

INVESTING WHEN IT COUNTS: ADOLESCENT GIRLS & THE SDGs

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‡ Fertility

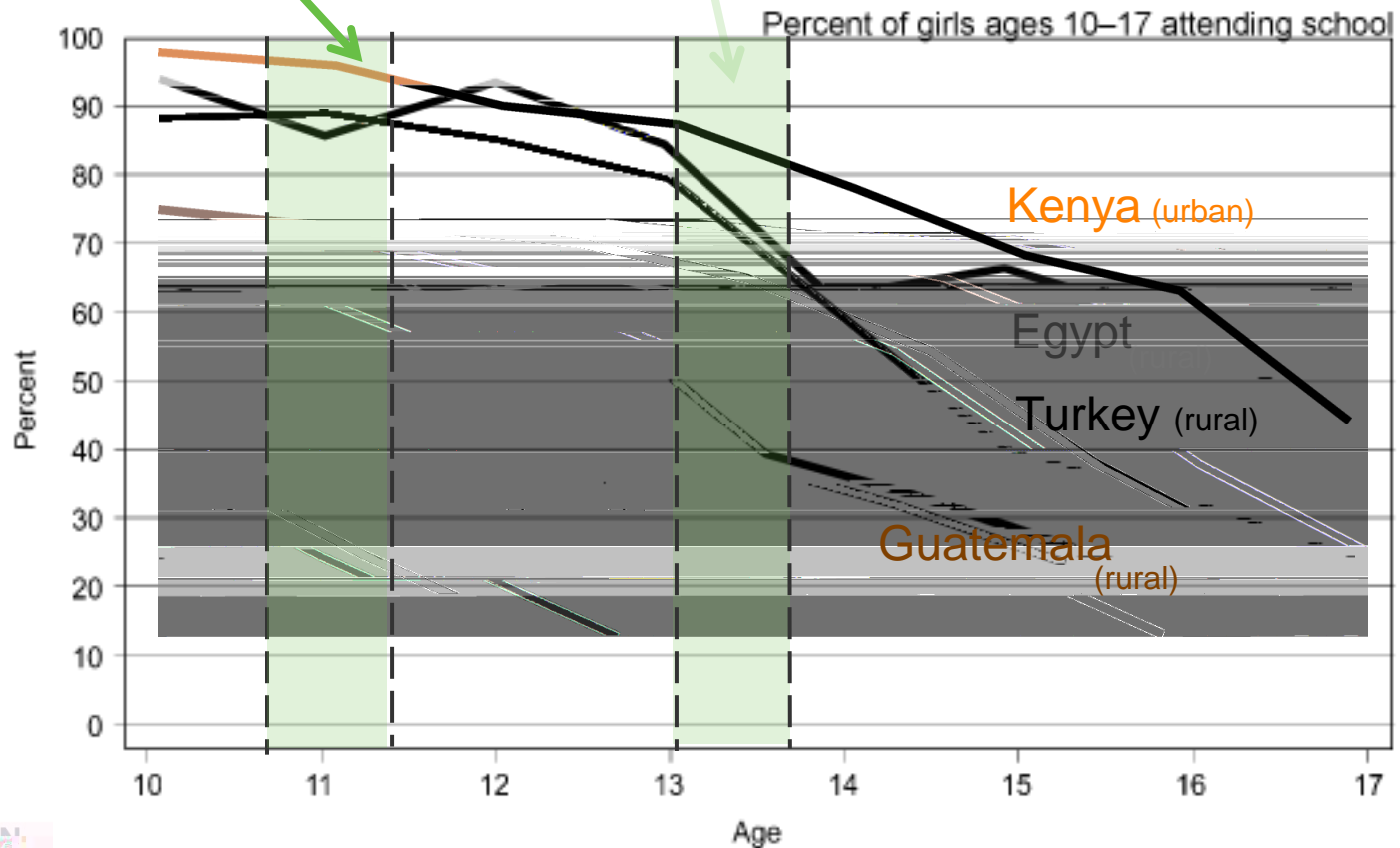
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Why girls?

THERE IS A GENERAL PATTERN OF GIRLS BEGINNING TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AT THE ONSET OF PUBERTY

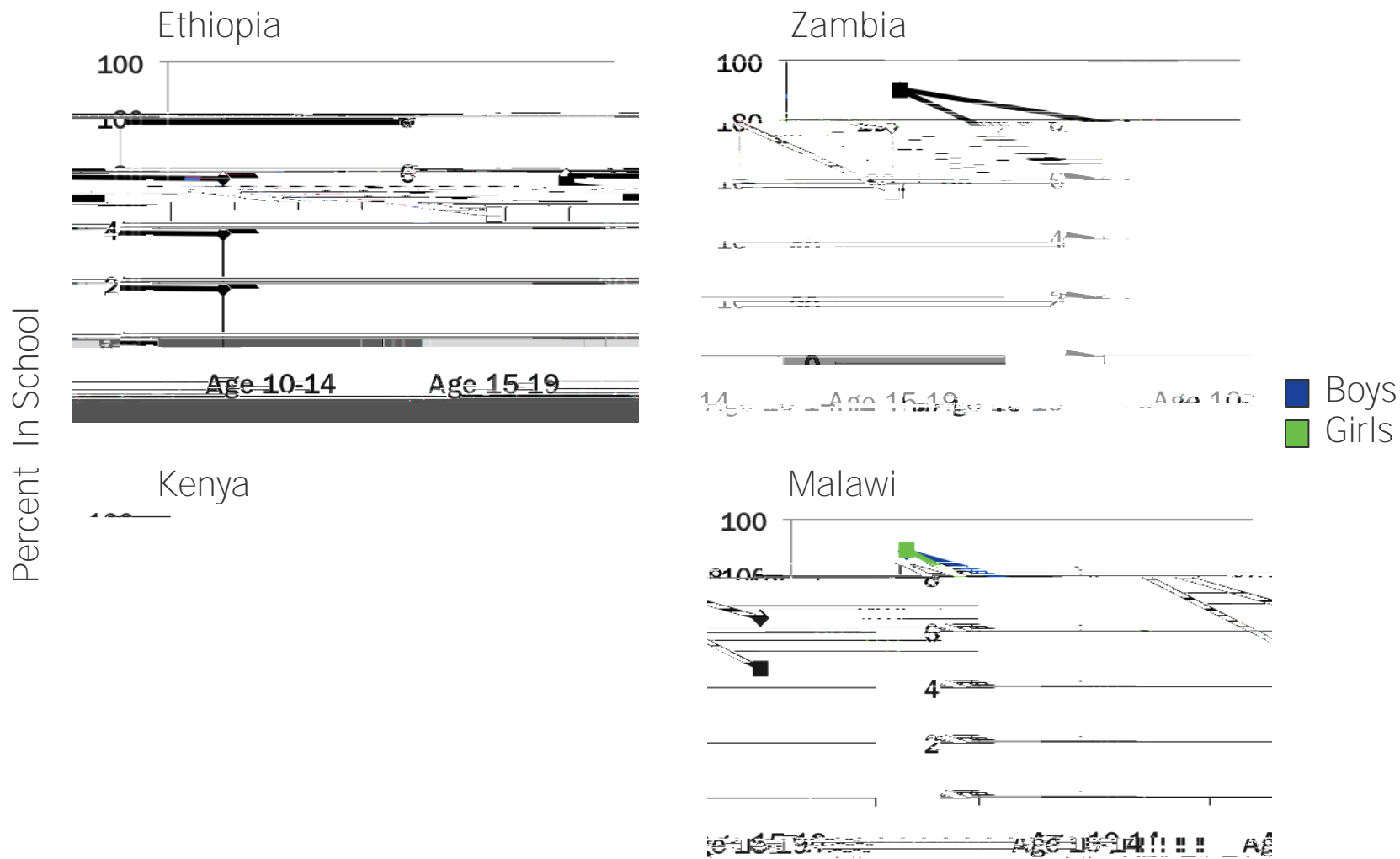
Intensify investment here

Drop out accelerates here



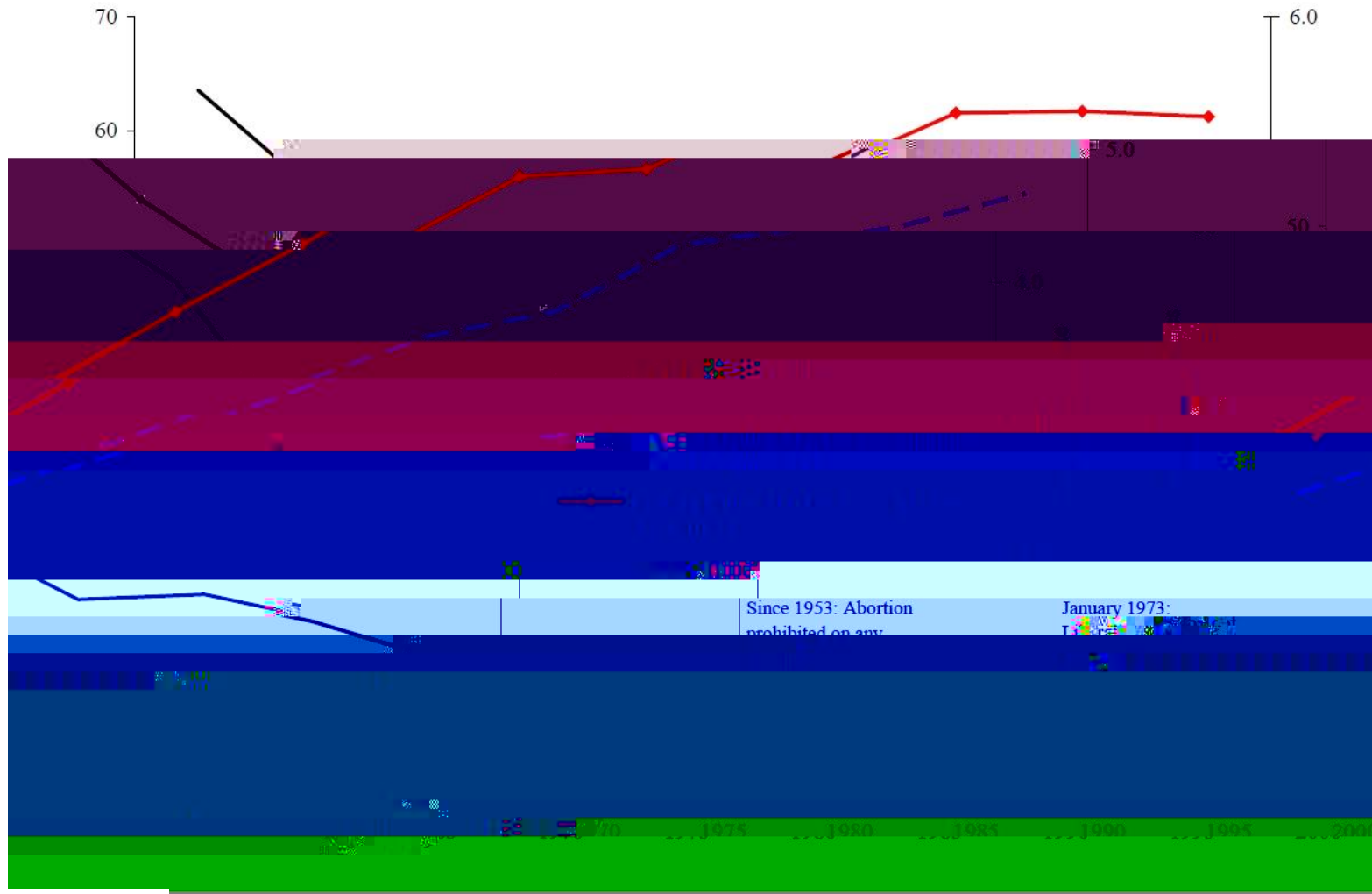
THE GENDER GAP GROWS DURING PUBERTY

CURRENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GENDER AND AGE



SOURCES: POPULATION COUNCIL. ADOLESCENT COUNTRY DATASETS. ETHIOPIA, 2005; ZAMBIA, 2007; KENYA, 2009; MALAWI, 2004.

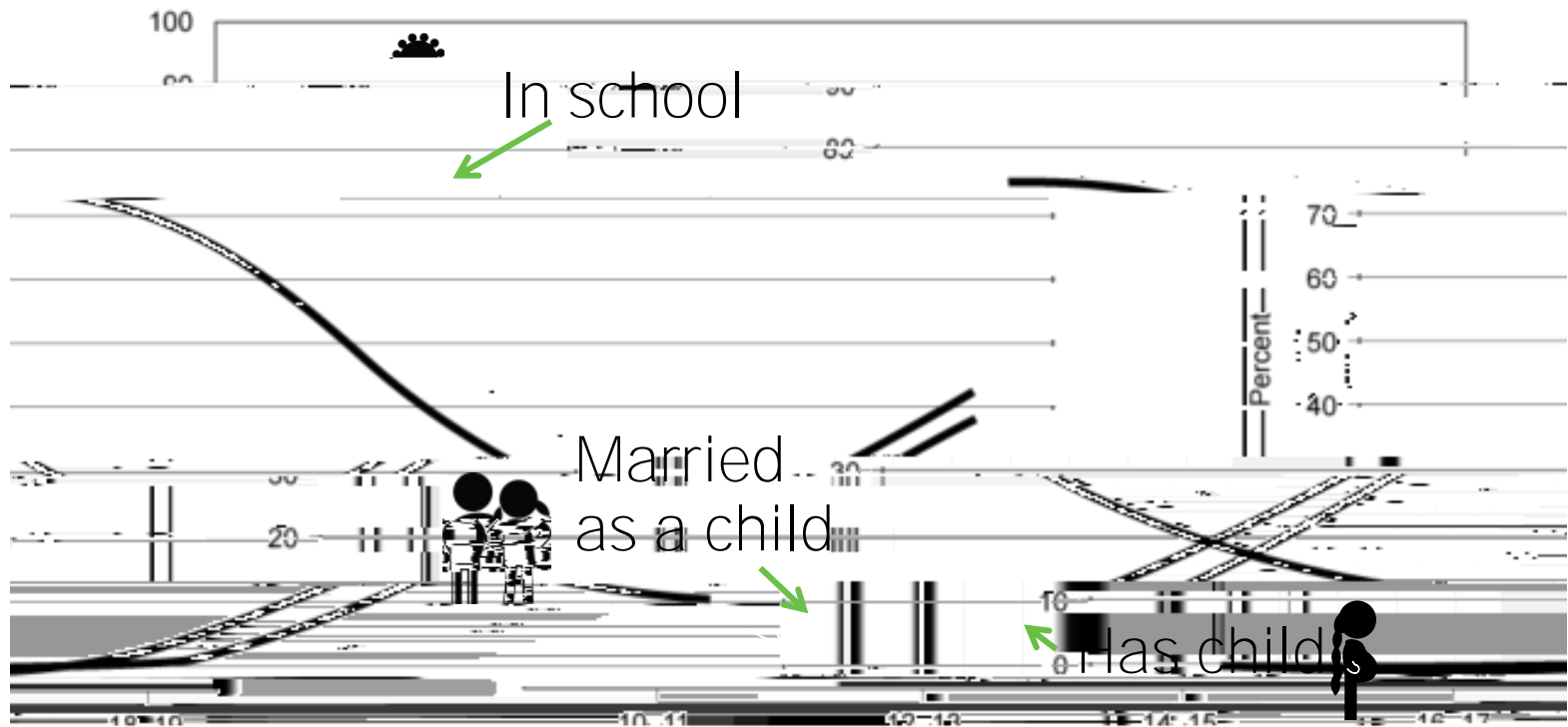
SOUTH KOREA, TOTAL FERTILITY RATES AND FEMALE LABOR MARKET PARTICIPATION 1960-2000



REACH GIRLS EARLY

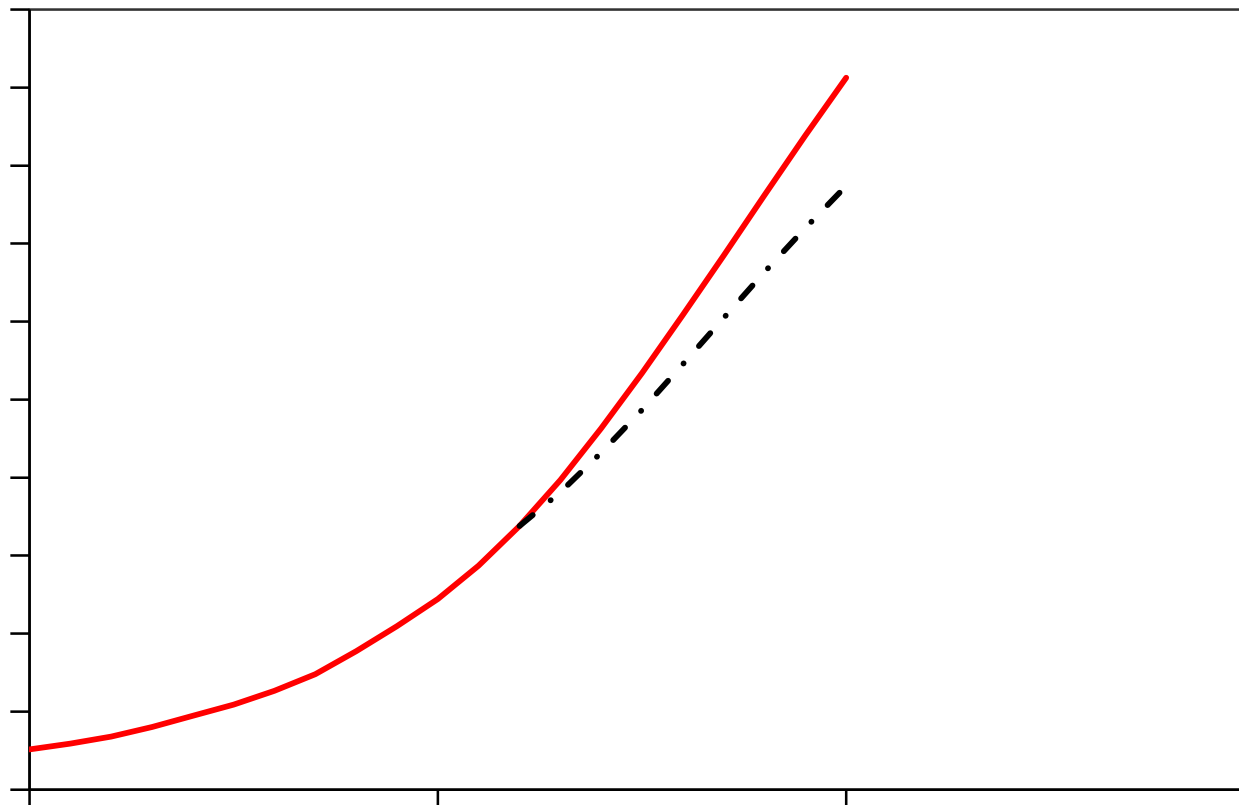
EARLY ADOLESCENCE IS THE PIVOTAL MOMENT FOR GIRLS. THAT IS WHEN THEIR LIVES GO OFF TRACK.

Percent of Guatemalan girls ages 10-19, by outcome



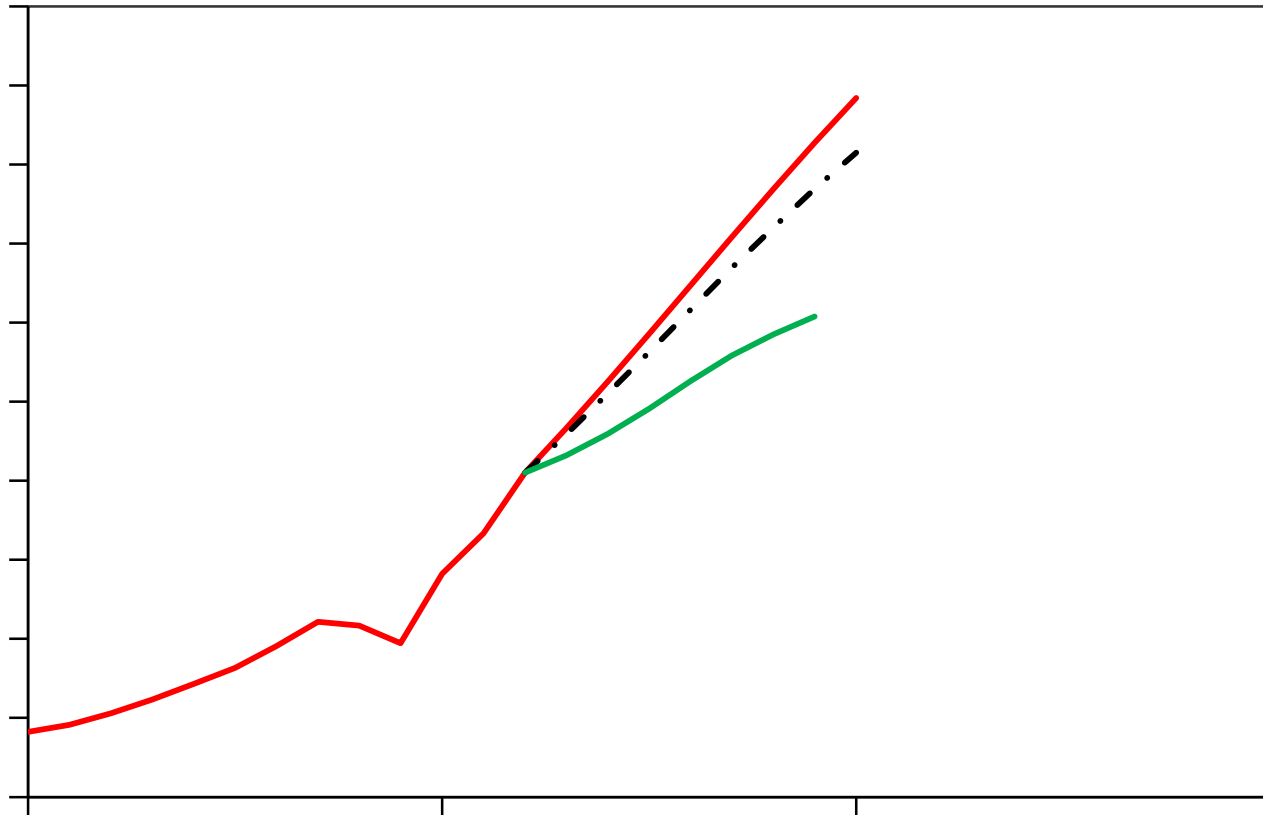
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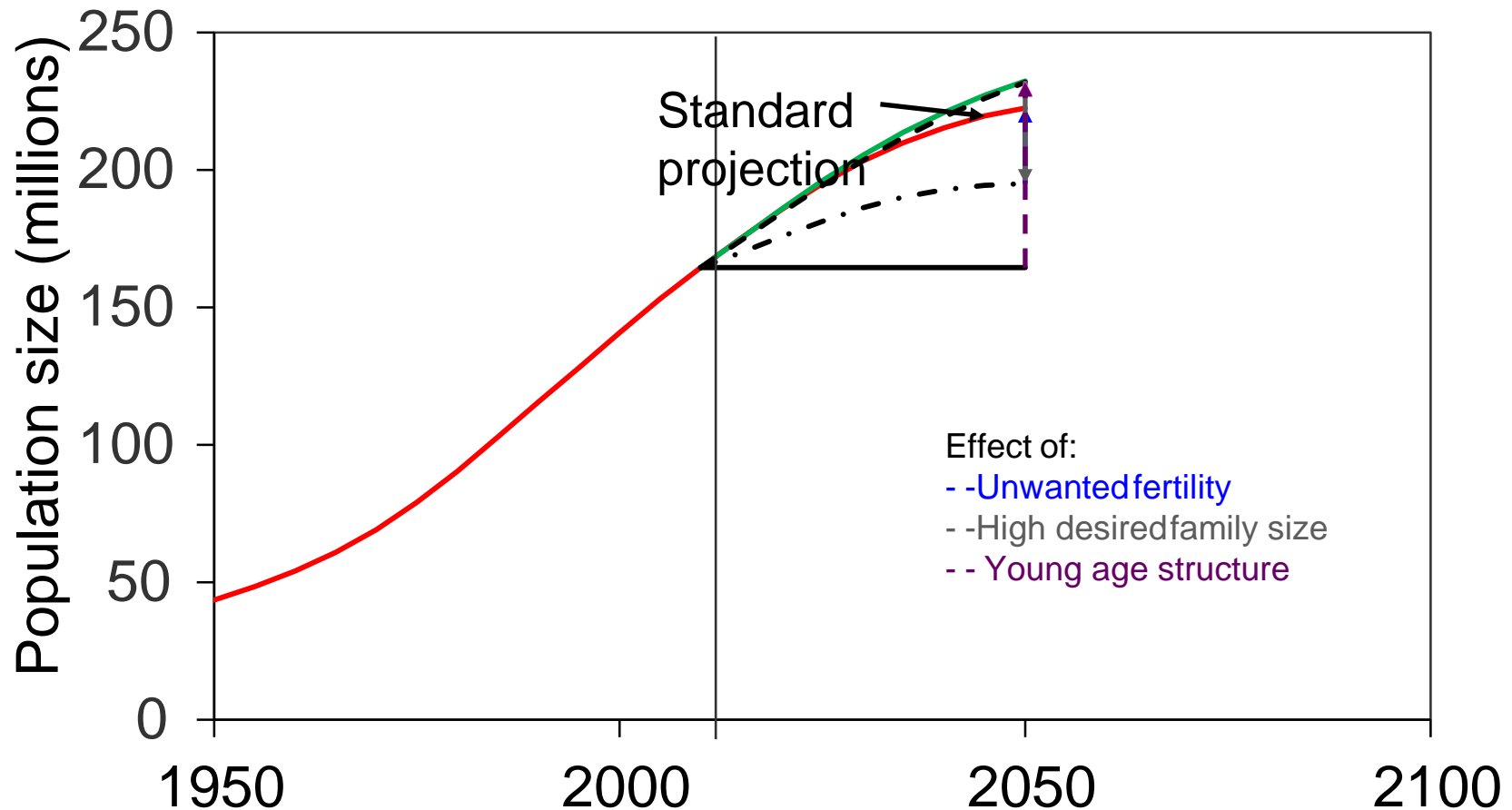
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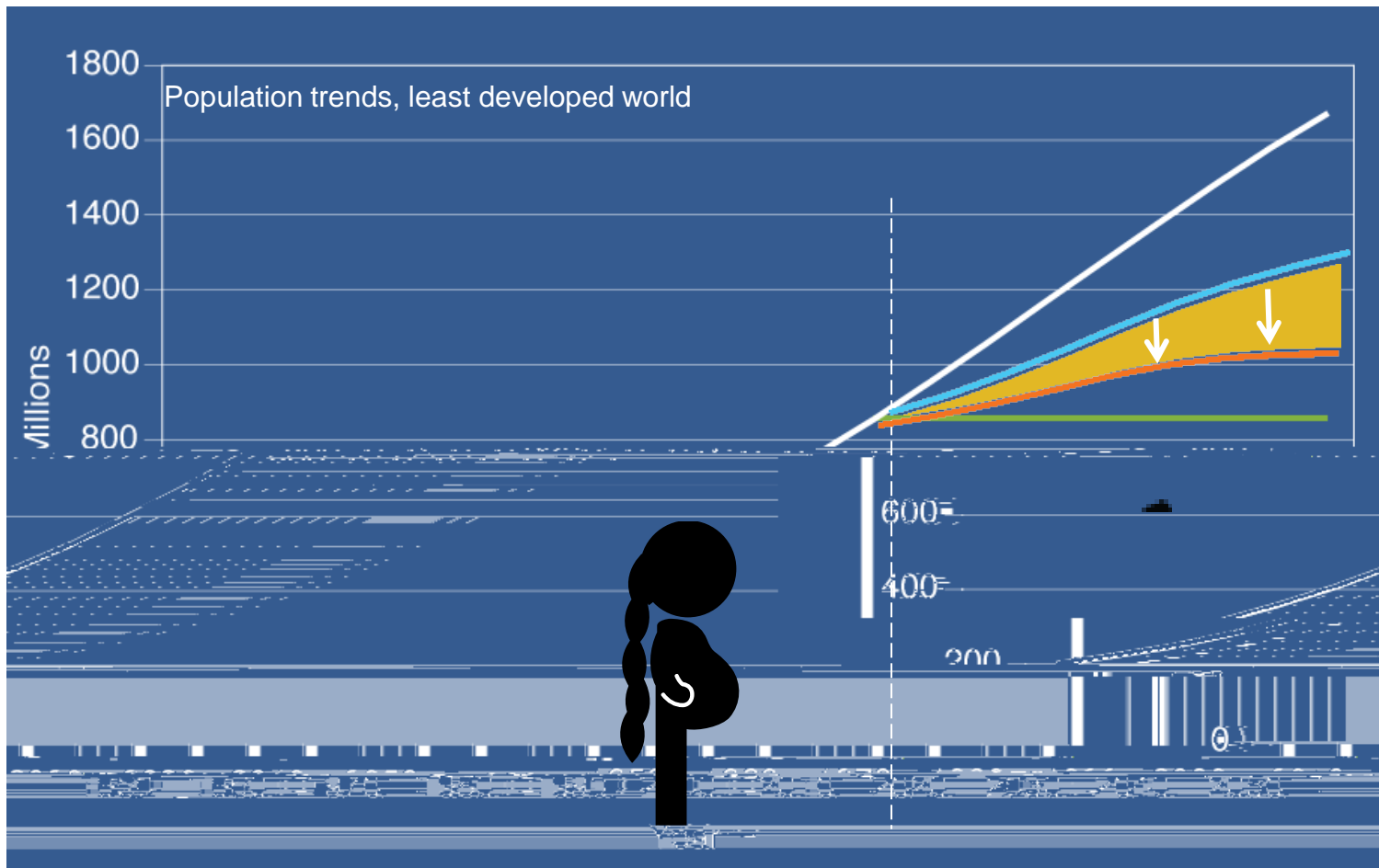


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Standard
 (UN medium
 variant)

Momentum/
 replacement
 fertility

5-year delayed
 first birth

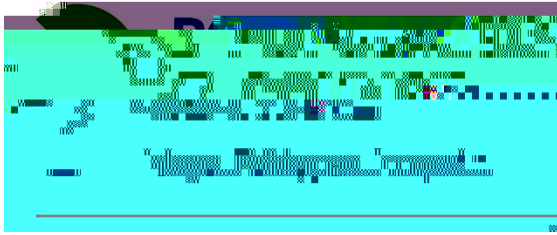
Base



INVESTMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

SUMMING UP

Achieving sustainability depends critically on investments in girls in settings where they are at high risk of dropping out of school, early marriage, and early childbearing.



Thank you!

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