Leveraging South-South and Triangular Cooperation as an Accelerator for the Achievement of ICPD Program of Action

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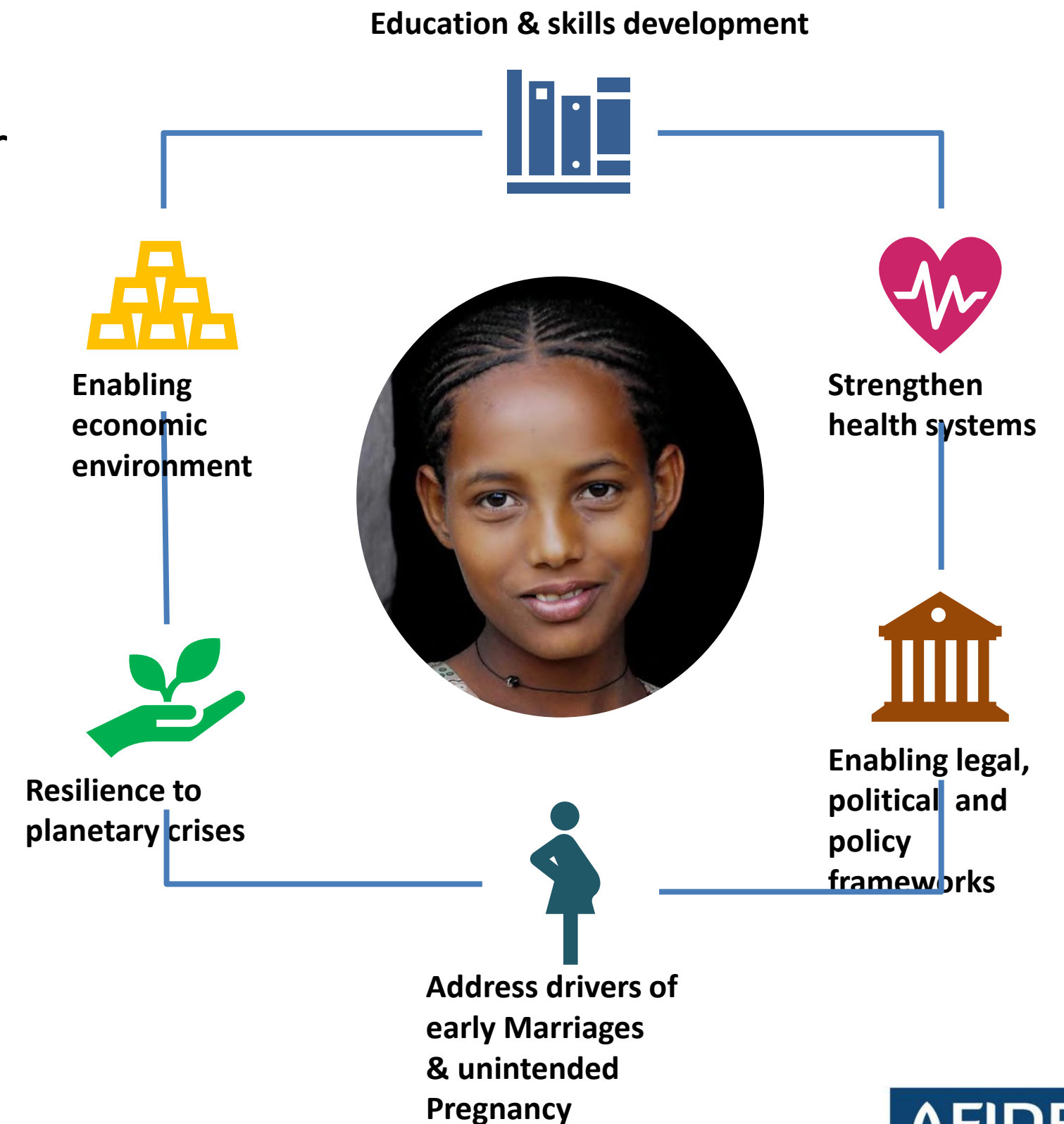
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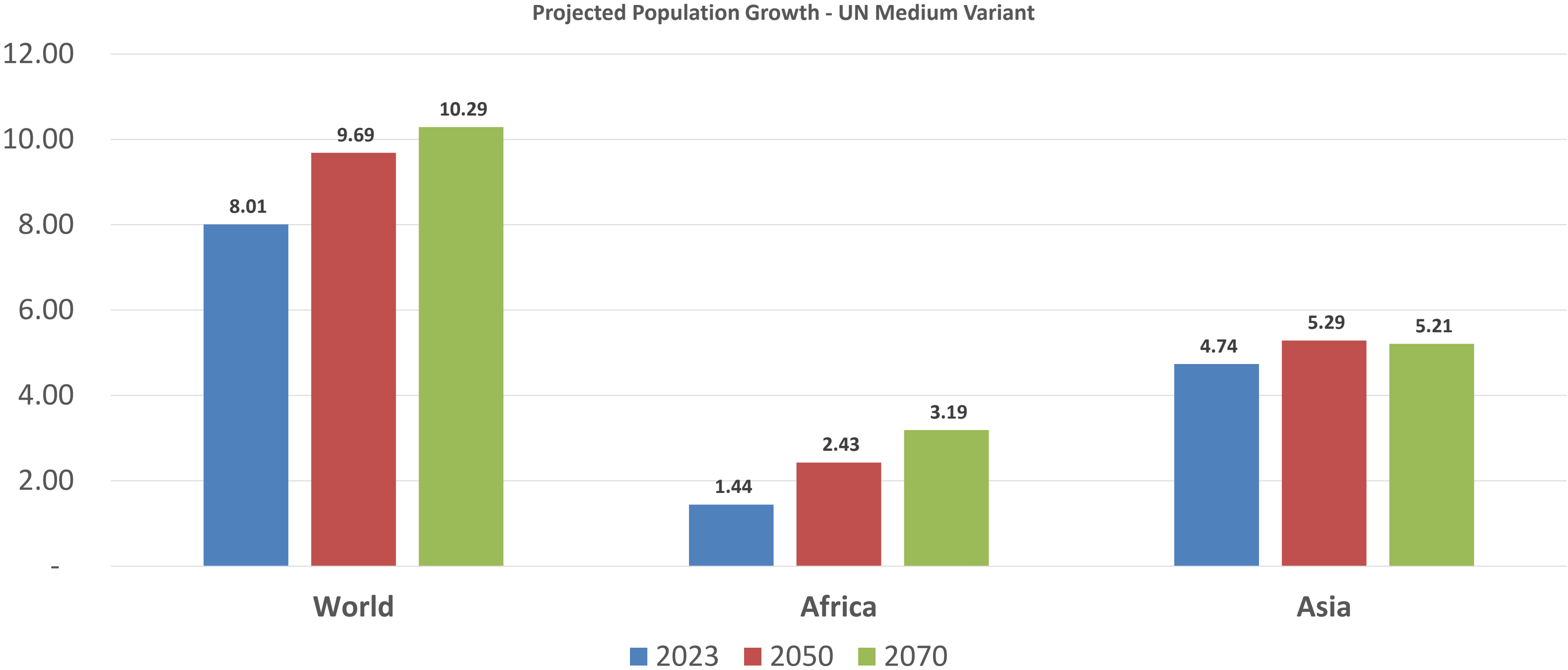
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Meet Malaika

Meet Malaika, a 14-year-old girl from Mandera, Kenya. She is one of six children living in a rural area. Her family is poor and vulnerable to health, economic, political and environmental shocks.

She has a one-in-four chance of becoming pregnant during adolescence, which will then lead to early marriage, and she will drop out of school before reaching secondary school.

Her status results from individual, household, community, and systemic factors, which must be addressed holistically to achieve decisive change.
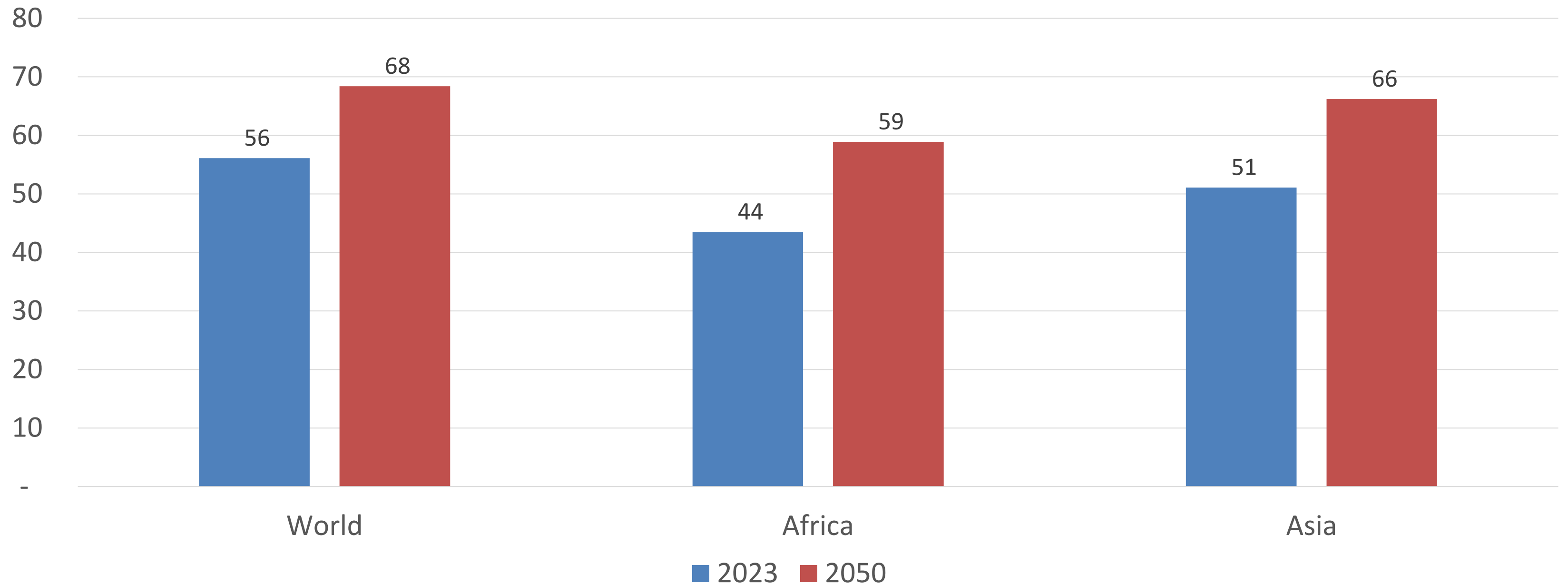
Education & skills development

Enabling economic environment

Strengthen health systems

Resilience to planetary crises

Enabling legal, political and policy frameworks

Address drivers of early Marriages & unintended Pregnancy

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The post 2030 period will be characterised by major population changes, dominated by rapid growth in Africa

Projected Population Growth - UN Medium Variant

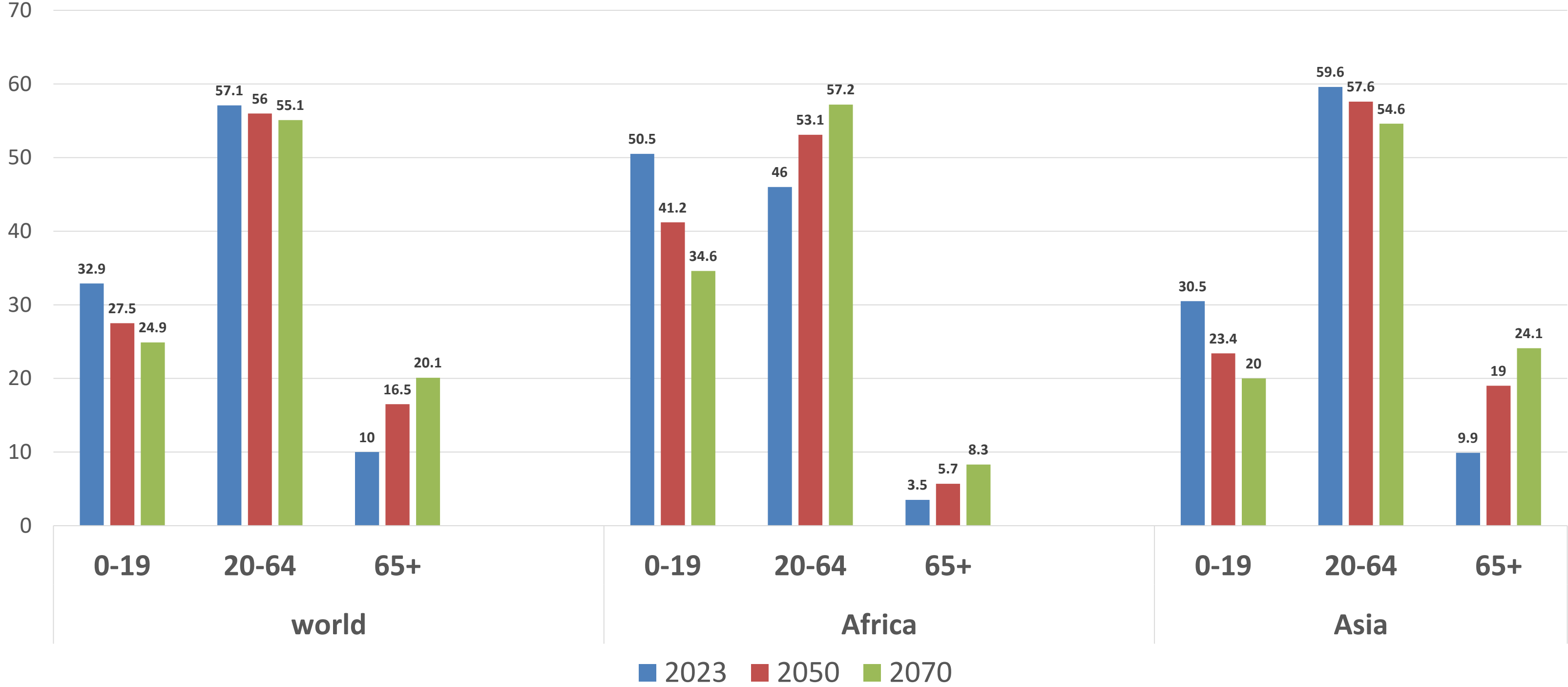| Region	2023	2050	2070
World	8.01	9.69	10.29
Africa	1.44	2.43	3.19
Asia	4.74	5.29	5.21

What will be the implications of having the majority of people living in uban areas?

Percentage of populatiopn living in urban areas

	World	Africa	Asia
2023	56	44	51
2050	68	59	66

As birthrates continue to deline, populations will be concentrated in the working ages, and later in the old ages

Proportion of population in broad age categories
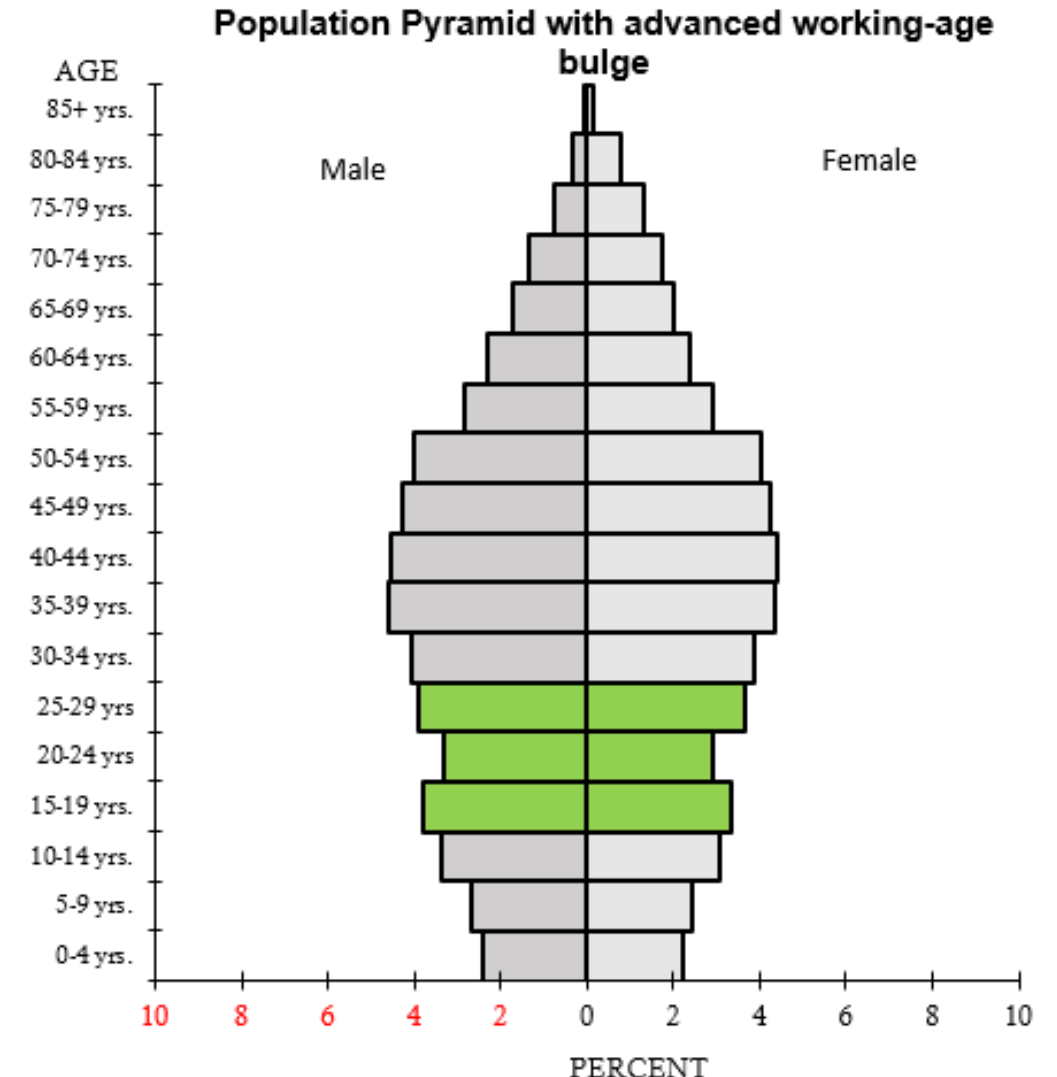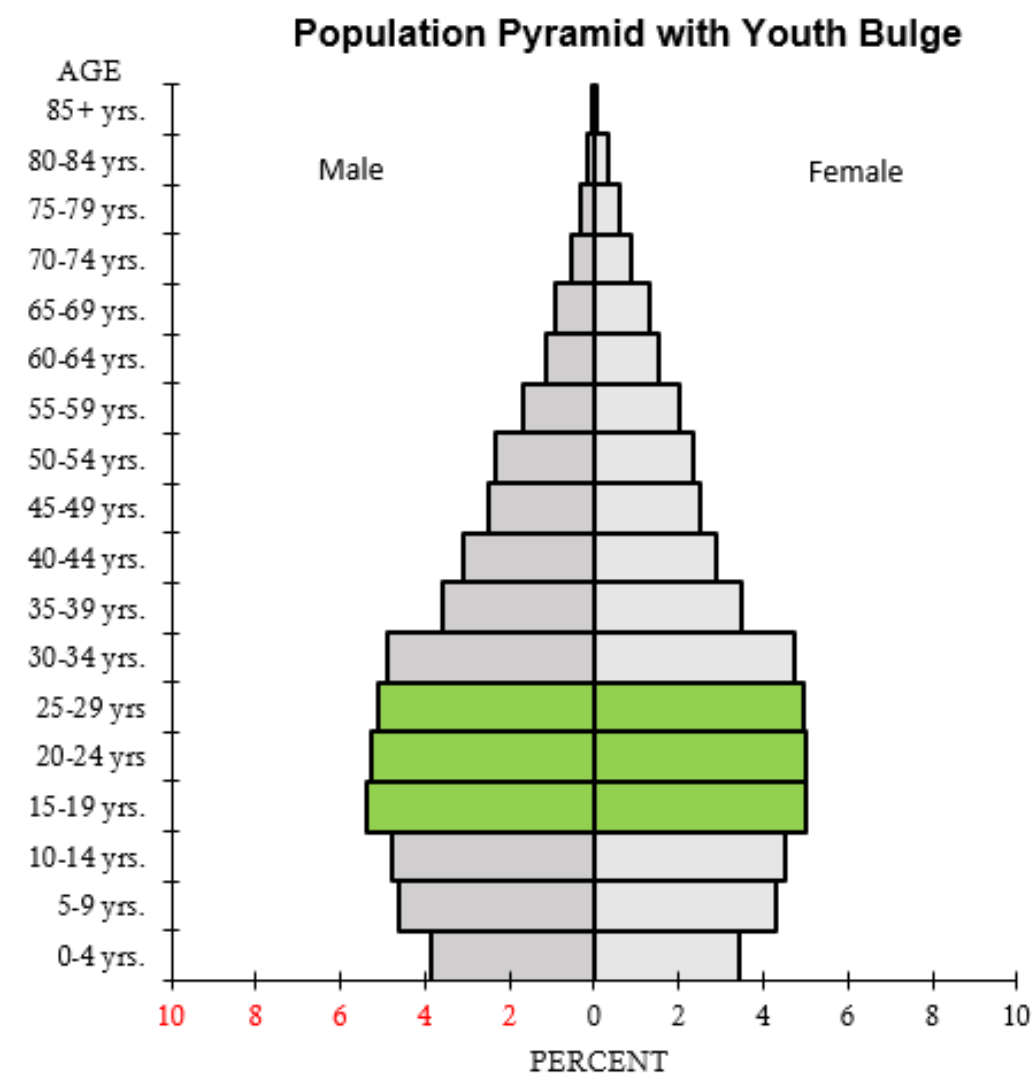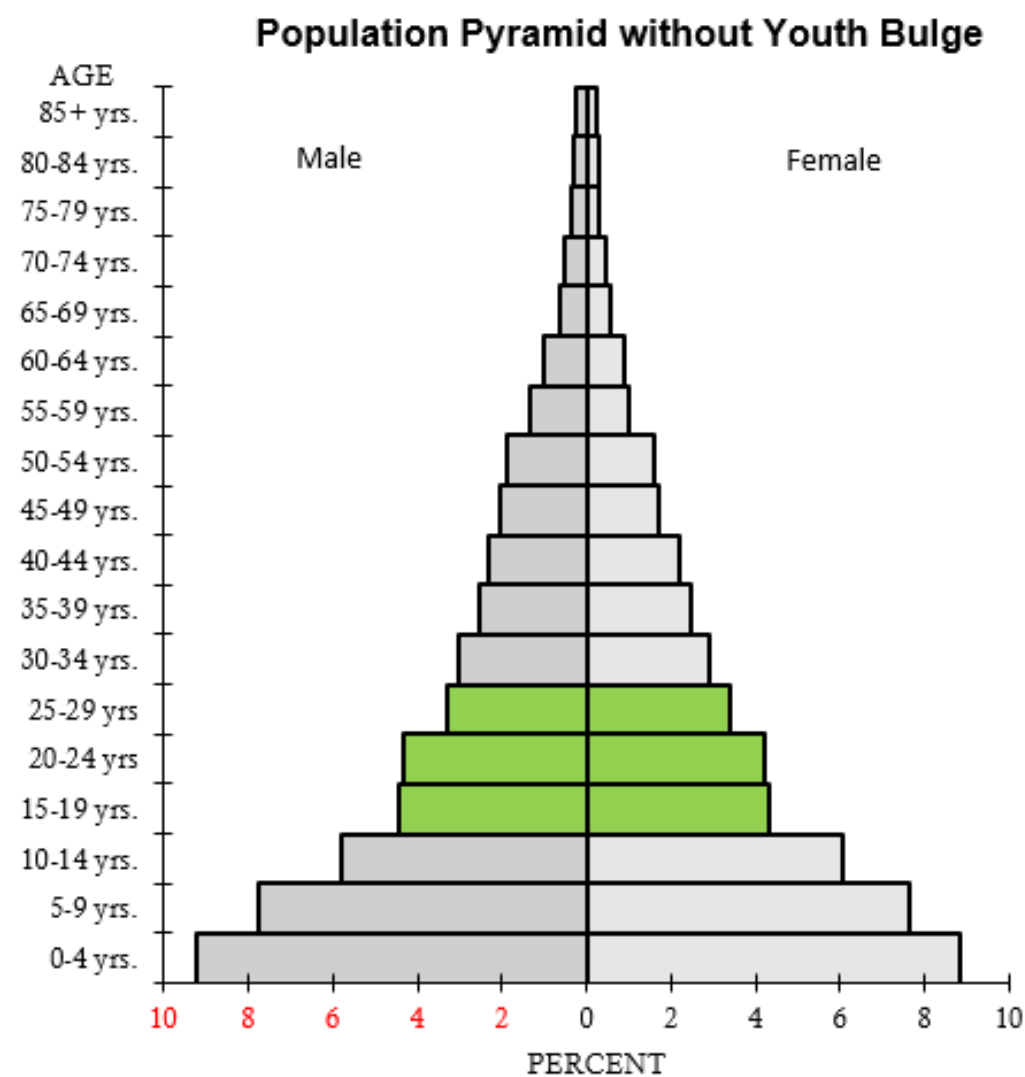
Will Africa claim the 21st Century and achieve Agenda 2063?

The demographic Dividend

The economic benefit arising from a significant increase in the ratio of working-aged adults relative to young and old dependents.

Operationalising the Demographic Dividend at National Level

National DD Profile

Evidence generation, synthesis & translation

Secure policy declaration

National Strategy/Roadmap

Define long terms goals & strategies

Identify game-changer policies and programs

Define coordination & accountability mechanisms

Planning

Embed DD actions into development planning, M&E & budgeting processes

Implementation

Pilot & scale-up programmes

Monitoring & Evaluation

Accountability mechanisms

Research and Knowledge Translation; Capacity Building, Effective Coordination and Oversight; Advocacy and Awareness

Source: AFIDEP & UNFPA, 2017

Moving DD from Rhettoric to Action

Best Practices in Operationalising the Demographic Dividend in Eastern and Southern Africa

September, 2021

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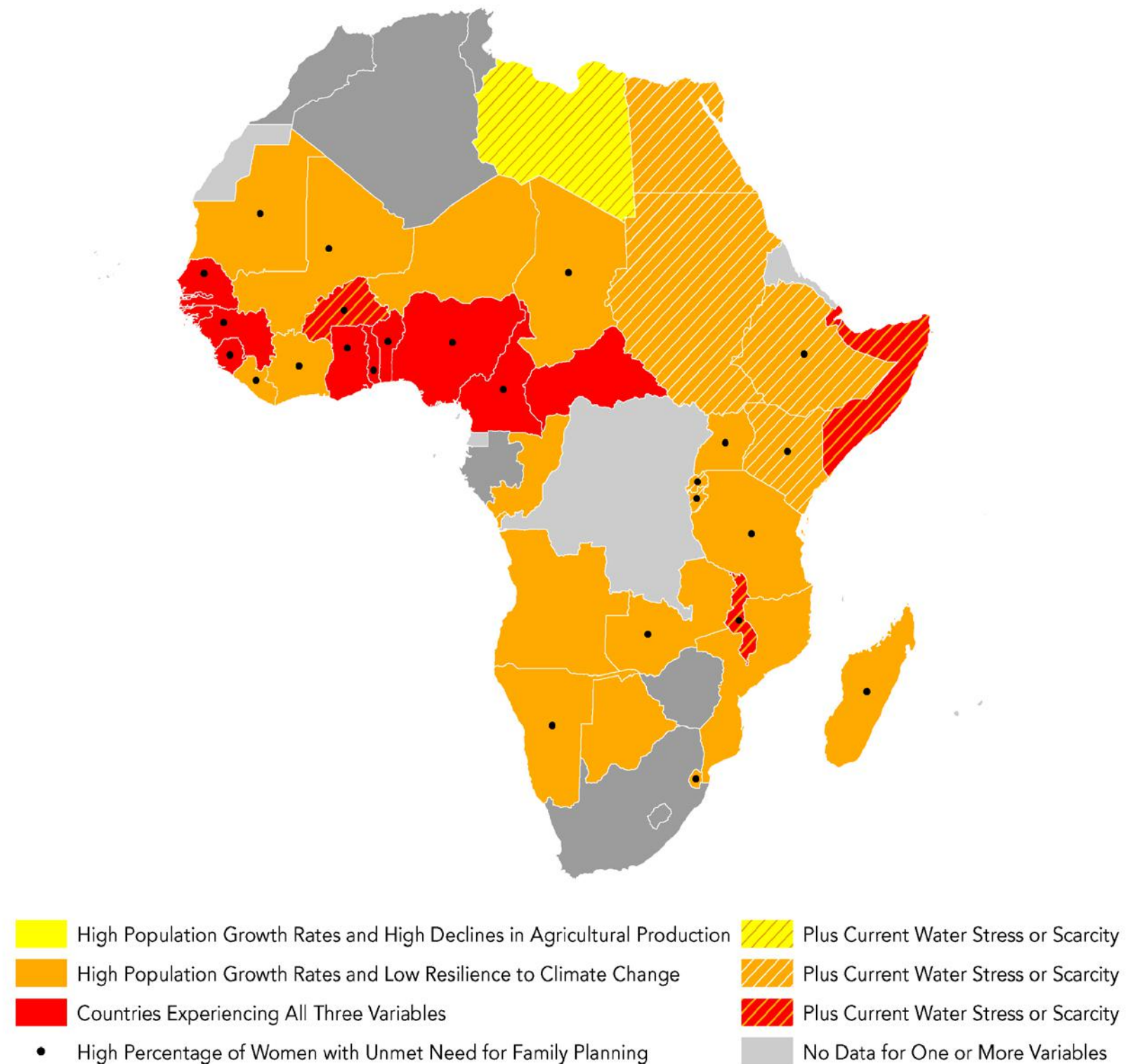AFIDEP
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Uganda, Kenya and Zambia did the most in engaging beyond the modeling and roadmaps
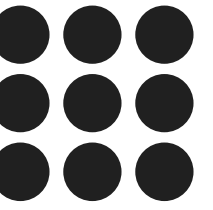
Key challenges
- Costs-benefit analyses and to determine specific cost-effective interventions
- Technical assistance to ensure planning and budgeting processes across relevant sectors are DD compliant
- Multi-sectoral coordination of DD actors and work

We aspire for an Africa where evidence is used consistently to transform lives

Population & climate change hotspots

- 15 hotspots countries in SSA: high rates of population growth, high projected declines in agricultural production and low resilience to climate change

- 4 of these countries (Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Malawi and Somalia) also experiencing water stress/scarcity

- Many hotspots already face widespread poverty, low education levels, limited health services, and high gender inequality

- Most hotspot countries have high levels of unmet need for family planning (fertility is very high partly because of inability of women and their partners to access and use contraception)

High Population Growth Rates and High Declines in Agricultural Production | Plus Current Water Stress or Scarcity
High Population Growth Rates and Low Resilience to Climate Change | Plus Current Water Stress or Scarcity
Countries Experiencing All Three Variables | Plus Current Water Stress or Scarcity
• High Percentage of Women with Unmet Need for Family Planning | No Data for One or More Variables

Systems Thinking Approach

- **Holistic approach to analysis** that takes into consideration the **interconnection** of **many important components.**

- Systems thinking can be harnessed to enable the **public and policy makers to understand the interlinkages and relationships** between voluntary FP/RH, environment and development.

- BUILD applies the **DPSIR** (*drivers, pressures, states, impacts, responses*) systems thinking model.

The Global Sustainable Development Report

Mandated in 2016 to provide follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Informs the SDG Summit and strengthens the science-policy interface

- Written by an independent group of 15 scientists appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General

- An 'assessment of assessments' to provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policy-makers

- GSDR 2023 launched on 12 September 2023 in advance of the UN SDG Summit

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ENTRY POINT:
Human Well-being & Capabilities

- Scale up investment in primary health care and ensuring access to life-saving interventions

- Accelerate secondary education enrolment and completion and ensuring all girls are enrolled

- Increase investment in water and sanitation infrastructure to deliver universal piped water access and halving of untreated wastewater.

2

ENTRY POINT:
Sustainable and Just Economies

- Accelerate a **just economy** with inclusive, pro-poor growth including redistribution measures, doubling welfare transfers in low-income countries

- Rollout good practice climate policies and global carbon pricing

- Encourage lifestyles that promote 'sufficiency' levels

- Invest in green innovation, and circular and sharing economy models.

3

ENTRY POINT:
Food Systems &
Nutrition Patterns

- Shift to **regenerative ecological** and **multifunctional agricultural systems.**

- Improve **irrigation and fertilizer efficiency.**

- **Reduce food waste** by 50 per cent and **scale up proven nutrition interventions.**

- **Halve consumption of meat** in high-consumption regions and adapt **plant-based diets.**

4

ENTRY POINT:
Energy Decarbonization & Universal Access

- Large-scale deployment of renewables with access to technologies and equipment

- Rapidly scale up energy infrastructure investment, especially in Africa, and support universal electricity access and clean cooking alternatives

- Transition to energy consumption and demand reduction including by improving energy efficiency.

5

ENTRY POINT:
Urban & Peri-urban Development

- Double the recycled and composted share of municipal waste by 2030 and increase circularity of waste cycle

- Greater use of electrical vehicles

- Better public transport with cities' and infrastructure oriented to people and pedestrians

- Good-practice policies for transport, buildings and waste

6

ENTRY POINT:
Global Environmental Commons

- Expand protected areas, abandon intensive agricultural practices in protected areas, reforestation of all degraded forest areas, shift societal preferences towards conservation land use

- Reduce water consumption and ensure environmental flow requirements

- Adopt a 1.5°C land-sector road map that combines ambitious protection, conservation, restoration and lifestyle changes

Calls to Action

- Establish an SDG Transformation Framework for Accelerated Action
  - Member states should set national plans prioritizing key SDGs and addressing bottlenecks
  - Business and local government roadmaps
  - Provide finance and integrate SDGs in budgeting

- Build capacities for transformation
  - Training, foresight, public engagement, negotiation skills

- Drive transformation through its phases and manage interlinkages
  - Identify interventions for six entry points, use science to assess interlinkages and international spill-overs

- Improve critical, underlying conditions for SDG implementation
  - Prevent conflict, ensure fiscal space, focus on marginalized groups

- Work with science
  - Invest in evaluation research, global South R&D, mechanisms for knowledge sharing

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