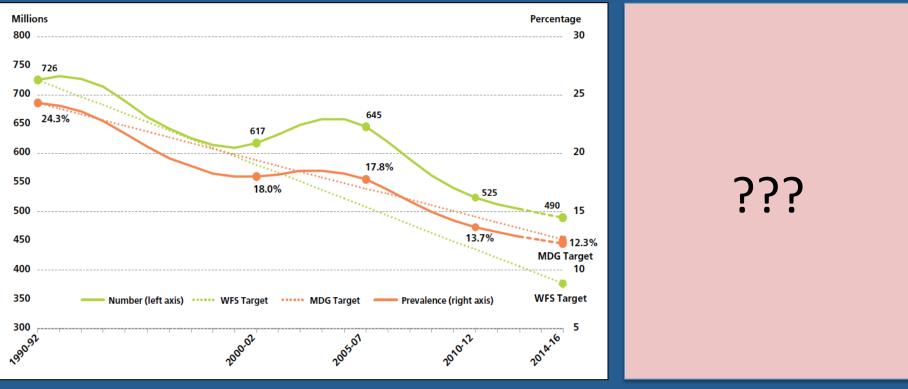
Economic growth, demographic transformation and inclusive food security: Emerging challenges and opportunities

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Undernourishment (Prevalence and number) declined



Source: FAO (2015)

Next 15-20 years

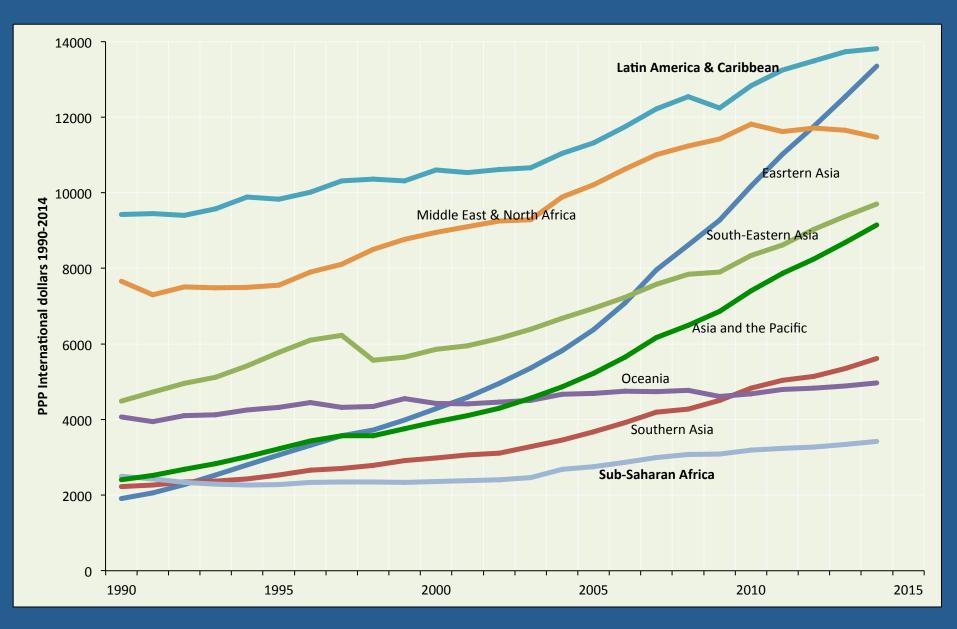
An extended 'development trilogy'

Economic Growth (policies, demographic change, innovations and technologies)

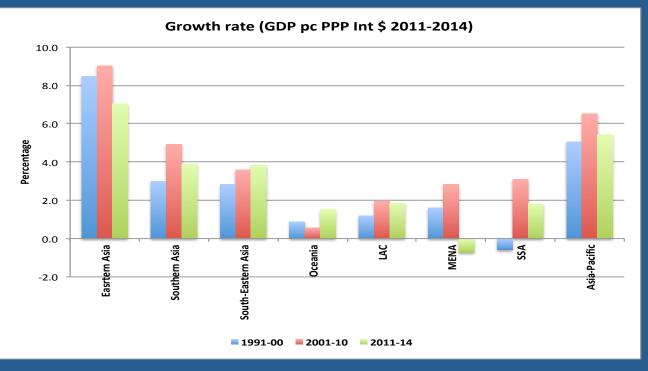
Food Security

Equity (social, institutional) Stability
(Climate change, disasters and cyclical variaions)

Real per-capita GDP increased significantly

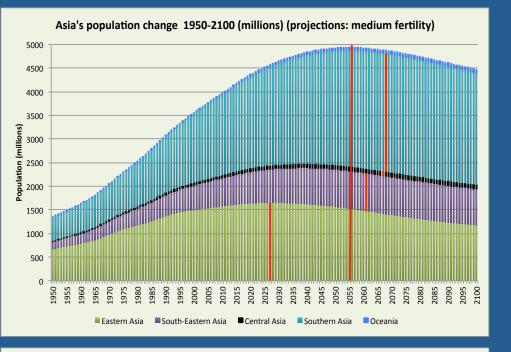


Slowing down of economic growth



- Long-term growth projections (ADB 2011, 2015; UN 2016) predict a growth slowdown – 'New normal' for several reasons:
 - Delayed recovery
 - Moderate prospects of China and India
 - Weak economic performance of large global players
 - Conditional convergence due to slow growth of labour force

Asia's population change 1950-2100



Rate of population growth 1951 - 2050 (projections: medium fertility)

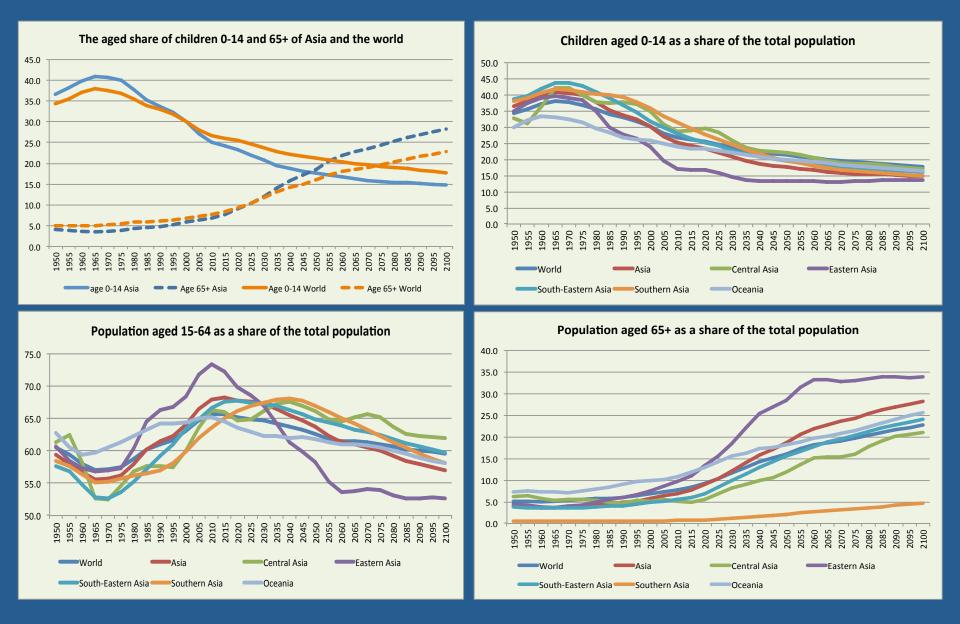


- Fertility rates have declined (total births per woman declined)
- People live longer
- More children survive beyond five years



- The share of children aged 0-14 in the total population decline sharply
- Share of the working age population 15-64 has been rising with each region and country reaching peak levels at different time periods
- The share of aged population 65+ will outstrip that of children for the first time in known history

Elements of demographic transition



Food security implications

- Rural-urban migration and urbanization
 - Significant rural-urban migration → more people will begin to live in cities than in cities within the next 10-20 years
 - Populations in urban agglomerations are increasing
 - China: 63 million in 1970 to 278 million in 2010 (83 million of this, after 2000)
 - India: 43 million in 1970 to 164 million in 2010
 - APR: 223 million in 1980 to 619 million in 2010 (increase of 396 mil)
- Implications
 - \rightarrow Urban food security becomes a critical component



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