



# Scaling up access to antiretroviral therapy in low- and middle-income countries: global and regional progress in 2008

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# Background

"We will implement further efforts towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010" *G8 Final declaration- L'Aquila, Italy – July 09*

At the end of 2007:

- 3 million people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) in low- and middle-income countries, including 200 000 children;
- but more than 6 million people in need did not have access

# Objective

To provide an update on global and regional progress in access to ART in low- and middle-income countries at the end of 2008, including paediatric ART, and underline key challenges for the future.

# Methods

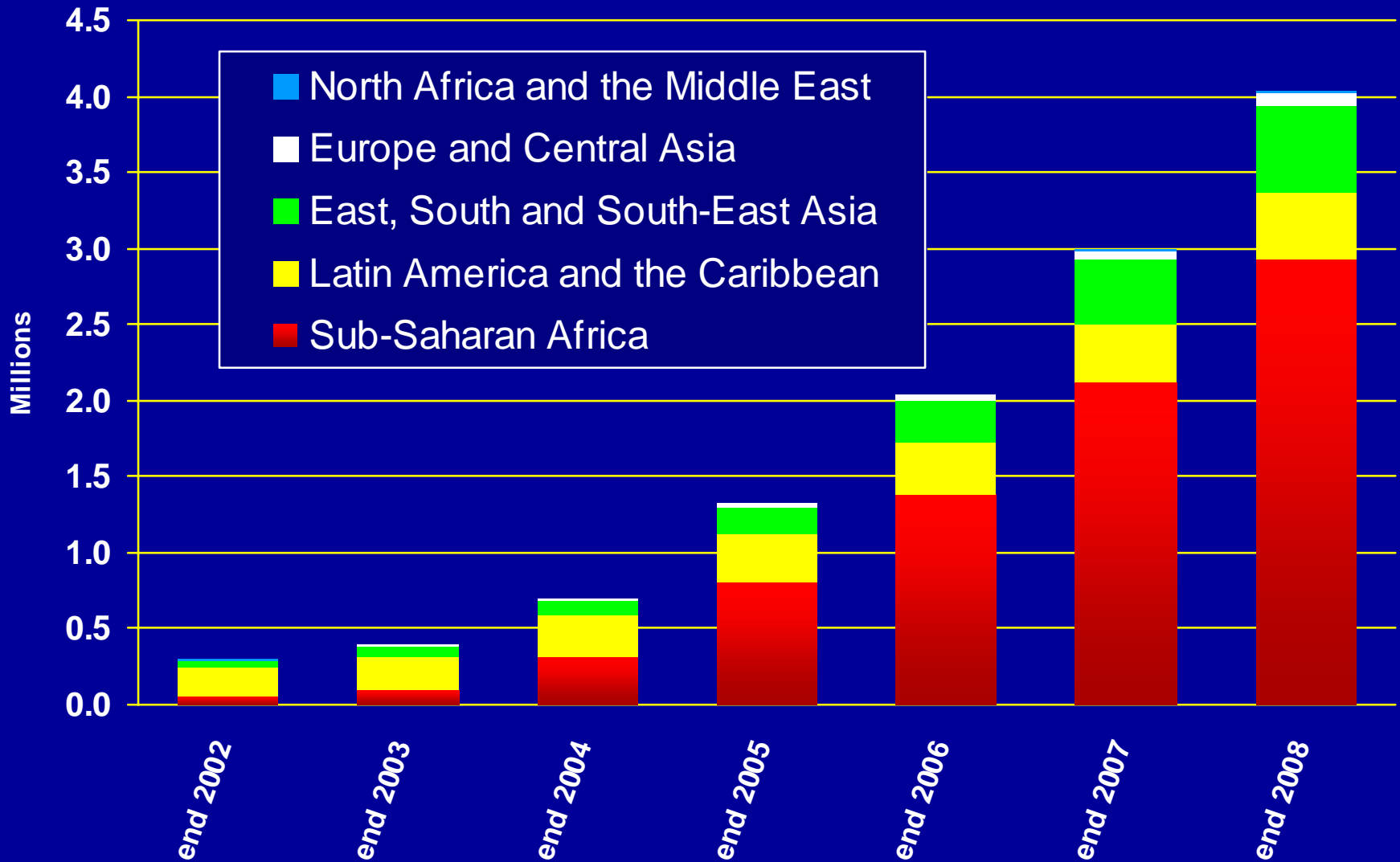
- WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS report annually on progress in the health sector response to HIV/AIDS
- Six priority intervention areas in the health sector
- Country-led data collection; data compiled and validated jointly with the three agencies
- Process:
  - Reporting tool disseminated in December 2008
  - Country reports submitted by 31 March 2009, followed by regional and global cross-validation with partners
  - 127 low- and middle-income countries (out of 149) reported in 2009

# ART in low- and middle-income countries, by region, all age groups, December 2007–2008 \*

Geographical region	Number of people receiving ART December 2007	Number of people receiving ART December 2008	Increase in one year
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	2 120 000	2 925 000	38%
- Eastern and Southern Africa	1 690 000	2 395 000	42%
- West and Central Africa	430 000	530 000	23%
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	390 000	445 000	14%
<b>East, South and South-East Asia</b>	420 000	565 000	35%
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	54 000	85 000	57%
<b>North Africa and the Middle East</b>	7 000	10 000	43%
<b>Total</b>	2 990 000 [2.7 – 3.3 million]	4 030 000 [3.7 – 4.3 million]	35%

\* Final data to be published in September 09

# Number of people receiving ART in low- and middle-income countries, by region, 2002–2008

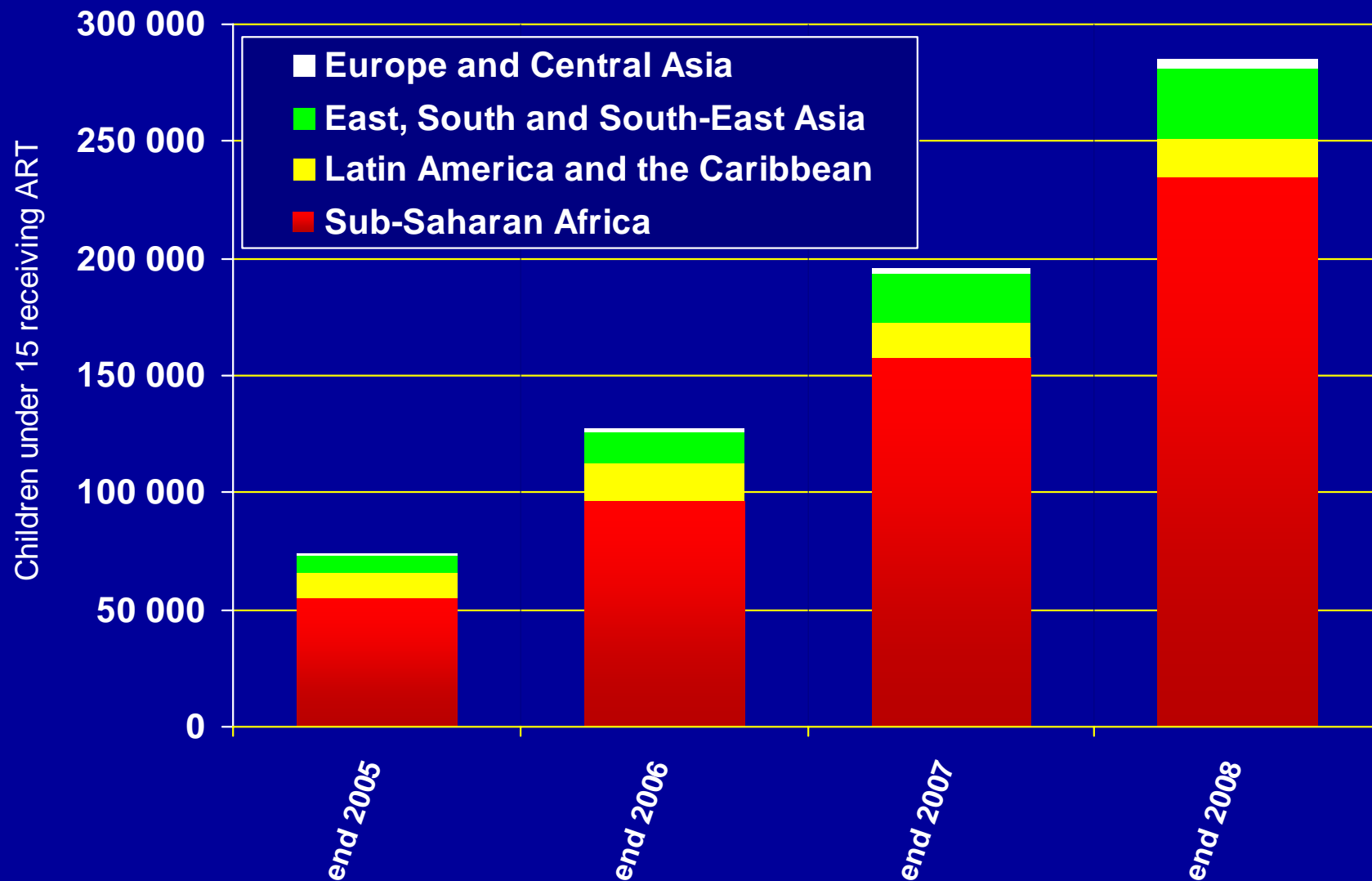


# ART in low- and middle-income countries, by region, children (<15), December 2007–2008 \*

Geographical region	Number of people receiving ART December 2007	Number of people receiving ART December 2008	Increase in one year
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>158 000</b>	<b>235 000</b>	<b>49%</b>
- Eastern and Southern Africa	132 000	205 000	55%
- West and Central Africa	26 000	30 000	15%
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>16 000</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>East, South and South-East Asia</b>	<b>21 000</b>	<b>30 000</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>105%</b>
<b>North Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>&lt;200</b>	<b>&lt;500</b>	<b>&gt;100%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>196 000</b> [176 000 – 216 000]	<b>285 000</b> [265 000 – 305 000]	<b>45%</b>

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# Number of children (<15) receiving ART in low- and middle-income countries, 2005–2008



# Conclusions

- Continuing impressive scale-up of ART in low- and middle-income countries
- Some countries are on track to achieve Universal Access
- For others, intensive support and increased resources are needed to move forward towards reaching their targets
- Challenges:
  - The financial crisis
  - Decentralization and integration of health systems
  - Increased needs with new treatment guidelines
- Opportunities:
  - High level of commitment to universal access goals
  - Access to testing and counseling is increasing
  - Emerging evidence on the effects of ART for HIV prevention

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