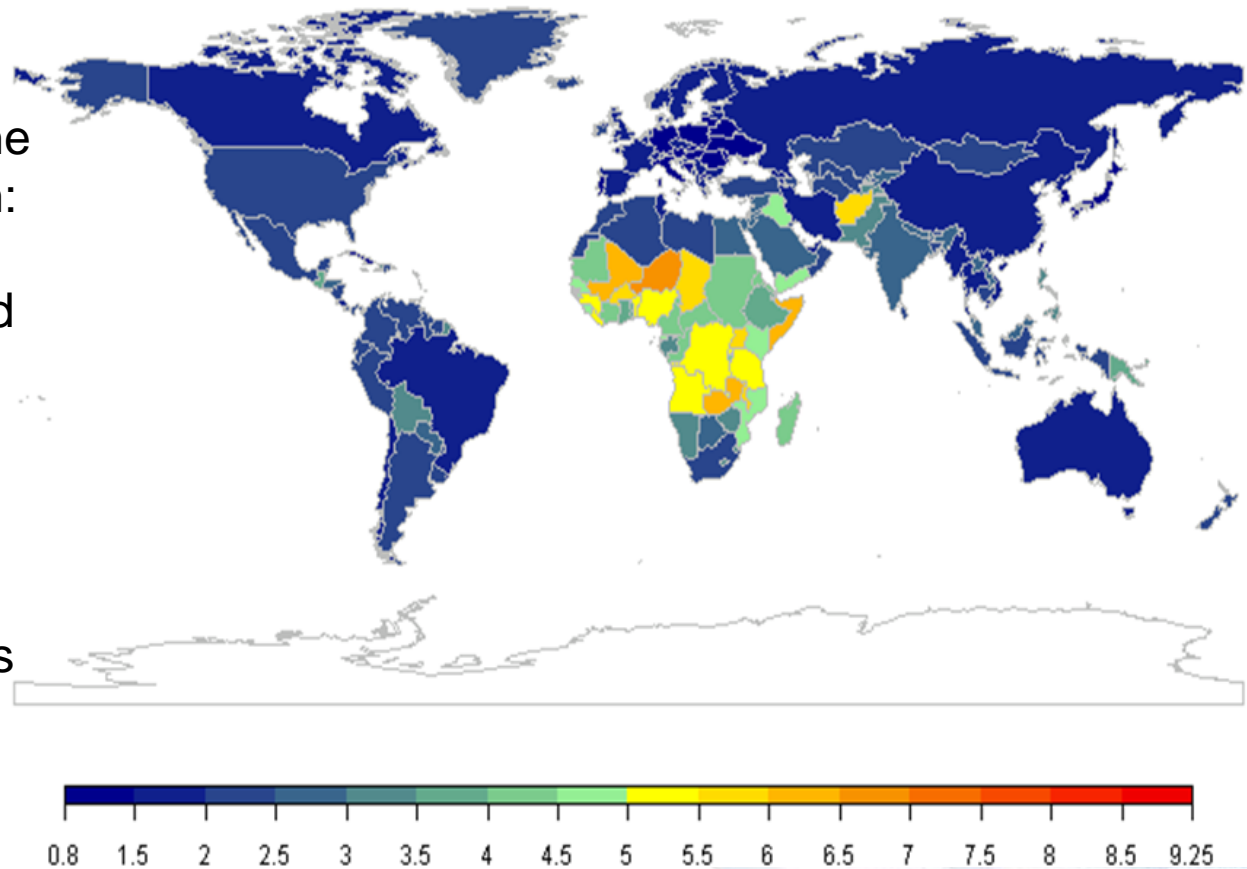


Source: adapted to World Bank regions using data from United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013).

Dividend or Disaster?

Highest fertility rates in the world are associated with:

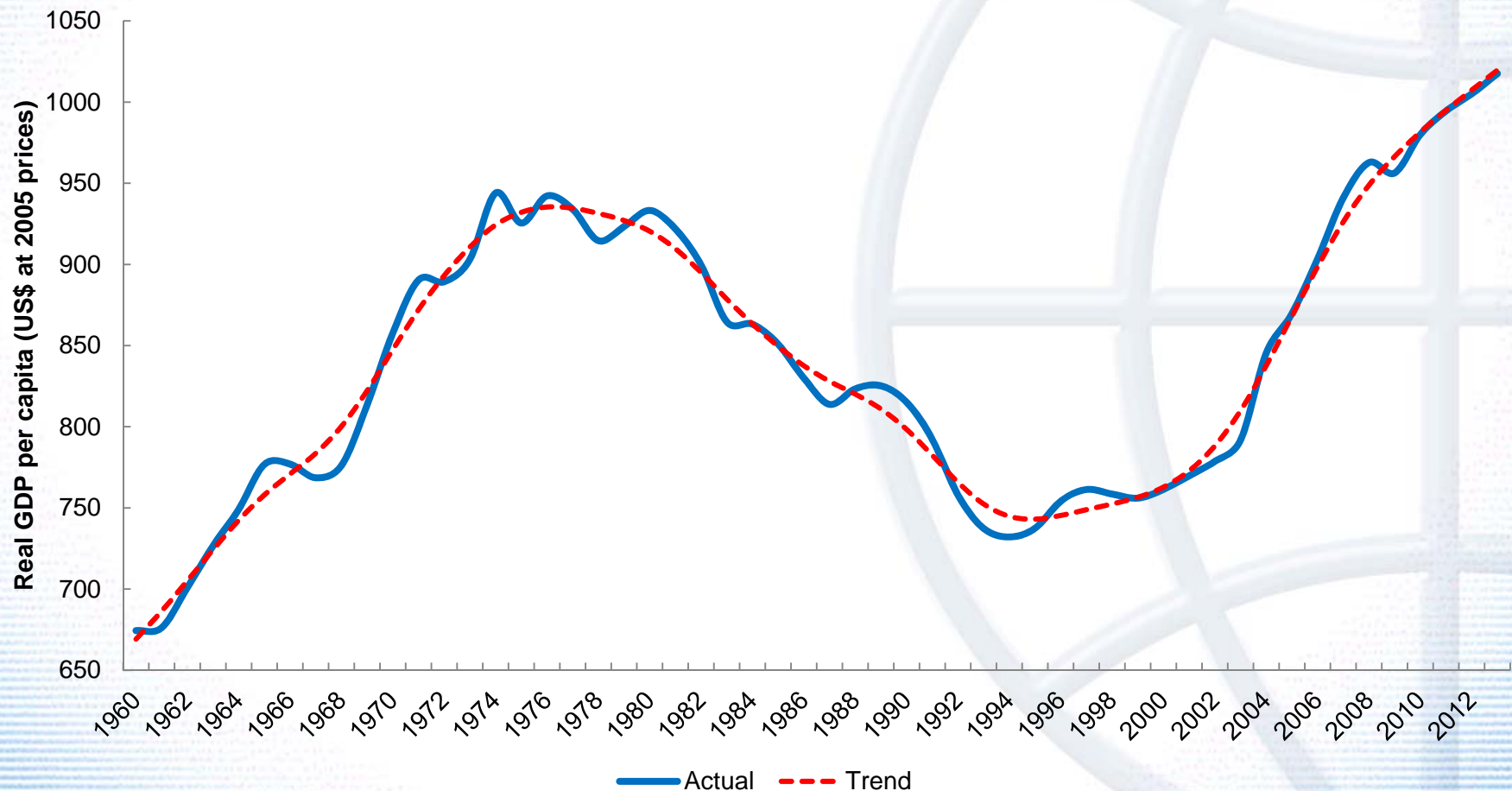
- High maternal and child mortality
- Low women's empowerment
- Low investment in education
- High dependency ratios
- Youth employment challenges



Background papers (regional report)

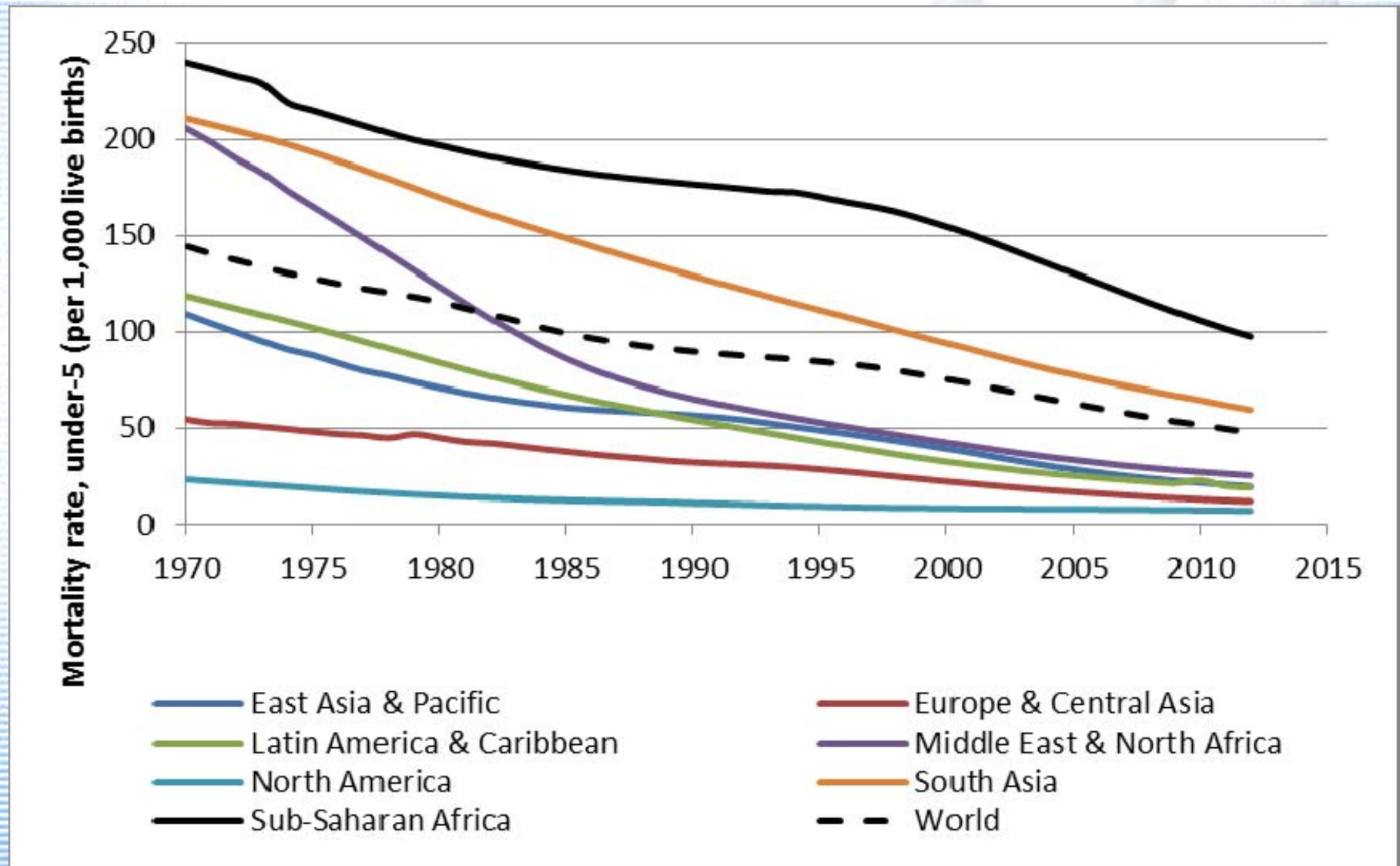
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Africa's rise: Twenty years of sustained economic growth have established that Africa can find its own path to successful development.

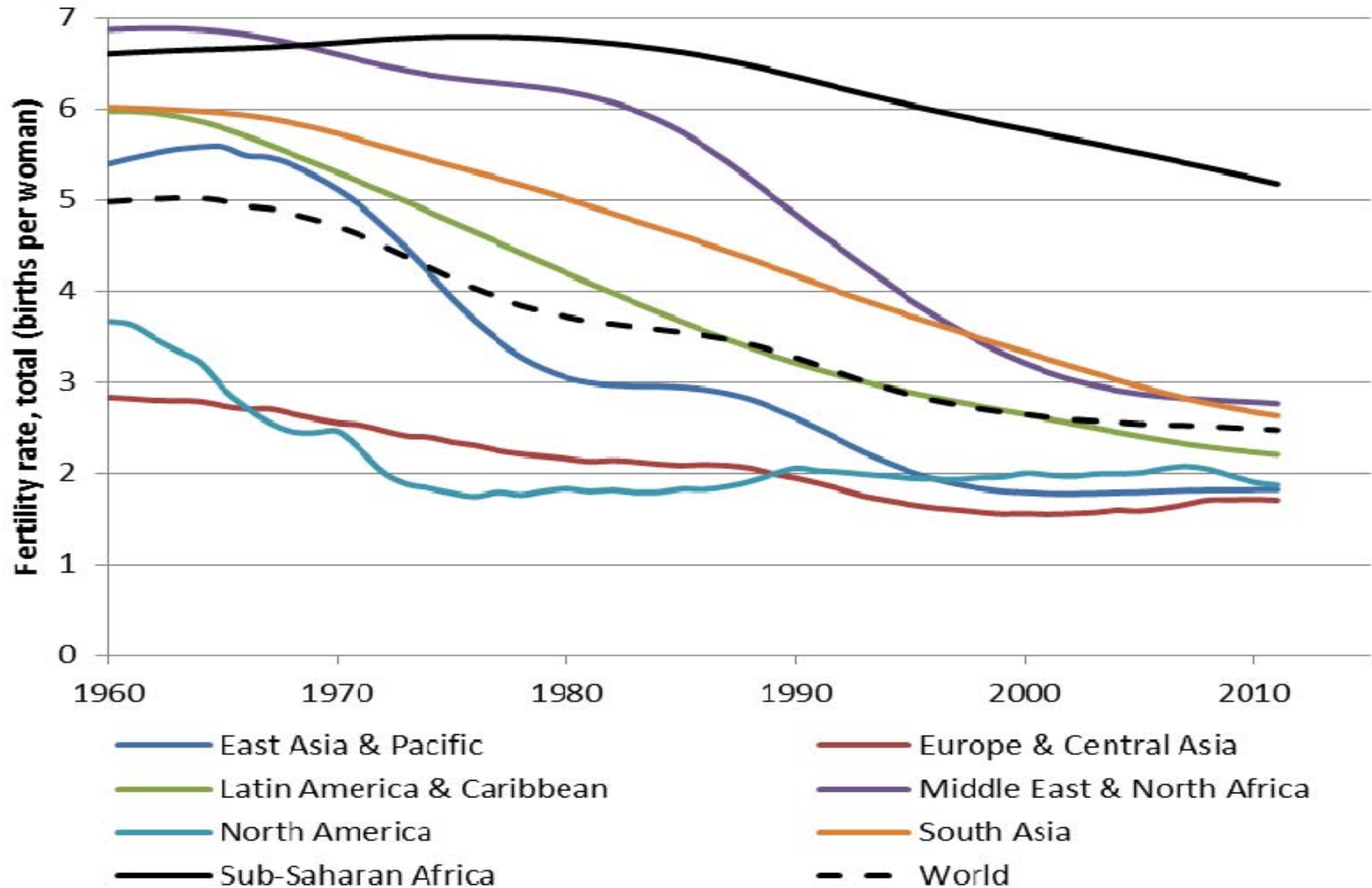


Source: World Development Indicators.

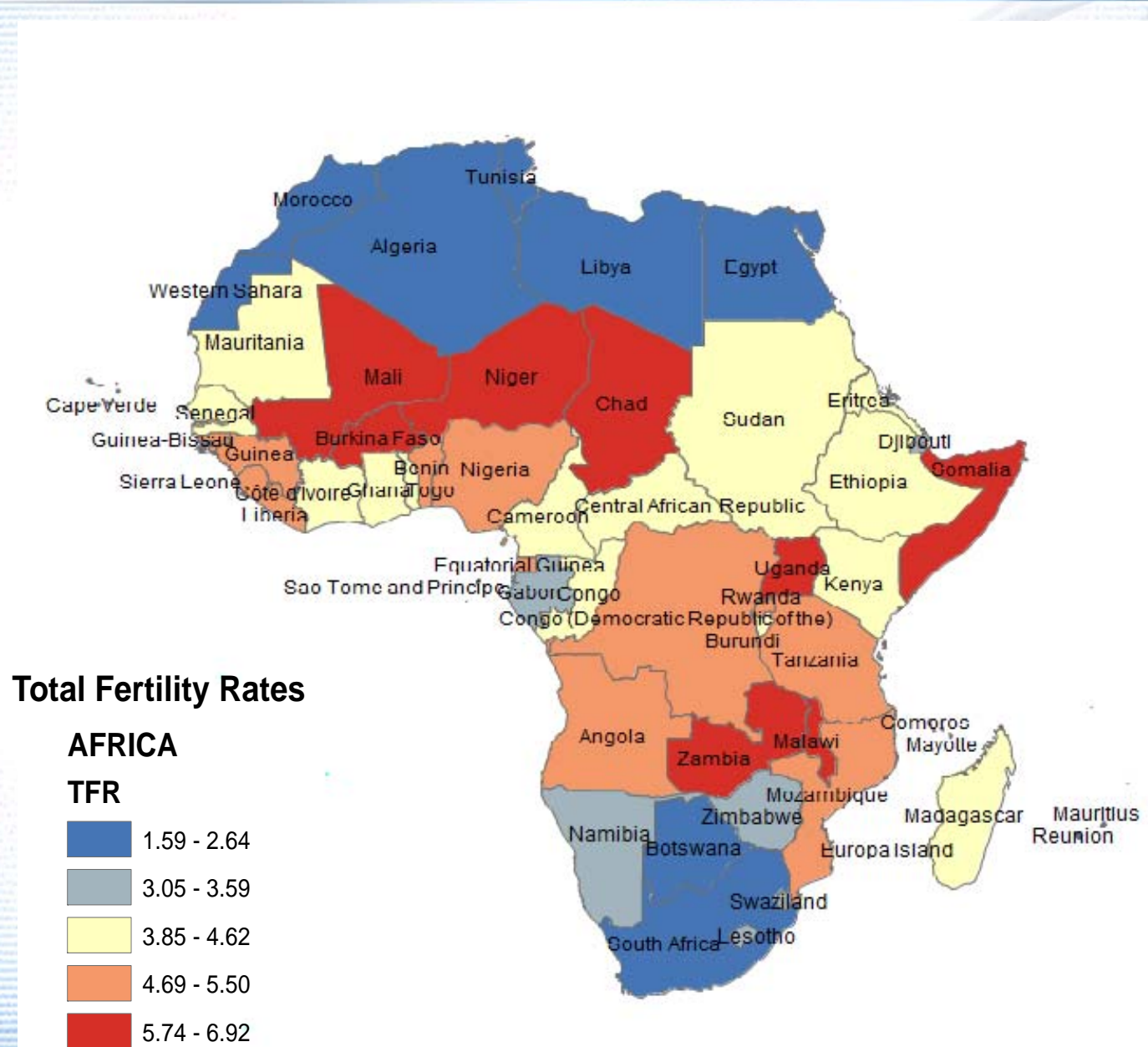
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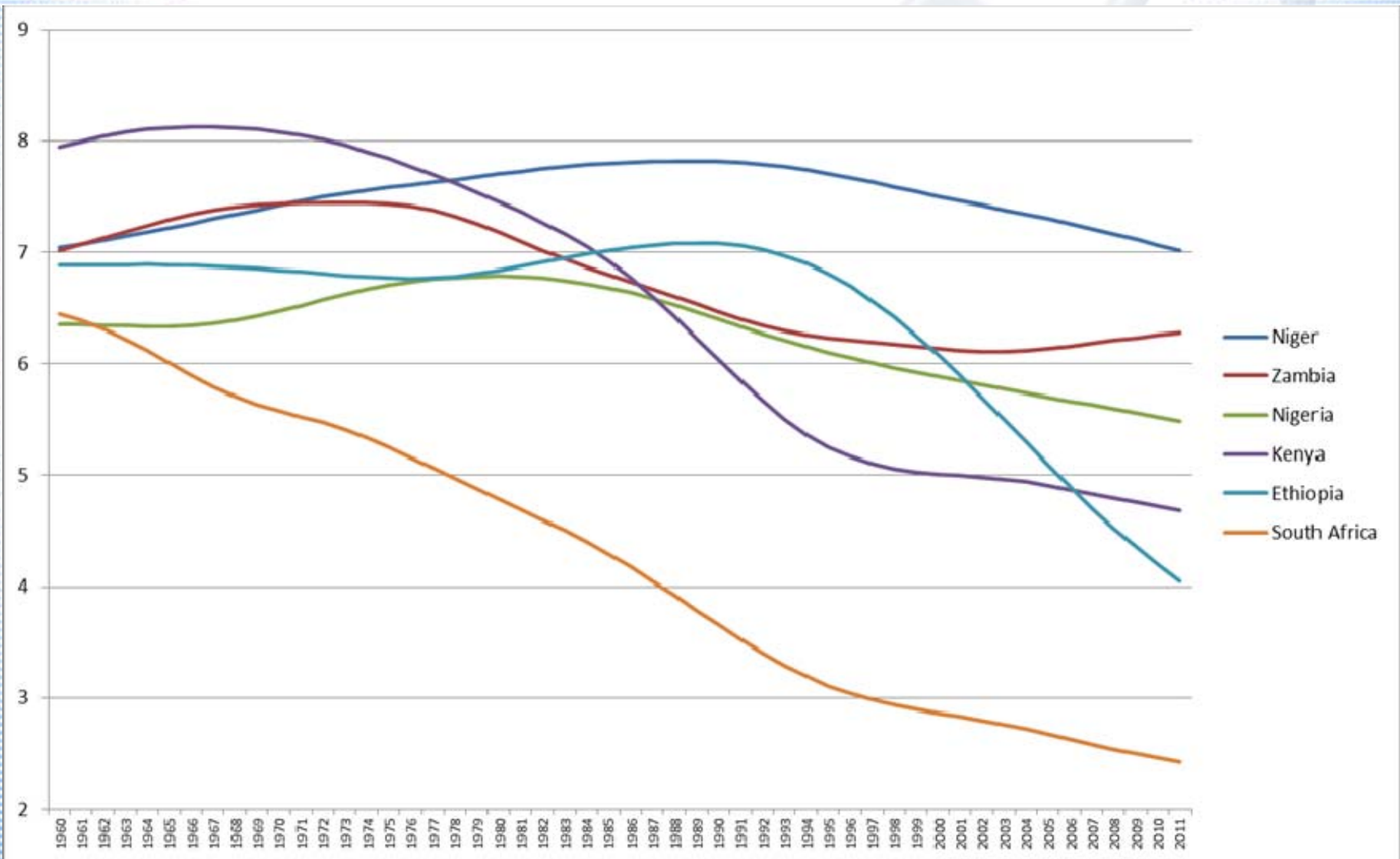
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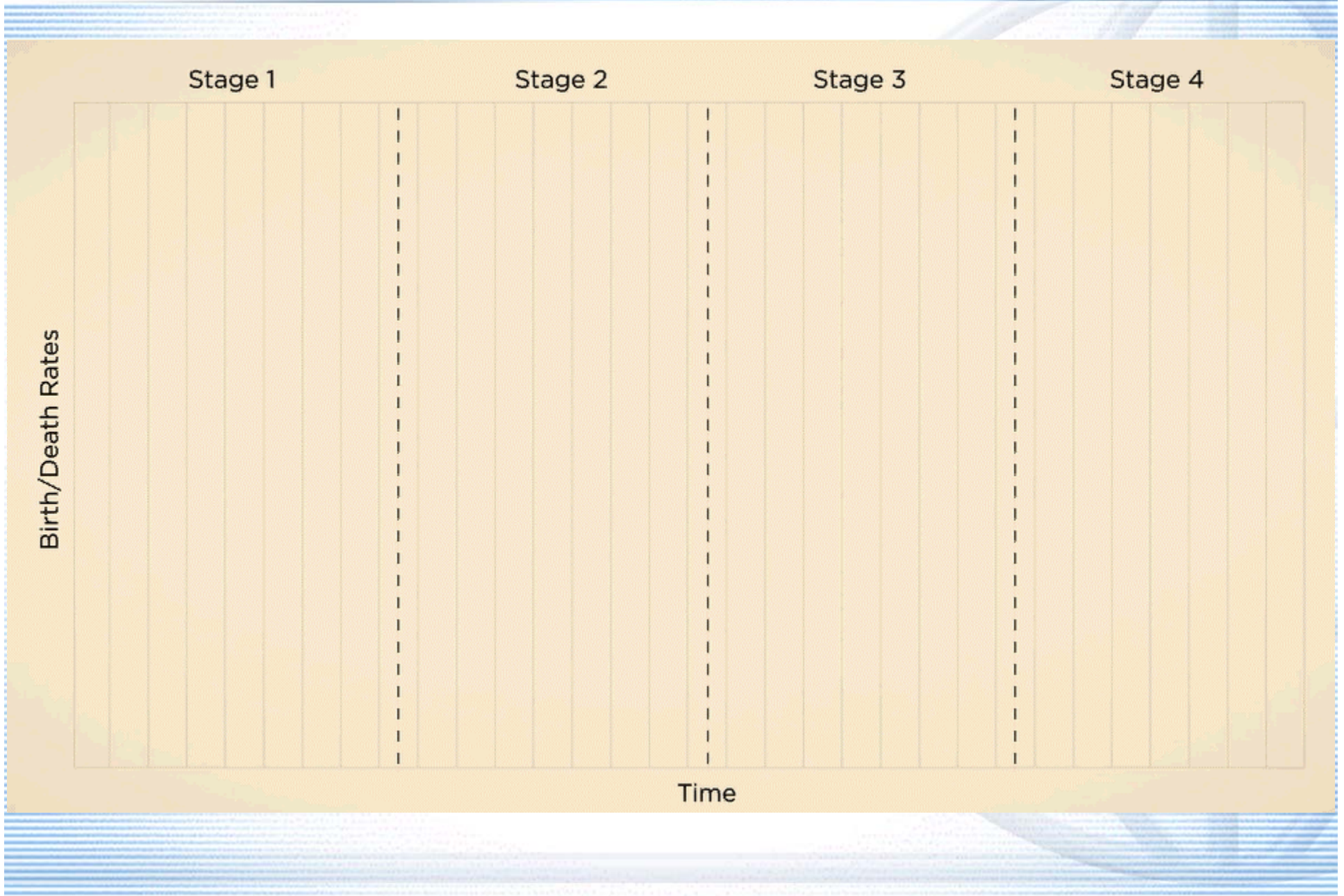
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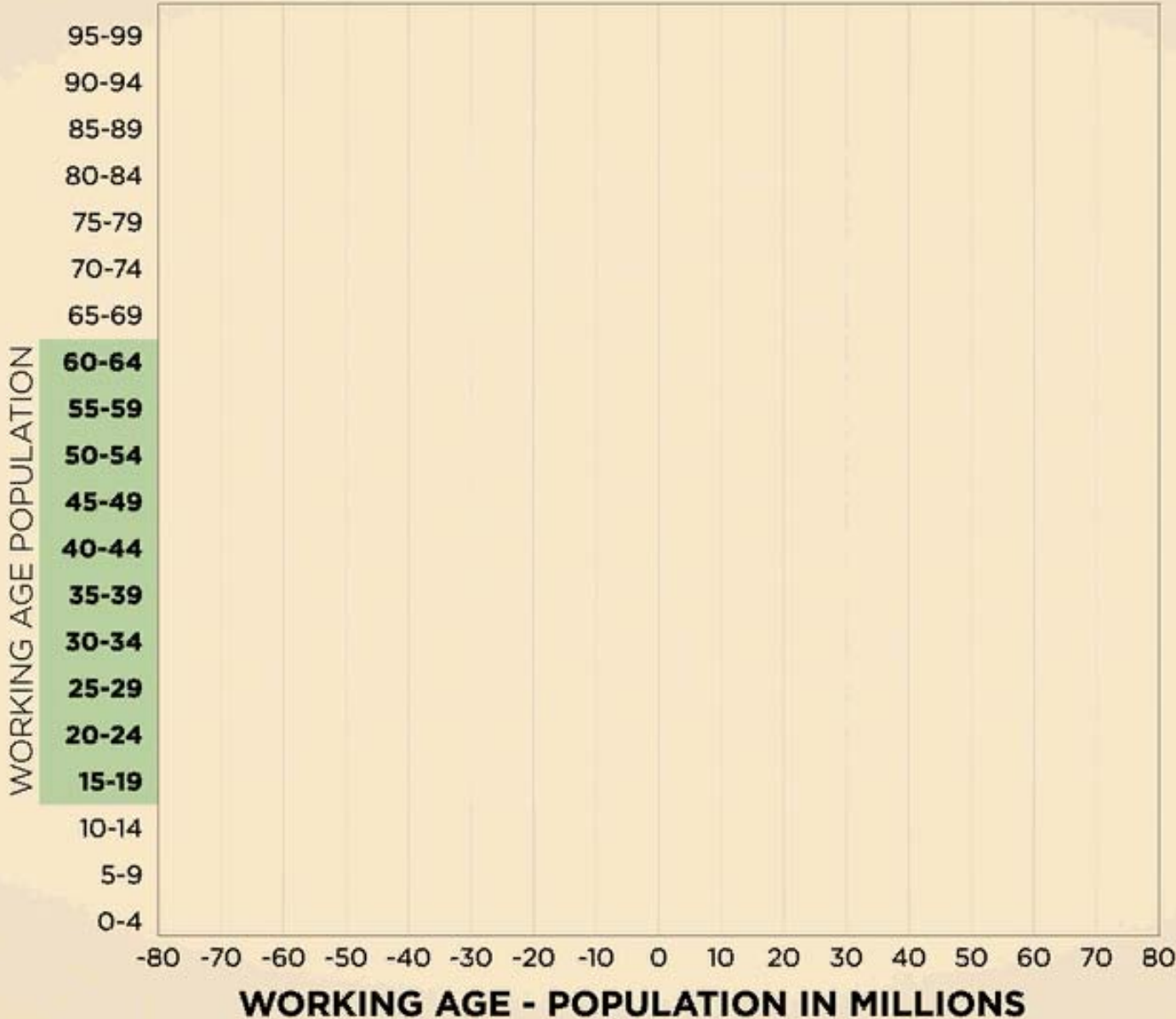
Different Rates of Change



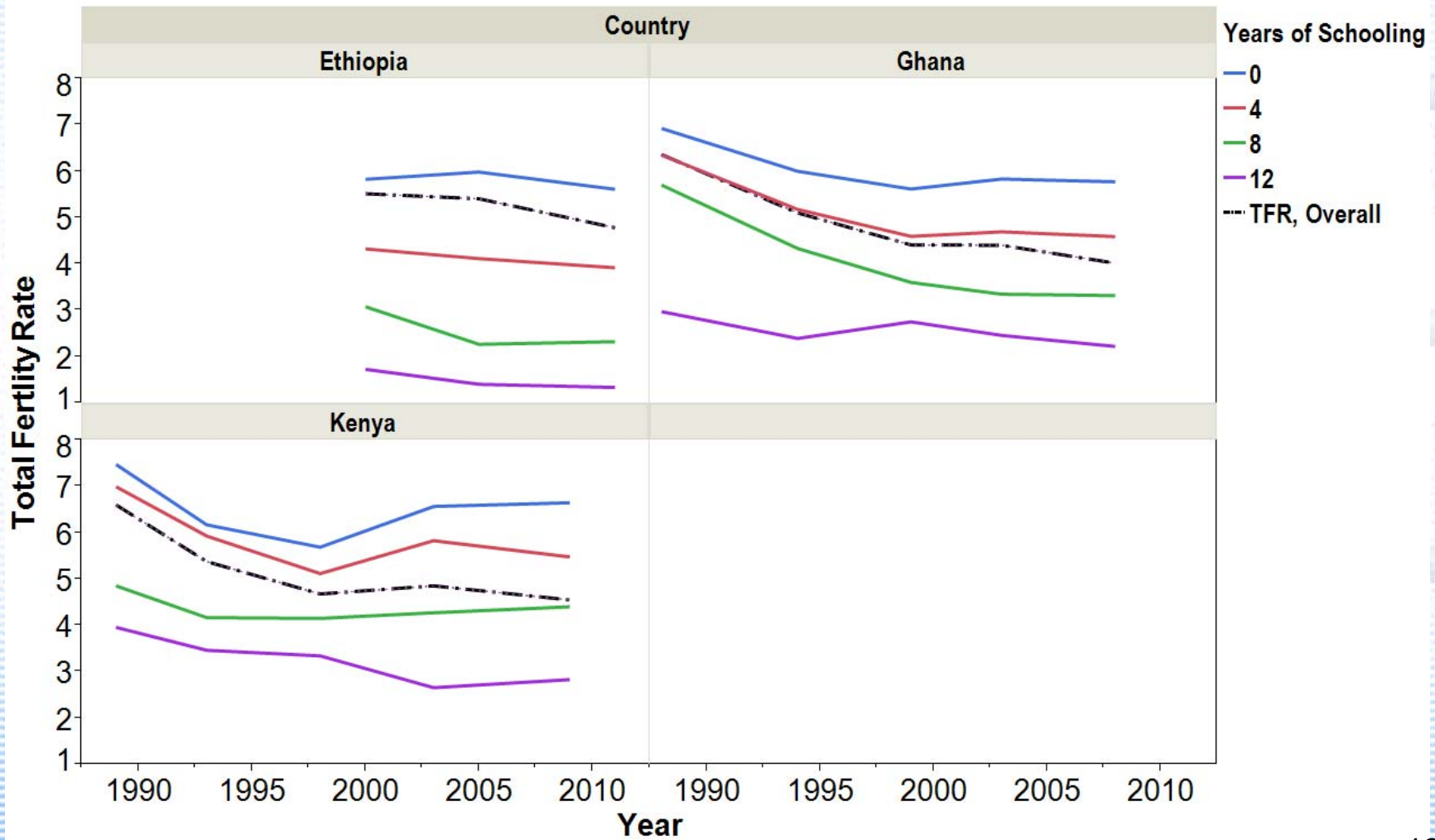
How a Population Bulge is Created



Age Structure Transformation

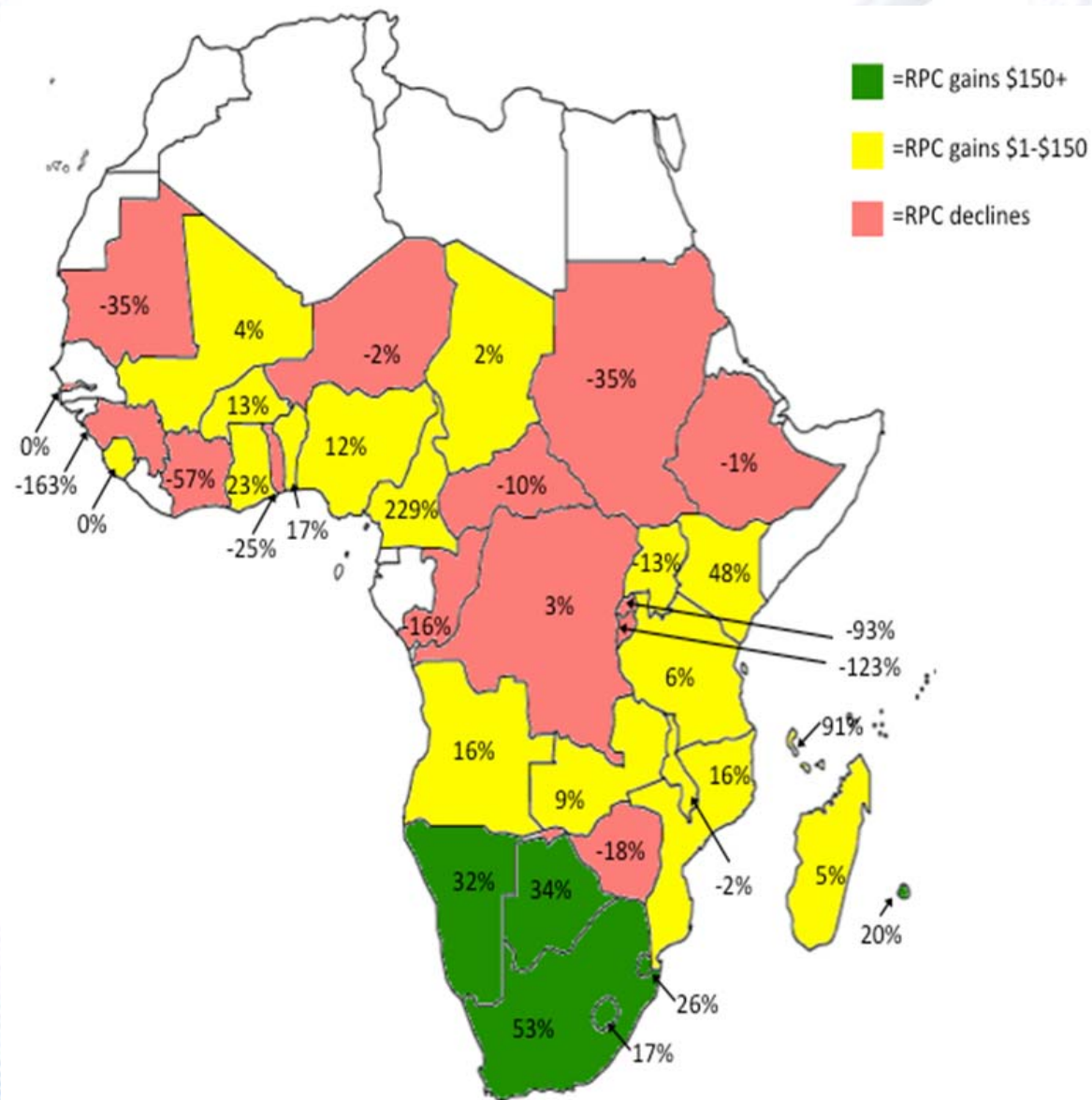



Female Education



*Various DHS Surveys. Macro International Inc. Calverton, Maryland

Contributions of age structure to recent changes in resources per child



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- Demography and Health (children and mothers)
 - Family Planning
 - Urbanization
 - Female Labor Force Participation
 - Youth Bulge and Labor Markets
 - Sources of Economic Growth
 - Savings and Financial Institutions
 - Aging

Other Sectors covered by the Regional Report

Optimism, but ...

- Reasons for Optimism:
 - Child Mortality Declining Fast
 - Rapid enrollment in schooling for girls
 - Economic dynamism in Africa (potential fiscal space)
- But the Dividend is not automatic and some countries are lagging considerably on the demographic transition

Dividend Policies and Timing

I. Managing/speeding up the Demographic Transition

- Child Mortality/Morbidity
- Female Education
- Social Norms
- Family Planning

II. 1st Economic Dividend: Youth Bulge to Workforce

- Skills/education
- Jobs, Jobs, Jobs (where from?)
- Domestic saving and FDI

III. 2nd Economic Dividend: Savings of the Cohort

- Financial institutions/mechanisms
- Savings policy (e.g. Pensions)

Second Study: Sahel Demography

- Stunted Demographic Transition:
 - Mortality has started to decline
 - Fertility has not declined consistently
 - Implications to health and nutrition
 - Implications to dependency ratios (population pyramid)
 - Implications to poverty reduction
- Three Analytical Lenses
 - Quantitative analysis of drivers
 - Qualitative analysis (focus groups and informant interviews)
 - Policy mapping

Main Findings (Sahel)

- While Mortality is declining, it is still too high
- Very high demand for children, even in urban settings
 - Retirement security (concerns about child survival)
 - Cultural norms
 - Gender power relationships
- Challenges in Family Planning Programs
- Education sector limitations, especially for girls
- Paper Policies
 - Limited prioritization
 - Major implementation challenges (budgets and institutions)