Scaling up Support for the Demographic Dividend in Sub-Saharan Africa

The importance of SRHR under the GFF for poverty reduction

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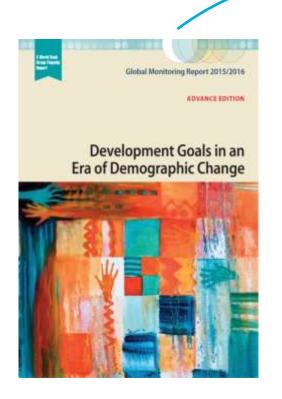
There is growing political commitment for a Demographic Dividend

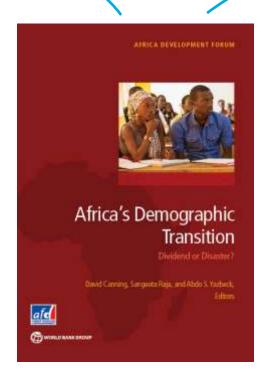


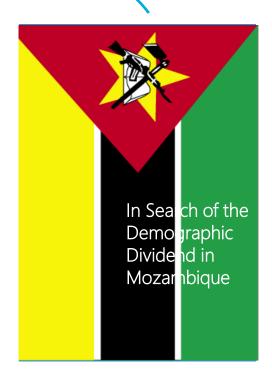
- The African Union has declared 2017 the year of "Harnessing Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth".
- Presidents, Prime Ministers and Sector Ministers from more than 20 countries gathered at UNGA to reinforce their political commitment to create the conditions for a Demographic Dividend in Sub-Saharan Africa

Population is central to development

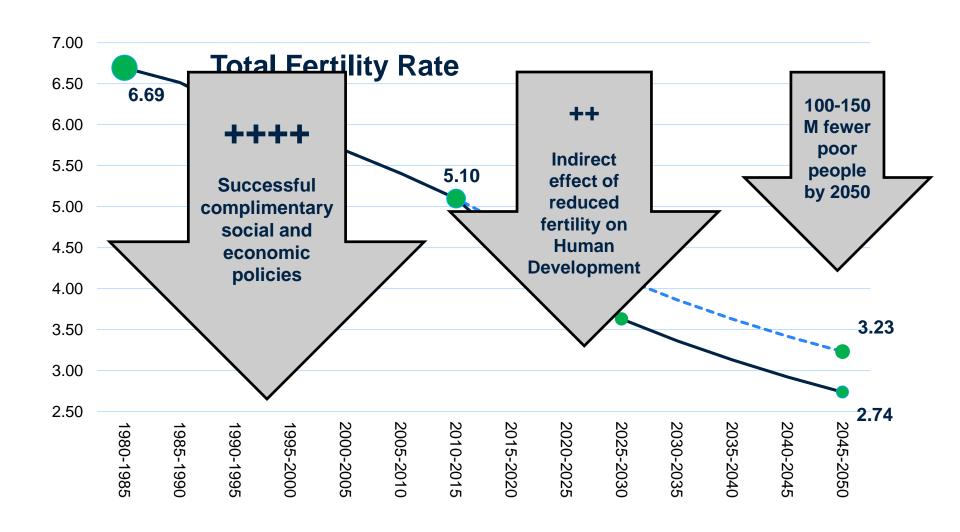
From global and regional knowledge to country action







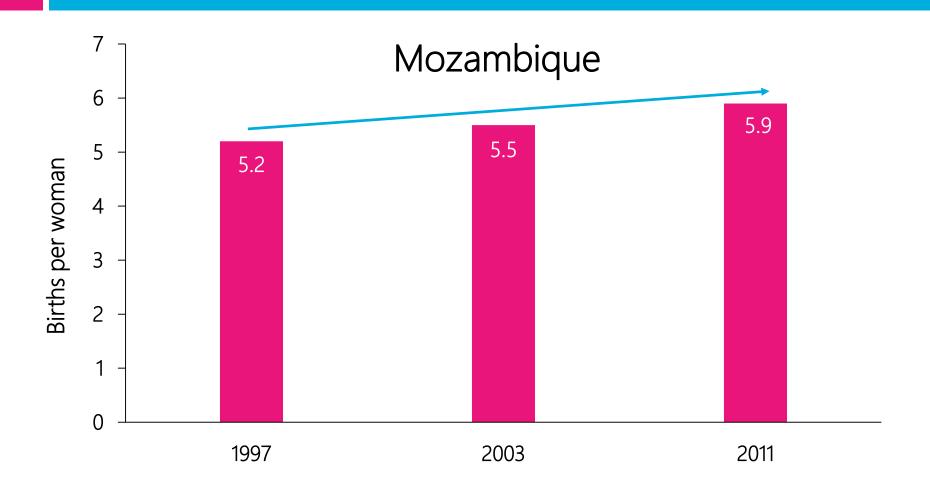
The Opportunity: harnessing demographic change as a driver of poverty reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa



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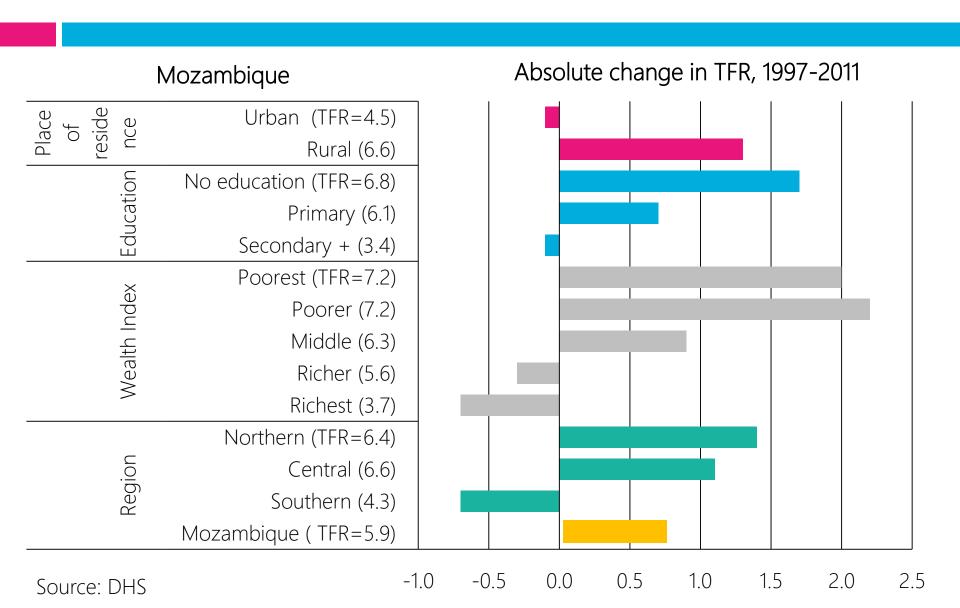
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Is Sub-Saharan Africa TFR is High



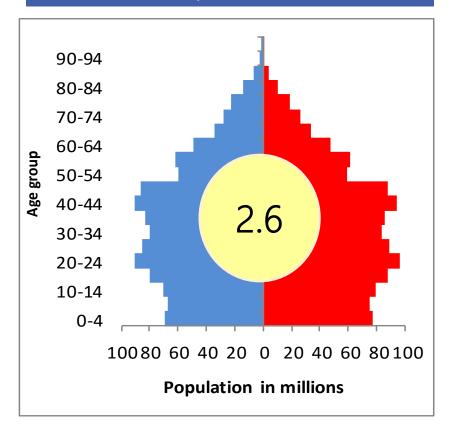
Source: DHS

Inequity in Fertility is Increasing

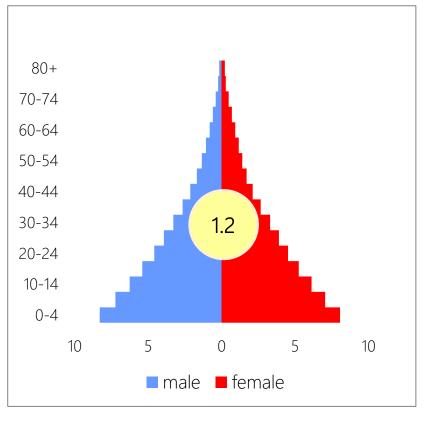


Few adults to sustain many dependents

Working-age population / Dependents



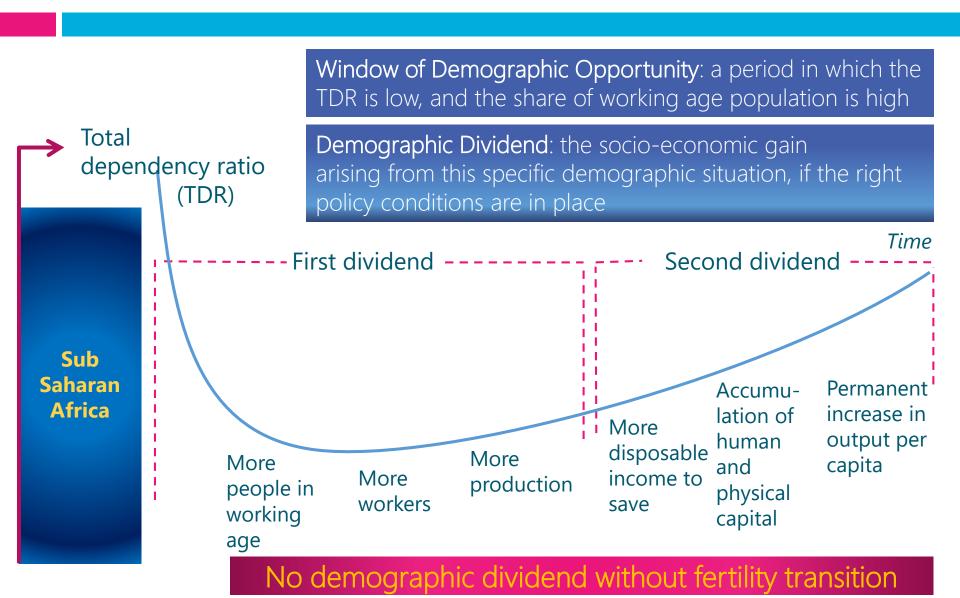
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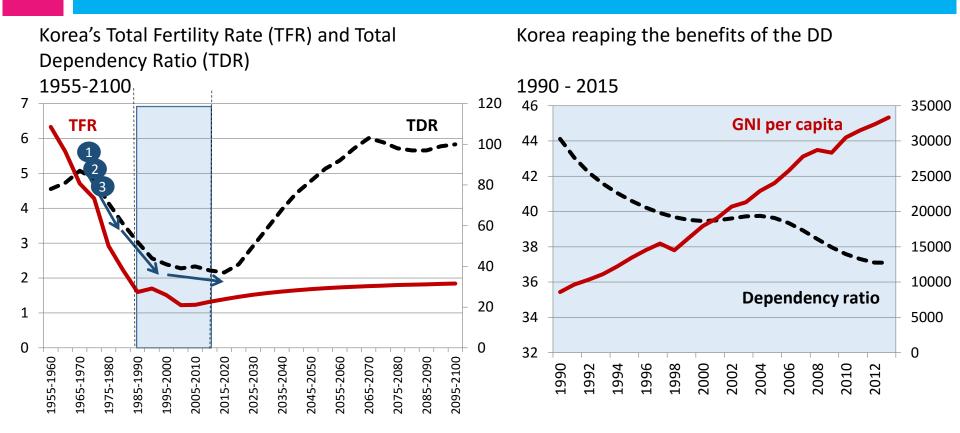
East Asia

Sub-Saharan Africa

What is the Demographic Dividend?



Korea: 1/3 of economic growth over 40 years (6.7%) attributable to Demographic Dividend



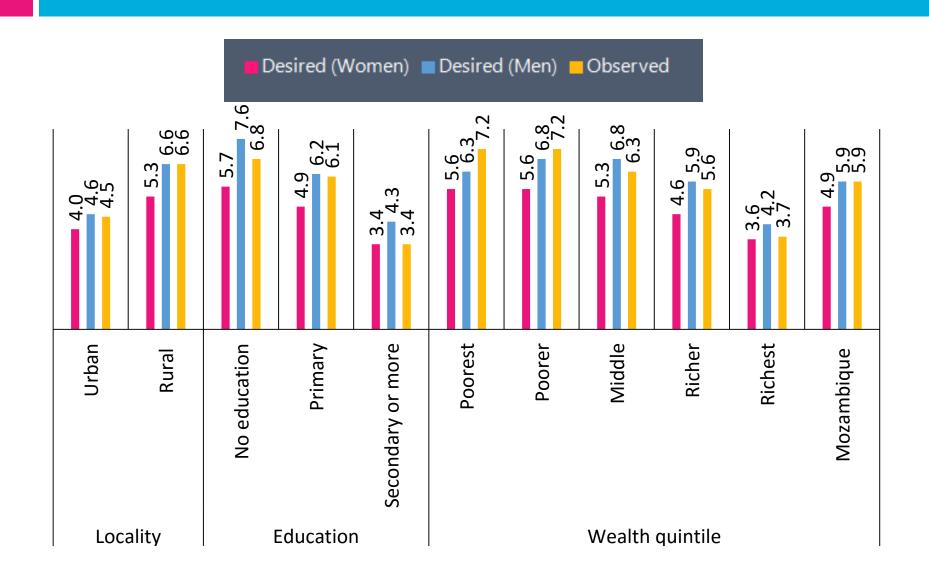
POLICY MEASURES

- 1) Explicit population policy
- 2) Shifting the education and skills development strategy
- 3) Comprehensive economic plans

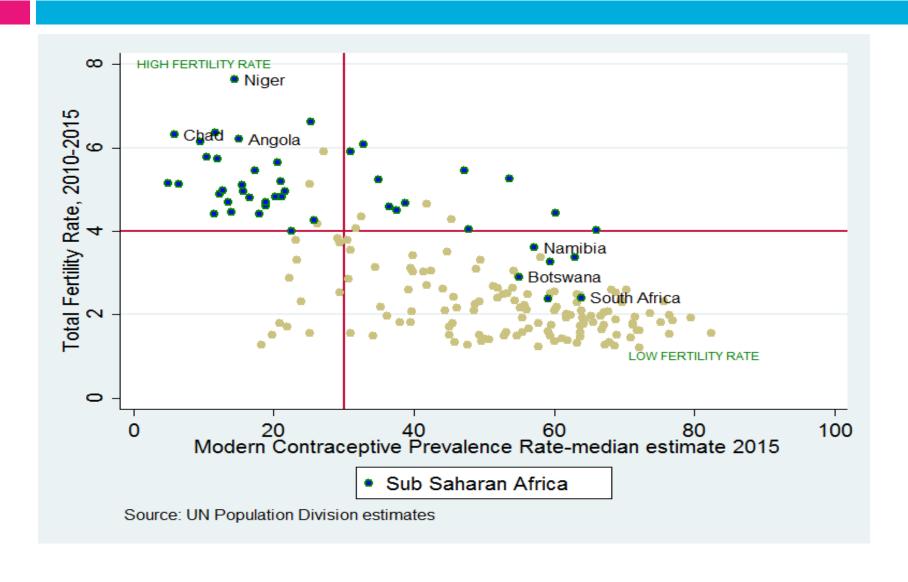
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Observed fertility is generally higher than women's desired fertility (Mozambique)

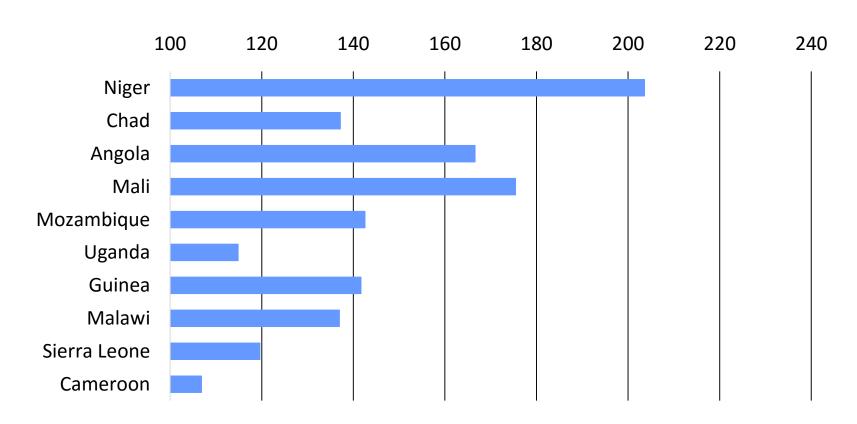


Use of contraception in SSA is low, especially among the poorest



Early Marriage and Childbearing result in high adolescent pregnancy rates

Births per 1,000 women ages 15-19 (2014)



Source: World Development lindicators

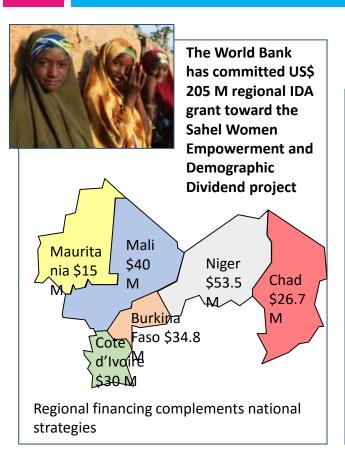
The required policy actions for pre-dividend countries resonate with the ambition of the GFF

Phase	Objective	Policies
Pre- Demographic Dividend Countries		 Reduce child mortality and malnutrition Increase female education and gender equity Empowe Sup parastrengthen agency, acres social norms on fertility, reduce child marriage) Expand comprehensive family planning programs

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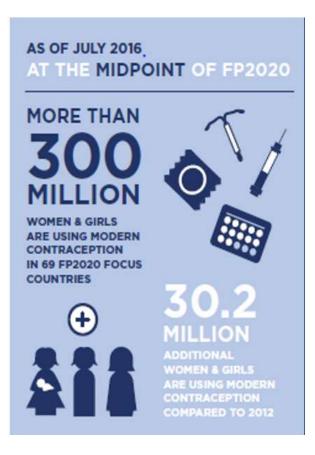
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As partners we need now to leverage platforms to support coordinated action









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Thank you

Huge potential for rapid economic growth and poverty reduction [Mozambique]

