

Nigeria: Population and Demographic trends

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Nigeria Beyond the Headlines: Population Health, Natural Resources, and Governance

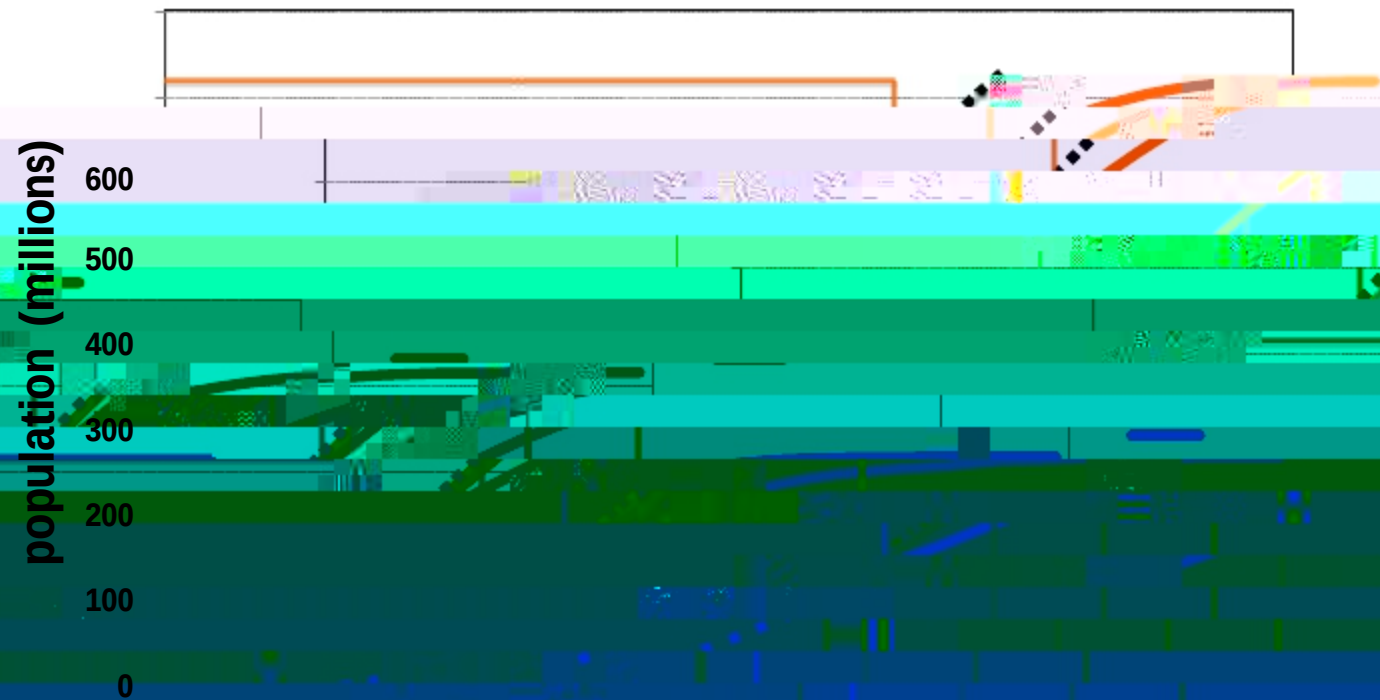
Why Rapid

Reducing Mortality

CDR is falling

So is childhood mortality

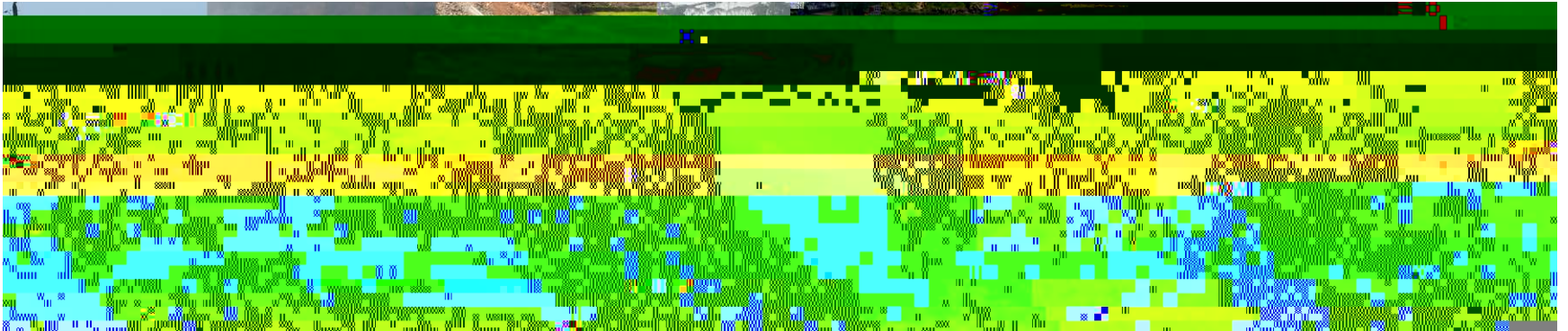




Total fertility rate: **5.7**

Unmet need for family planning:

“Why Population Matters”



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To Education

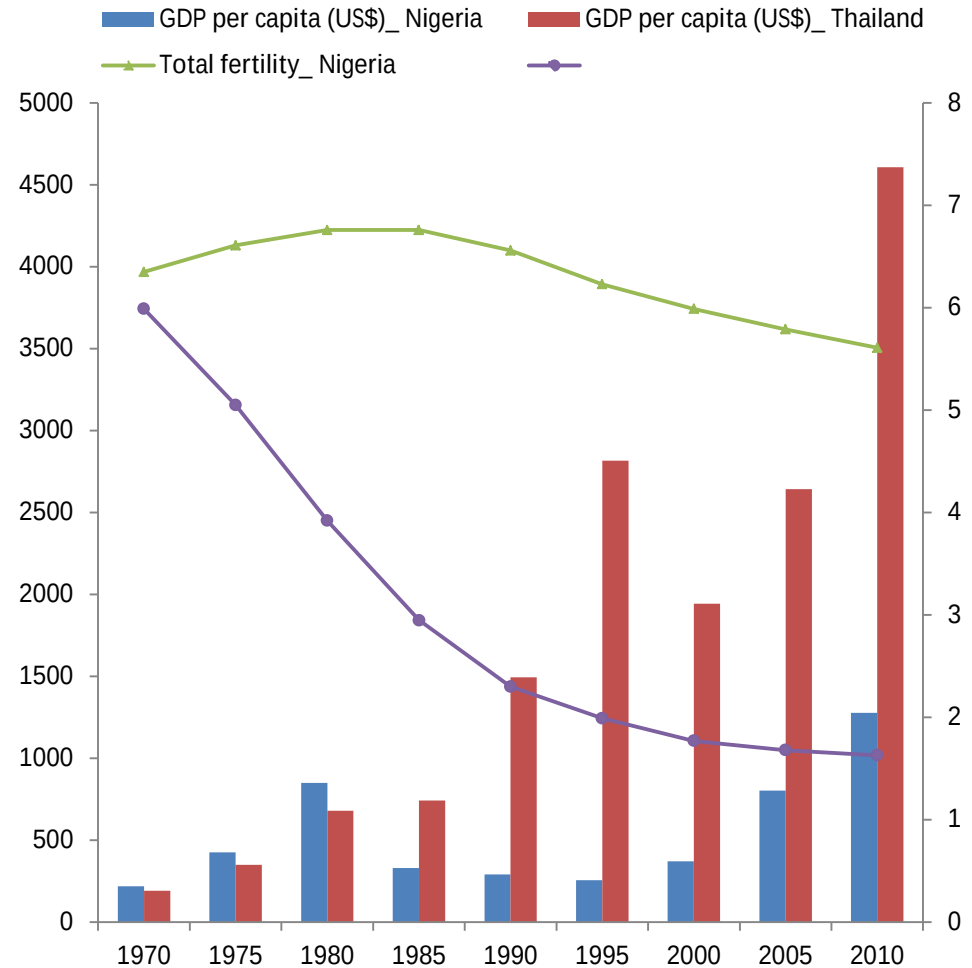
- Smaller family sizes allow more children to be educated, especially girls
- Link between educational achievement and poverty
- Educated women have fewer children

To Employment

- High number of working-aged people implies more

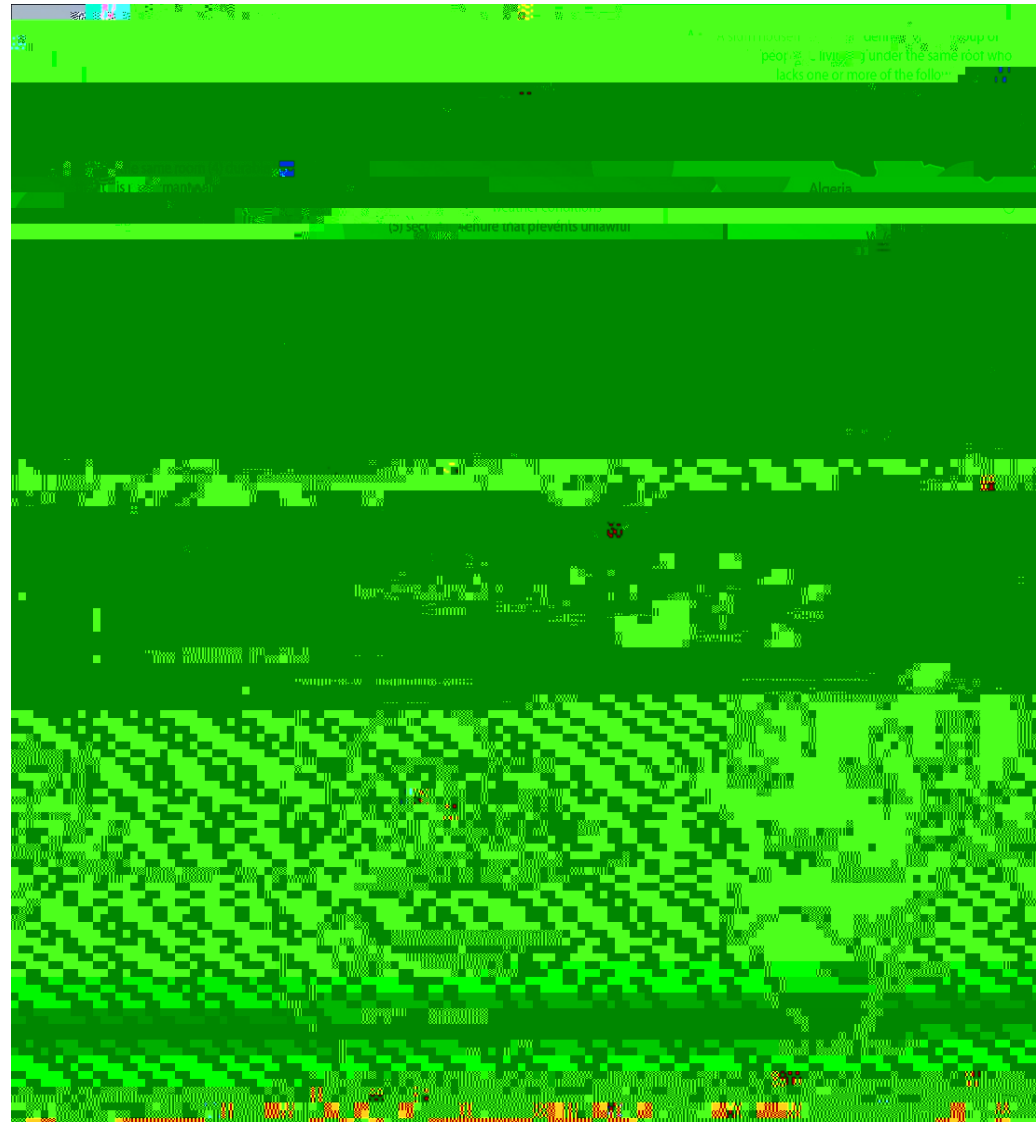
To Economic Growth

- Countries like Thailand have shown that there can be no economic growth without reduction in population growth



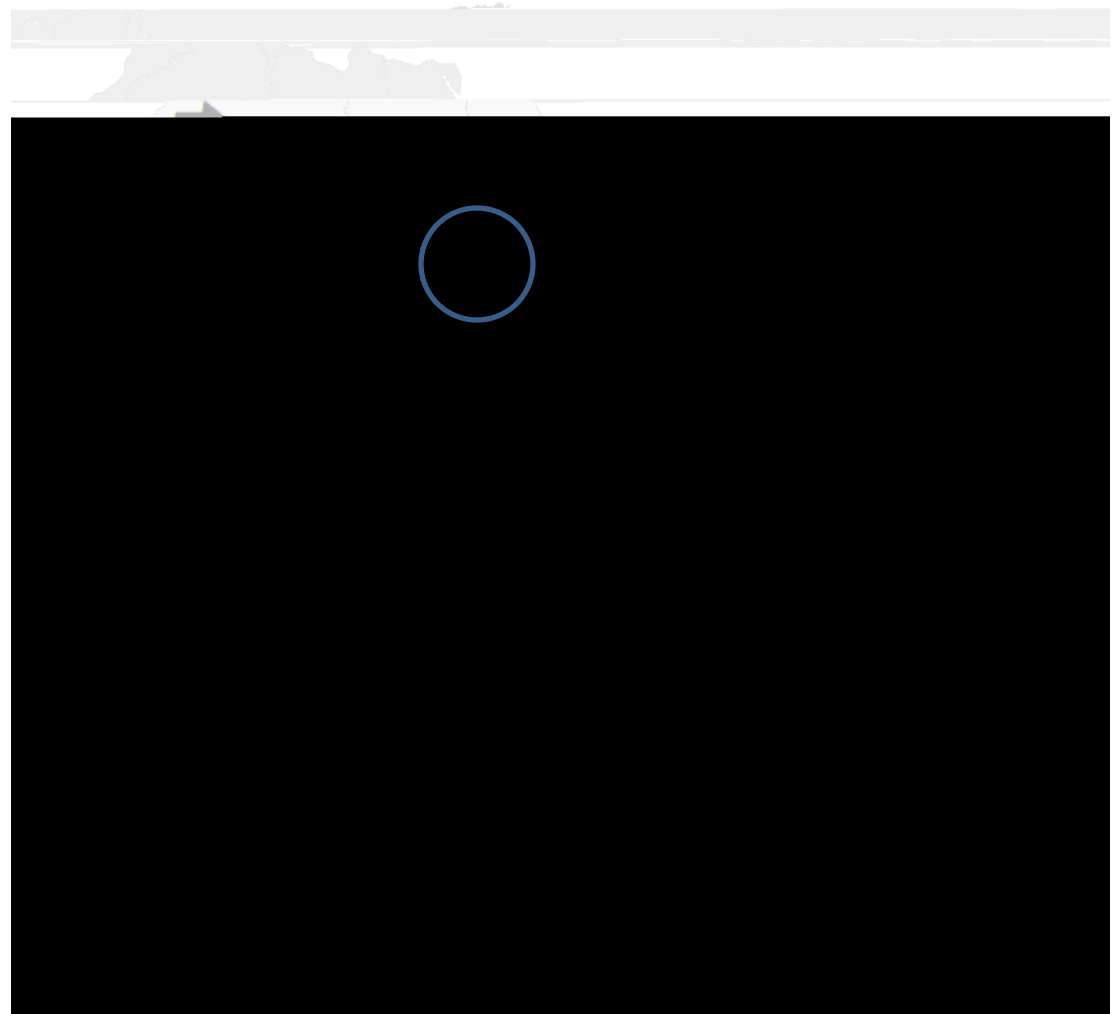
To Migration and Urbanization

- Higher emigration than immigration
- Over 1 million Nigerian broad, mostly in Sudan (24%), USA (14%) and the UK (9%)
- International migration impacts receiving county age structure
- About 50% live in Urban areas, will be 75% in 2050
- Most of the expected population growth will be in urban areas
- The effect of rapid population growth in urban areas – poverty- over 60% of urban residents live in informal settlements



To Natural Resources

- High population growth increases demand for natural resources like water
- Nigeria is 1 of the 15 countries in SSA suffering from water scarcity or stress
- Combined with anticipated changes in climate, water shortages likely to become more acute



To Agricultural Production and Food Security

- Population is projected to grow but agricultural production is declining
- Pressure on the

Policy considerations

- Young population can be an asset if investment in Nigerian youths is prioritized- education, jobs, infrastructure and health care
- Institutions and frameworks should integrate population dynamics in both national and foreign policy planning
- Improvement in social services is key
- Nigeria population growth: opportunity or challenge?