



# Demographics: Reproductive Health & Aging

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# Demographic Dynamics: Key Issues

- The **Numbers** and their **Rates** of growth
- **Shifts** in the **Distribution** of the numbers
  - Regionally (LDCs vs MDCs; World regions, etc)
  - Spatially (Urban vs rural)
  - By Age groups
- **Diversities** of experiences & demographic future of different groups



# Importance of RH to post-2015 DA

- Doubling global investments in family planning and pregnancy-related care from \$11.8B to \$24.6B would reduce:
  - Maternal deaths by more two-thirds: 356,000 to 105,000
  - Newborn deaths by more than half: 3.2M to 1.5M
  - Unintended pregnancies by more than two-thirds: 75M to 22M
  - Unsafe abortions by almost three-quarters: 20M to 5.5M
  - Deaths from unsafe abortions by more than four-fifths: 46,000 to 8,000

Source: Guttmacher Institute: <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/FB-AIU-summary.pdf>



# Key Reproductive Health Priorities

- Less Developed economies: High fertility
  - Meet the unmet need for family planning
  - Address early marriage and adolescent childbearing
  - Promote RHR through universal access to services
- Emerging economies: Low fertility countries
  - Maximize demographic dividend
- More developed economies: Below replacement
  - Identify new policy options



# Importance of Ageing to post-2015 DA

	Percent (aged 60+)		Numbers	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2050</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2050</u>
World	11	22	760 M	2 B
MDCs	22	32	269 M	418 M
LDCs	9	20	491 M	1.61 B
Africa	5.5	9.8	56 M	215 M
Africa (2100)	5.5	20	56 M	716 M



# Key Ageing Issues for Post-2015 DA

- LDCs
  - Migration/Agriculture
  - Urbanization/Nuclear family structure
  - Traditional support systems
- MDCs
  - Social security systems
  - Healthcare
  - Social inclusion



# Key Ageing Priorities

- Expand national surveys beyond reproductive ages
- Include age-related inequities in equity measures
- Adopt full life course approach to human development



# Thank You

