Demographic Transition/Dividend and Achievement of SDGs

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Wealth distribution distorted from "Glass of Champagne-1989" to "T" Shape -2005- UNDP

WHY?

- Results Oriented
- Not Pop-Centered
- Lack of HR basis
Economic – Social – Environmental Inclusive Development

ICPD = Population Rights
Cairo Declaration
humanitarian setting

Population-centered Sustainable Inclusive Development
The Demographic Dividend - DD

DD is a potential economic benefit, driven by demographic shifts but harnessed by social policies.

To harness Economic opportunity work in two directions simultaneously: Demographic + Social
Outcome of MDG and Forwarding SDG

Two Facts

1. Economic progress higher than social progress

2. Increased social inequality

One root cause
Lack of recognition of demographic dimension hindered intended progress
Why Demographics matter for SDGs?! 

Mechanics of Social Exclusion 

Goal 1: poverty 
Goal 4: education 
Goal 5: Gender equality 
Goal 16: inclusive society
Why Demographics matters for SDGs – Empirical Egypt

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<td>Fertility Rate</td>
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Corr(SPI, TFR)= -0.70 (Arab countries)
1. More than 90% of poverty is in pre- and early-dividend

2. More than 85 percent of global economic activity is in the late- and post-dividend countries
- Demographic Trans.
+ Investment in Youth
  (Status quo – no social return)

-Welfare

- Demographic Trans.
- Investment in Youth
  (Worst Case)
Miss both DD and SDG

+ Production

+ Demographic Trans
+ Investment in Youth
  (Best case)
Harness DD + SDG

+ Welfare

+ Demographic Trans.
- Investment in Youth
  (Status quo- no social return)
Equation of Success: Package to Package

Economic growth + Demographic Transition + Social policies (3E) + Sustainable Environment

Achieved SDGs + Harness DD + Improved Welfare + Sustainable future
Therefore, We should

1. Invest in demographic transition to achieve SDGs
2. Invest in youth to Harness demographic dividend
3. Track demographic transition according to Cairo Declaration as an integral AFSD Regional Task Force on ICPD based SDG indicators