

# Decomposing global disparities in life expectancy

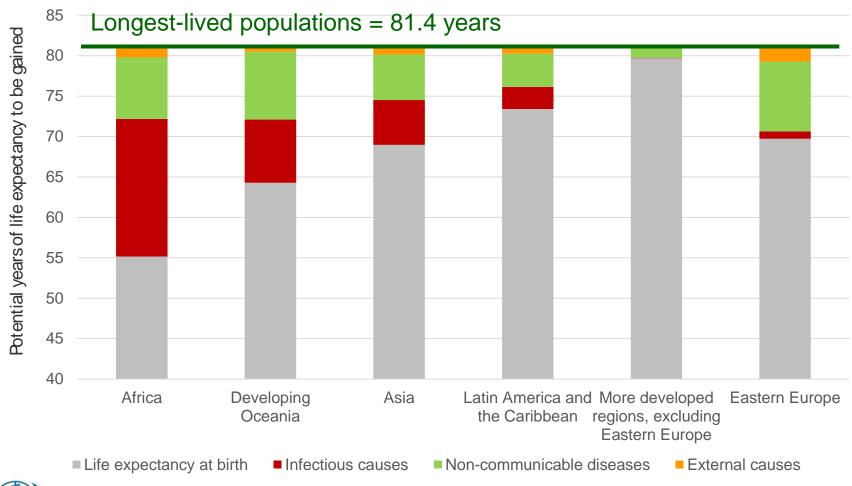
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# Improvements in life expectancy are associated with a declining share of deaths due to infectious causes

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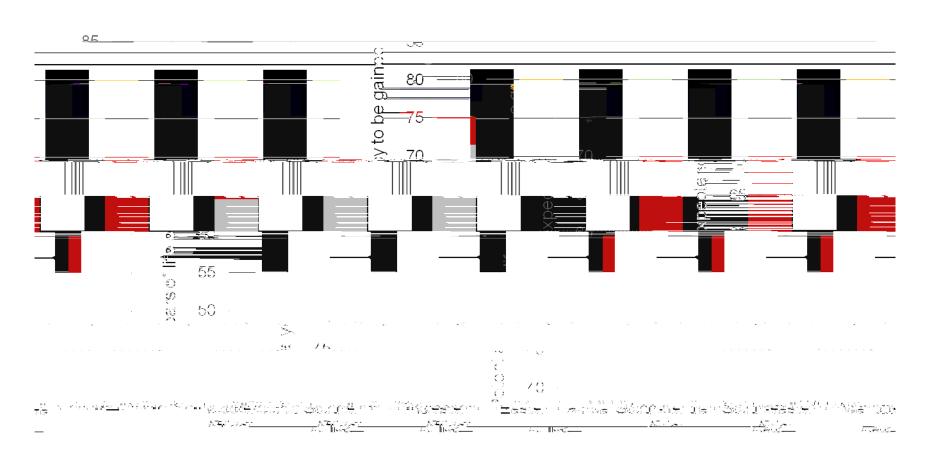
### Infectious causes of death contribute to survival gaps in Africa, developing Oceania, Asia and LAC





Source: UN Population Division (2012). Changing levels and trends in mortality: the role of patterns of death by cause.

# Focus on the sub-regions where infectious causes contribute most to survival gaps

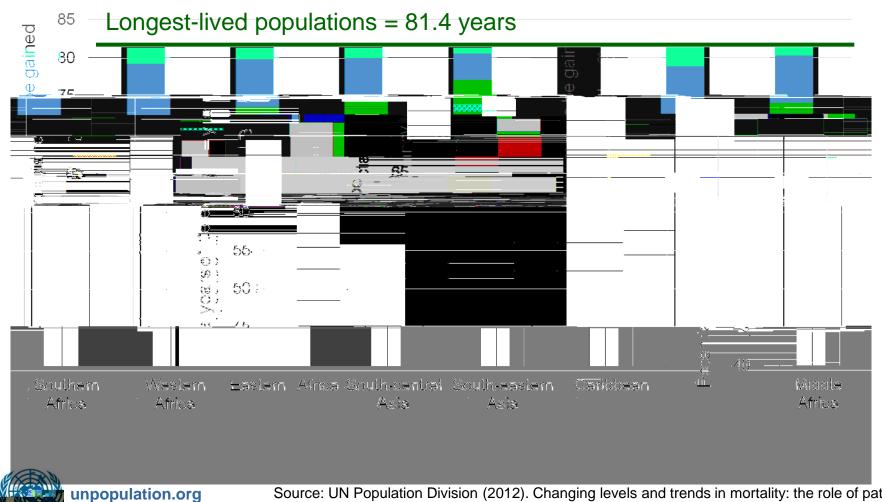




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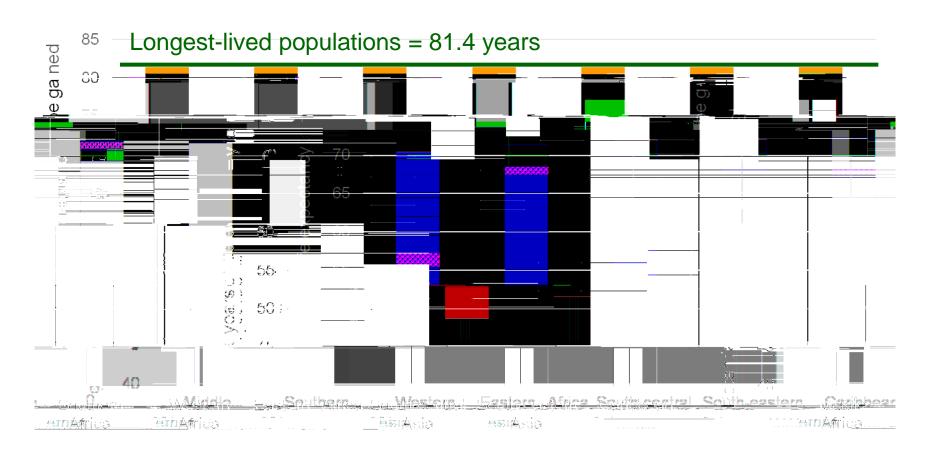


#### HIV/AIDS causes 1.6 million deaths each year



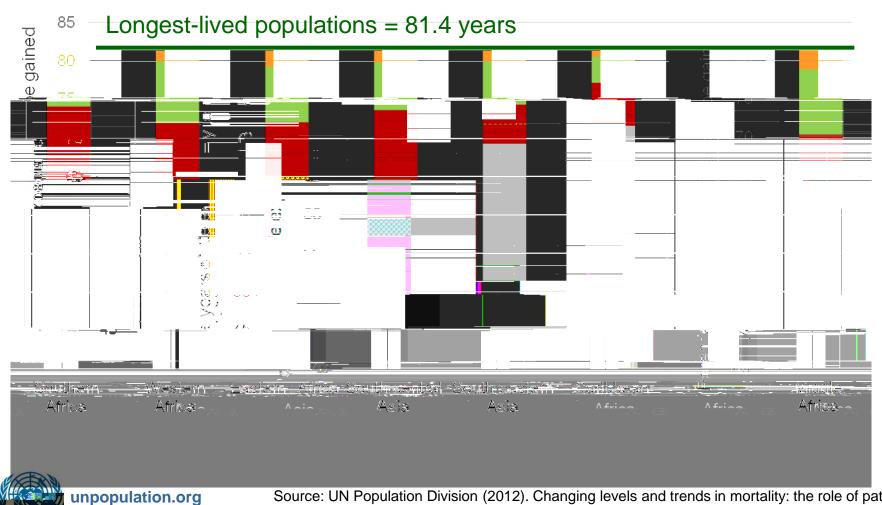
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#### Tuberculosis causes close to 1 million deaths annually



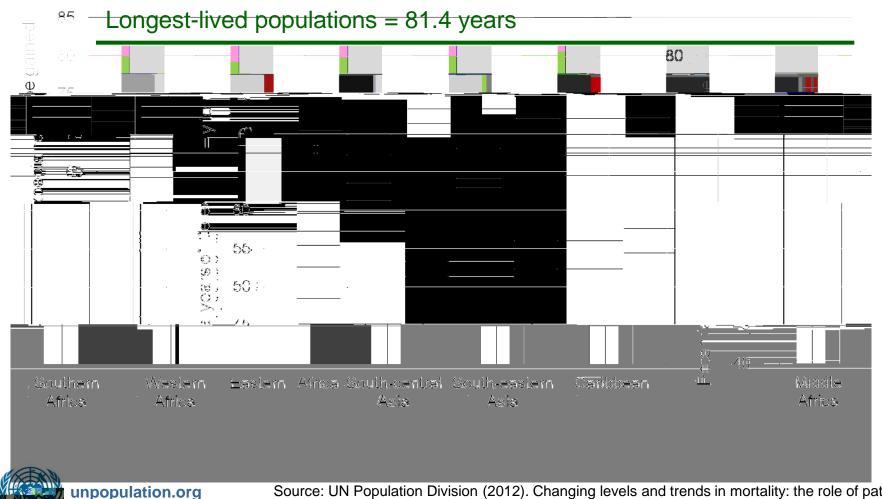


#### Malaria causes about 590,000 deaths annually



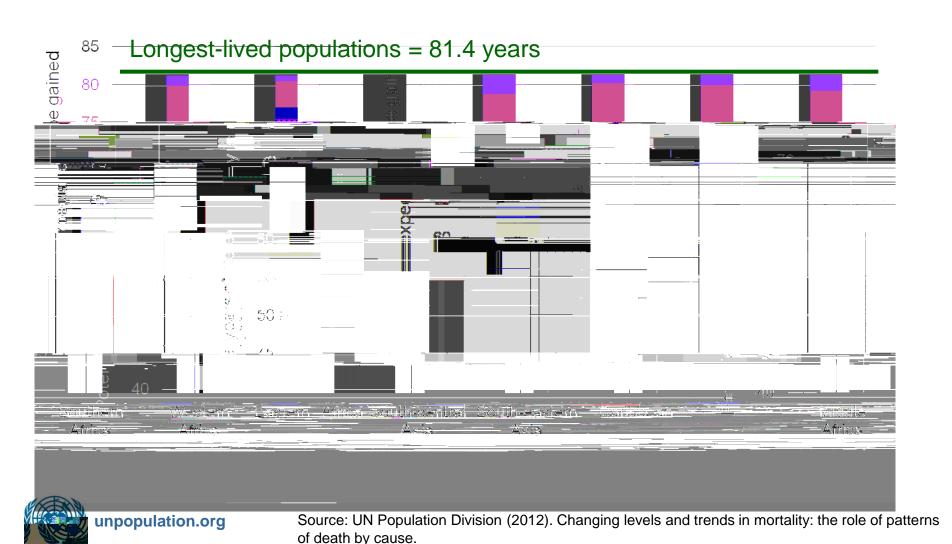
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#### Pneumonia caused 3.2 million deaths in 2011, down just 9 per cent since 2000



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# Diarrhoeal diseases caused 1.9 million deaths in 2011, down 22 per cent since 2000



### Which causes of death impede progress towards ICPD survival targets?

- Pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases produce large survival deficits, as does HIV/AIDS
- Non-communicable diseases suppress longevity in developing countries
- For more information:
  - Changing Levels and Trends in Mortality: the role of patterns of death by cause (2012)

