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Key trends in 5 components

1. **Total fertility**

2. **Adolescent fertility**

3. **Maternal mortality**

4. **Family planning**
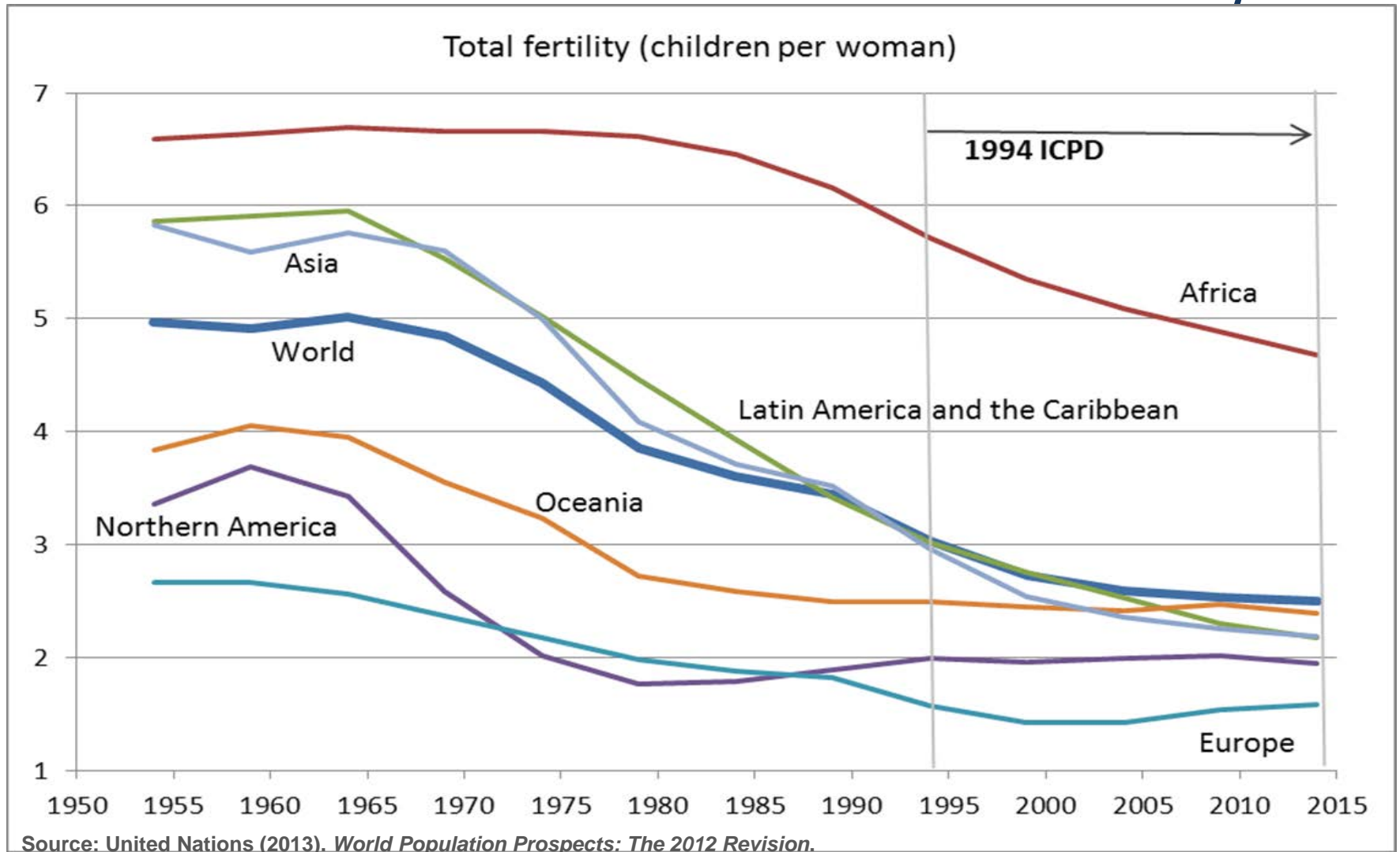
5. **Population growth**

1. Total fertility declined rapidly in Asia and LAC, much later and more slowly in Africa

Total fertility (children per woman)

1994 ICPD

Africa

Asia

World

Latin America and the Caribbean

Oceania

Northern America

Europe

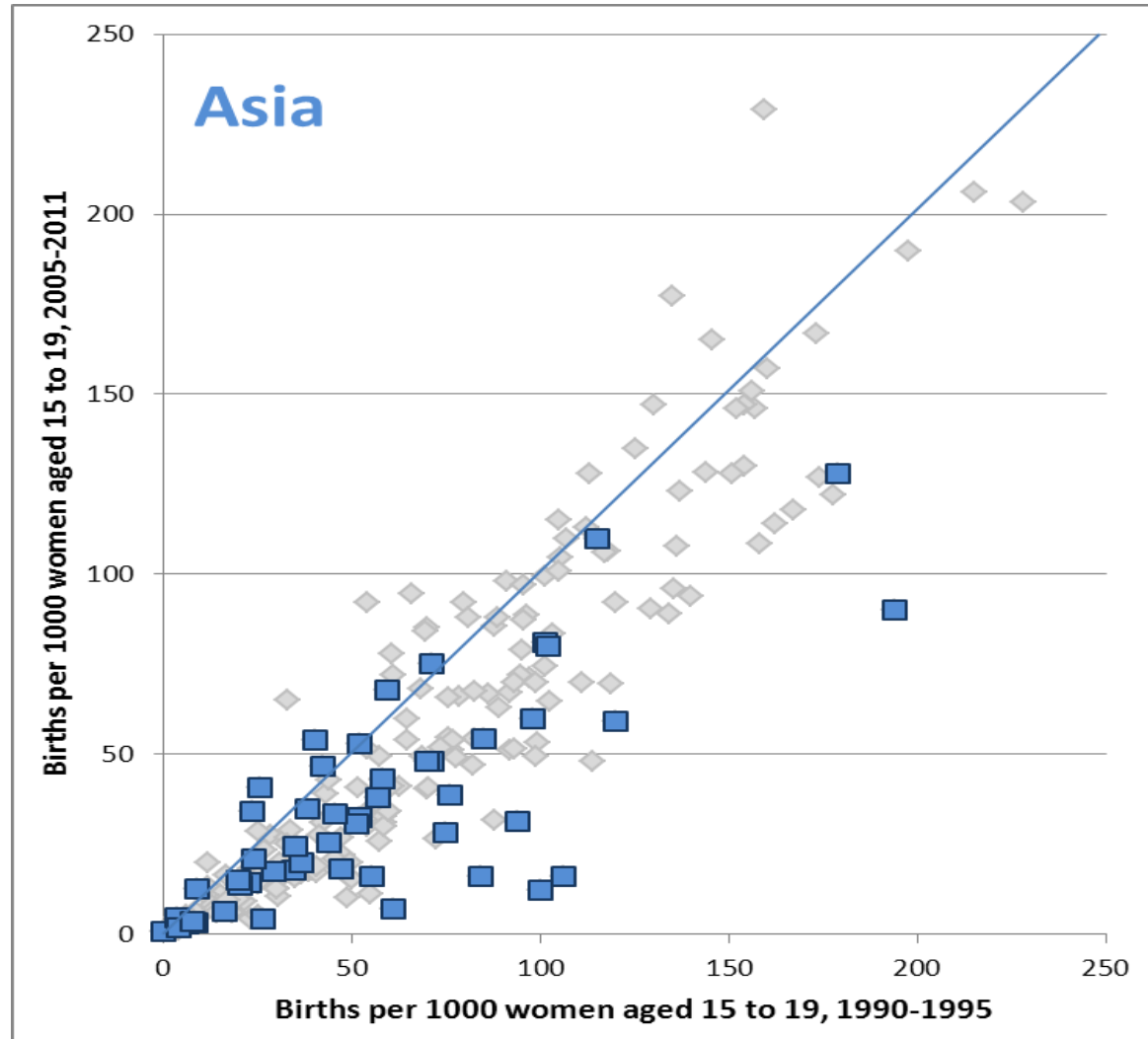**Population Division**

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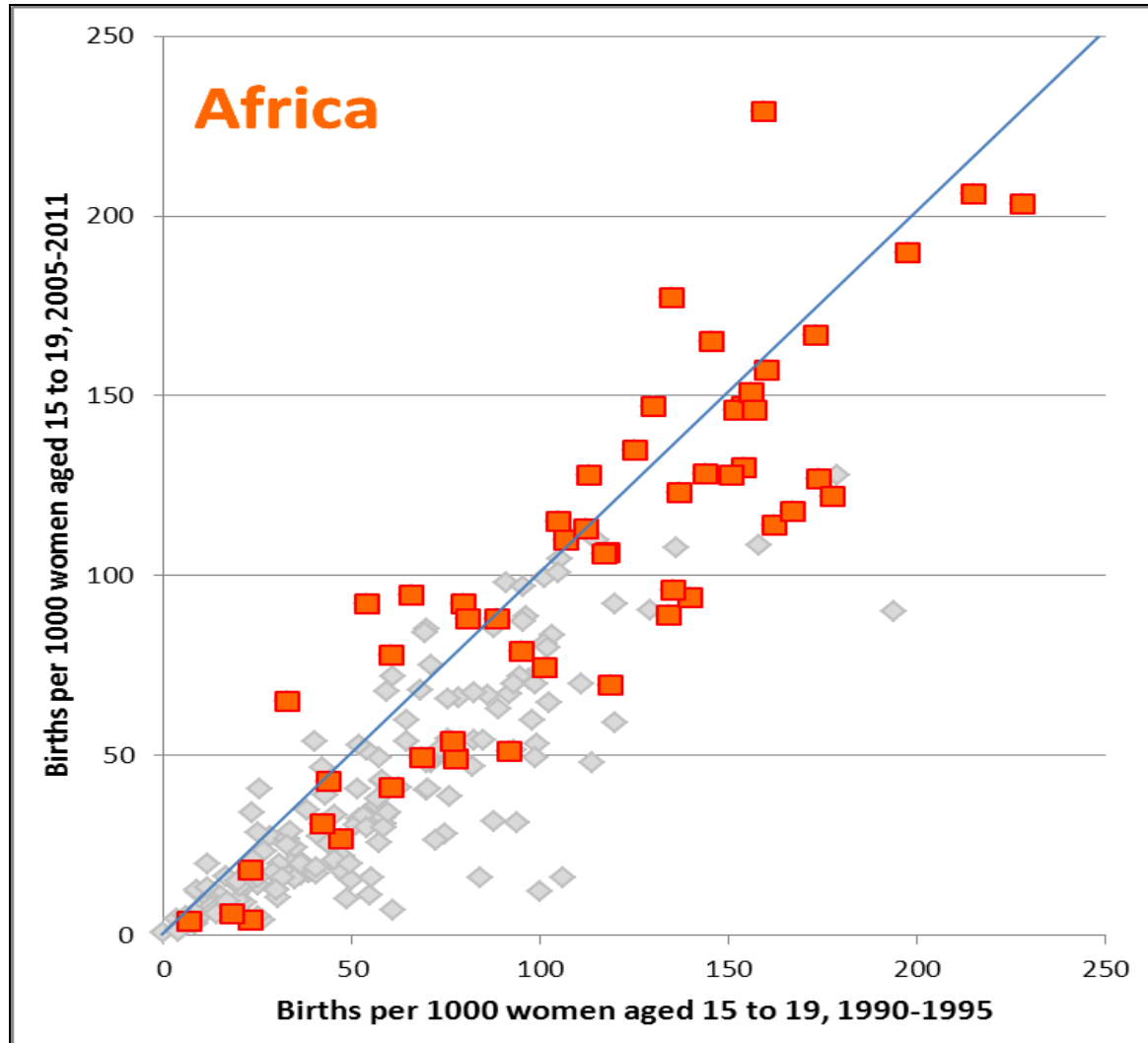# 2. Adolescent fertility has declined to very low levels in Asia

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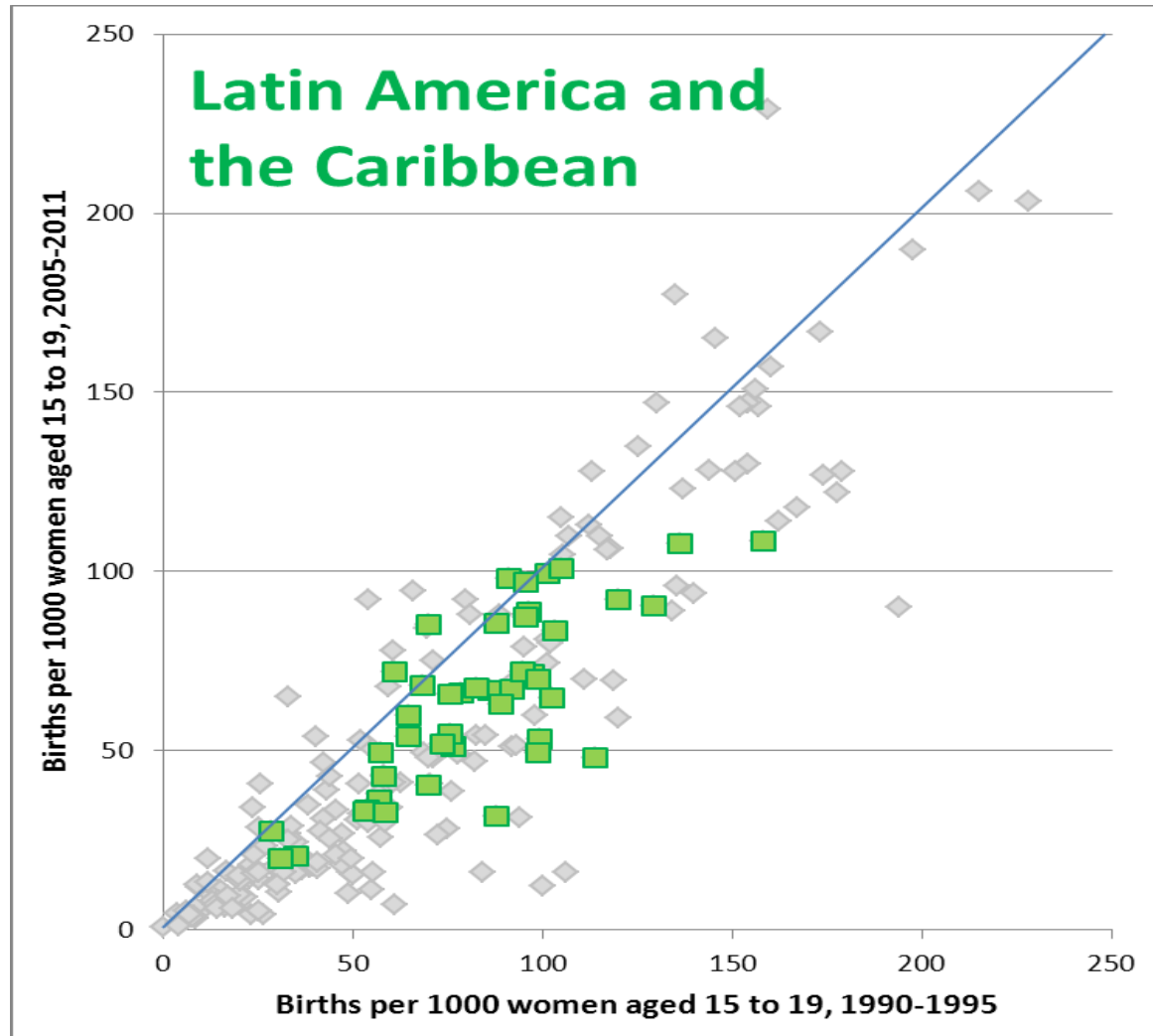
... but it is still high (> 50‰) in Africa

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… it is also fairly high in parts of LAC

Latin America and the Caribbean

Births per 1000 women aged 15 to 19, 2005-2011 (y-axis) vs Births per 1000 women aged 15 to 19, 1990-1995 (x-axis)

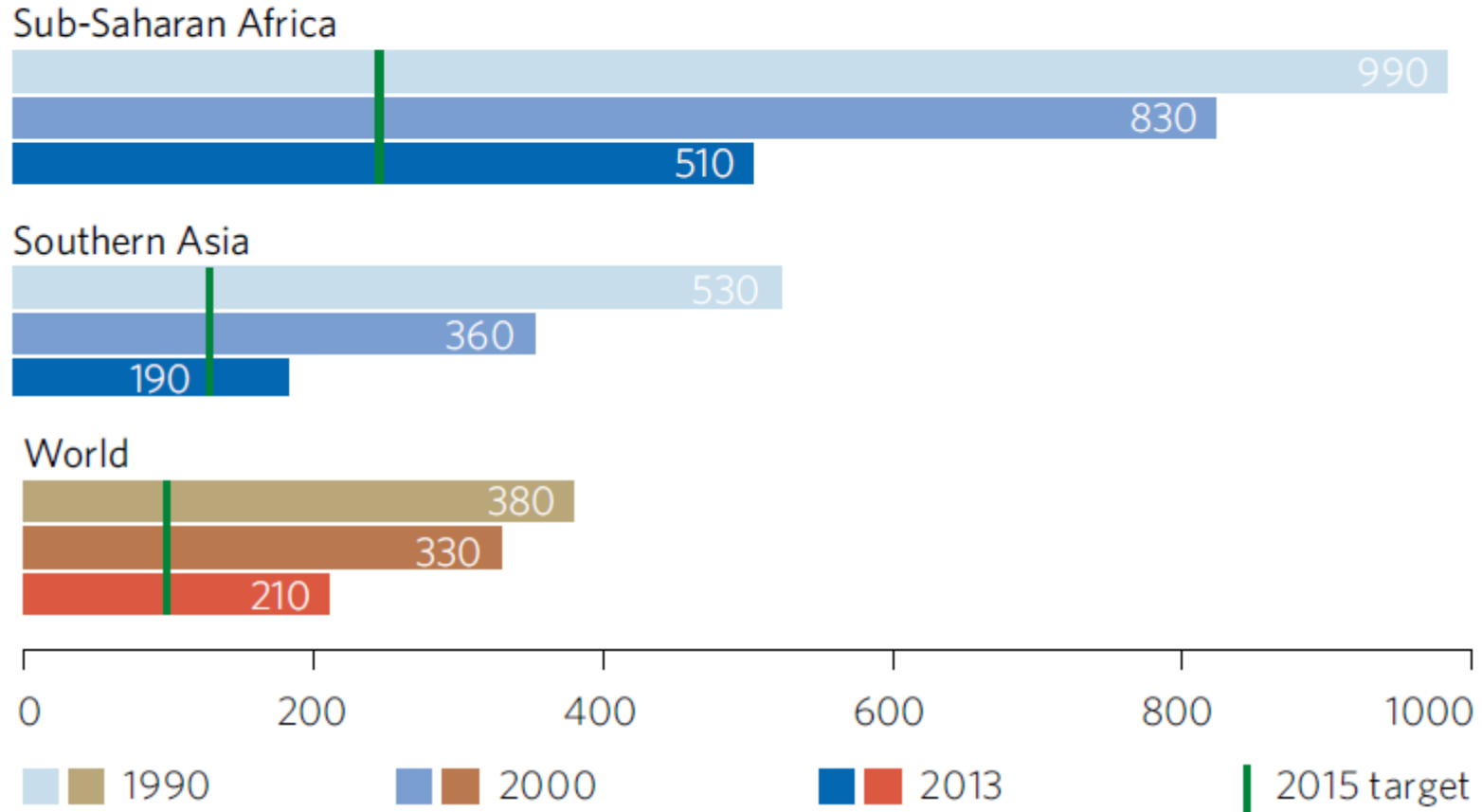**Population Division**
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3. <u>Maternal mortality</u> has not declined fast enough to meet MDG target

Maternal mortality ratio, 1990, 2000 and 2013
(Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, women aged 15–49)

Sub-Saharan Africa
- 990
- 830
- 510

Southern Asia
- 530
- 360
- 190

World
- 380
- 330
- 210

Axis: 0 — 200 — 400 — 600 — 800 — 1000

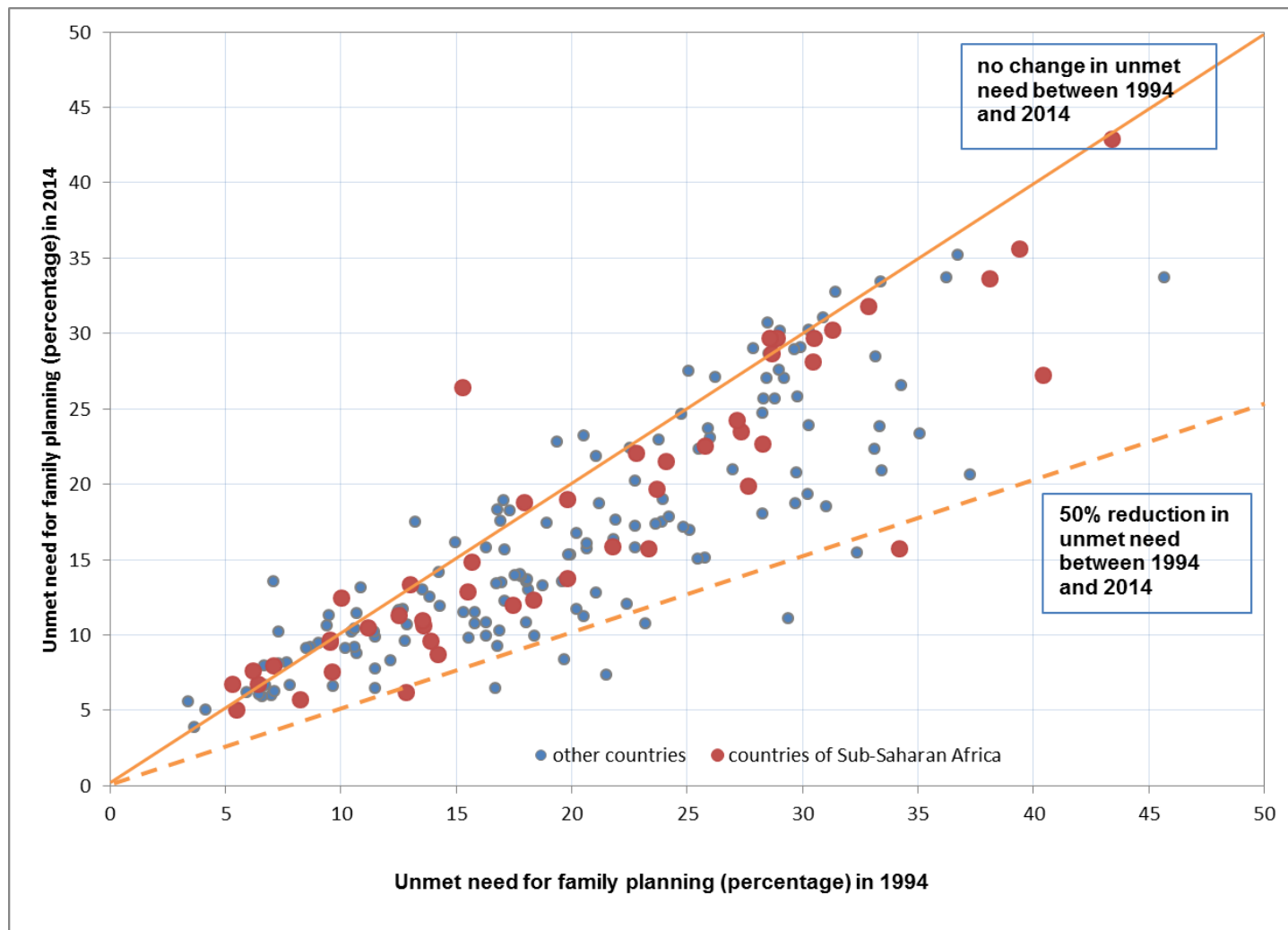Legend: 1990 | 2000 | 2013 | 2015 target

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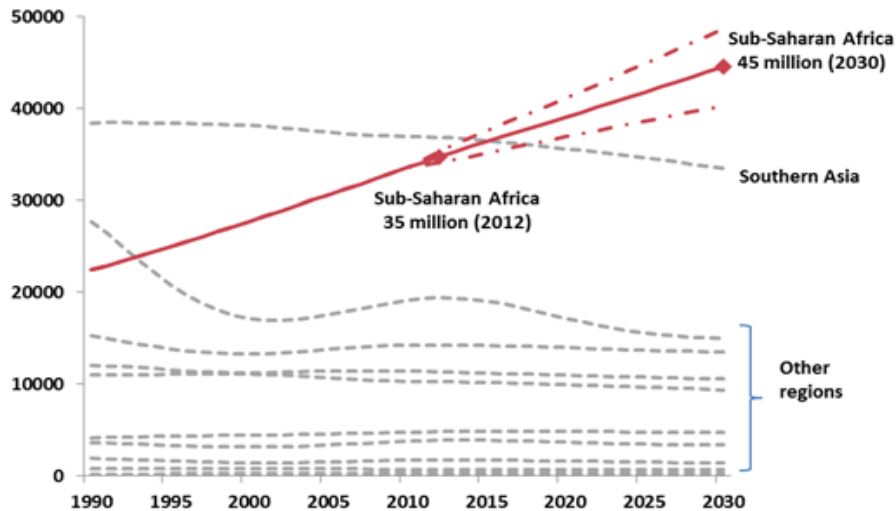# 4. Family planning shows universal unmet need

Source: United Nations (2013). *World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.*
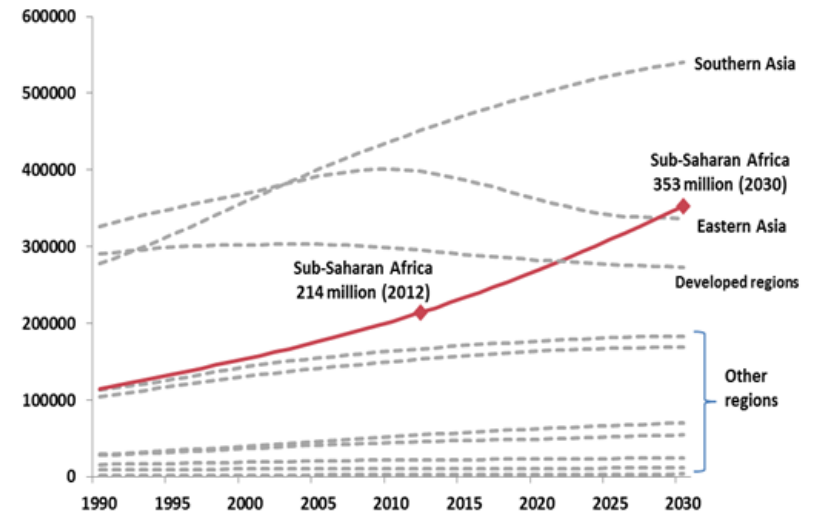
5. <u>Population to be covered</u> keeps growing

Number of births (millions)

Number of women 15-49 (millions)

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Summary

1. **_Total fertility_** has been declining
    - rather slowly and is now still high in Africa
    - to very low levels in parts of Europe and Eastern Asia

2. **_Adolescent fertility_** is still common in Africa and parts of LAC

3. **_Maternal mortality_** has not declined fast enough to meet MDG target

4. **_Family planning_** is still showing universal gaps in meeting demand

5. **_Population growth_** is challenging RH service coverage