

Rights, gender and adolescents

The social policy agenda for UNICEF

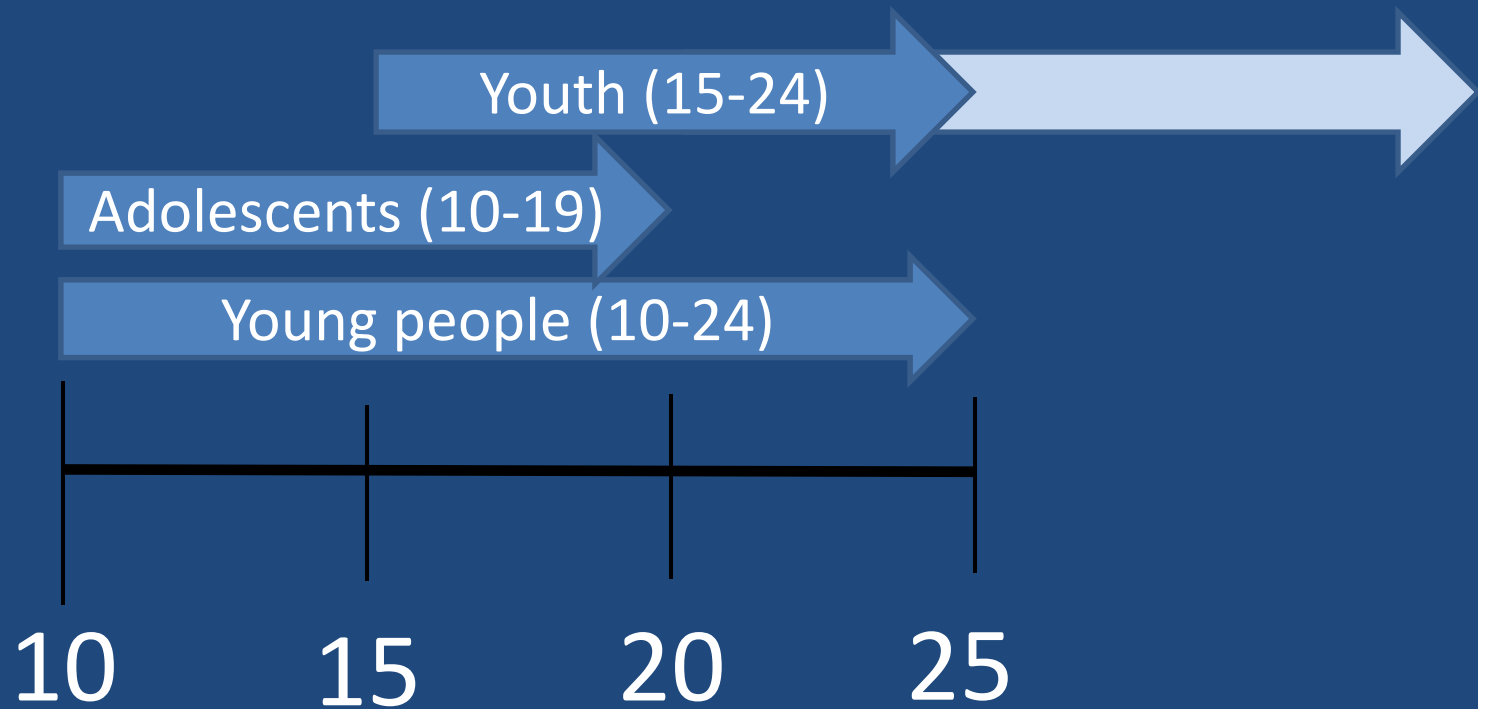
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Which children?

Definition of UN terms



Adolescents

Questions

What are the outcomes we want to see for all adolescents?

How can social policy support these outcomes?

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What are the outcomes we want to see for all adolescents? **Access to services + community engagement, citizenship, relationships, parenthood**

How can social policy support this population in their safe and productive transition to adulthood? **Analyze our experience with “youth” policies and move them out of peripheral ministries.**

How can adolescents and their communities inform social policy and hold government accountable?
Redefining participation.

Road ahead

Research agenda

Analysis of child development across the lifecycle, identifying the critical points for investment and relevant policies

Analysis of adolescent and youth policies

Programs / Policy

Being clear about which children we are talking about – gender and age

Investing early

Identifying the political space to stand with this population

Post-2015 agenda

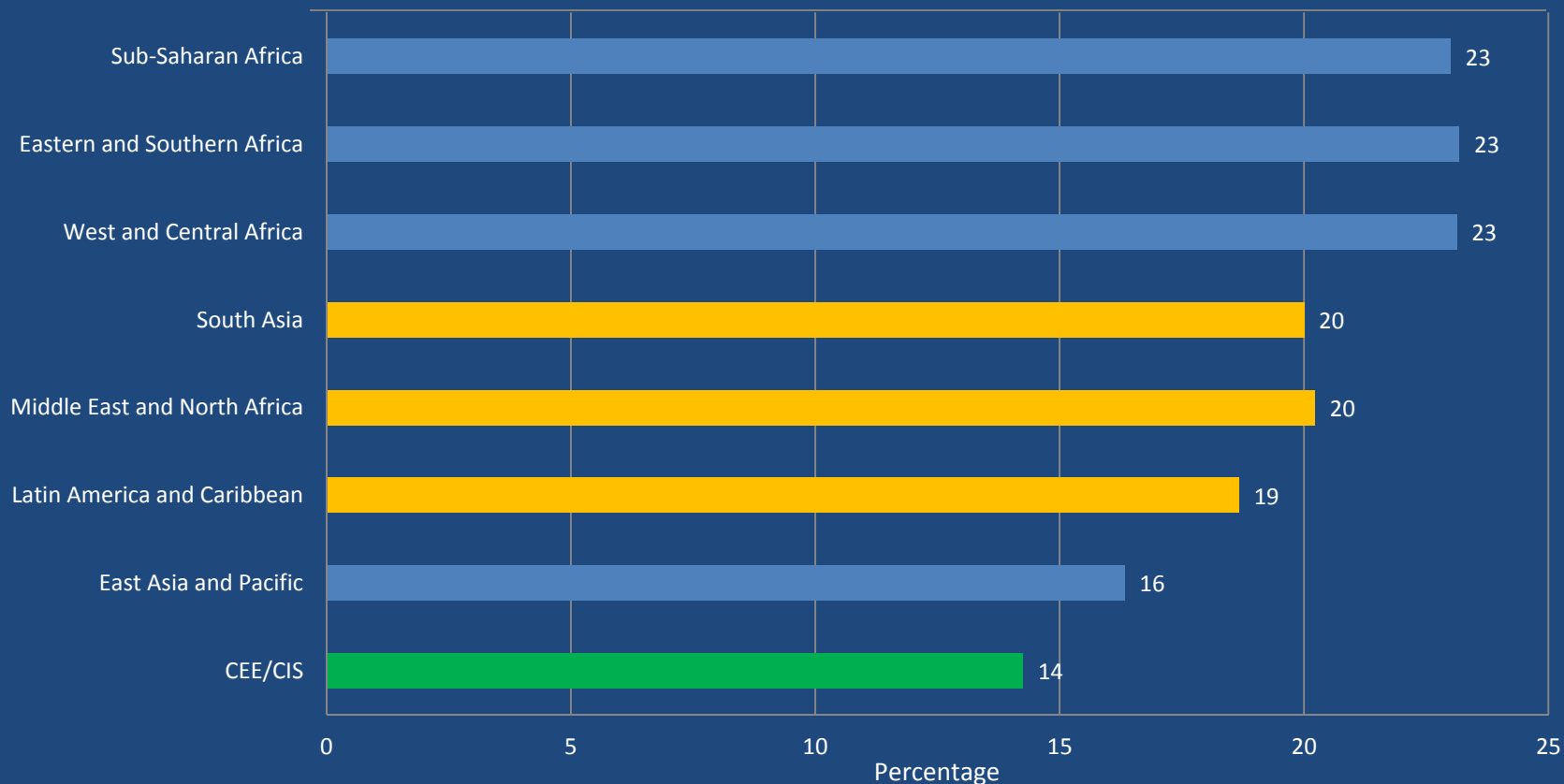
Sustainability

Climate change, migration, urbanization

Demographic reality

Proportion of population aged 10-19 by region

Proportion of population aged 10-19, by region

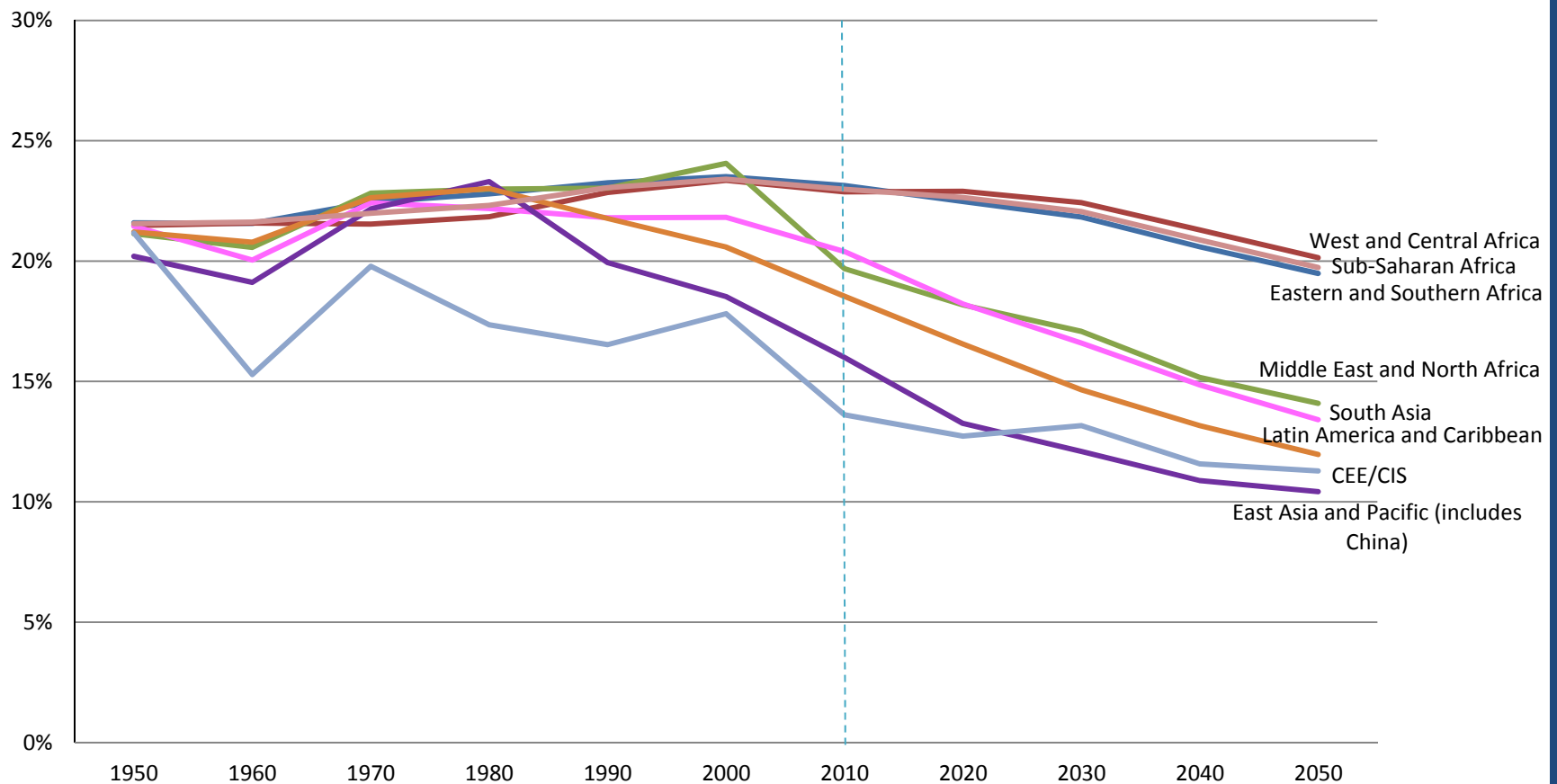


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Adolescents' share of population declining in most regions

Adolescents' share of the total population is already declining in most regions

Adolescent population 10–19 years old as a proportion of the total population, by region, 1950–2050

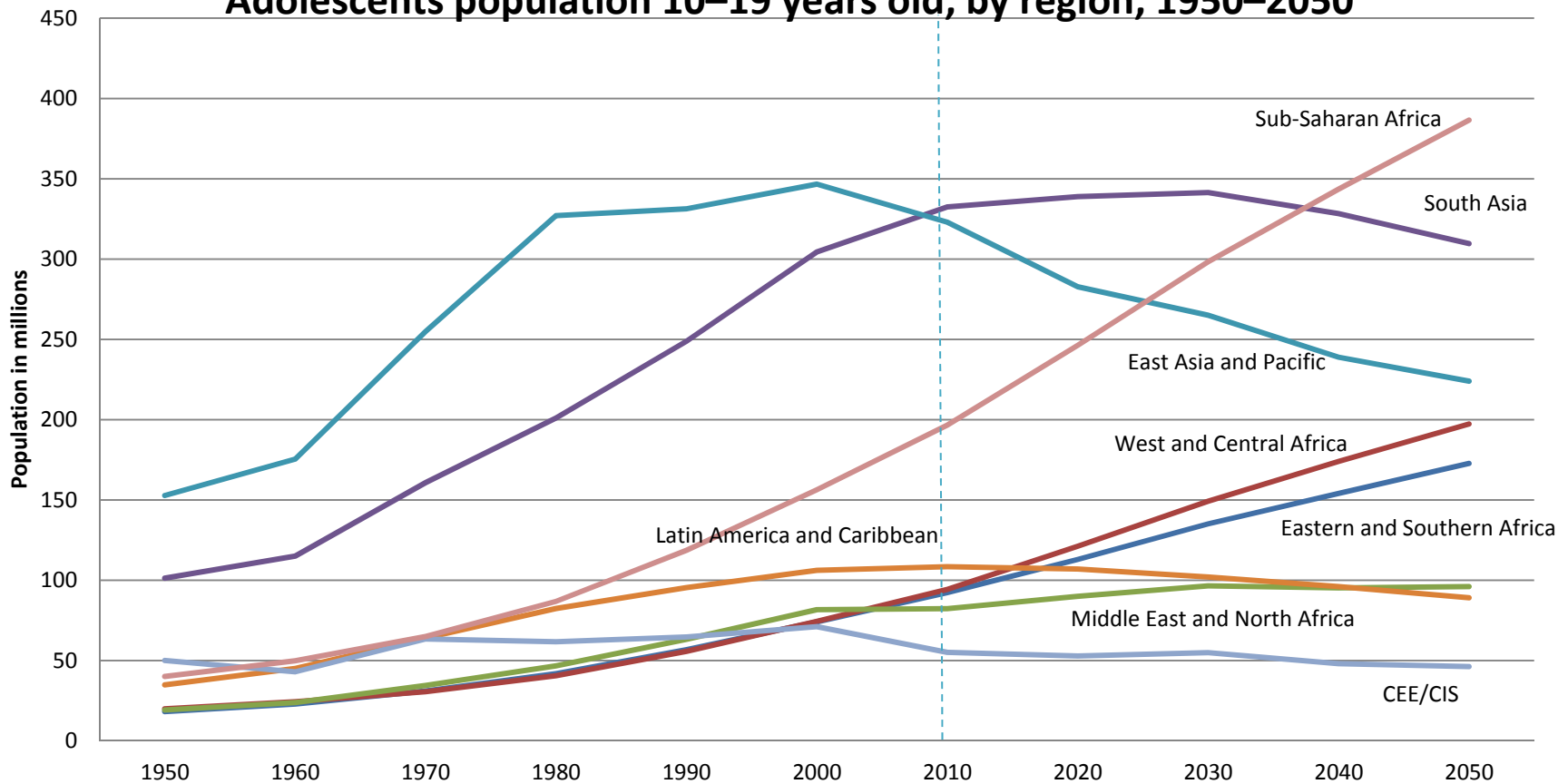


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Population in millions by region

By 2050, Sub-Saharan Africa is projected to have a higher number of adolescents than any other region

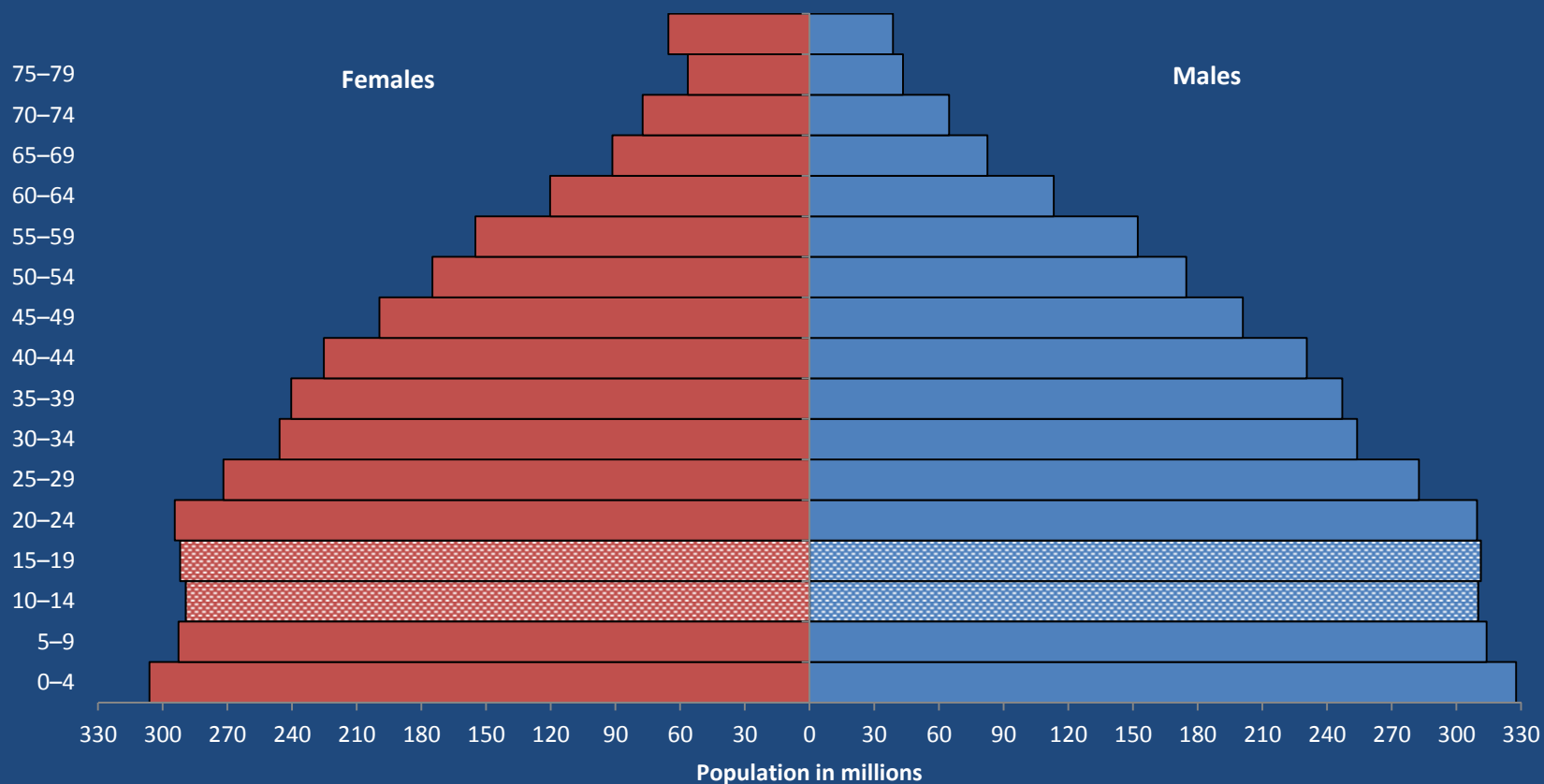
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Population Pyramid

1.2 billion adolescents age 10–19 years old are living in the world today
World population (in millions), by age group and by sex, 2010



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