

addressed if the continent is to manage its demographic transition and reap the full rewards of prosperity that such a demographic transition can bring.

The child demographics of Africa underscore the often cited, but not widely acted upon, adage that Africa's future is our common future. Understanding and addressing child demographics, and investment in children, should be at the forefront of this realisation. Another generation of children on the continent cannot be lost to fragility, poverty, and inequity due to failure to address demographic shifts. The time has come to acknowledge our shared responsibility to the future of Africa and to take the policy decisions needed for all of Africa's children, present and future, to finally realise all of their rights and potential.

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