

One Year of SDGs: The Arab Region at a Crossroads



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MDG Gains at Risk of Erosion



YOUTH ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED

15-24 YRS **YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE ARAB REGION IS THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD AND IS SET TO GROW IN THE COMING YEARS. THE REGION ALSO HAS THE WORLD'S LARGEST GENDER GAP IN UNEMPLOYMENT



Economic Growth ≠ Human Wellbeing

Using the international poverty line of 1.25 United States dollars (\$) a Day, poverty levels in the Arab region appear much lower than they do using national poverty lines that are more reflective of national realities



**INTERNATIONAL
POVERTY LINE**

\$1.25 A DAY

4.1%

ARAB REGION

**NATIONAL
POVERTY LINE**

\$3.6 A DAY

23.4%

ARAB REGION



POVERTY RATES IN OTHER REGIONS

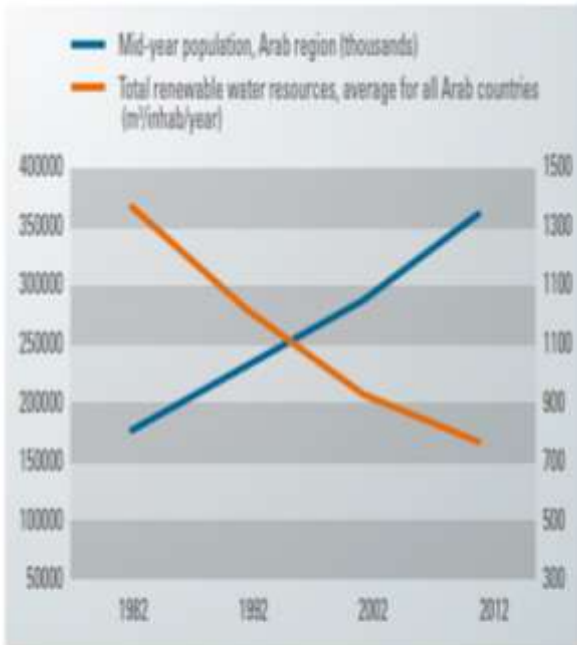
EUROPE &
CENTRAL ASIA

0.4%

DEVELOPING
REGIONS

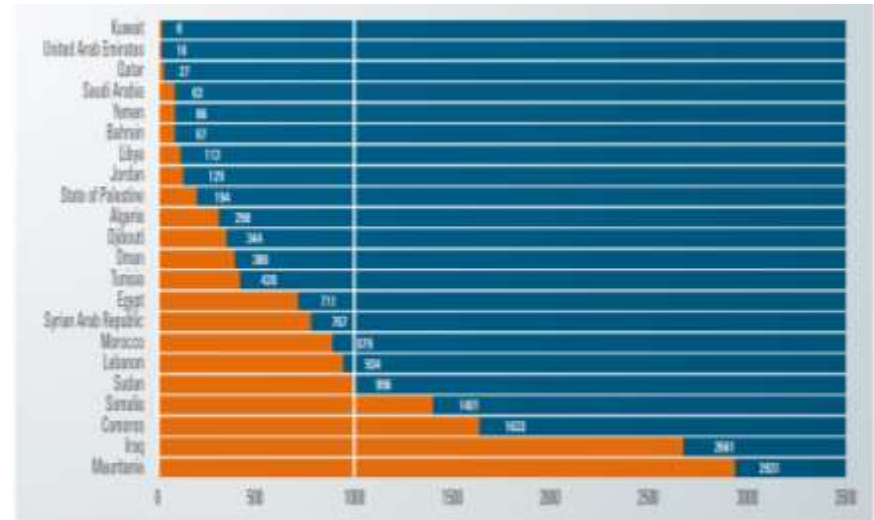
21.4%

Water Scarcity: A Threat to Life



Sources: FAO, Aquastat, 2014, available from www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/data/query/; and ESCWA, *The Demographic Profile of the Arab Countries* (2013).

Population growth and freshwater resource availability in the Arab region, 1982-2012



Source: FAO, Aquastat (2014). Available from www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/data/query/.

Per capita total renewable water resources in Arab countries, 2014, (m³/inhabitant/year)

Exacerbated Hunger and Malnutrition



In Yemen, 1.5 mil children suffer from malnutrition.

Unicef, 2016



A Region Mired by Conflict



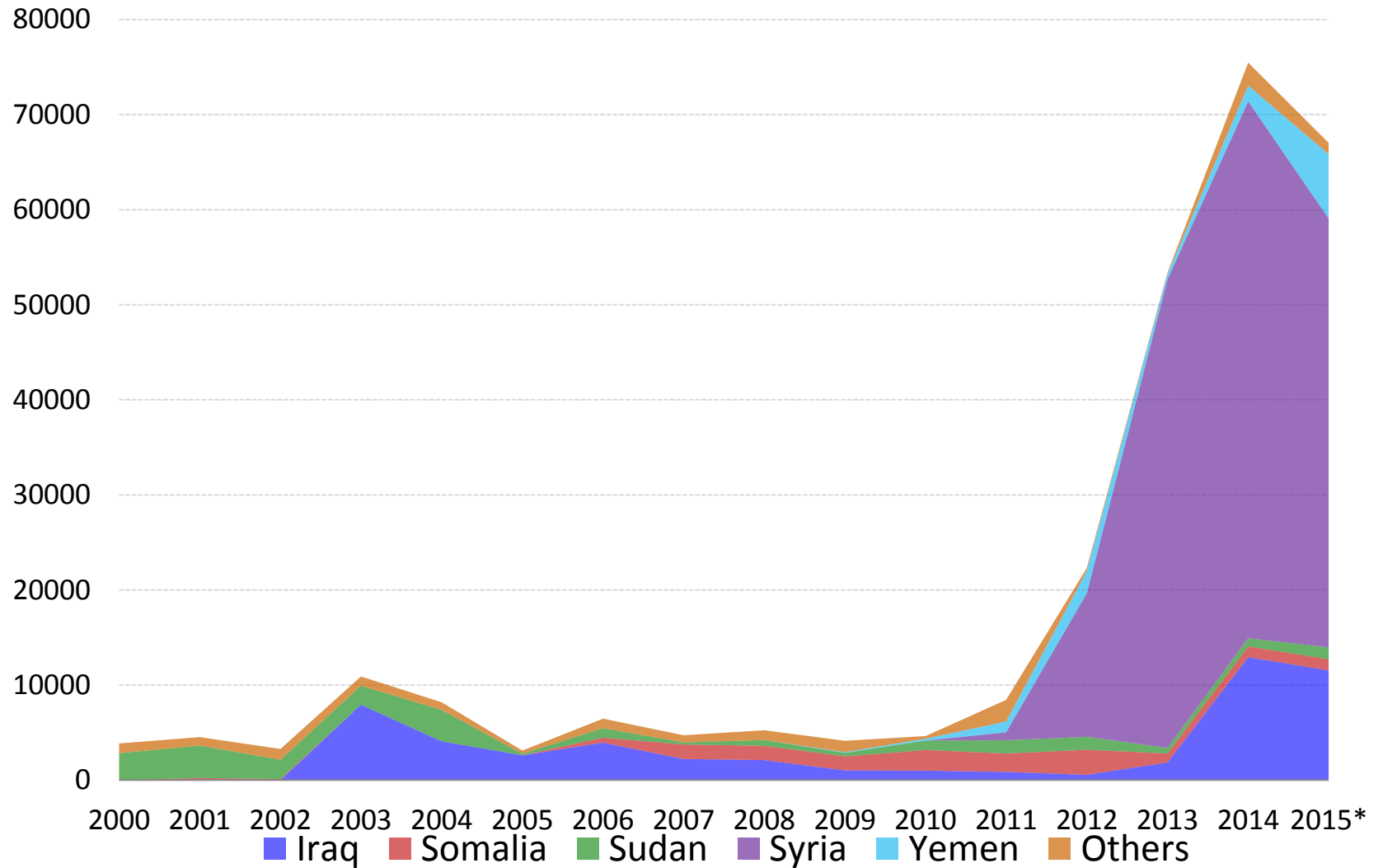
The Occupied Palestinian Territory

50 years of Israeli occupation and discriminatory policies:

- Violence against civilians including children
- Discrimination on the basis of religion
- Segregation, Settlements & the Wall
- Blockade and Bombardment
- Destruction of homes and agricultural lands



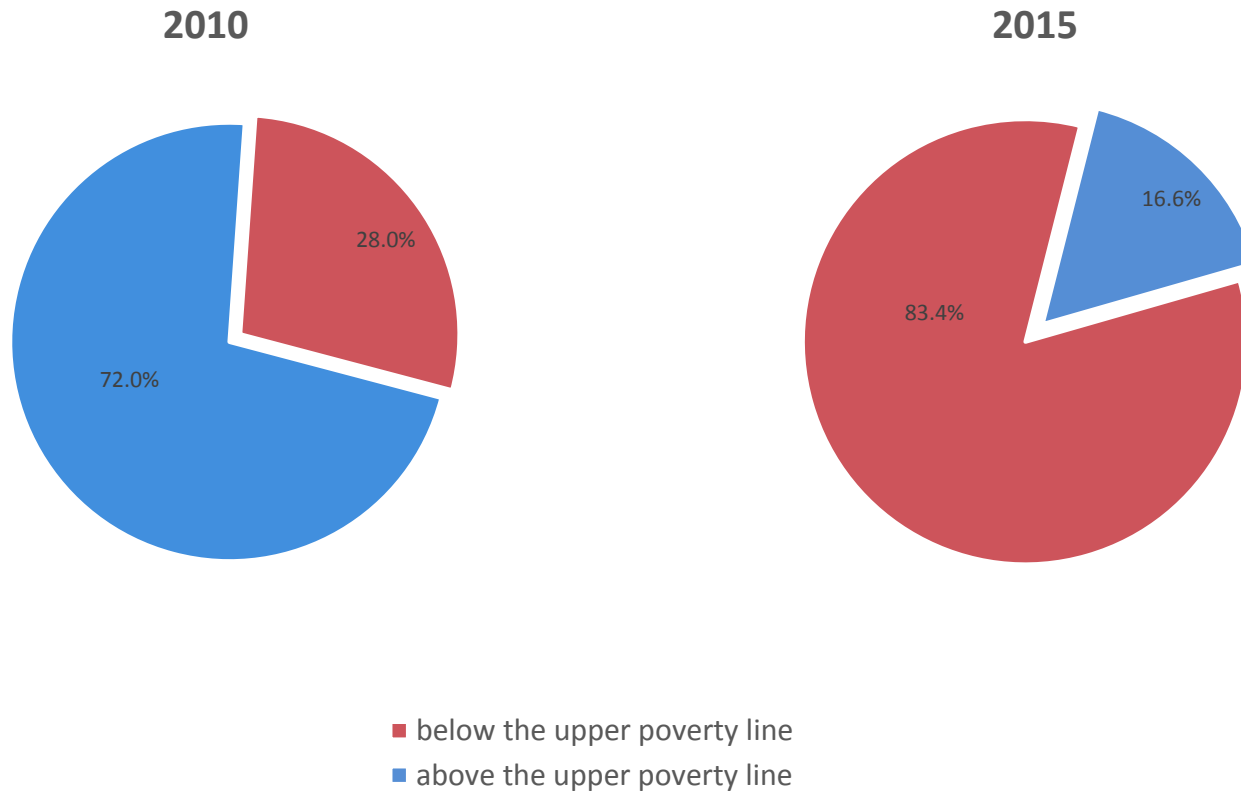
Battle-related deaths in the Arab region, 2000-2015*



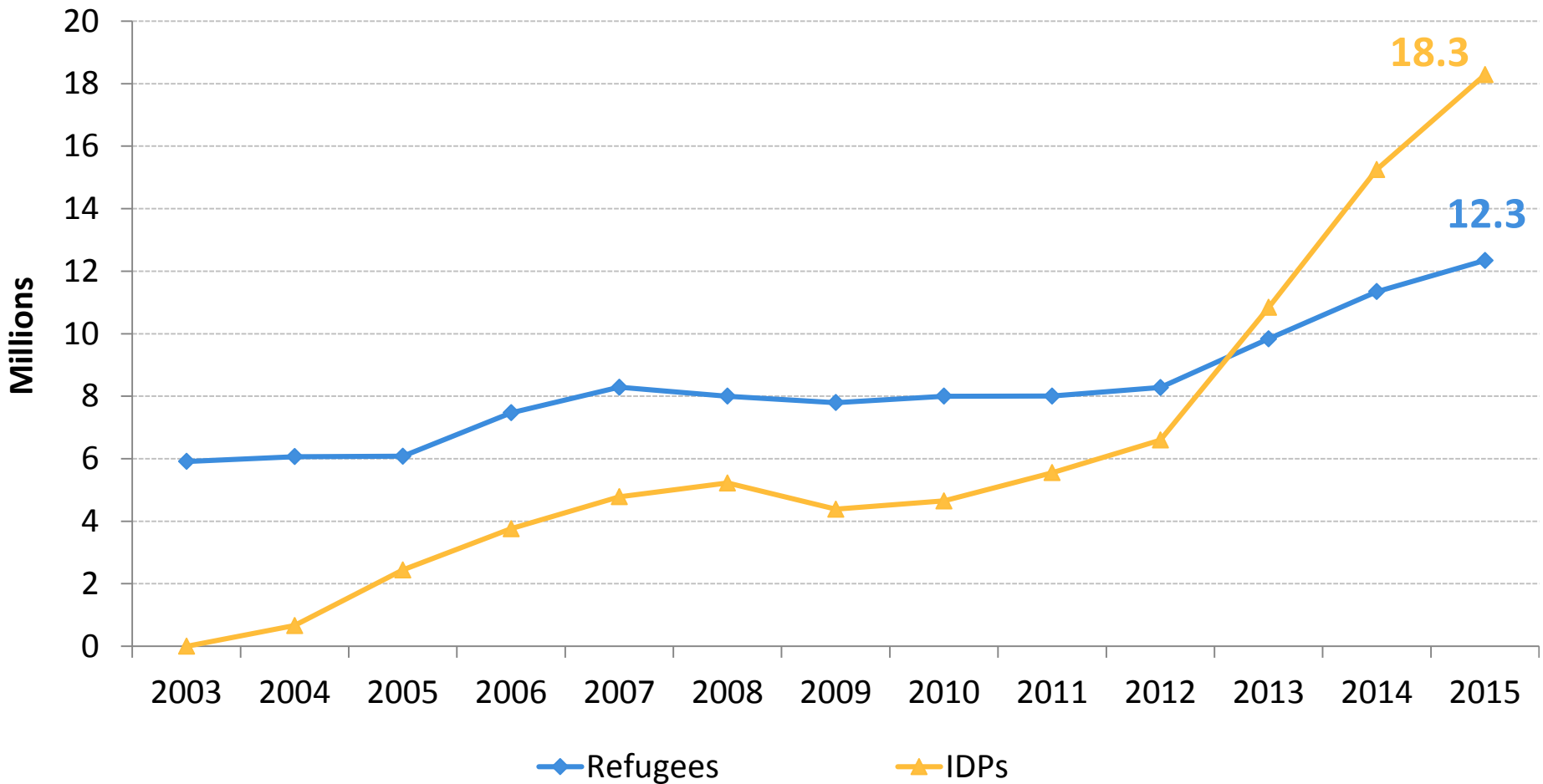
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*As of June 2015

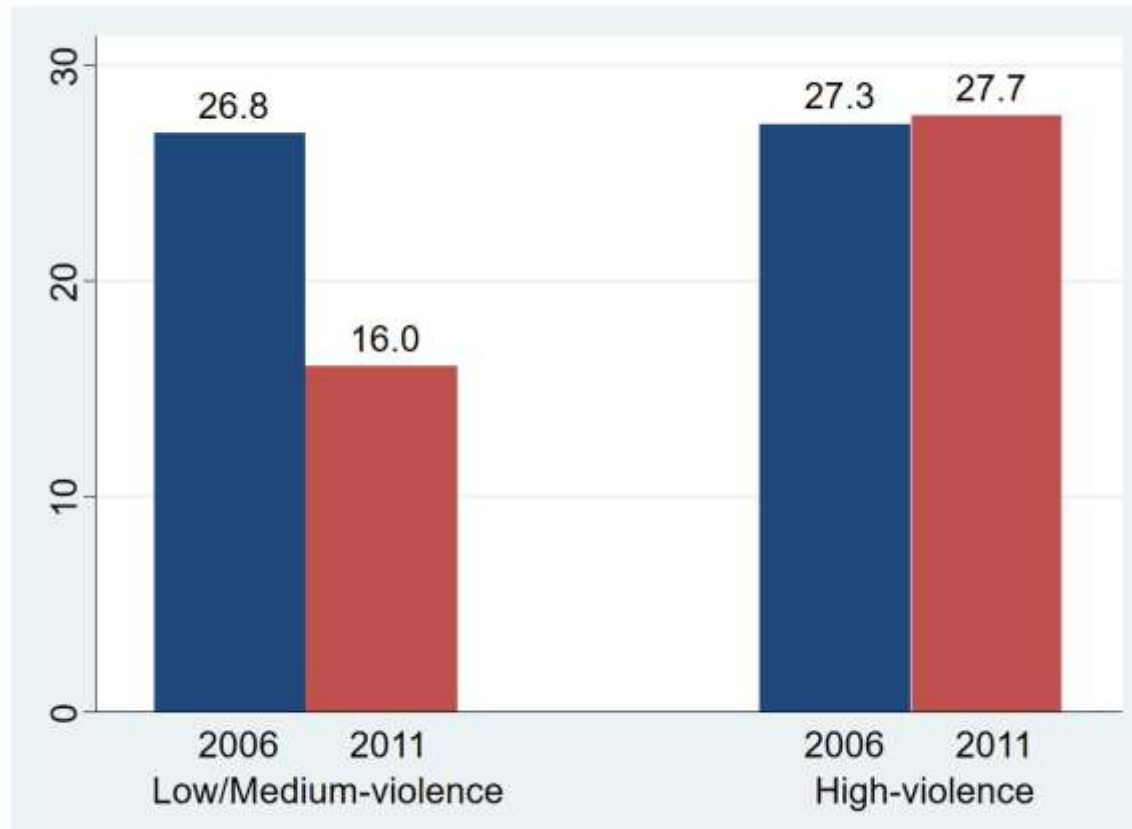
Aggravated Poverty Levels in Syria



Refugees and IDPs from the Arab Region, 2003-2015

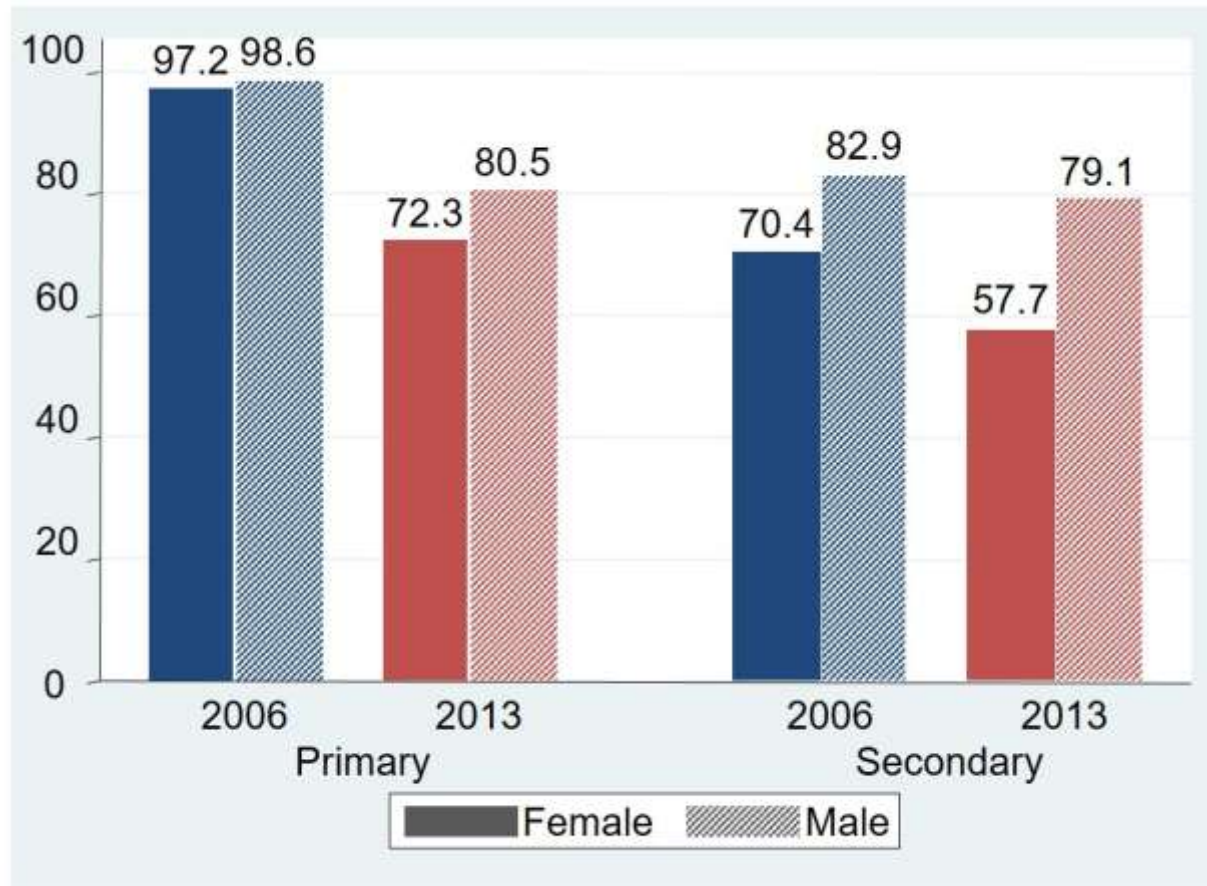


Iraq: Stunting Rates among Children under-5



War has been linked to worsening nutritional indicators, especially among children

Yemen: Net Enrolment Rates in Primary and Secondary Education



Conflict correlates with deterioration in schooling, with grave consequences on human capital formation

sustainability
energy Arab remittances occupation solidarity
division education empowerment world trade youth migration peace
water women cooperation transportation inequality
security food Palestine stagnation challenges conflict agenda
development

Economic and Social Council Resolution

Resolution 2016/10: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

...the Council endorsed the strategy and plan of action proposed by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to support member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in Commission resolution 322 (XXVIII)...

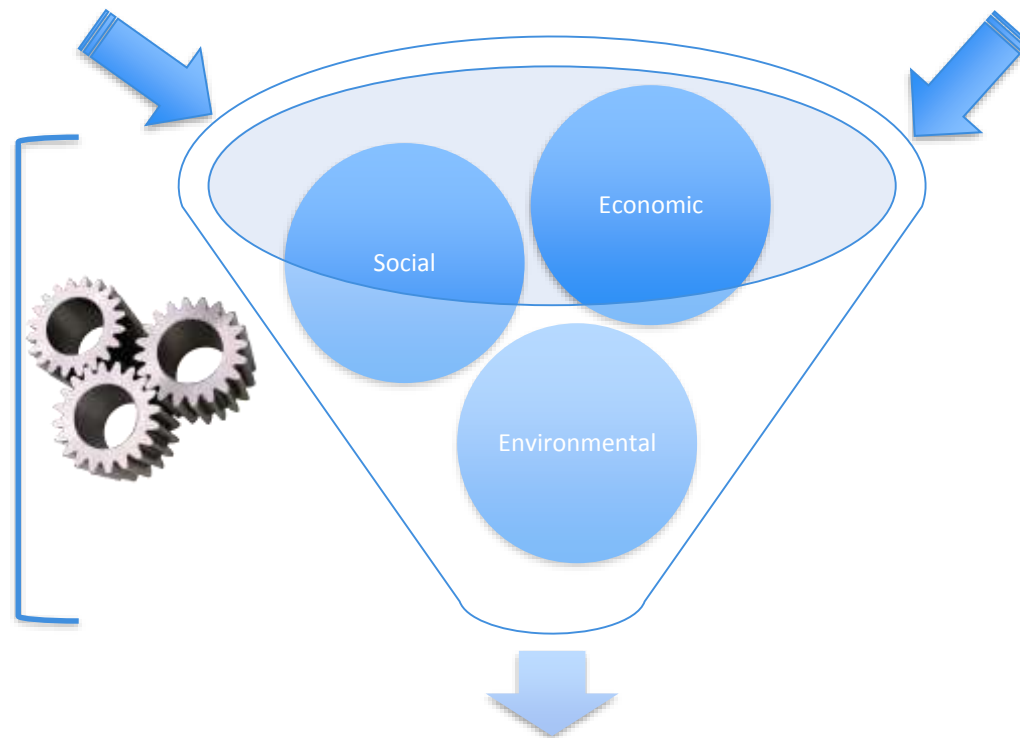
- Incorporating the SDGs into national development plans,
- Statistical systems support,
- Regional follow-up (Arab Forum on Sustainable Development)
- Preparation of regional reports

Translating Integrated Agenda into Integrated Policies

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

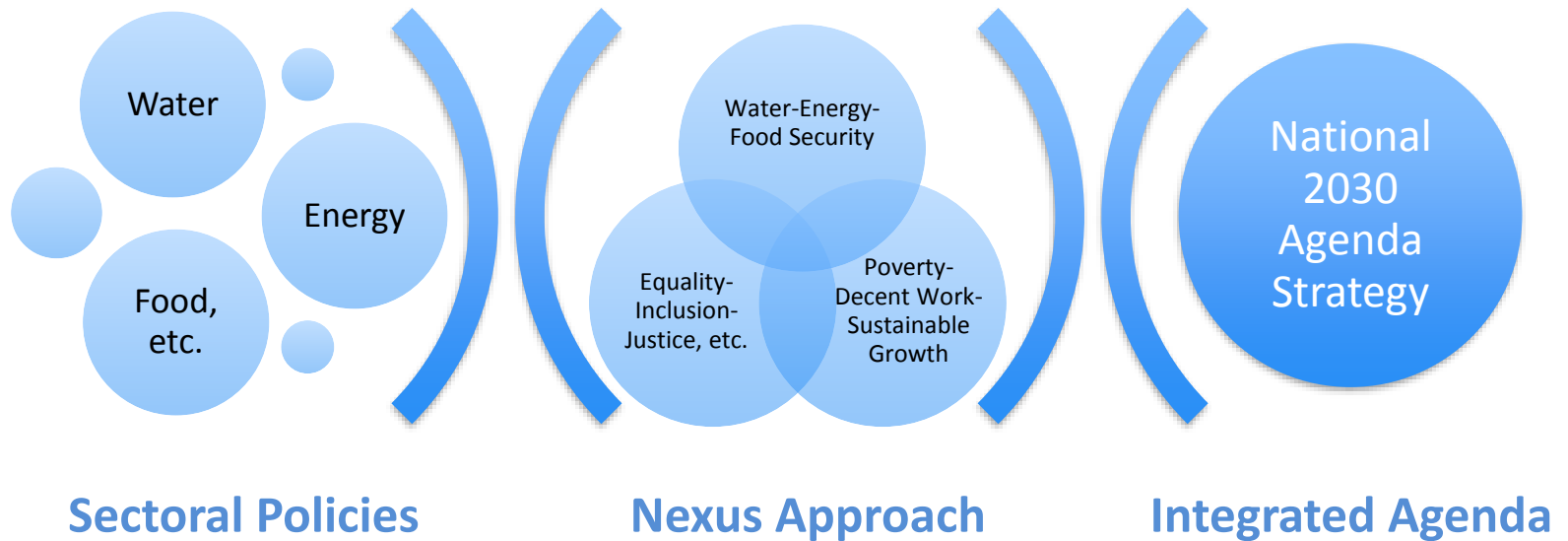
Tools to translate concept of integrated agenda into concrete policy-making:

- Dependencies
- Trade-offs
- Synergies
- Sequencing



Different sectoral policies aligned towards the same development objectives in a holistic manner

Nexus Approach





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Availability of SDG Data



No data  1-2 data points  3 and more data points 

Knowledge, Innovation and Tools



Thank you



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