

Where are the Poor: Ethiopia Summary

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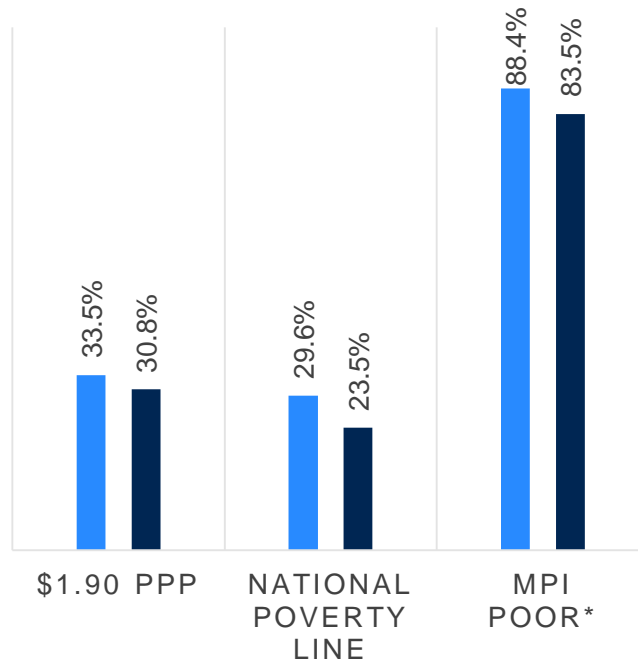
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Comparing Different Definitions of Poverty

Ethiopia

% living in Poverty

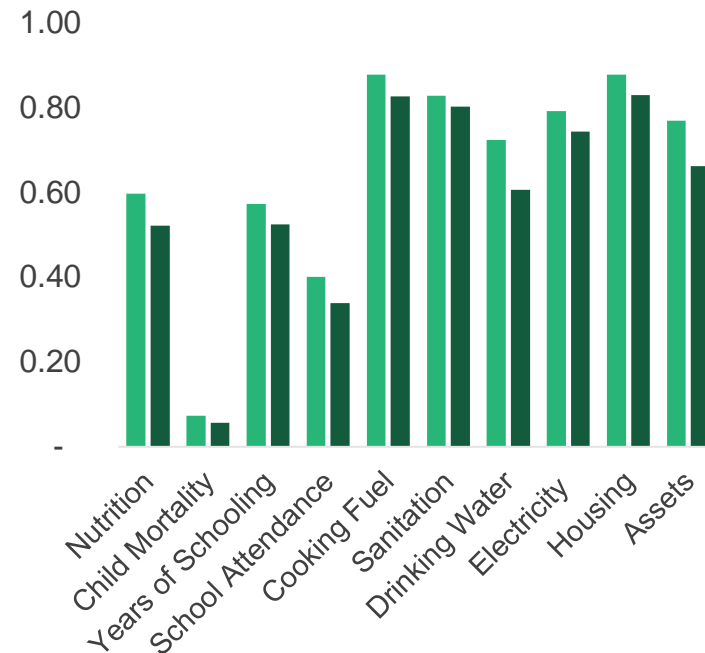


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% of MPI Poor deprived in each contributing factor



2011

2016

Data source: MPI

Gini Coefficient

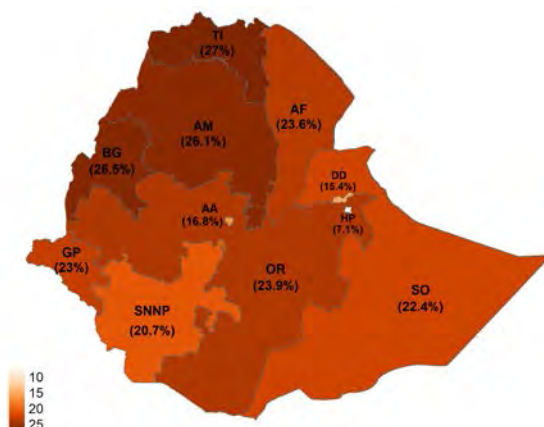
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Where are the poor in Ethiopia?

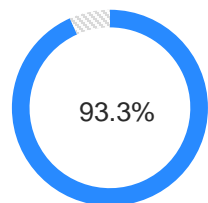
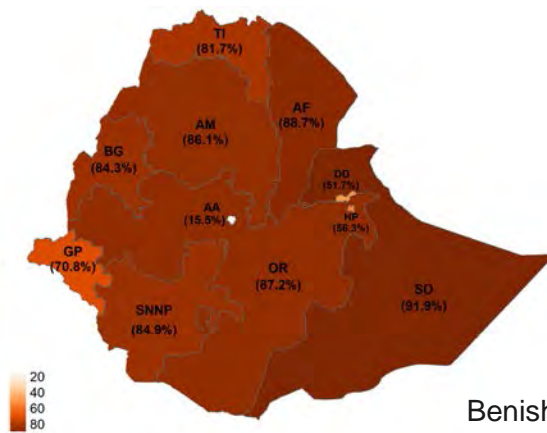
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(Central Statistic Agency, 2016)



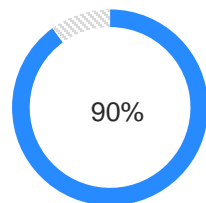
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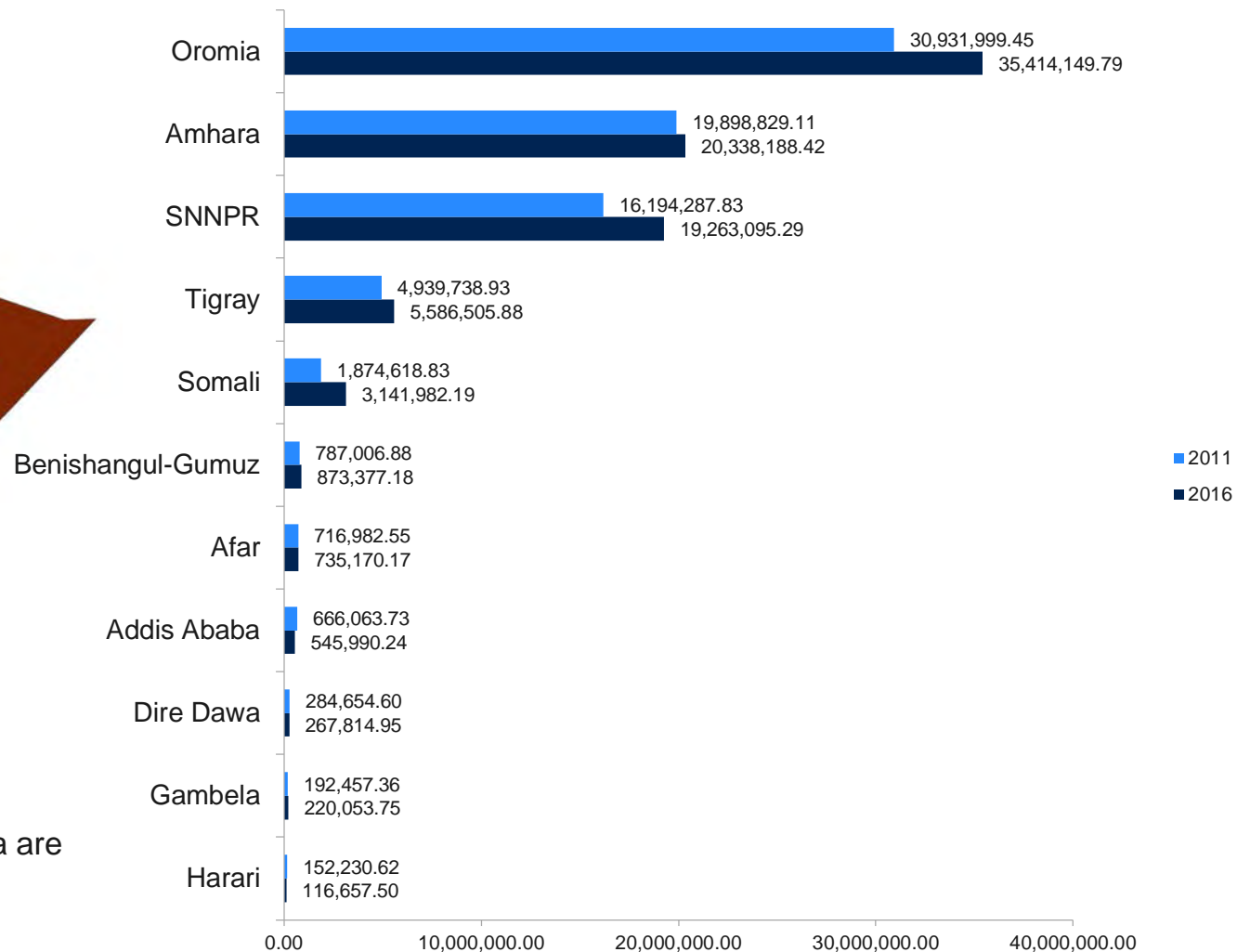
DHS, 2016



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UNICEF, 2016

of people who are defined as MPI Poor



Matching Poverty Definition to FSP Goals: Ethiopia

Ethiopia Poverty Assessment: MPI

- Highest MPI Scores: Somali (SO), Afar (AF), Oromia (OR)
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- 75% is multidimensionally poor and lacks electricity
- 80% is multidimensionally poor and lacks adequate sanitation facilities



Electricity & Mobile Coverage

- 44.3% national electricity coverage (World Bank)
- 43% mobile coverage (National Bank)
- 31.4% men have phones in lowest wealth quintile vs. 86.3% in highest wealth quintile (DHS)
- 7.2% of women have phones in the lowest wealth quintile vs. 66.9% in highest wealth quintile (DHS)
- Regions with lowest phone ownership include: Amhara, SNNPR, Oromia (DHS)



Education

- 83.9% Net Attendance in Primary School rate in highest wealth quintile vs. 56.6% in lowest wealth quintile (DHS)
- Primary school graduation rate is 38.3% (UNECA)
- Adult Literacy Rate is 64.1% (LSMS)
- Current mean years of school is 2.4 vs. 8.3 expected for those entering primary schools
- Regions with lowest education levels include: Somali and Oromia (DHS)



Livelihood

- 90%+ of rural, poor regions are employed in agriculture, meaning growth in agriculture helps alleviate poverty significantly today (ILO)
- Virtually no wealth gap in employment rates for men (DHS)
- 48.7% of women in the highest wealth quintile vs. 24.4% of women in the highest wealth quintile are employed (DHS)



Women's Economic Empowerment

- Ethiopia's gender gap in mobile phones (21%) and internet usage (60%) is the 2nd largest in Africa (GSMA)
- No gender gap in gross primary school attendance rates
- Poor women experience larger gender gap in employment rates
- 12% gender gap in account ownership, growing



Financial Inclusion

- 35% of population are registered account owners (Findex)
- 21% wealth gap and growing in account ownership (Findex)
- 57% of those with account made a withdrawal in the last year (Findex)
- 17% of those receiving wages received them in an account; 3% received gov't payments into an account (Findex)
- 12% using phones for mobile phone transactions
- Insufficient funds is the #1 cited barrier (Findex)
- Poorest 40% more likely to resort to sale of assets for emergency spending; Richest 60% more likely to turn to savings or loans (Findex)



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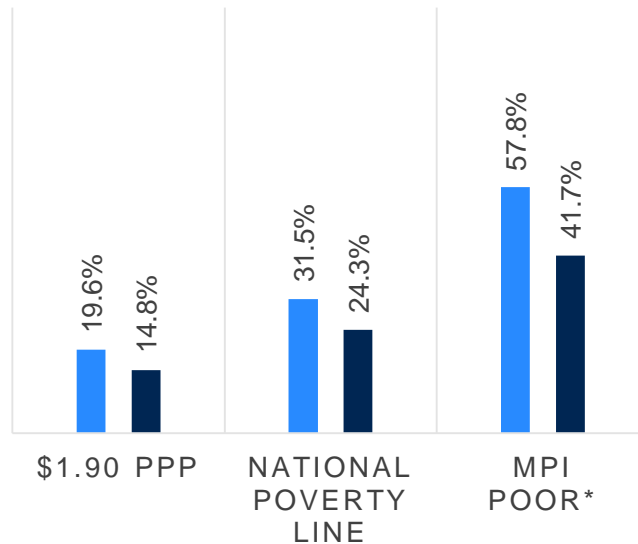
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Bangladesh

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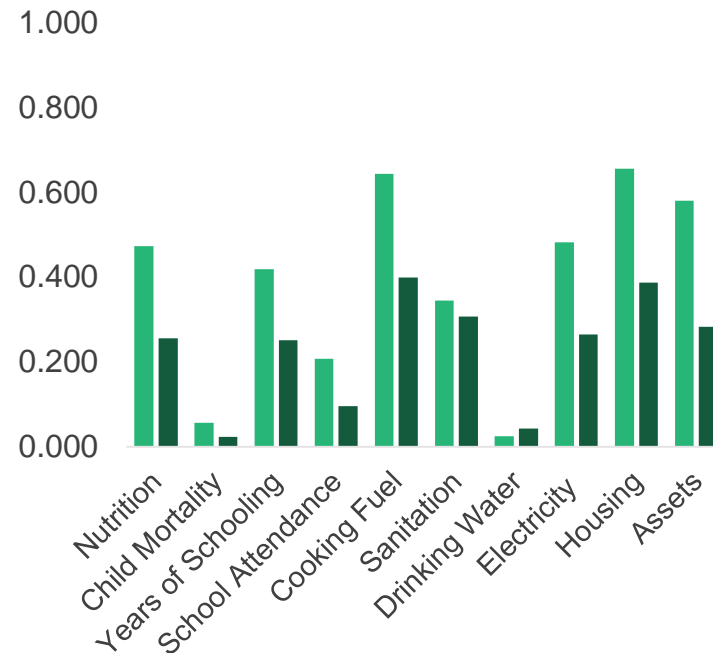


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2007

2014

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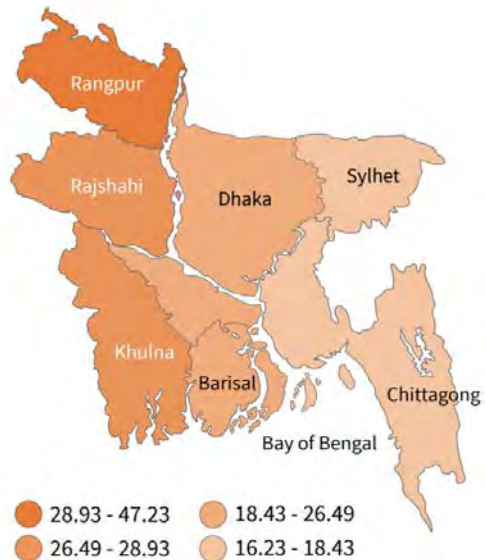
Gini Coefficient

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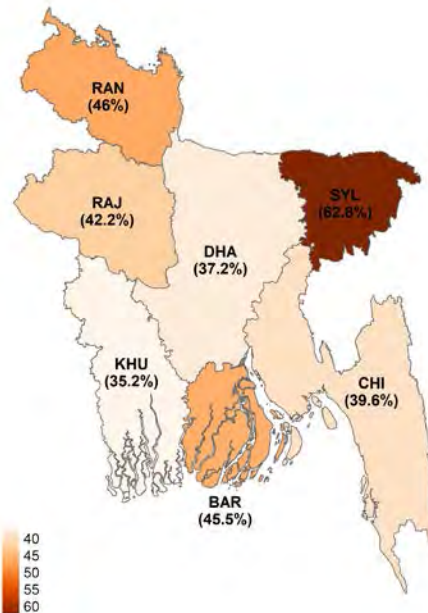
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Where is Poverty Concentrated in Bangladesh?

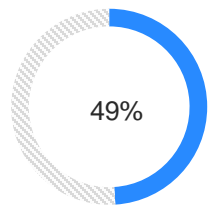
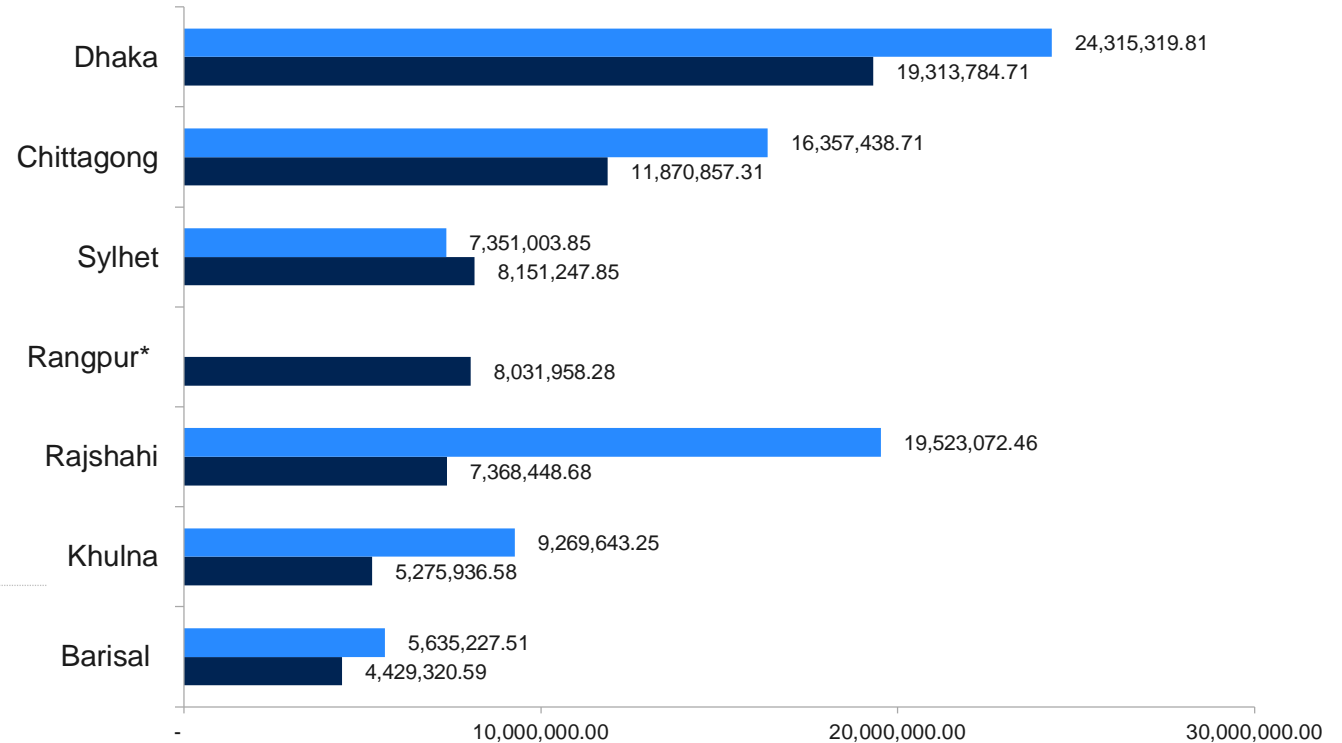
% of people living in poverty
(World Bank Poverty Assessment, 2016)



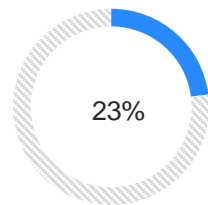
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of people who are defined as MPI Poor



of people living in rural areas are multidimensionally poor



of people living in urban areas are multidimensionally poor

Data Source: MPI

2007 2014

Data Source: MPI, World Bank
*Rangpur data for 2007 incorporated in Rajshahi data

Matching Poverty Definition to FSP Goals: Bangladesh

Bangladesh Poverty Assessment: World Bank (PPP)

- Poverty has been cut in half since 1990, but reduction has slowed since 2010
- Poverty reduction progress slower in urban areas compared to rural
 - From 2010 – 2016: 90% poverty reduction took place in rural areas
 - From 2010 – 2016 there was no progress in reducing extreme poverty in urban areas and the number of people has increased (worrisome as Bangladesh continues to urbanize)
- Stronger progress in poverty reduction in the eastern regions
 - Increase in poverty since 2010: Rangpur
 - Stagnant since 2010: Rajshahi & Khulna
 - Moderate Decrease: Chittagong
 - Extreme Decrease: Barisal, Dhaka, and Sylhet
- Reduction in poverty has been driven by labor income increases not transfers (i.e., social program donations)

Bangladesh Poverty Assessment: MPI

- The % of people that are MPI poor decreased between 2007 and 2014
- All deprivations improved with the exception of Drinking Water
- Sylhet in the eastern region has the highest MPI score and % of people that are MPI poor – hypothesis that this is driven by bad living conditions and low years of schooling in Sylhet city
- Highest volume of MPI poor people are living in Dhaka



Electricity & Mobile Coverage

- 74.20% of the population has access to electricity (GSMA)
- 26.5% of MPI poor people experience deprivations in electricity (MPI)
- 71% of the population has a mobile phone (FII)
- 95%+ of population is covered by 2G or 3G; only 17% is covered by 4G (GSMA)
- 1GB of data would cost the bottom 20% of the income distribution 11% of their monthly earnings (GSMA)
- **Gap: mobile phone coverage by wealth quintile or subnational region**



Education

- Virtually no difference in primary school net attendance or completion rates between highest and lowest wealth quintile (DHS)
- 49.9% in highest wealth quintile attend secondary education vs. only 29.6% of lowest wealth quintile (DHS)
- Literacy rates are 39% for poor heads of household vs. 59% for non-poor heads of household (World Bank)
- Education attainment is growing most rapidly in urban, west divisions (World Bank)

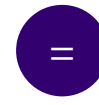


Livelihood

- Growth in Industry & Services (particularly urban workers in the garment industry) driving poverty alleviation
- Unemployment rate is the same between poor and non-poor households but 43% of poor household heads are in agriculture vs. 28% of non-poor household heads – where growth / income potential is lower (World Bank)
- Western regions (Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna) have higher concentration in agriculture (World Bank)



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Women's Economic Empowerment

- Phone Ownership Gender Gap: 25% (FII)
- Primary & Secondary Education Attendance Gender Gap: ~0% (DHS)
- Primary Completion Gender Gap: ~0% (DHS)
- Women's labor force participation is 44% of men's (World Bank)
- Labor force participation increased between 2003 and 2010 driven by a 10% increase in female labor participation in the garment industry but decreased between 2010 and 2016 (World Bank)
- Gender Gap in Account Ownership: 29% (Findex)



Financial Inclusion

- 25% registered bank account owners; 16% active bank account users (FII)
- 17% mobile money account owners, a 340% increase since 2014 (FII)
- 25% of wage earners received them through an account
- Wealth Gap in Account Ownership: 17% (Findex)
- Wealth Gap in Emergency Fund Coverage: low across all sources (Findex)
- Insufficient Funds is the primary reason noted as a Barrier to Account Ownership (Findex)

Where are the Poor: Full Report

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START: What are the Poor Project

Project Goal: Provide a detailed analysis and picture of poverty in Bangladesh and Ethiopia and implications for Financial Inclusion

Research Objectives:

01

Expand the definition of poverty beyond income & consumption

02

Determine what proportion of the population lives in poverty in each country at a subnational level based on identified poverty metrics

03

Understand what the lives of those living in poverty look like in each country, inclusive of connectivity, education, livelihood, women's economic empowerment and financial inclusion



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START: Where are the Poor Project Report

How does this project tie into FSP's Theory of Change?

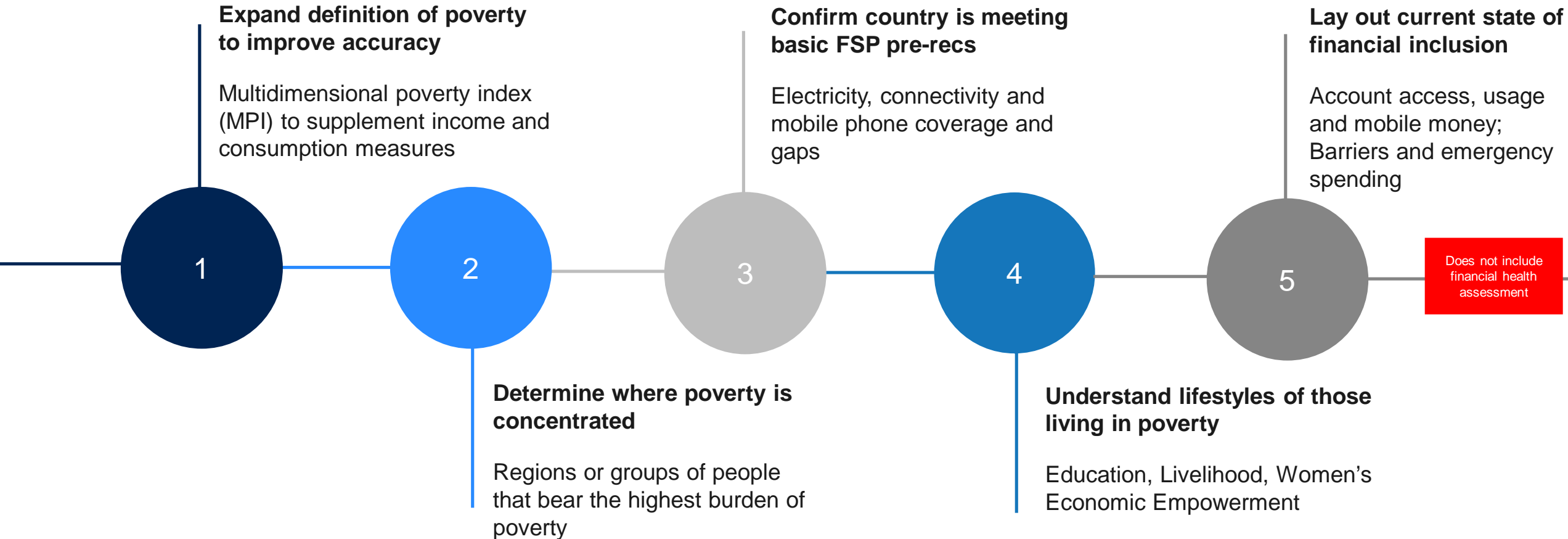


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A wide-angle, high-altitude photograph of a rugged mountain range in Ethiopia. The terrain is characterized by deep, winding valleys and sharp ridges, with a mix of brown, tan, and green hues. In the background, a series of dark, silhouetted mountain peaks stretch across the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, dark, and dramatic clouds, with several bright rays of light breaking through, creating a powerful and atmospheric scene. The word "Ethiopia" is overlaid in white text on the right side of the image.

Ethiopia



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Expand the Definition of Poverty

Poverty Definitions

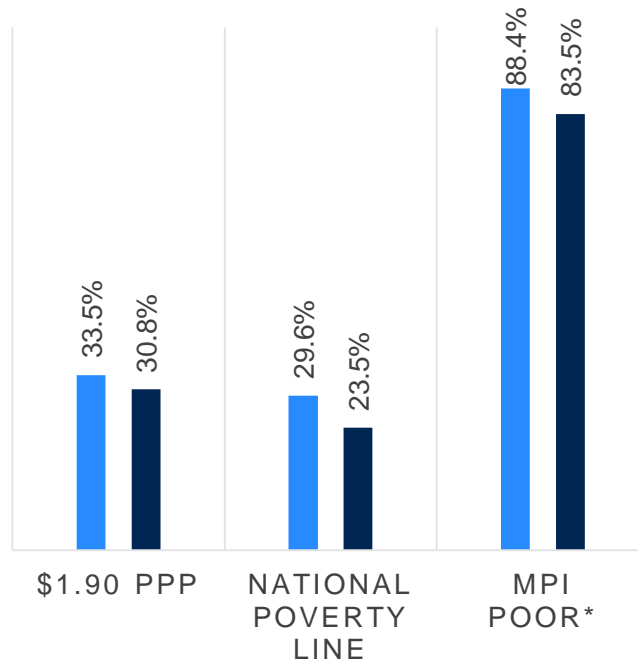
Source	Poverty Definition
World Bank \$1.90/day PPP	Extreme Poverty; Living at or below \$1.90/day in 2011 PPP
National Poverty Line	National Poverty Estimate; in Ethiopia, the absolute poverty line is \$0.62/day (Birr 7184 per year per adult) and is calculated looking at basic food and non-food needs
OPHI / UNDP Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)	The global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is an international measure of acute poverty covering over 100 developing countries. It complements traditional income-based poverty measures by capturing the deprivations that each person faces at the same time with respect to education, health and living standards.
Findex	Poorest 40% of households, based on country-specific household income quintiles.
DHS	Poorest 20% based on wealth index quintiles of household-level weight and factor scores for asset ownership (e.g. a television or car), living conditions (e.g. electricity and toilet facility access), and other factors associated with wealth.



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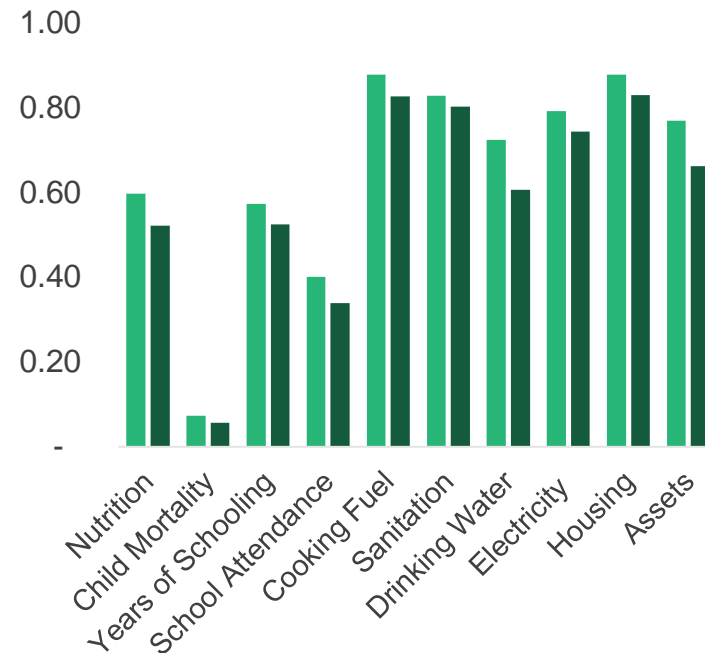


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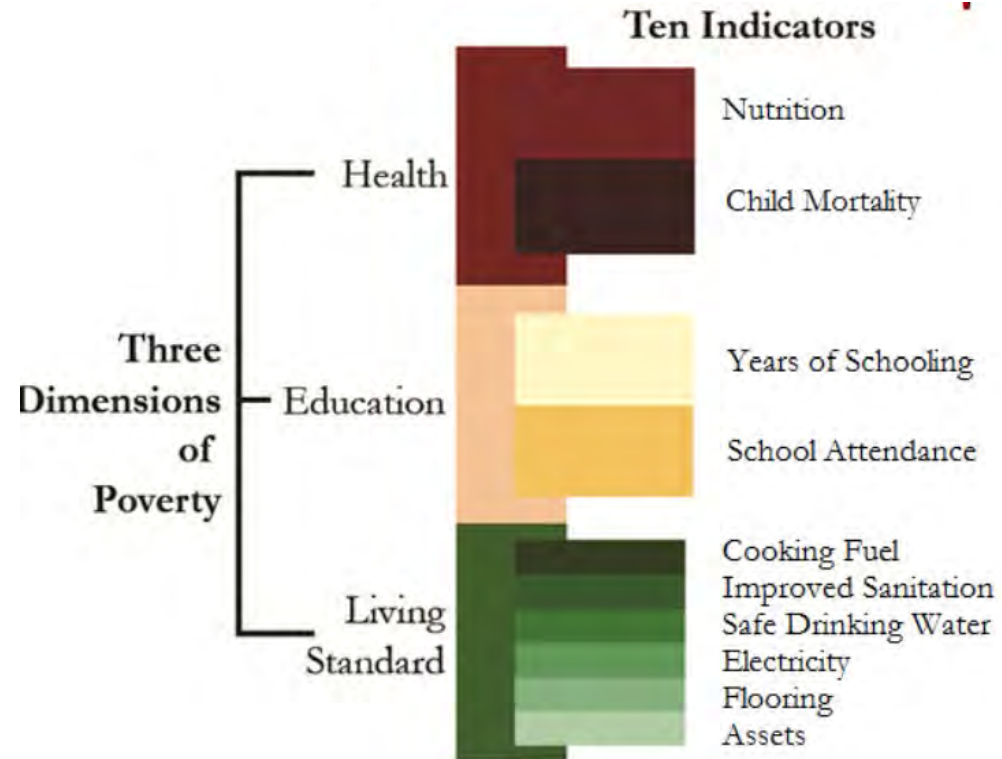
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Data source: World Bank

Deep-Dive into MPI: Why Use It?

Economic vs. Multidimensional definitions of poverty:

- Economic poverty indicators (e.g. <\$1.90/day) may underestimate lived experience of deprivation
- MPI score is constructed on three primary dimensions, with ten overall indicators. Thus, MPI incorporates factors that greatly influence quality of life, such as education, nutrition, assets, and access to basic services
- The MPI takes into consideration incidence and intensity of poverty



MPI Snapshot: What does it tell us?

Ethiopia

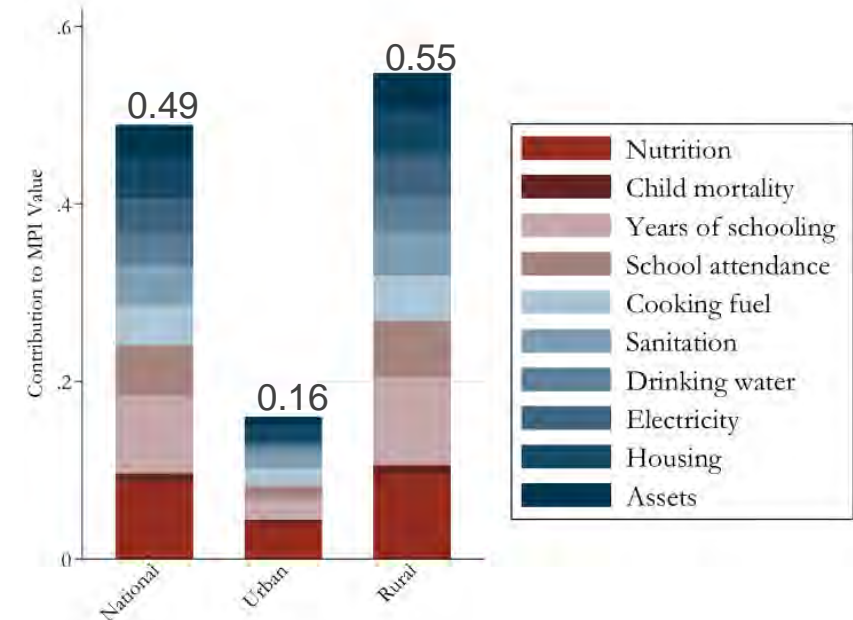
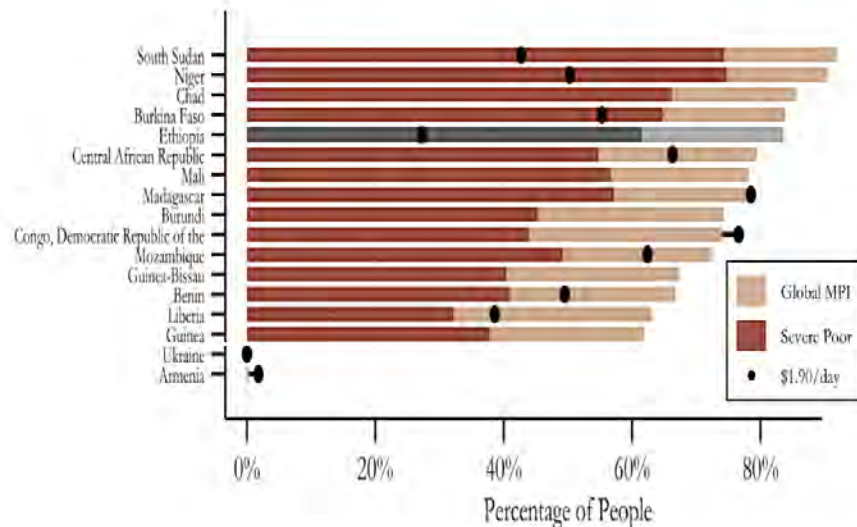
Economic Indicator vs. MPI

Based on the \$1.90 a day poverty measure, **only 27.3 percent** of people were classified as monetarily poor in 2015—**far below the 83.5**. In fact, of all the countries covered by the global MPI, **Ethiopia has the biggest difference between the incidence of multidimensional poverty and the \$1.90 a day poverty rate**.

MPI Contributors

Deprivation in **Education** - including **Years of Schooling** and **School Attendance** - is the biggest contributing factor. While the MPI differs significantly between urban and rural, the proportion of each contribution does not.

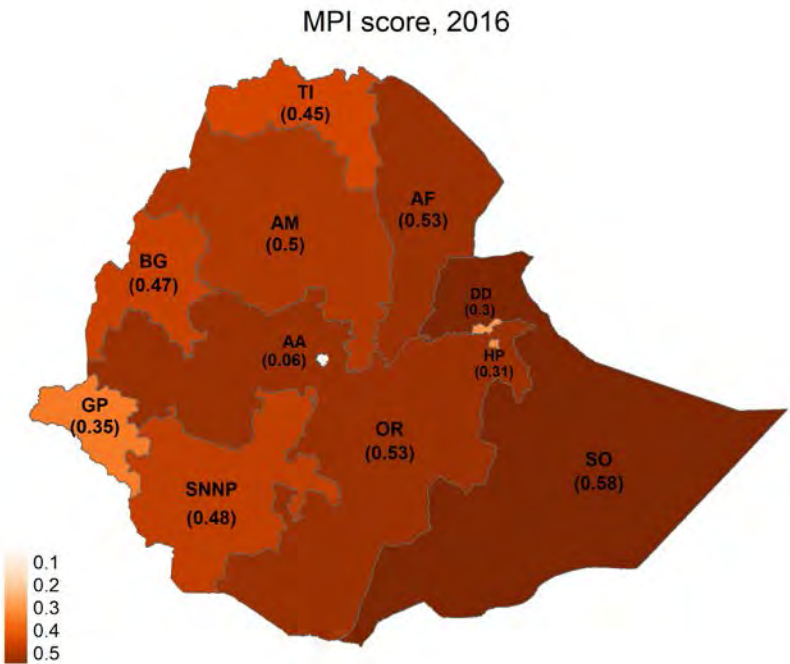
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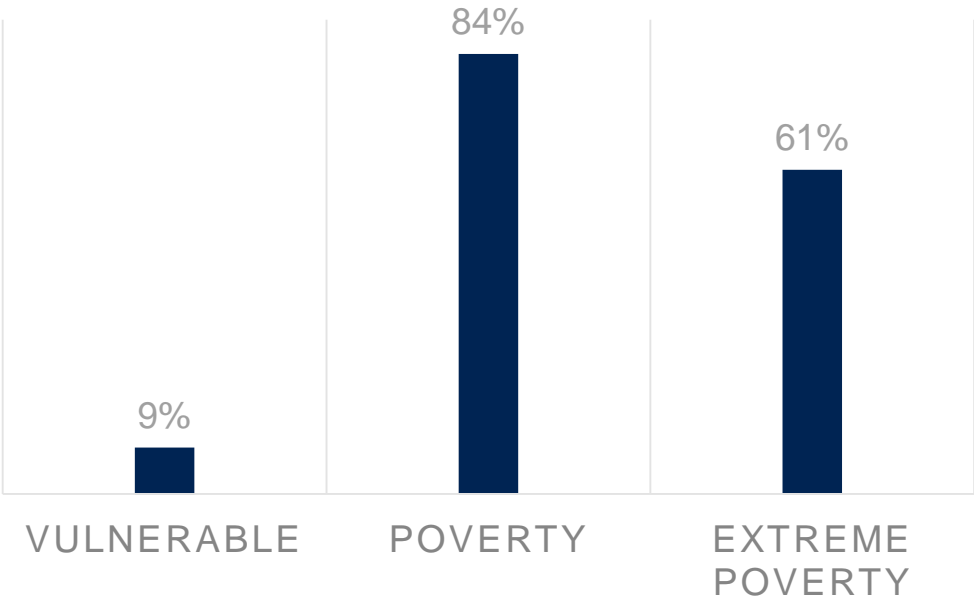
MPI Deep Dive: Subnational Poverty Levels

Ethiopia

Ethiopia's National MPI Score is 0.489. Most individuals in Ethiopia are living in extreme poverty.



% MEETING CATEGORY CUT-OFF SCORE

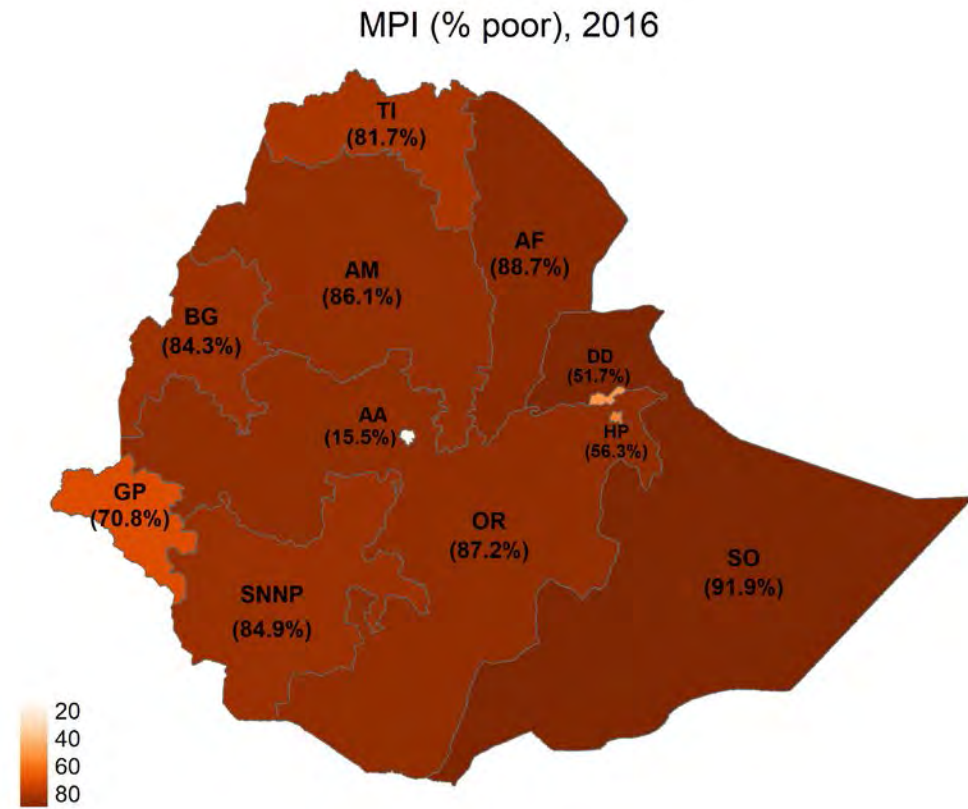
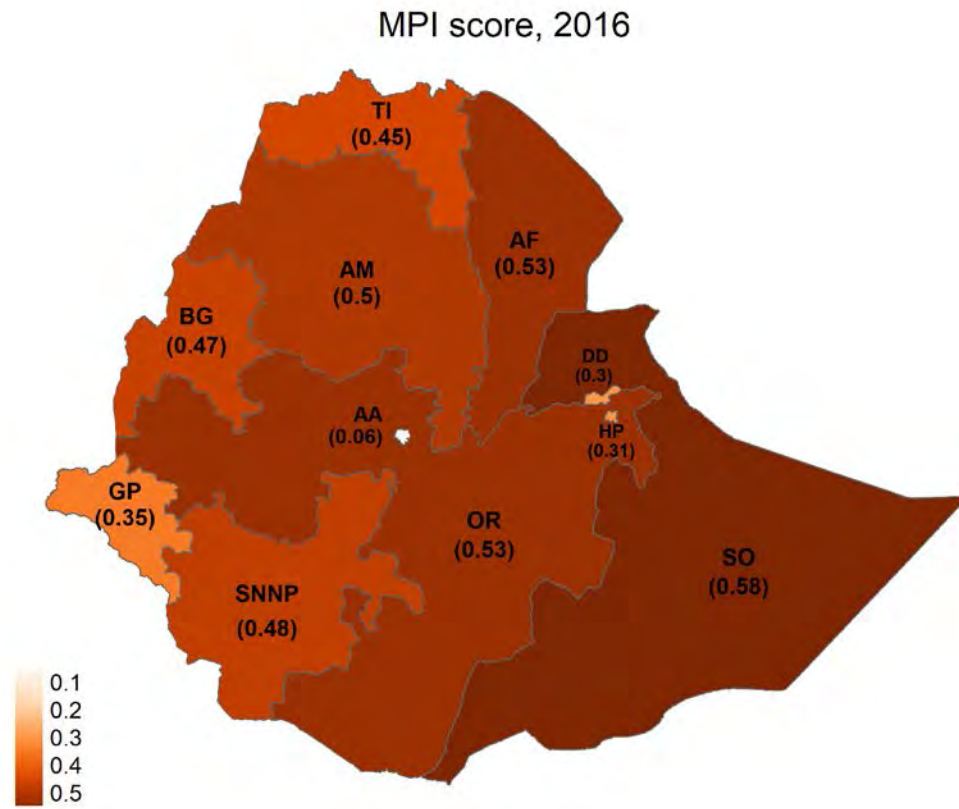


Scores range from 0 (no deprivation) to 1 (absolute deprivation). Defined cut-offs for vulnerability (>.2 to <.33), poor (>0.33), and extremely poor (>.50)

MPI Deep Dive: Subnational Poverty Levels

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Despite some heterogeneity in MPI scores between regions, the majority of Ethiopians meet criteria for MPI poverty (score ≥ 0.33). The % of poverty is **highest in eastern states** and **lowest in more urban areas**.

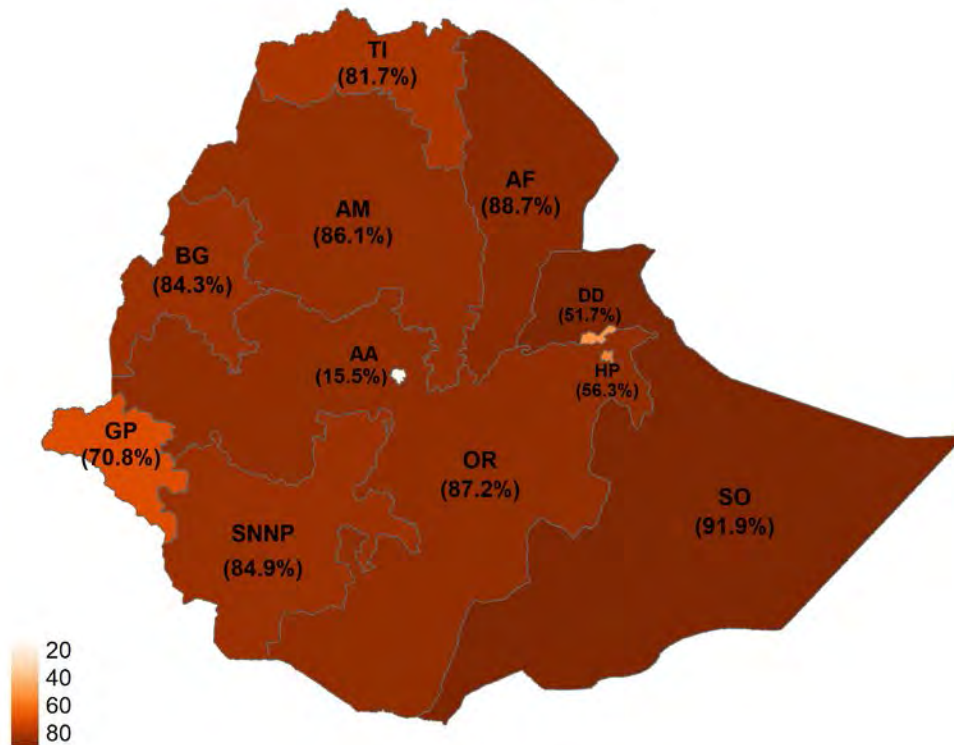


MPI Deep Dive: Temporal Changes

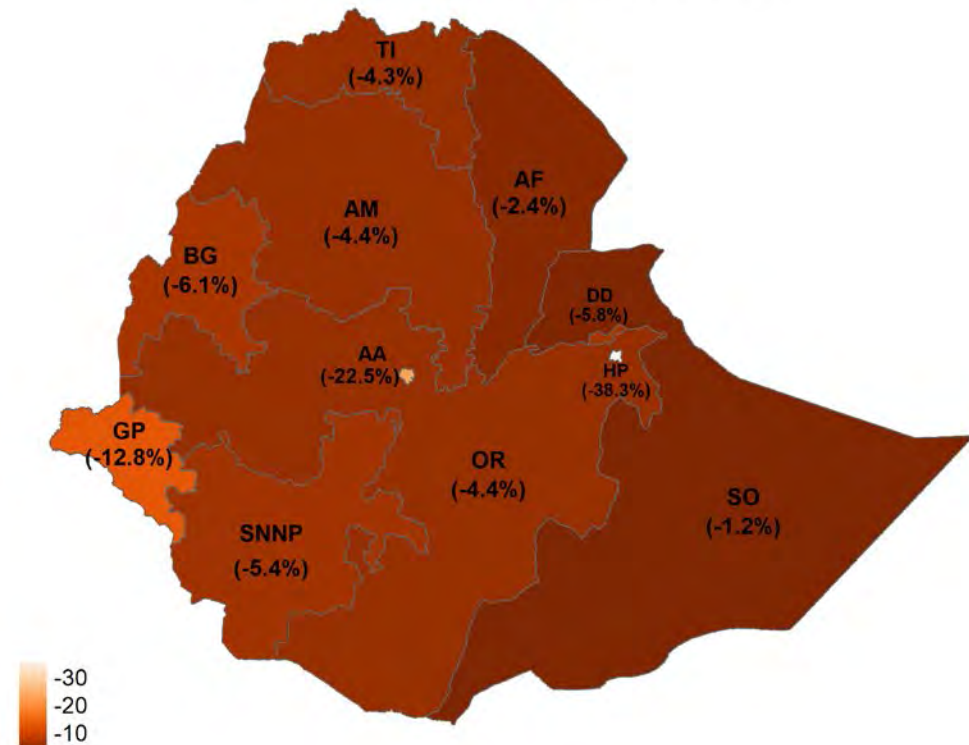
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Declining MPI-defined poverty over time. Somali has made the least progress and Addis Ababa has made the most progress.

MPI (% poor), 2016



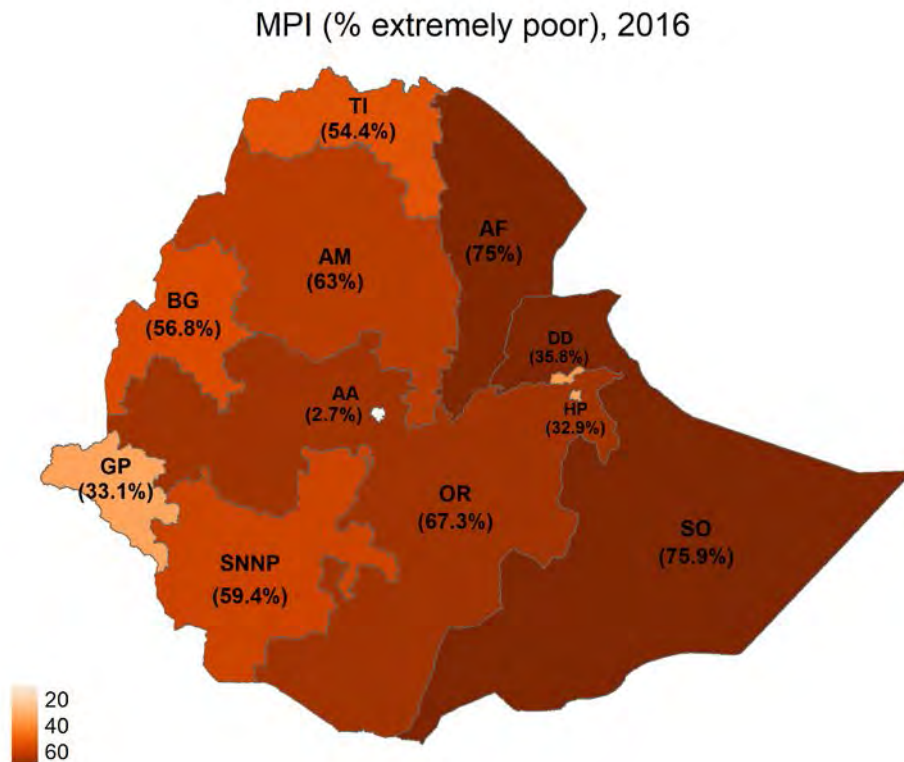
MPI (% poor, p.p diff), 2016 v. 2011



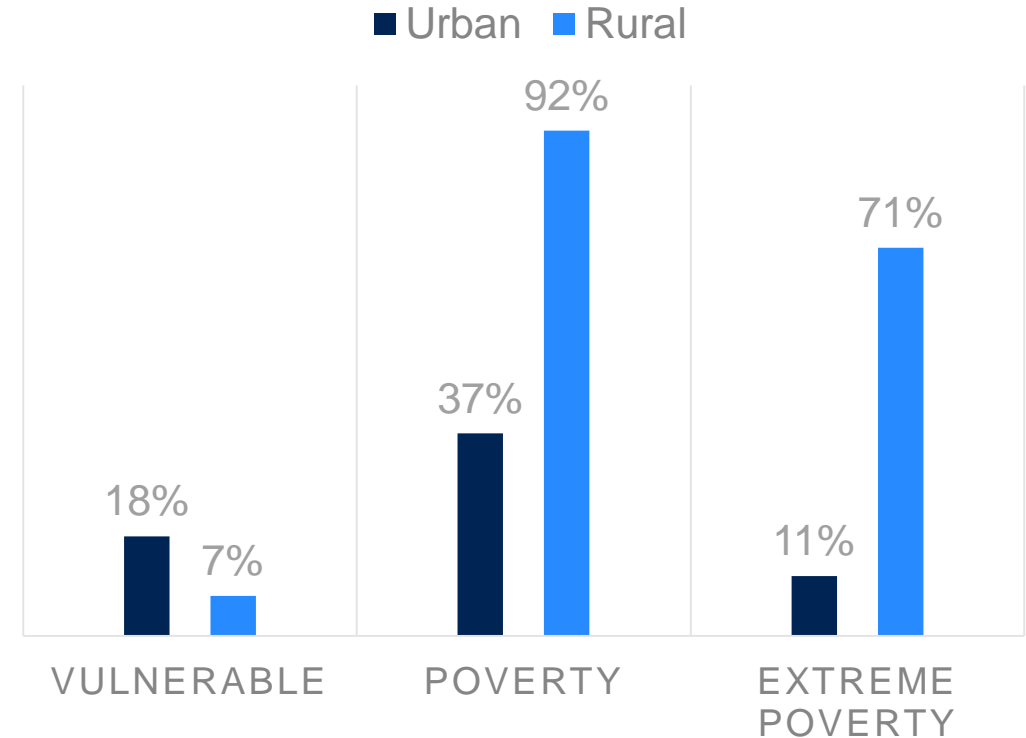
MPI Deep Dive: Urban vs. Rural

Ethiopia

While a significant proportion of Ethiopians remain in dire poverty, it is particularly high in rural areas.



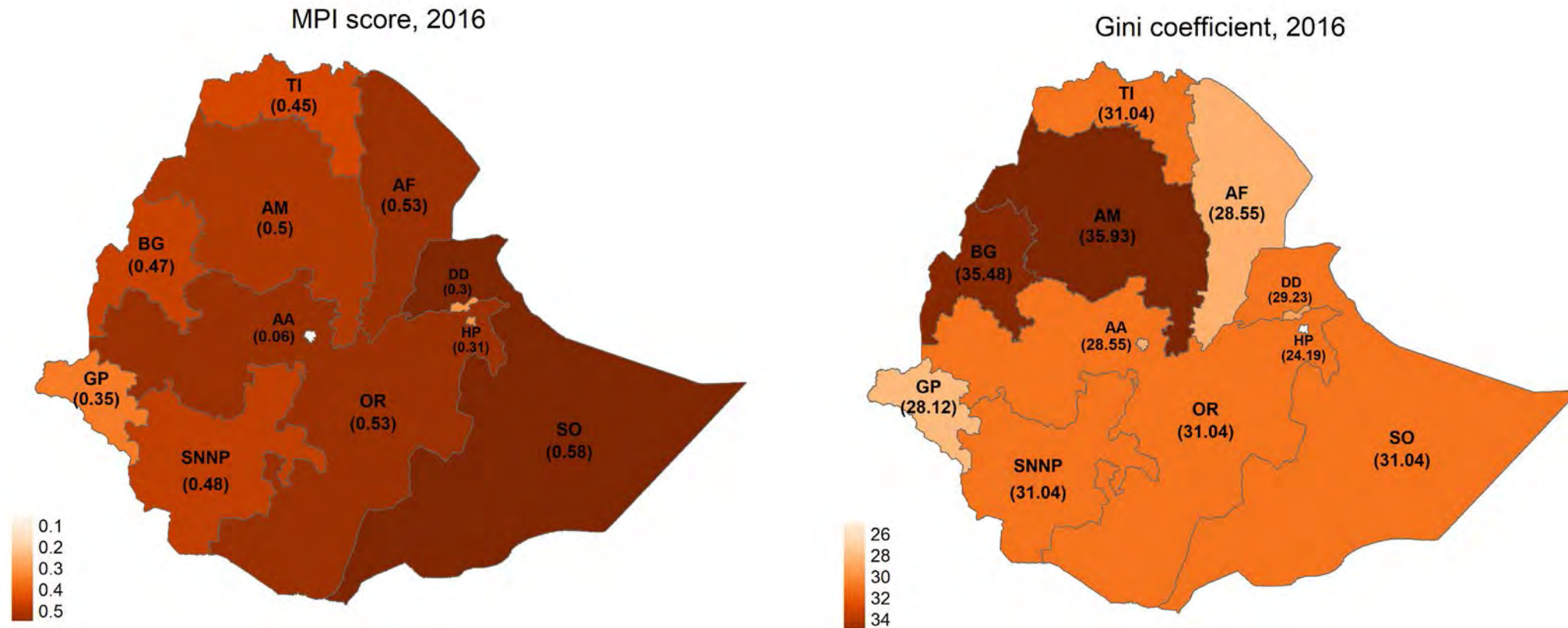
MPI POVERTY, 2016



MPI Deep Dive: Comparing to Inequality

Ethiopia

Inequality does not appear to be directly related to MPI score. Moderate inequality across the country - compare to RSA (63.1) or Botswana (60.5)





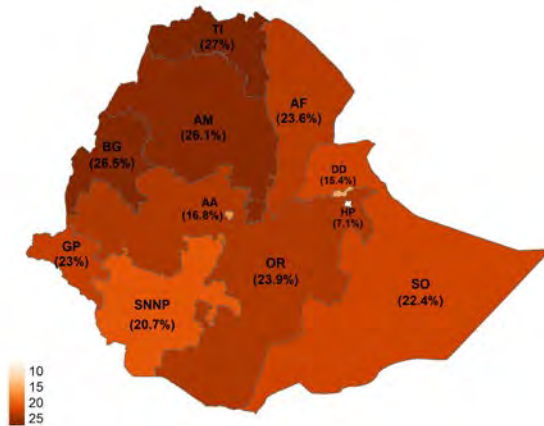
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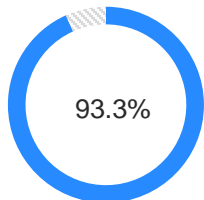
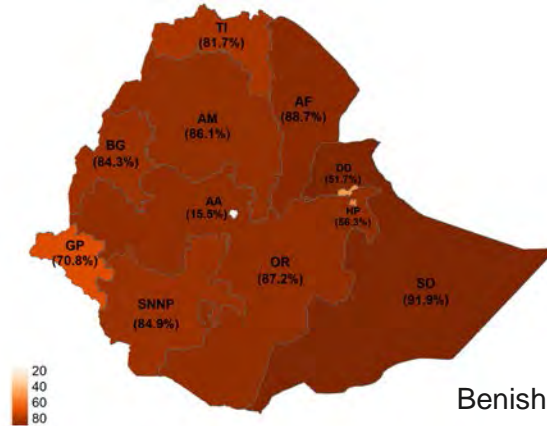
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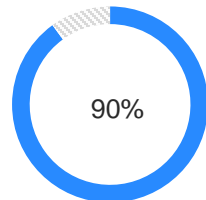
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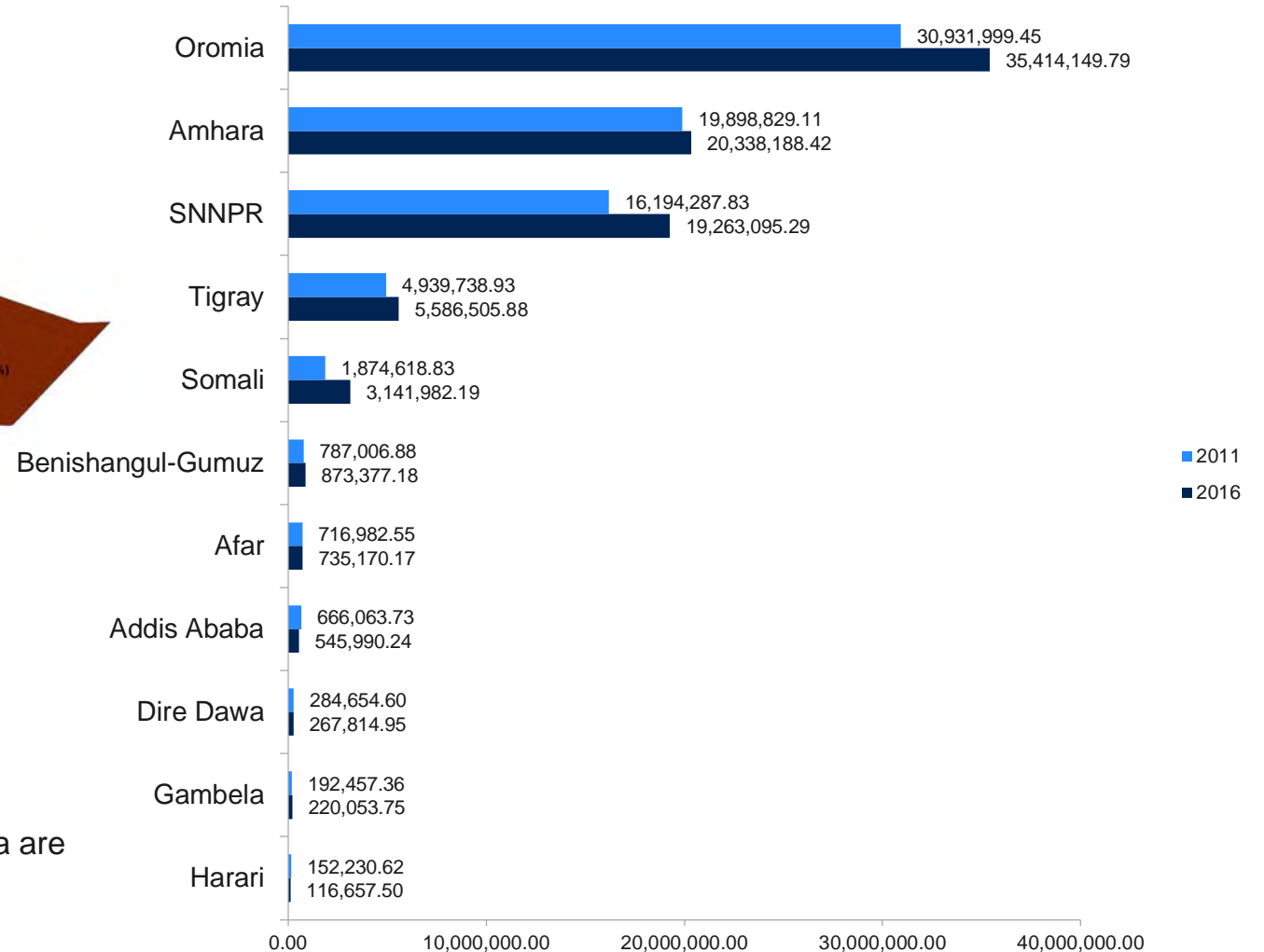
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Where are the Poor in Ethiopia?

Poverty has rapidly declined – in incidence, in intensity, and across all deprivations – between 2011 and 2016

Highest MPI Scores	Highest % of MPI Poor	Highest Population of MPI Poor
Somali	Somali	Oromia
Afar	Afar	Amhara
Oromia	Oromia	SNNPR
Amhara	Amhara	Tigray
SNNPR	SNNPR	Somali

Ethiopia Poverty Assessment: MPI

- MPI value reduced from 0.545 to 0.489
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- The intensity of poverty dropped from 61.6 percent to 58.5 percent
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Meeting the FSP Pre-Reqs

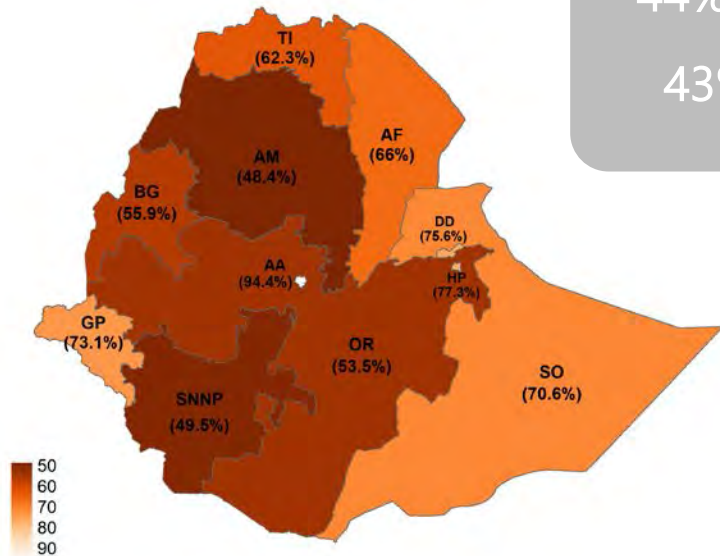


Electricity & Mobile
Coverage

Mobile Phone Coverage: Ethiopia



% Mobile Phone Ownership
Male



44% electricity coverage
(World Bank)
43% mobile coverage
(National Bank of Ethiopia)

31.4%

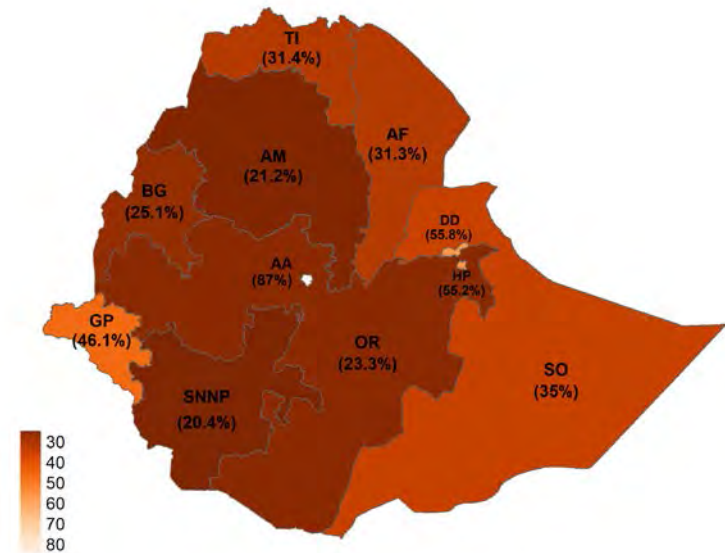
86.3%

Lowest Wealth Quintile

Highest Wealth Quintile

Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey

% Mobile Phone Ownership
Female



7.2%

66.9%

Lowest Wealth Quintile

Highest Wealth Quintile

Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey

Ethiopia Mobile Phone Coverage: Barriers

62% of Ethiopians report lack of digital literacy & skills as the main barrier to mobile internet adoption, compared to the average of 38% in Sub-Saharan Africa

Source: GMSA, 2016

- The high share of rural population in Ethiopia is a key contributing factor to low coverage
- Ethiopia's gender gap of mobile phone (21%) and internet usage (60%) is the 2nd largest in Africa, only behind DRC (*GSMA*)
- Of those that use mobile phones, virtually 0% in the lowest quintile use them for transactions (*Findex*)
- Regions with lowest phone ownership include (*DHS*):
 - Amhara
 - SNNPR
 - Oromia
- Somali has relatively high phone ownership for their level of poverty at over 70% amongst men and 35% amongst women (*DHS*)



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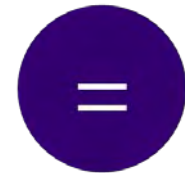
Lifestyles of the poor



Education



Livelihood

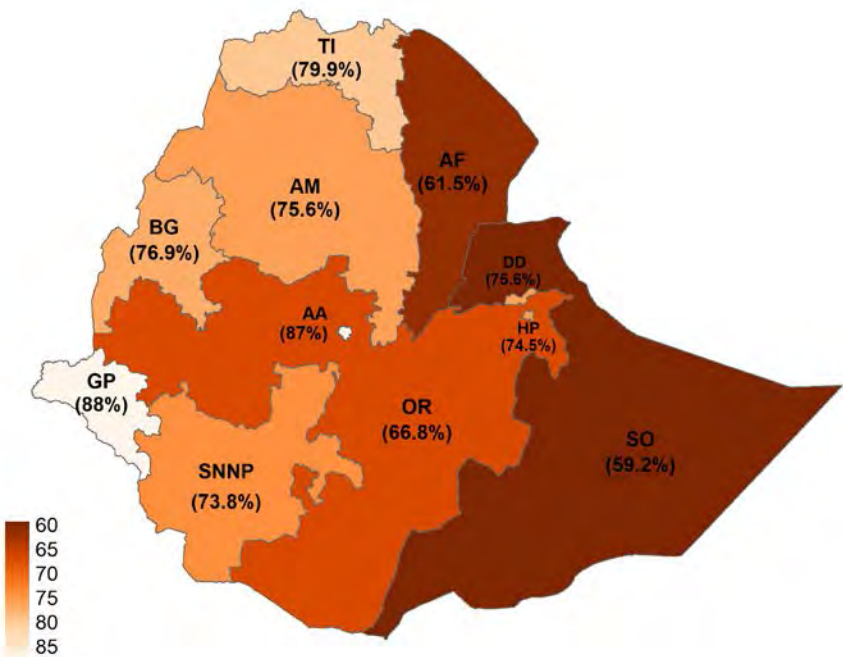


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Education: Ethiopia

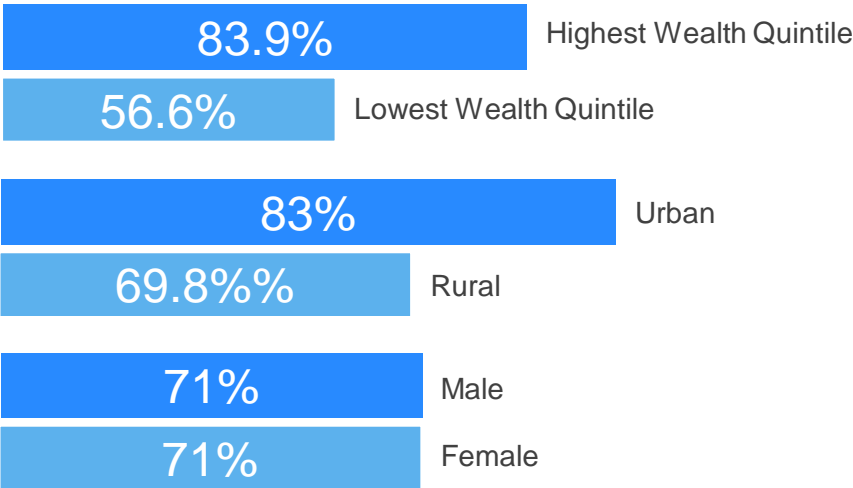


% Primary School Attendance
(Net)
DHS 2016



Primary School Net Attendance Rates

Source: 2016 DHS Survey



Primary School Graduation Rate

Source: 2014 UNECA Data



Adult Literacy Rate

Source: 2016 LSMS Survey



Current Mean Years of School

Source: UNDP HDI Reports, 2017



Expected Years of School

Source: UNDP HDI Reports, 2017



Ethiopia Education: Regional Differences

Education deprivation is the biggest contributor towards MPI in Ethiopia and 90%+ of Children in Ethiopia are MPI Poor

Source: MPI

- Education attendance is worst in:
 - Somali – 76.6% (Highest MPI score)
 - Oromia – 85.5% (highest volume of poverty)
- Education attendance is 100% in:
 - Addis Ababa
 - Dire Dawa
 - Gambela
- Regions with high levels of poverty, but good attendance rates
 - Tigray – 99.3%
 - Benishangul-Gumuz – 99.2%
 - Amhara 95.6%
 - SNNPR – 95.7%
- Regions with low levels of poverty, but average attendance rates
 - Harari – 88.2% (MPI is .30)

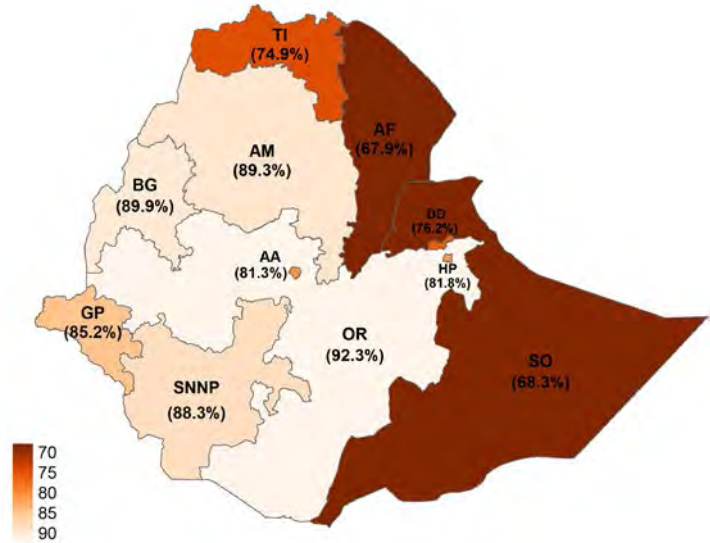




Livelihood in Ethiopia: Regional & Wealth Quintile Differences

% of Labor Force Currently Employed
Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey

Male



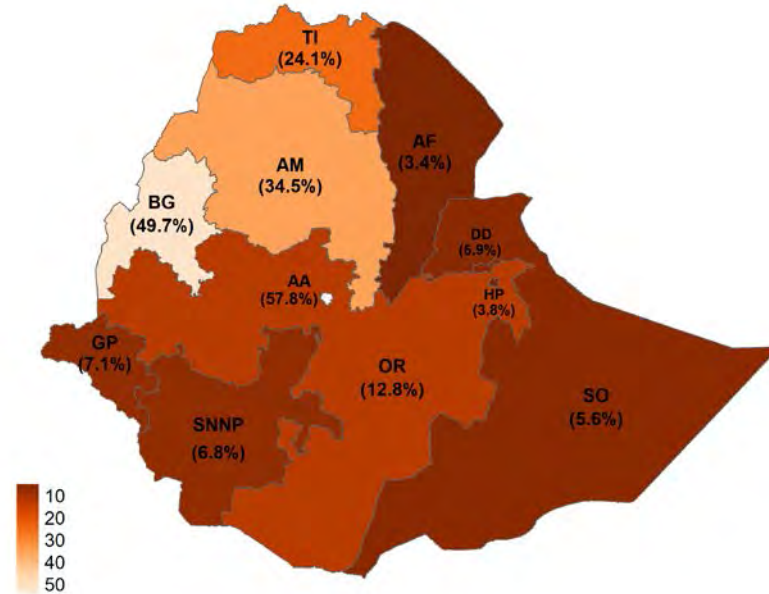
86%

Lowest Wealth Quintile

84.1%

Highest Wealth Quintile

Female



24.4%

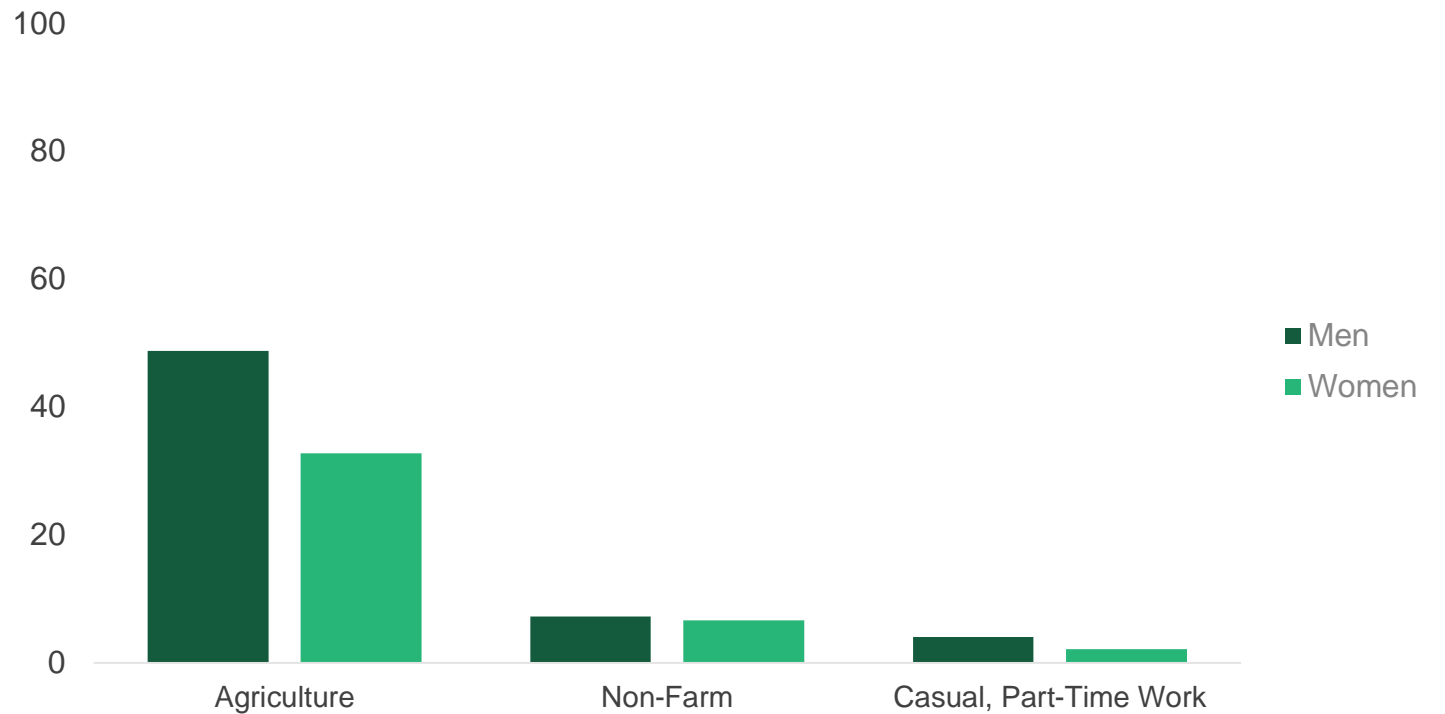
Lowest Wealth Quintile

48.7%

Highest Wealth Quintile

Livelihood in Ethiopia: Sector Differences

% of the population who spent any time working on these activities in the past 7 days (LSMS 2016)



68.2% of employment in Ethiopia is Agriculture, reaching 90%+ for rural poor regions

Source: 2018 ILO (International Labour Organization); 2016 Central Statistic Agency HCE Report

Bringing this to life:

Imagine you are small holder farmer living in a rural village in a drought hot spot within Ethiopia.

Your family of 6 is below the national poverty line. Your main assets include your very modest home, 3 ha in landholdings, and some cattle. You have 3 years of schooling. Your wife has none. You are both illiterate. As the head of the household, you make most of the purchasing decisions.

Your family's only reliable stream of revenue is selling your crop. You have no savings and are not familiar with financial products. You know you need to prepare for this season's likelihood of drought, so you start selling off your small set of assets to be safe, pushing your vulnerable family even further into poverty.

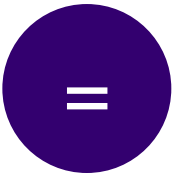
Financial Services can help this family.

A study done in 2018 in villages just like this one showed that access to rainfall index insurance can help increase productive investments for farmers. It made them **resilient**.

Source: Formal and informal insurance: experimental evidence from Ethiopia; Berhane, et. al 2015



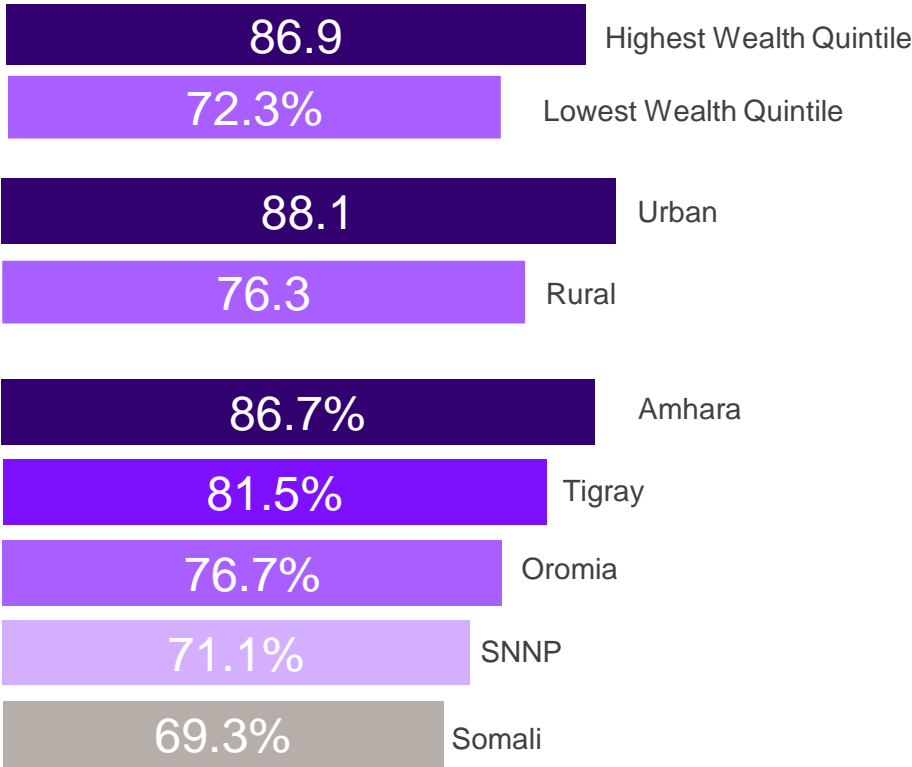
Gender Dynamics: Ethiopia



UN Gender Inequality Index
Ranking
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% of Women Involved in Household Purchase Decisions

Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey



Ethiopia is making significant progress gender equality, but women-led households often face higher levels of poverty

Bringing this to life:

Imagine you are a single mother living in rural Ethiopia. You have 5 children that you need to support. Your current methods of earning an income are not bringing in enough income to even support your family, let alone make any investments in trying to start your own business.

Financial inclusion can help this woman. UN Women's joint program, "Accelerating Progress towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women," showed that by gaining access to small loans, women can make smarter investments for their families that lead to higher income potential.

Story based on UNWomen 2018 Blog on Women Entrepreneurs.



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Current state of Financial Inclusion

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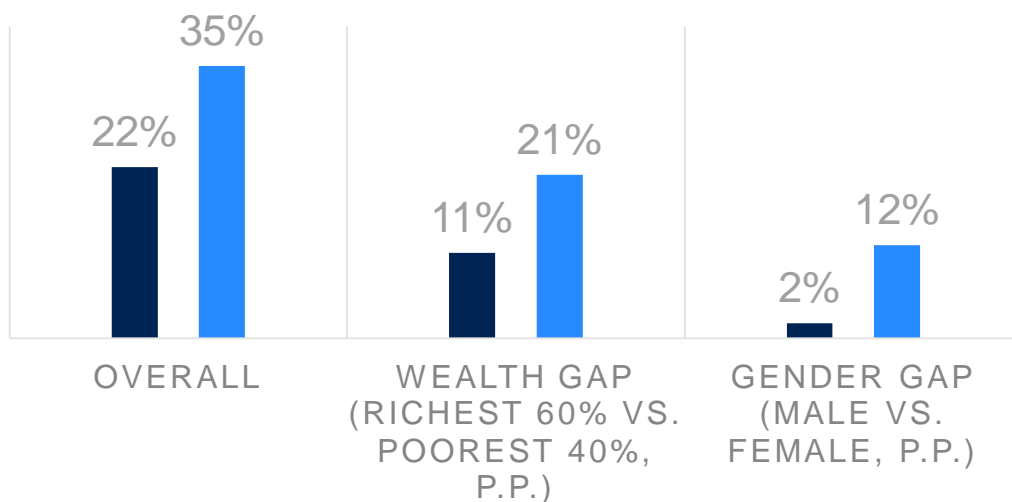
Financial Inclusion: Account Ownership



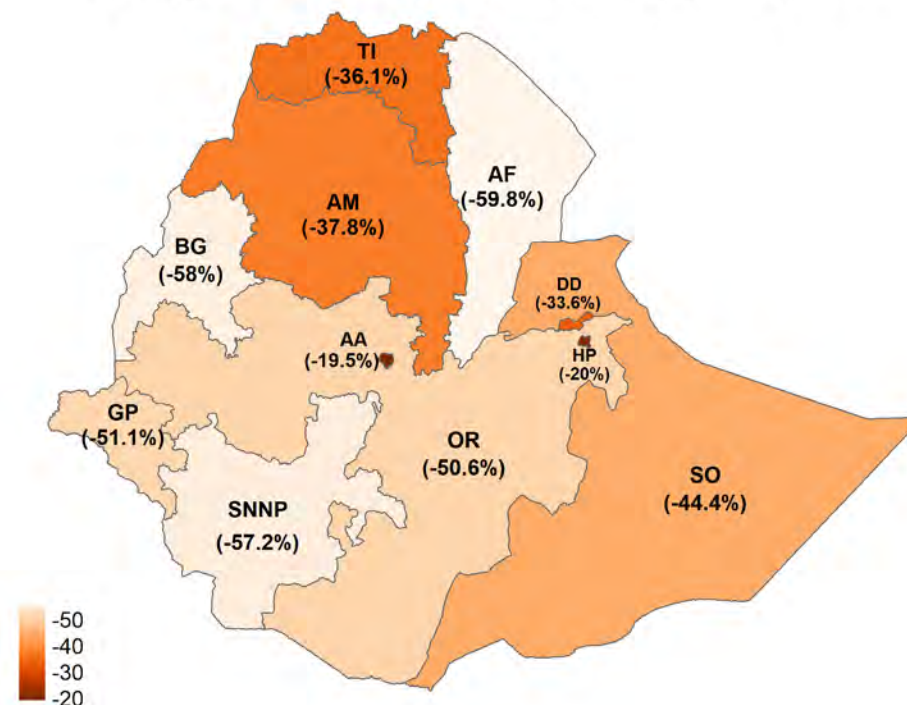
- Growing but overall low to moderate account ownership, with significant regional disparity
- Increasing wealth and gender-based gaps

REGISTERED FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OWNERS

■ 2014 ■ 2017



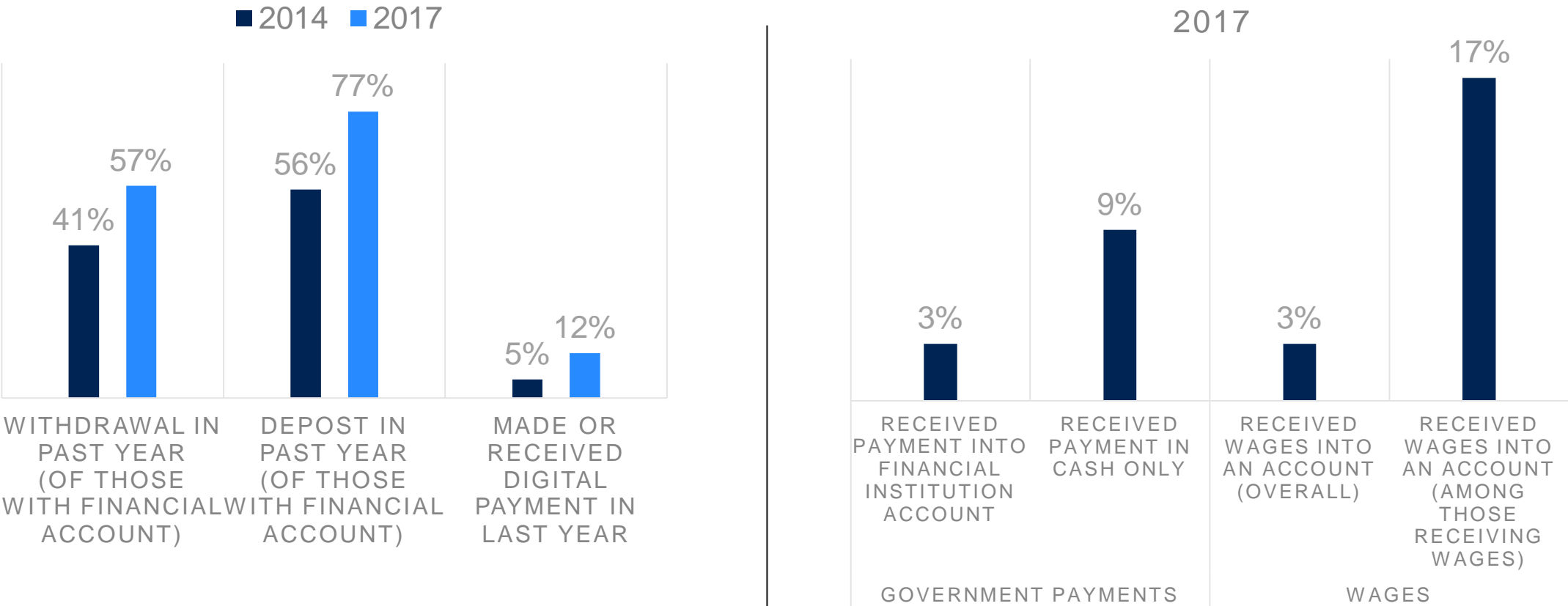
% using bank account (female v. male, p.p. diff.), 2016





Financial Inclusion: Account Use

- Moderate gains in account use, but account ownership numbers may not reflect actual engagement with financial services, and digital payments remain low
- Government payments do not appear to be motivator for account ownership, but wages could be a driver of financial inclusion

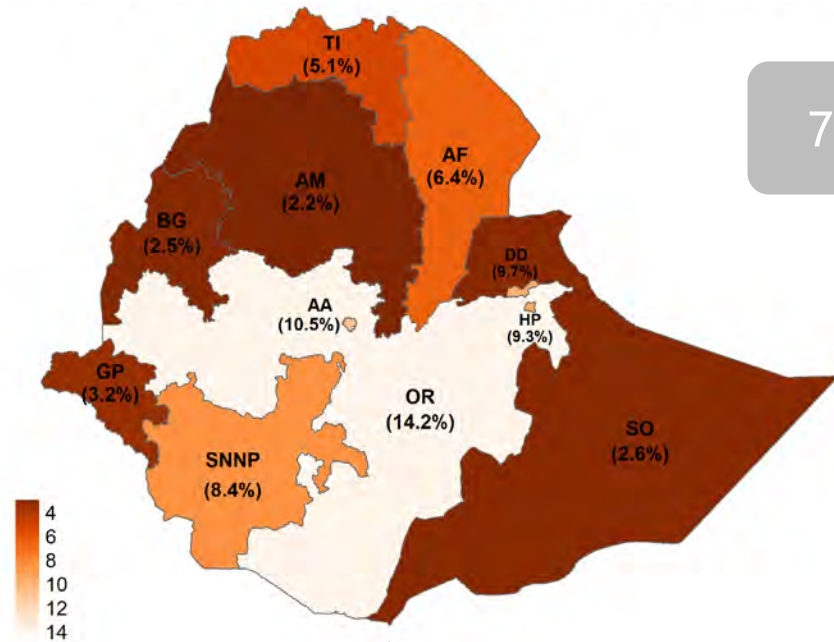


Source: Findex

Ethiopia Mobile Phone for Banking



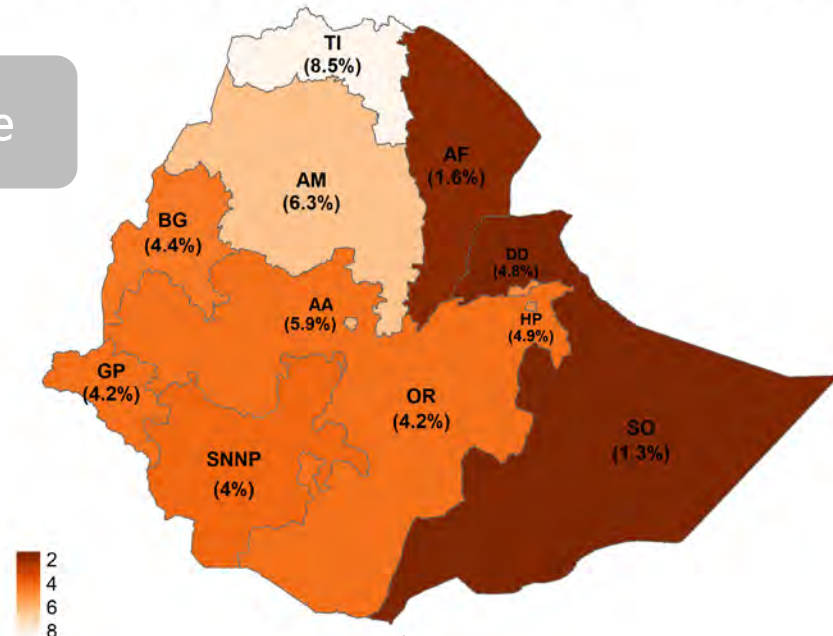
% using mobile phone for financial transactions (male)



7.0% overall use

Source: Index

% using mobile phone for financial transactions (female)



Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey



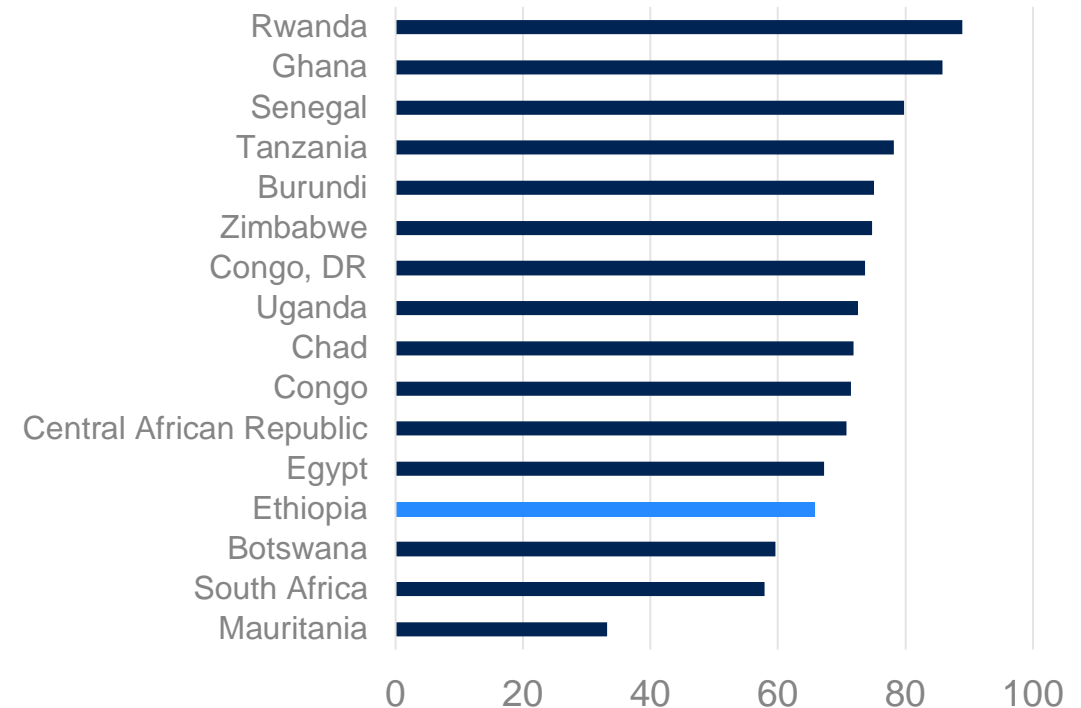
Data Source: 2016 DHS Survey



Financial Inclusion: Mobile Money

- Only 3% of Ethiopians used mobile money in 2017, compared to sub-Saharan Africa average of 14-37% (GSMA 2018)
- Ethiopia ranked 69th of 80 countries on GSMA Mobile Money Regulatory Index, which measures the extent to which a country's regulatory framework enables widespread mobile money adoption
- Major players include:
 - M-Birr, with 1.2 mil. accounts, 7,000 locations, and ~\$60 mil. USD transferred monthly (2019)
 - Central Bank of Ethiopia (CBE Birr), with ~300k accounts and 2,300 agents (2018)
 - HelloCash, with ~700k accounts and 5,000 outlets (2018)
- Growth likely hampered by law prohibiting Ethio telecom from providing direct financial services, but there appears to be growing momentum to liberalise the industry

GSMA Mobile Money Regulatory Index, regional comparators

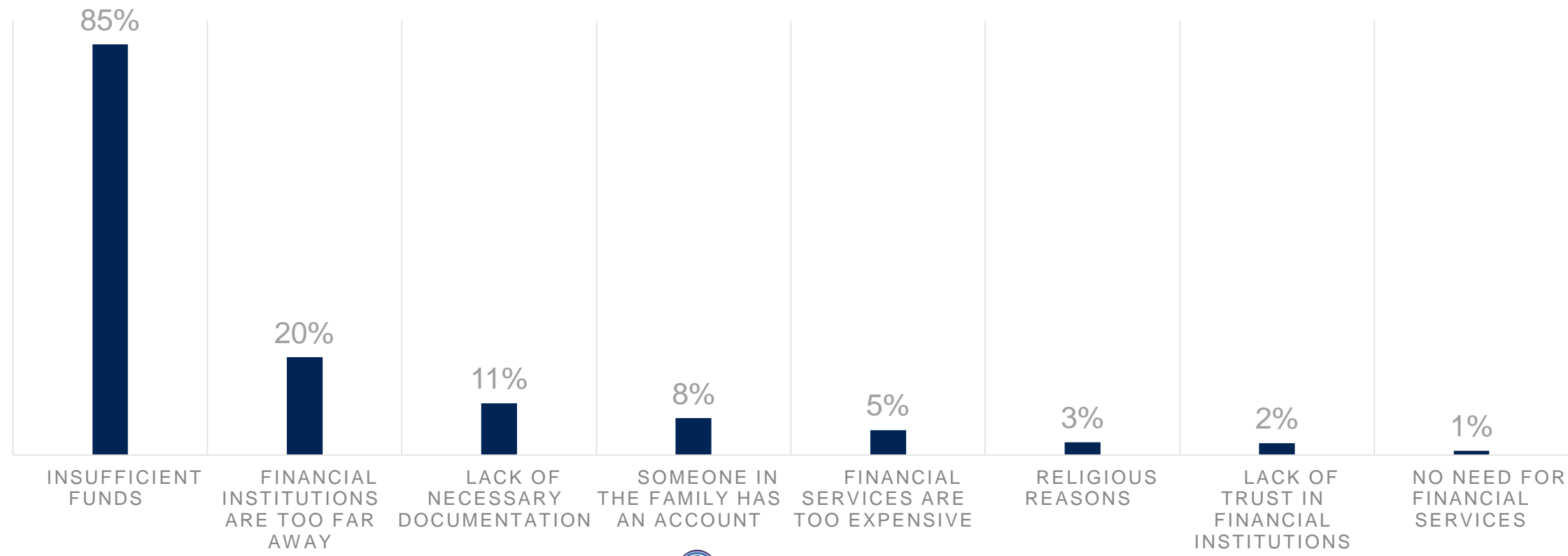




Financial Inclusion: Barriers

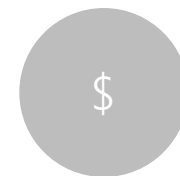
- Insufficient funds are the primary reason for not having a financial account, although cost of services is not a major barrier (formal account minimums are <\$1), which suggests that beliefs about financial access (e.g. bank accounts are not meant for the poor) may be driving exclusion
- Proximity to institutions/access points is another primary barrier, suggesting that mobile money and/or OTC services may be a key to unlocking inclusion

BARRIERS TO ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP, 2017

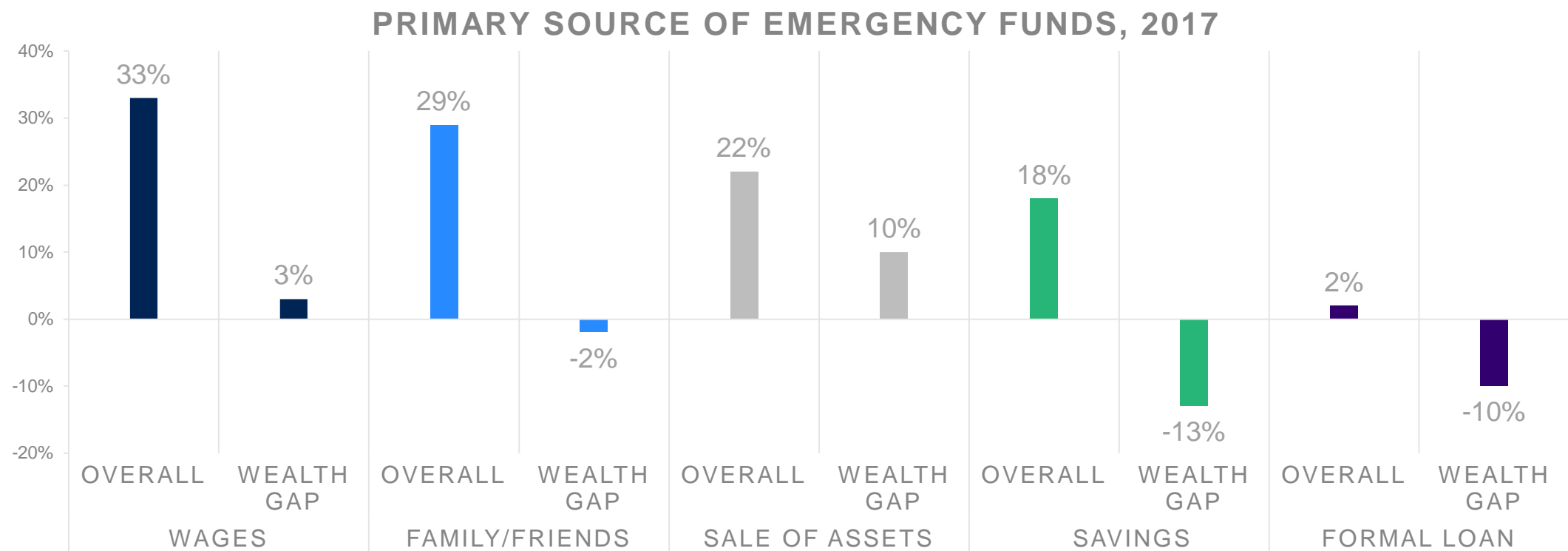


Source: Findex

Financial Inclusion: Emergency Funds



- Roughly half of the population (44%) are unable to raise emergency funds
- Poorest 40% much more likely to resort to sale of assets, while richest 60% more likely to have access to savings and formal loans





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Expand the Definition of Poverty



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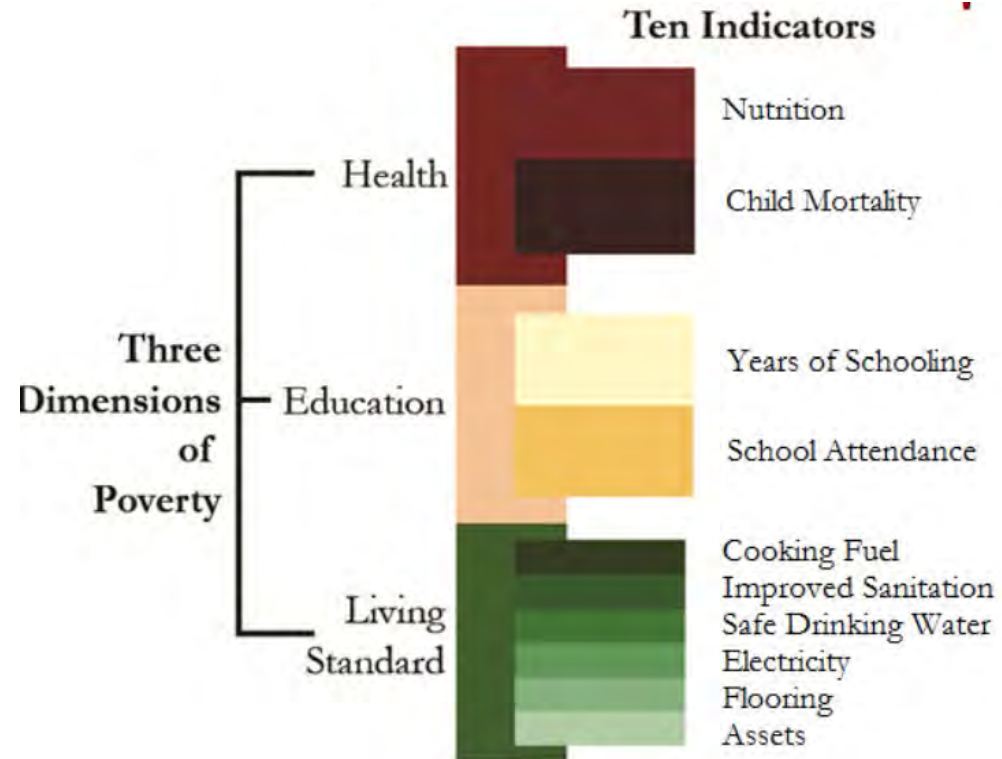
Poverty Definitions

Source	Poverty Definition
World Bank \$1.90/day PPP	Extreme Poverty; Living at or below \$1.90/day in 2011 PPP
National Poverty Line	National Poverty Estimate; in Bangladesh, the absolute poverty line is calculated using a cost of basic needs (CBN) method
OPHI / UNDP Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)	The global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is an international measure of acute poverty covering over 100 developing countries. It complements traditional income-based poverty measures by capturing the deprivations that each person faces at the same time with respect to education, health and living standards.
Findex	Poorest 40% of households, based on country-specific household income quintiles.
DHS	Poorest 20% based on wealth index quintiles of household-level weight and factor scores for asset ownership (e.g. a television or car), living conditions (e.g. electricity and toilet facility access), and other factors associated with wealth.

Deep-Dive into MPI: Why Use It?

Economic vs. Multidimensional definitions of poverty:

- Economic poverty indicators (e.g. <\$1.90/day) may underestimate lived experience of deprivation
- MPI score is constructed on three primary dimensions, with ten overall indicators. Thus, MPI incorporates factors that greatly influence quality of life, such as education, nutrition, assets, and access to basic services
- The MPI takes into consideration incidence and intensity of poverty

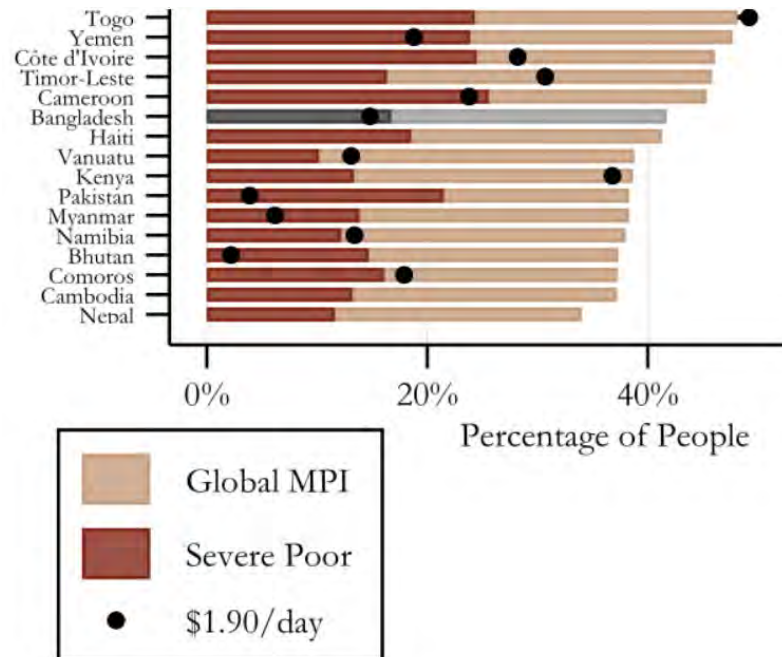


MPI Snapshot: What does it tell us?

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Economic Indicator vs. MPI

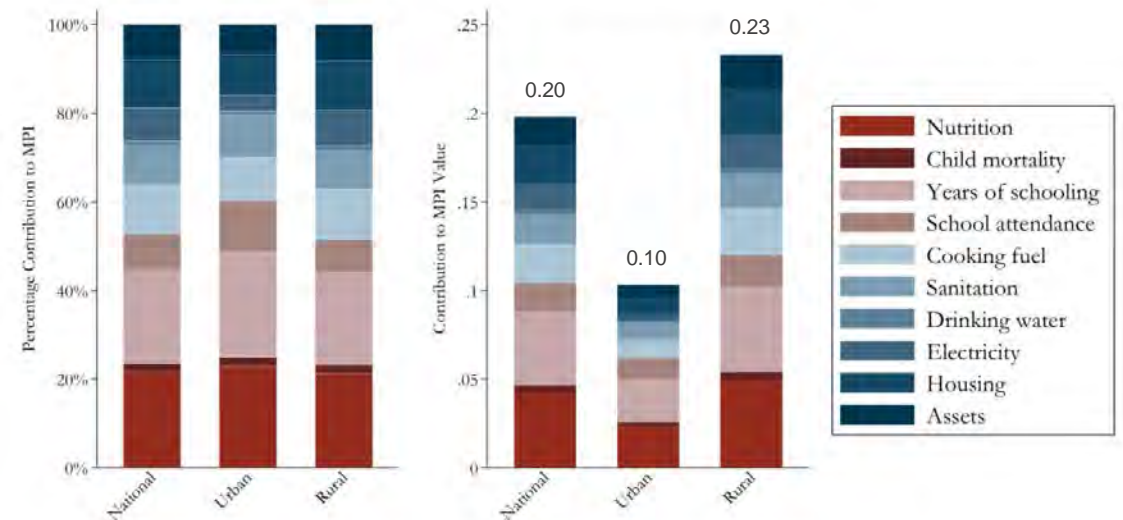
Based on the \$1.90 a day poverty measure, **only 14.8 percent** of people were classified as monetarily poor in 2016—**far below the 41.7%**.



MPI Contributors

Deprivation in **Nutrition** and **Years of Schooling** are the biggest contributing factors. While the MPI differs significantly between urban and rural, the proportion of each contribution does not.

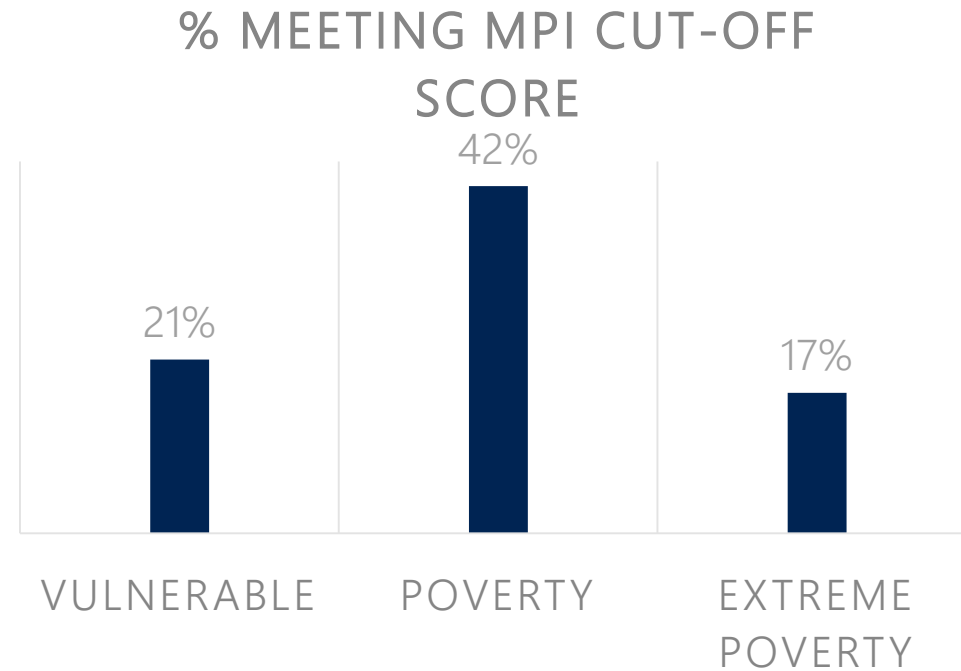
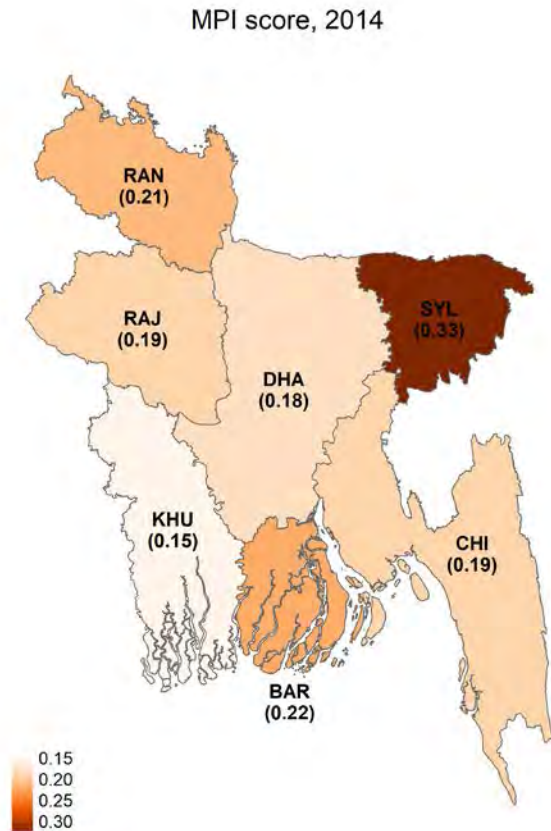
Figure 8. Indicator Contribution to Overall Poverty by Area



Deep-Dive into MPI: Subnational Poverty Levels

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Ethiopia's National MPI Score is 0.198 and 42% of the population is living in extreme poverty

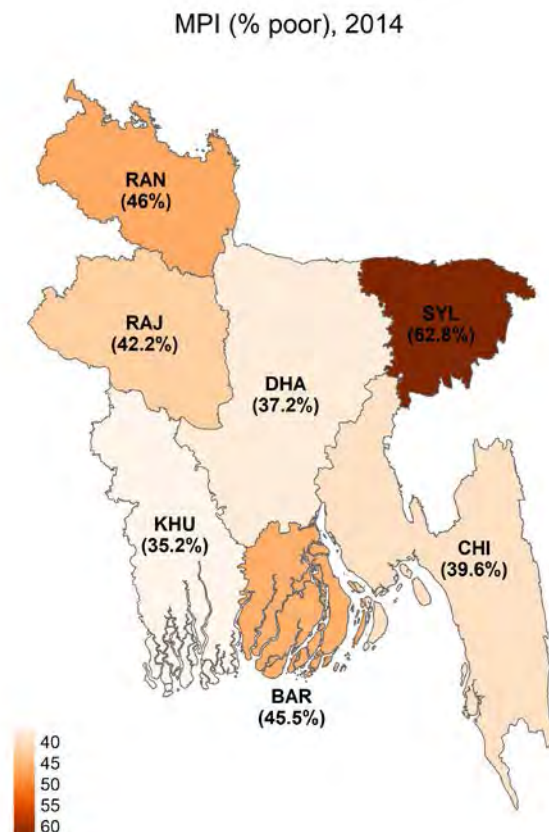
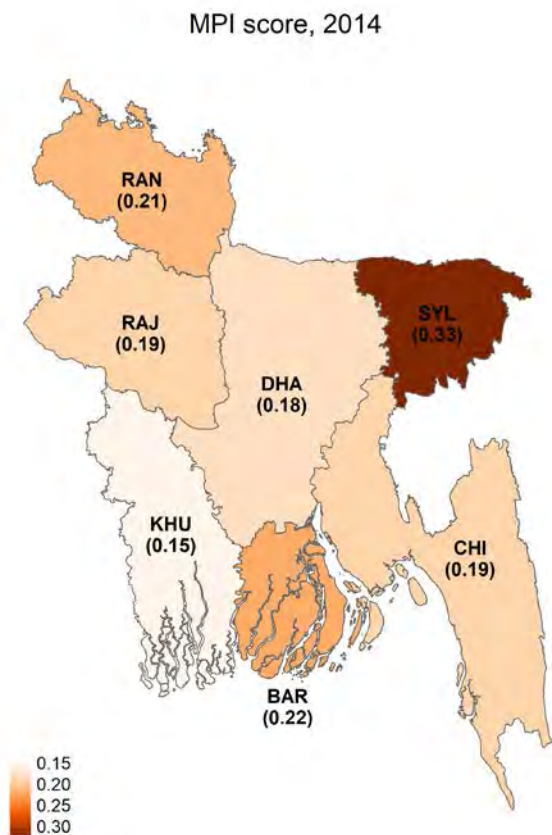


Scores range from 0 (no deprivation) to 1 (absolute deprivation). Defined cut-offs for vulnerability ($>.2$ to $<.33$), poor (>0.33), and extremely poor ($>.50$)

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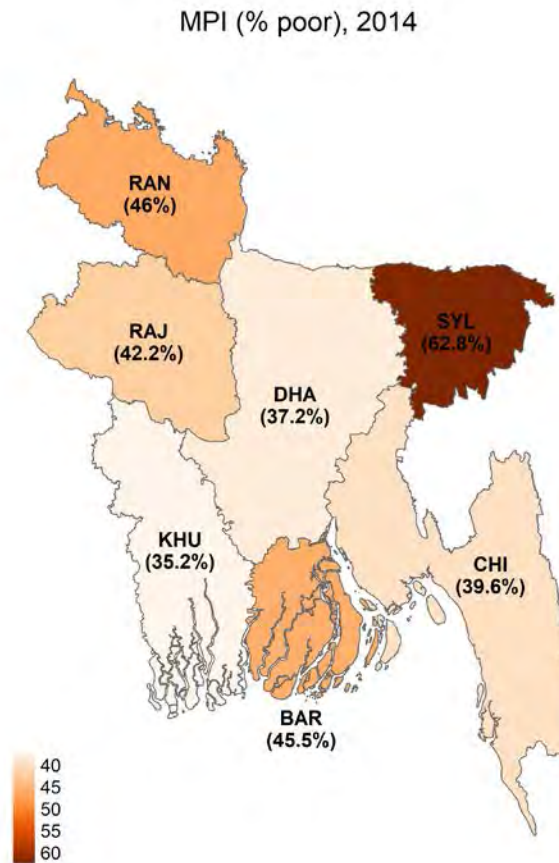
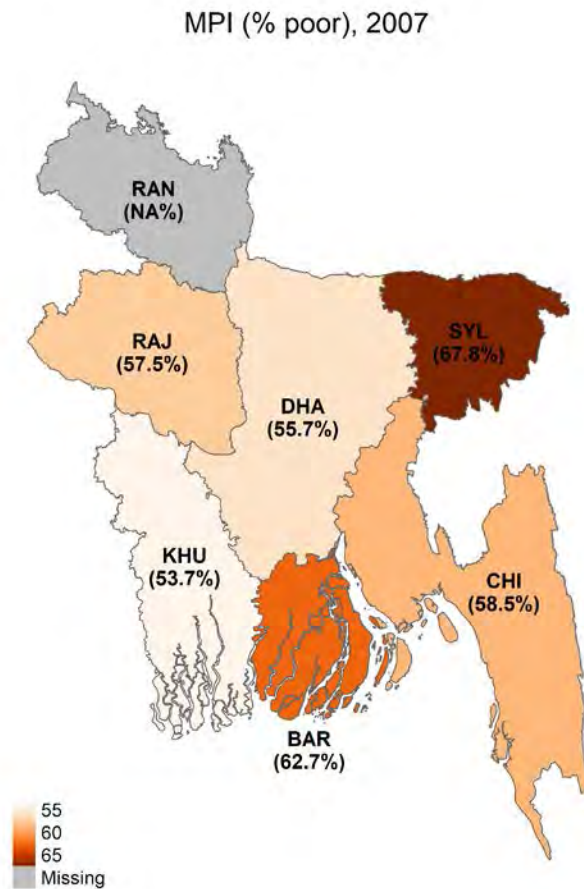
Sylhet has the highest MPI score (0.33) and % of people living in poverty (62.8%)



Deep-Dive into MPI: Temporal Changes

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Declining poverty over time, but some divisions are lagging behind, resulting in higher geographic disparities

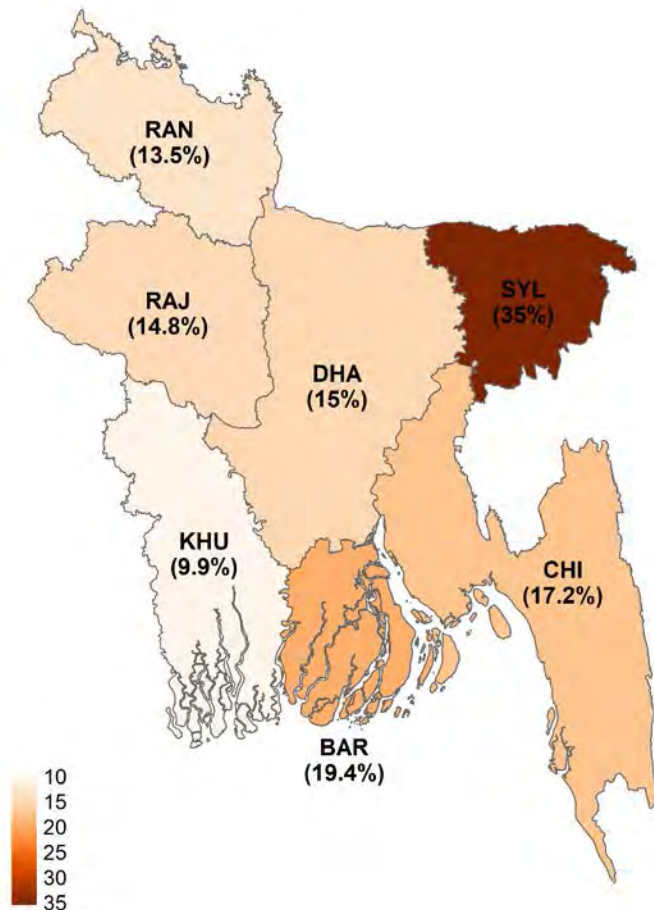


Deep-Dive into MPI: Urban vs. Rural

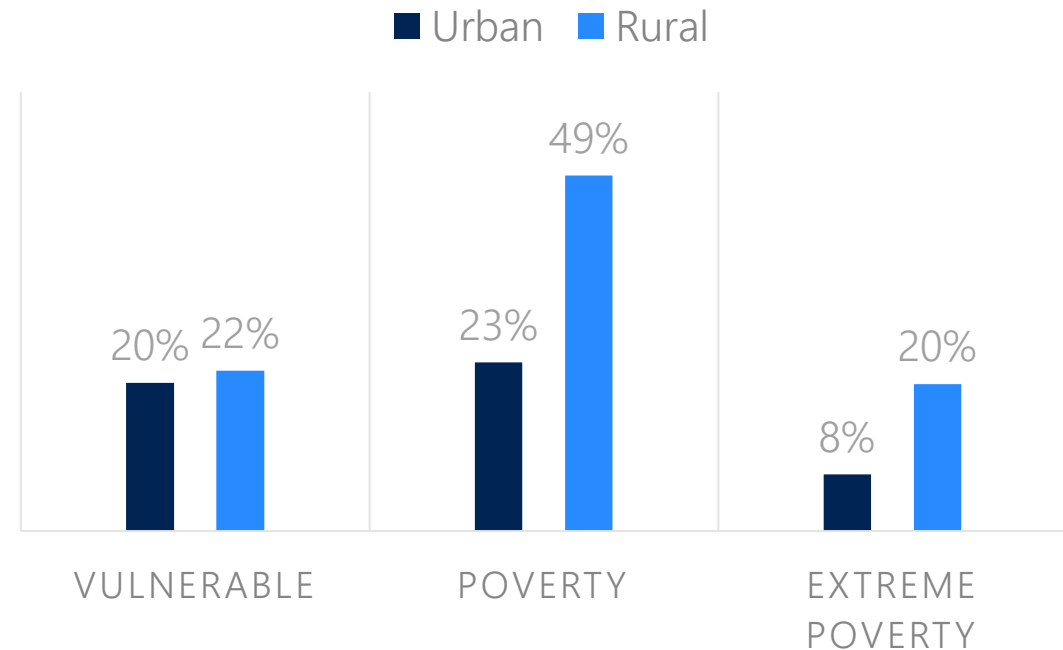
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Many remain in dire poverty, with pronounced differences between divisions as well as urban and rural areas

MPI (% extremely poor), 2014



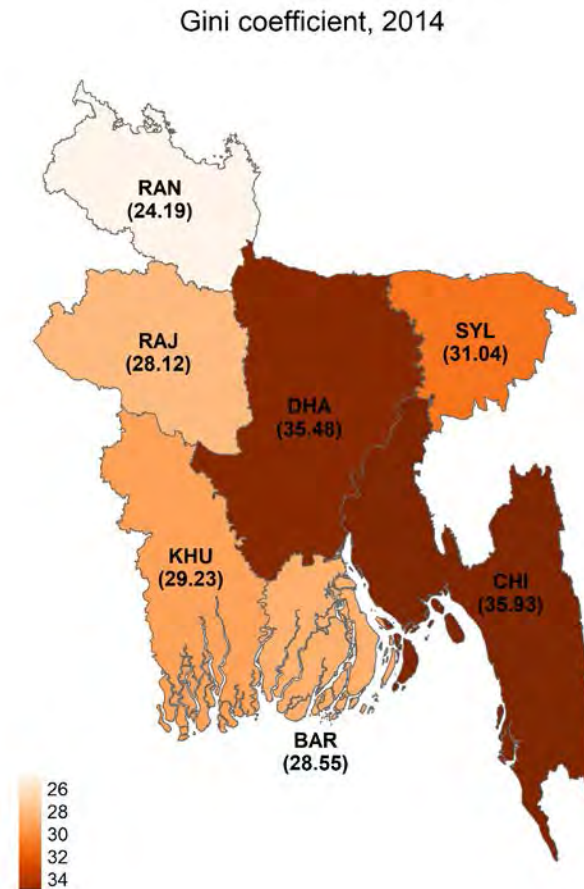
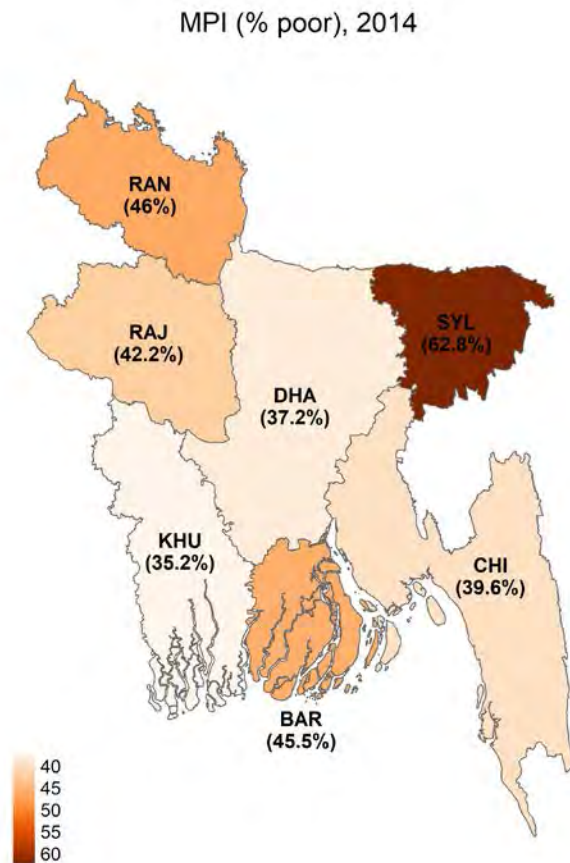
MPI POVERTY, 2014



Deep-Dive into MPI: Inequality

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Inequality does not appear to be directly related to MPI poverty. Moderate inequality across the country





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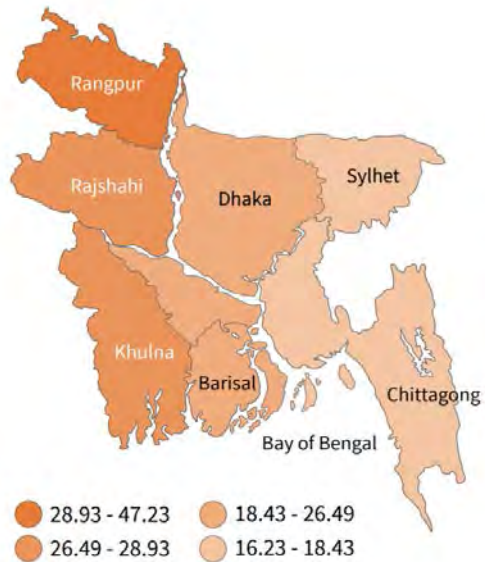
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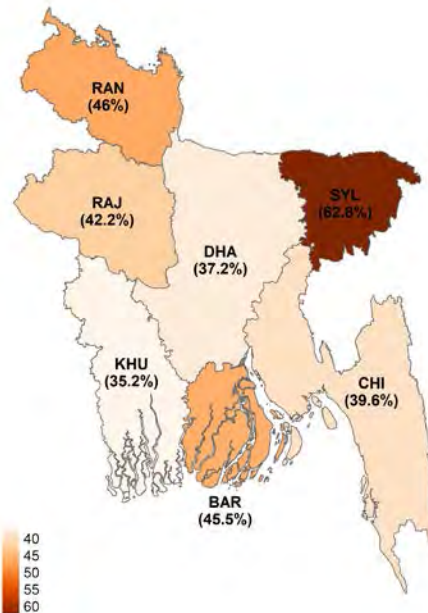
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Where is Poverty Concentrated in Bangladesh?

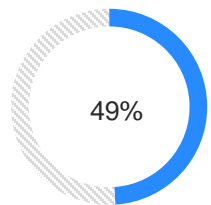
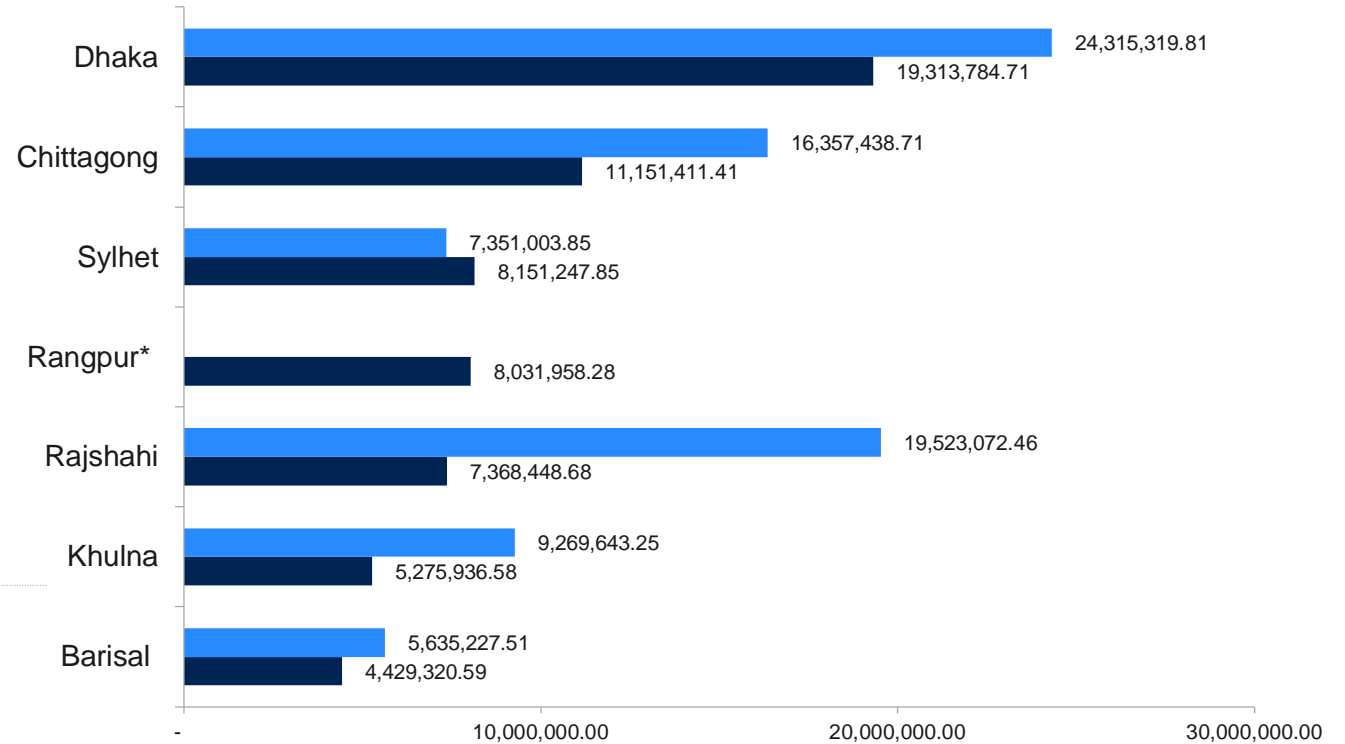
% of people living in poverty
(World Bank Poverty Assessment, 2016)



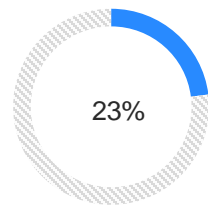
% of people MPI Poor
(MPI, 2014)



of people who are defined as MPI Poor



of people living in rural areas are multidimensionally poor



of people living in urban areas are multidimensionally poor

Data Source: MPI

2007 2014

Data Source: MPI, World Bank
*Rangpur data for 2007 incorporated in Rajshahi data

Where are the Poor in Bangladesh?

Poverty has been cut in half since 1990, but reduction has slowed since 2010

Highest MPI Scores	Highest % of MPI Poor	Highest Population of MPI Poor
Sylhet	Sylhet	Dhaka
Barisal	Rangpur	Chittagong
Rangpur	Barisal	Sylhet

Bangladesh Poverty Assessment: World Bank (PPP)

- Poverty reduction progress slower in **urban areas** compared to **rural**
 - From 2010 – 2016: 90% poverty reduction took place in rural
 - From 2010 – 2016 there was no progress in reducing extreme poverty in urban areas and the number of people has increased (worrisome as Bangladesh continues to urbanize)
- Stronger progress in poverty reduction in the **eastern regions**
 - Increase in poverty since 2010: Rangpur
 - Stagnant since 2010: Rajshahi & Khulna
 - Moderate Decrease: Chittagong
 - Extreme Decrease: Barisal, Dhaka, and Sylhet
- Reduction in poverty has been driven by **labor income increases** not transfers (i.e., social program donations)

Bangladesh Poverty Assessment: MPI

- The % of people that are MPI poor decreased between 2007 and 2014
- All deprivations improved with the exception of Drinking Water
- **Sylhet in the eastern region** has the highest MPI score and % of people that are MPI poor – hypothesis that this is driven by bad living conditions and low years of schooling in Sylhet city
- Highest volume of MPI poor people are living in Dhaka



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Meeting the FSP Pre-Reqs

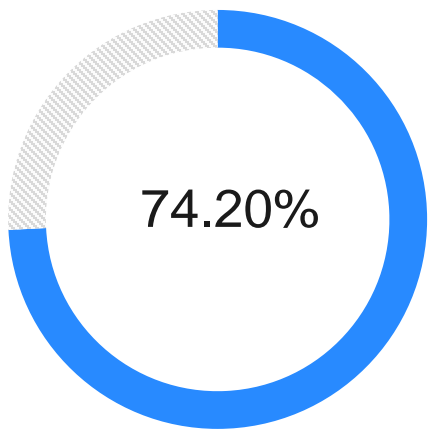


Electricity & Mobile
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Mobile Phone Coverage: Bangladesh

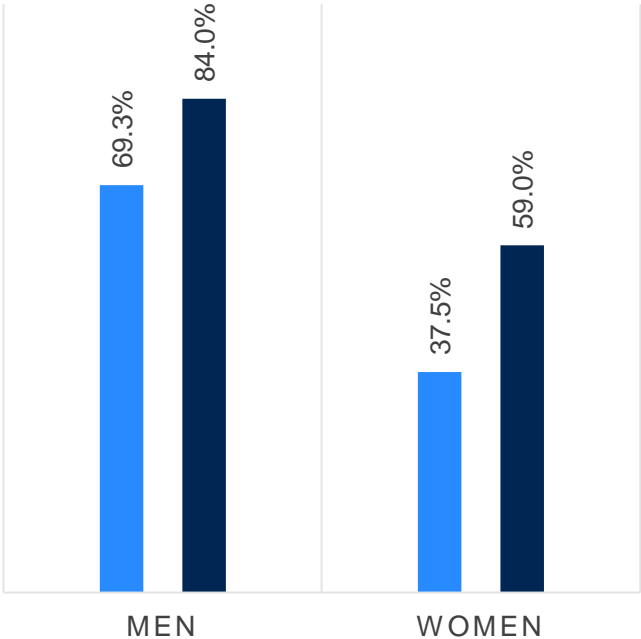


Electricity Coverage



Data sources: GSMA

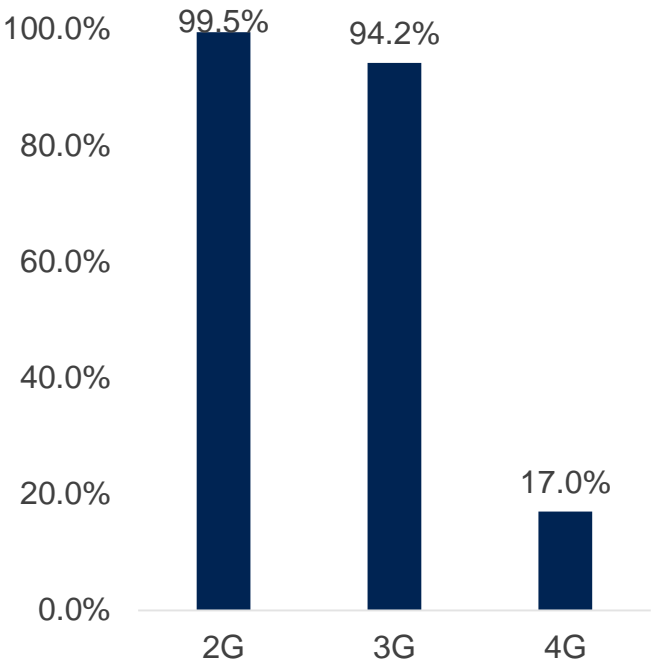
Mobile Phone Ownership



2014 2018

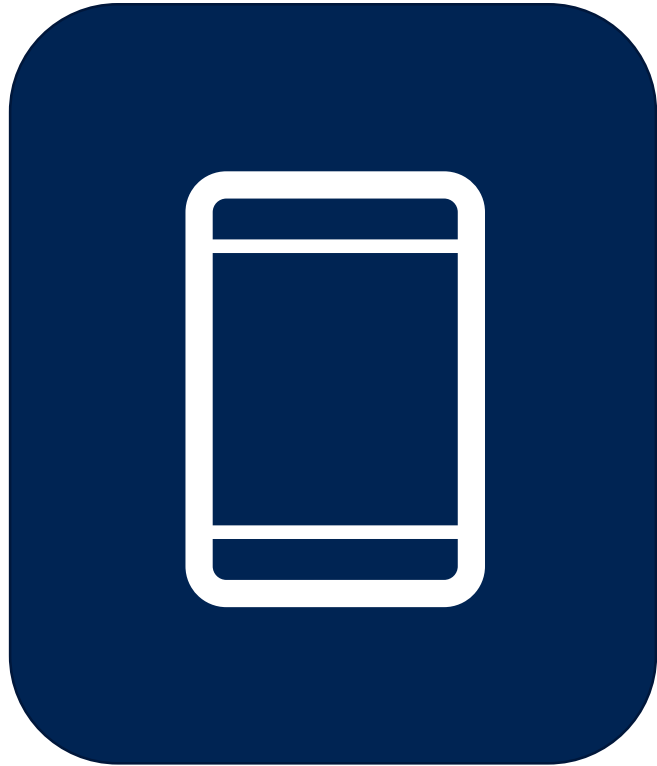
Data source: DHS 2014, FII 2018

2G, 3G, 4G Coverage



Data source: GSMA 2018

Bangladesh Mobile Phone Coverage: Barriers



Only 1 in 5 Bangladeshi subscribers subscribed to mobile internet services in 2017, despite 90% 3G coverage

Source: GSMA, 2017

- **Affordability:** 1GB of data would cost the bottom 20% of the income distribution 11% of their monthly earnings; high costs are a result of high taxation (GSMA)
- **Network Quality:** Low 4G coverage in the entire country; coverage overall is lower in rural areas; mobile internet uptake is low for the region at 21% in 2017 (GSMA)
- **Gender Gap:** still a 25% gender gap in mobile phone ownership



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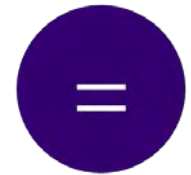
Lifestyles of the poor



Education



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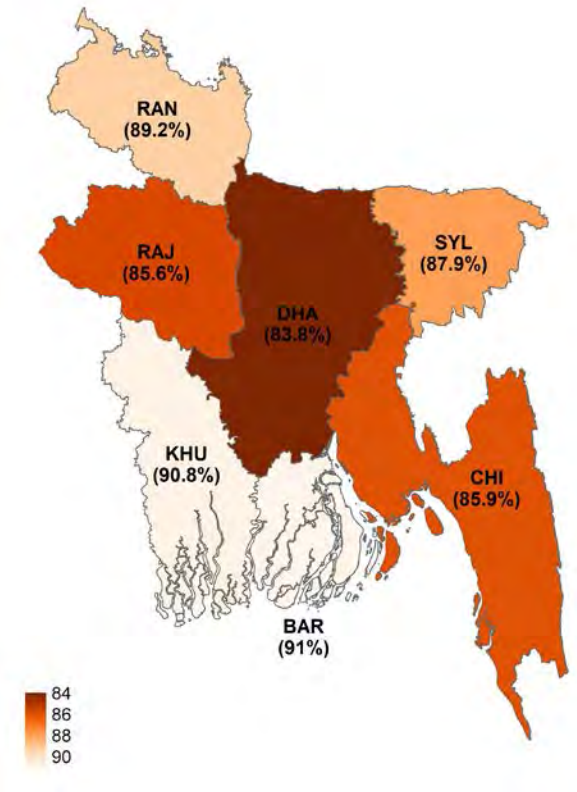


Women's Economic
Empowerment

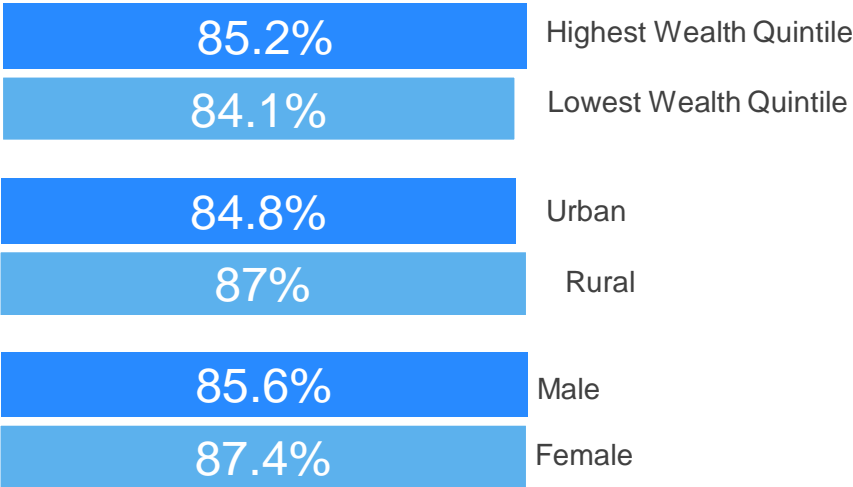
Education: Bangladesh



% Primary School Enrollment (Net)
DHS 2014



Primary School Net Attendance Rates
Source: 2016 DHS Survey



Adult Literacy Rate
Source: 2016-2017 LFS, Bureau of Statistics



Current Mean Years of School
Source: UNDP HDI Reports, 2017



Secondary Education Attendance: Wealth Quintile Gap; Source: 2014 DHS



Expected Years of School
Source: UNDP HDI Reports, 2017

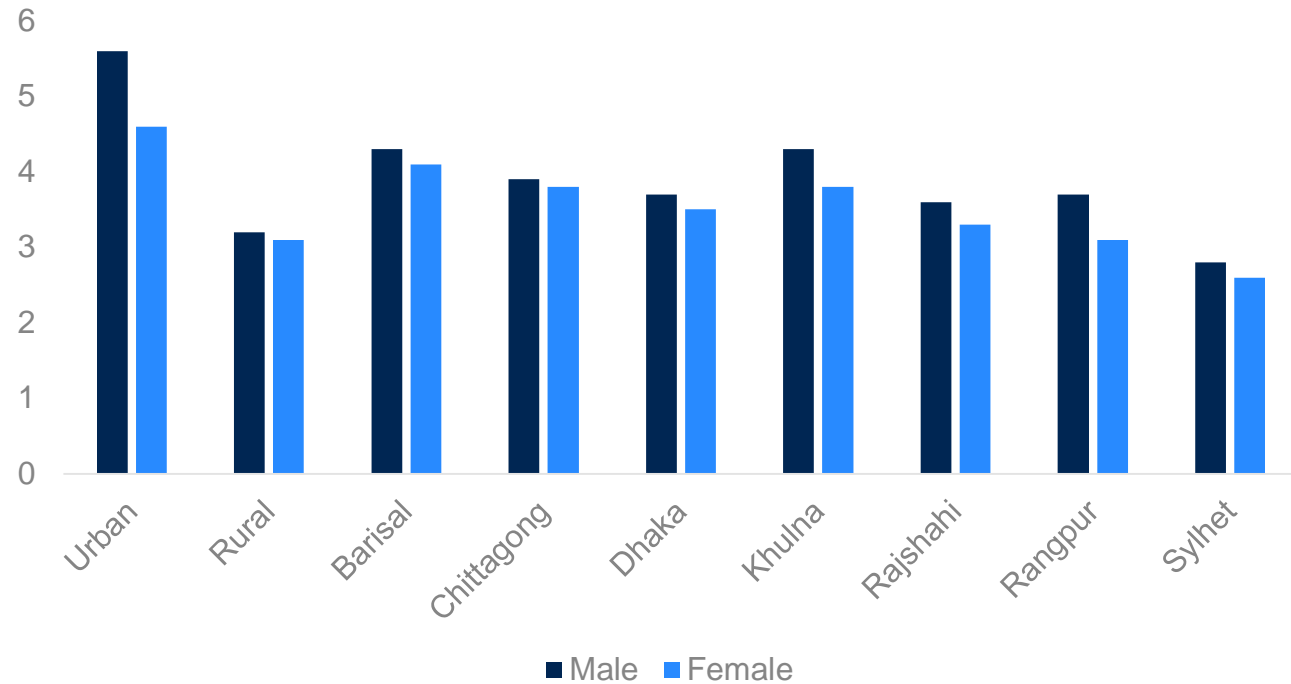




Education in Bangladesh: Regional Differences

- Sylhet is the region with the lowest school year completed: 2.7 years (DHS)
- On average, men and women living in urban areas have completed 2 more years of school than those in rural areas (DHS)
- Education levels are extremely low among the urban poor. Literacy rates among poor urban households have improved across time but are still only 42 percent. More than half of all household heads living in poverty (55 percent) have no education. Only 3 percent of poor household heads had completed secondary education. This was much higher—20 percent—among the non-poor, although still low (DHS)

Median years of education completed

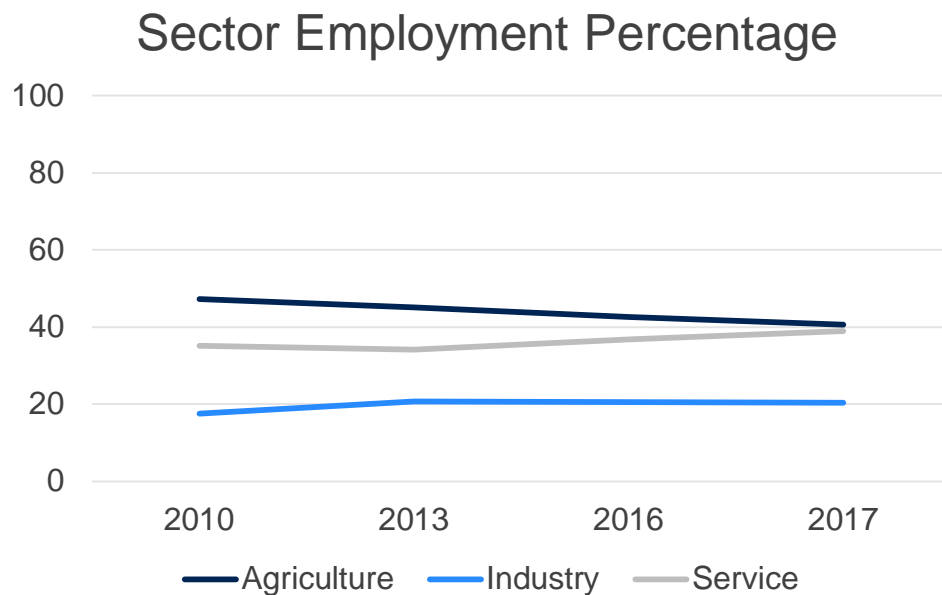


Source: DHS 2014

Livelihood in Bangladesh: Sector Differences



% of Labor Force Employed in Each Sector
Source: 2016-17 Labor Force Survey, Bureau of Statistics



Percentage of employment in agriculture has decreased from 2010 to 2017. Industry employment rate has been around 20% since 2013.



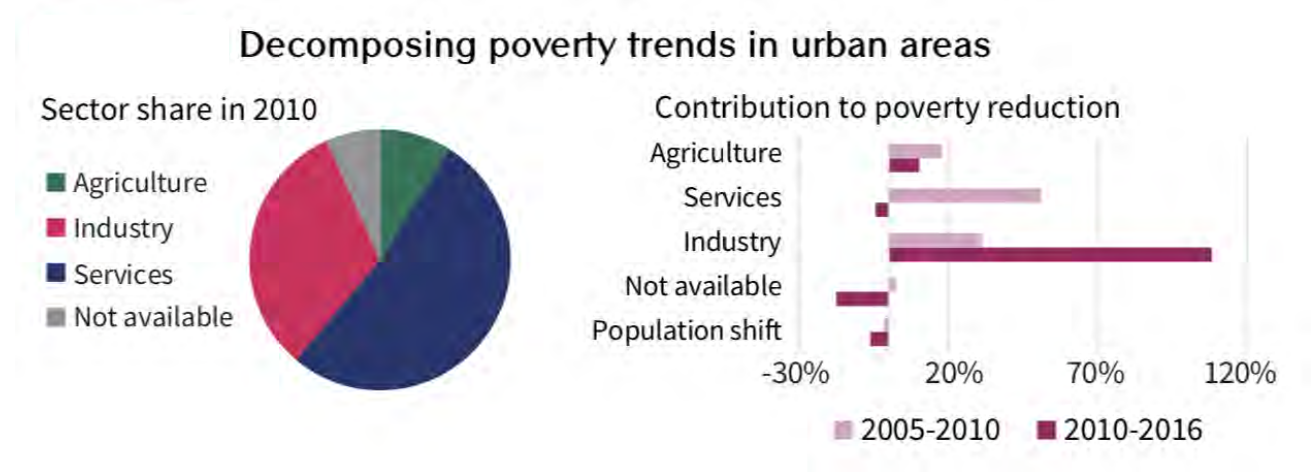
Western regions (Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna) have higher concentration in agriculture



Livelihood in Bangladesh: Implications for Poverty Reduction

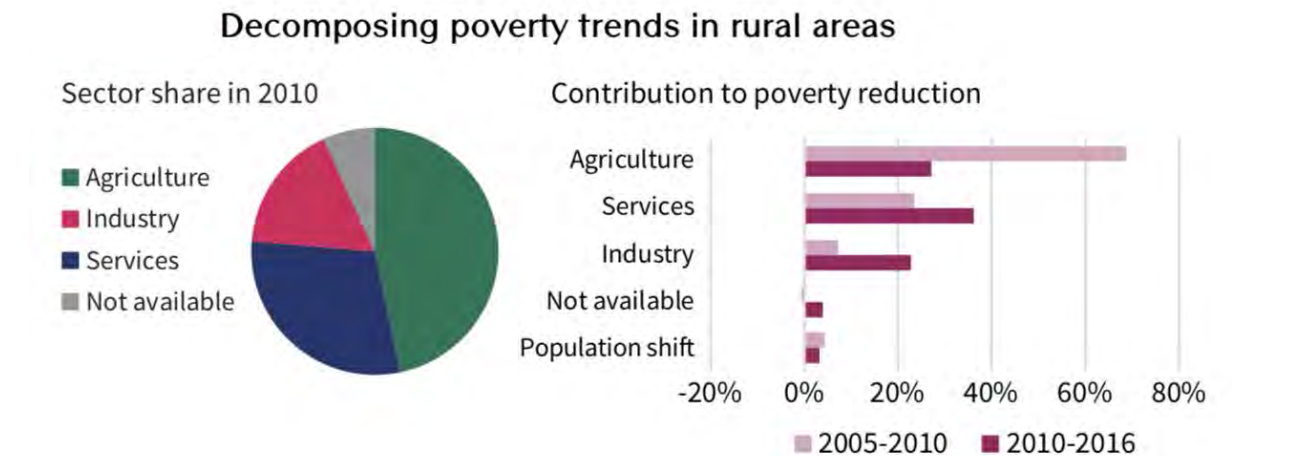
Urban Bangladesh

- Poverty reduction uneven across sectors
- Strongest contributor to overall progress was among **wage and daily workers in industry sectors** (particularly in garment)
 - Due to new minimum wage legislation
 - But slow job creation curbed poverty reduction
- Stagnation in poverty reduction in services sector



Rural Bangladesh

- Since 2010, **industry and service sectors** becoming important drivers of poverty reduction, contributing to 59% poverty reduction
- Growth in agricultural sector slowed down and was less poverty reducing than before
 - Western divisions remain higher in agricultural sector (47.9%)



Gender Dynamics: Ethiopia



Highlights from Voices to Choices Bangladesh's Journey in Women's Economic Empowerment

Source: World Bank

UN Gender Inequality Index Ranking
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- Women's labor force participation in 44% of men's
- Bangladesh's female labor force participation rate increased by 10% 2003 and 2016
- Bangladesh has the smallest gender wage gap of any country in the region. In 2016, female workers earned roughly three-fourths of what men did (a 24-percent gap), which was a substantial improvement over the 43-percent gap of 2013.
- The fact remains that more than a third of women in Bangladesh's labor force are unpaid contributing family helpers.
- Among rural women, 12 percent solely or jointly own agricultural land and 7 percent own nonagricultural land, compared to 69 percent and 86 percent of rural men, respectively. 96 percent of household land in rural areas still is owned by husbands alone; This increases their vulnerability to poverty



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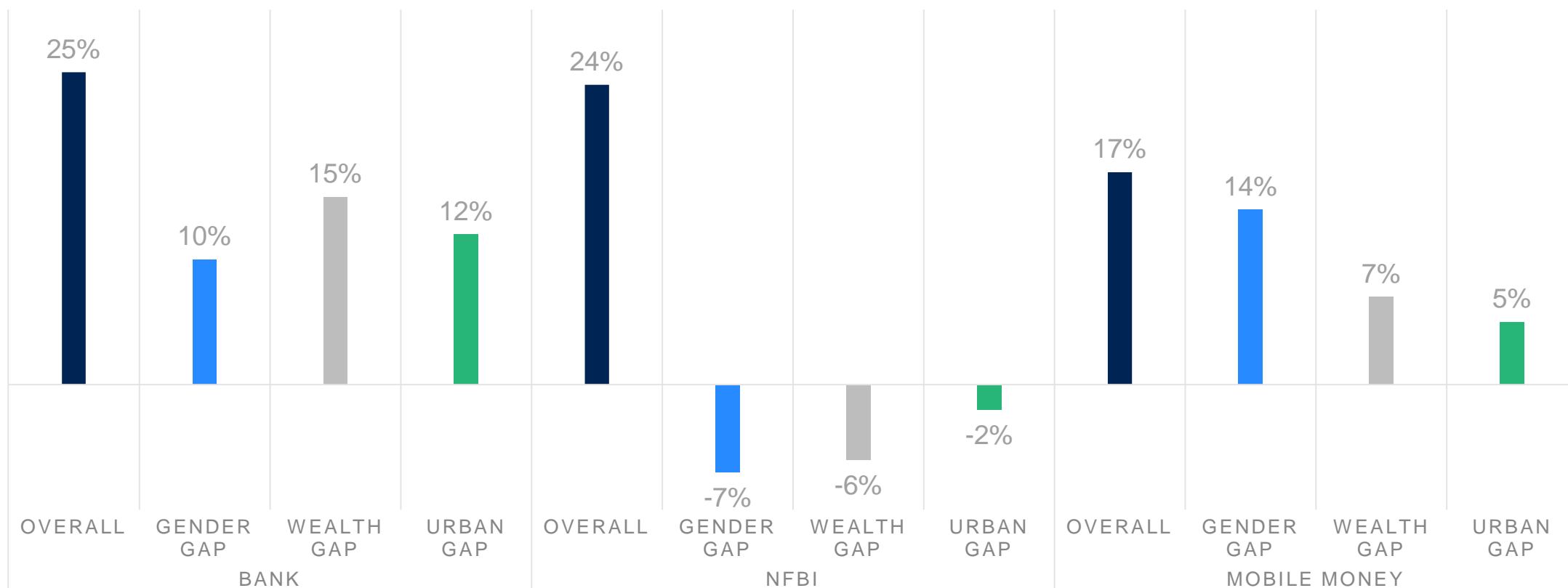
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Financial Inclusion: Account Ownership



- Bank and mobile money ownership disproportionately in male, wealthy, and urban groups, while the opposite is true for NFBI accounts

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP, 2018



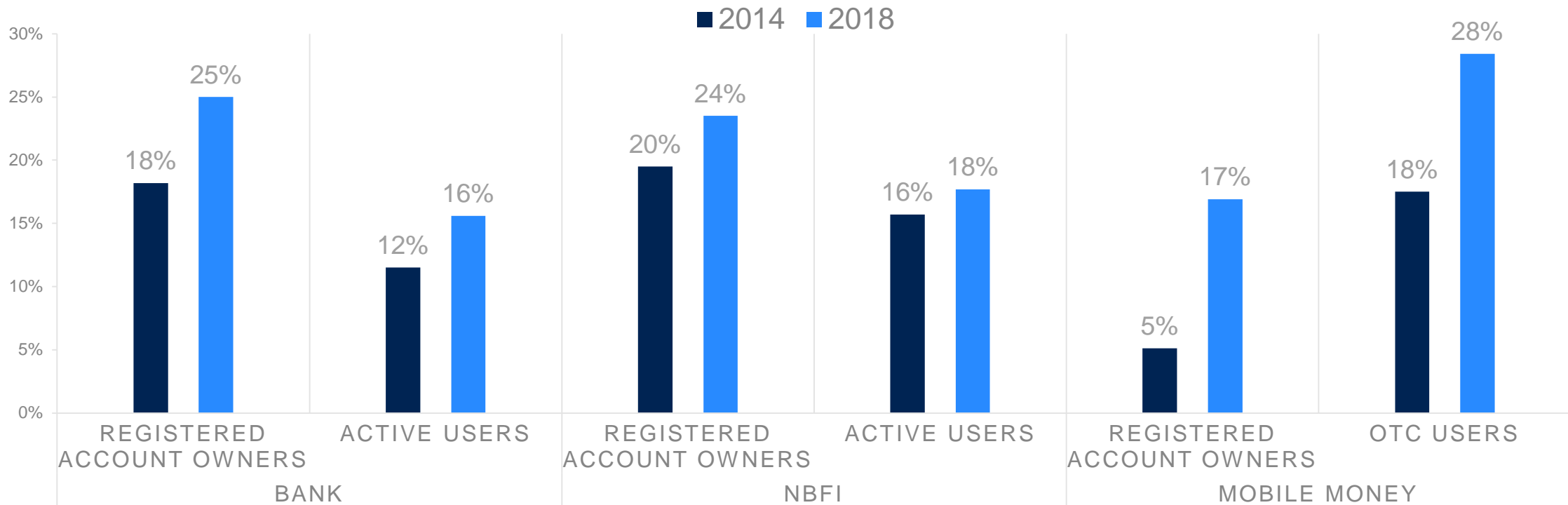
Source: FII. All gaps reported as percentage point difference: gender gap is male v. female; wealth gap is above poverty line v. below; urban gap is urban v. rural

Financial Inclusion: Account Ownership and Use



- Increases in financial account ownership and use across all types of accounts
- 340% increase in mobile money account ownership since 2014, but overall ownership and use remains low

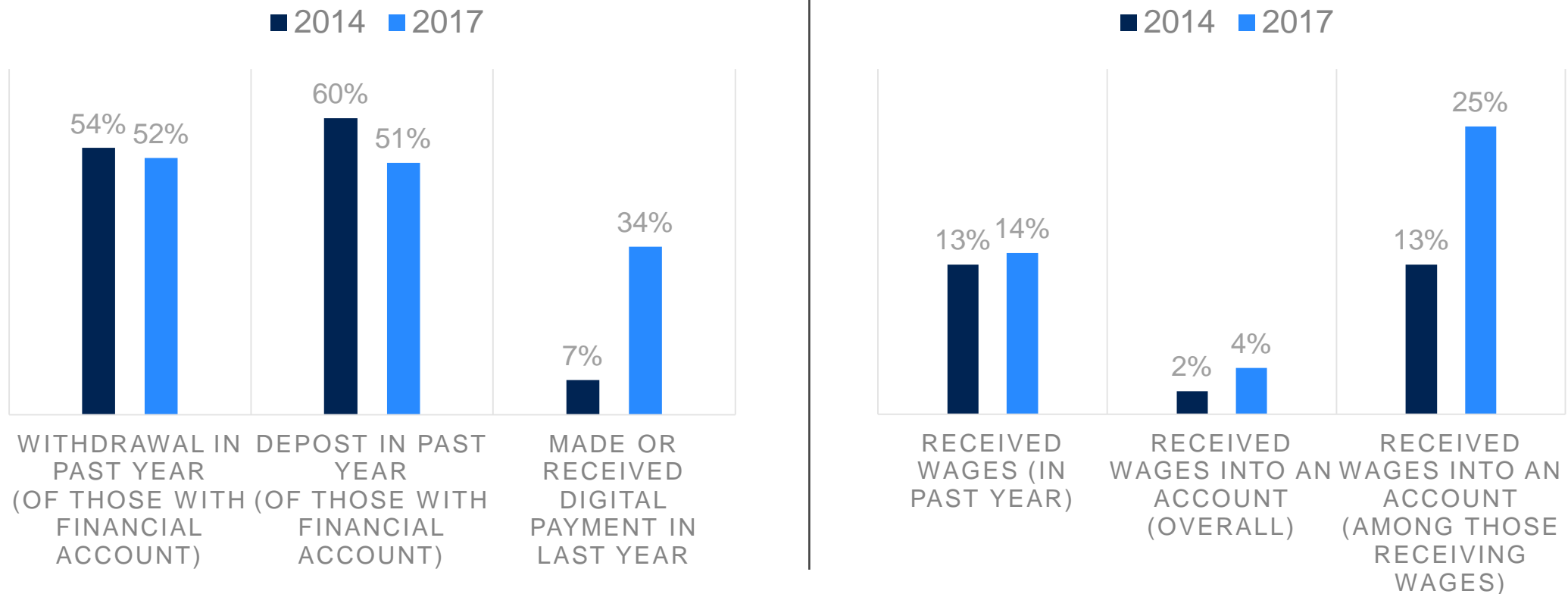
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Financial Inclusion: Account Use



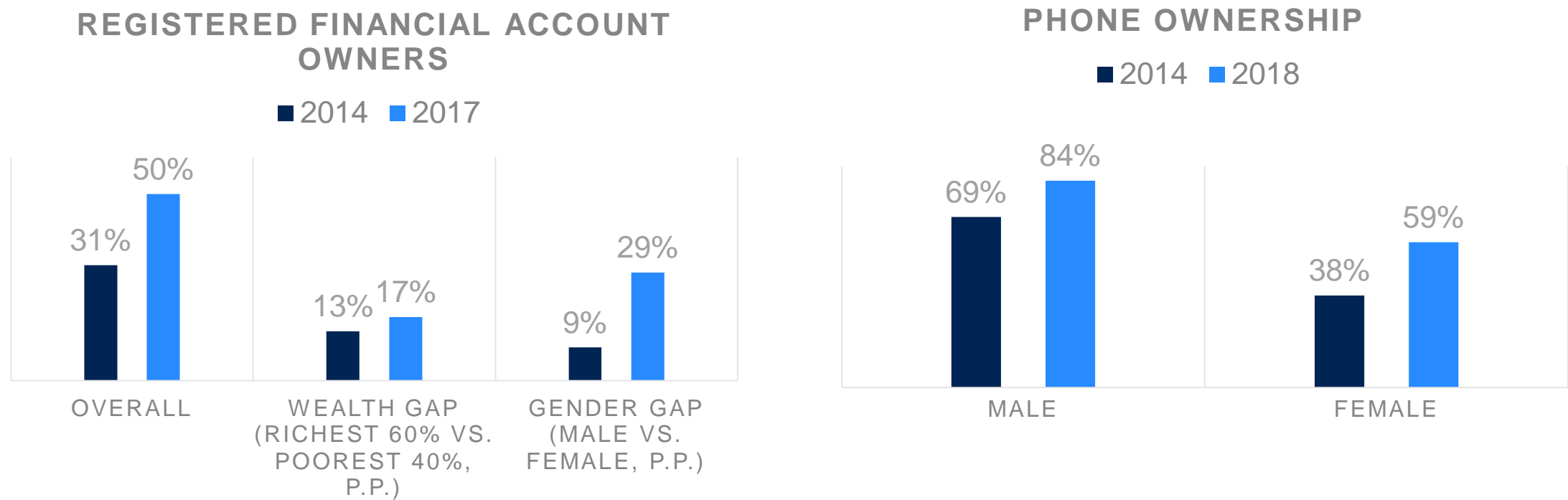
- Moderate decreases in account use, but digital payments have increased almost five-fold
- Wages could be a driver of financial inclusion, but impact in this area may be limited due to small proportion of overall population receiving wages



Financial Inclusion: Inequality



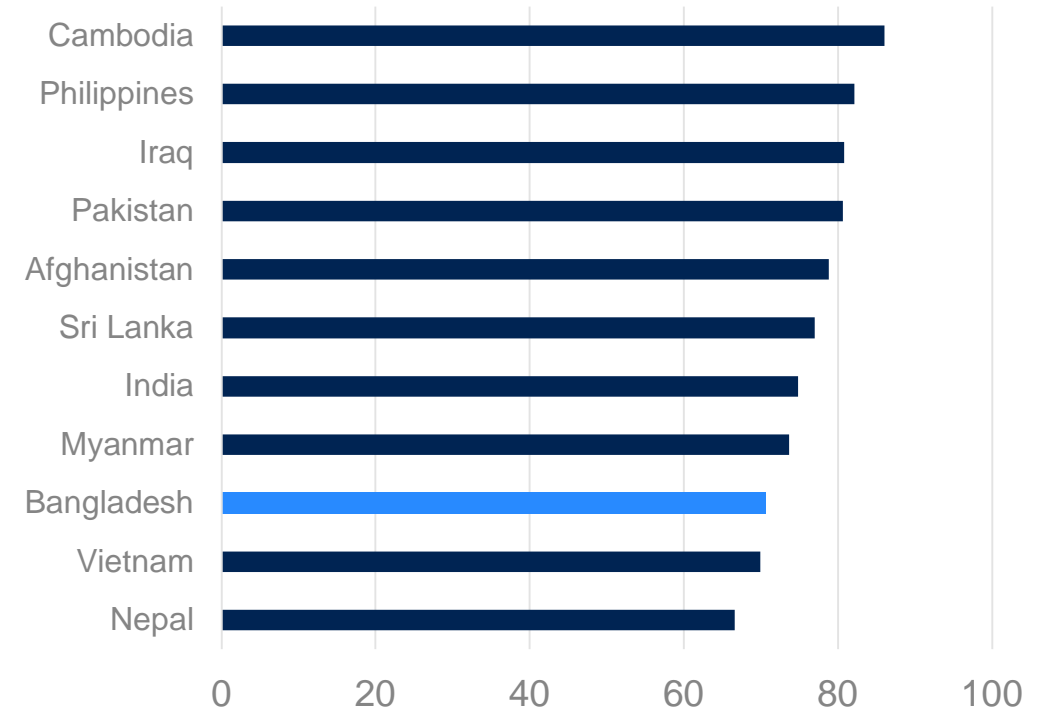
- Growth in account ownership is not being experienced by all groups, with increasing wealth and gender-based gaps
- With rapidly increasing mobile money use, gender-based gaps in phone ownership will likely continue exacerbating the financial inclusion gap



Financial Inclusion: Mobile Money

- 18% of Bangladeshis used mobile money in 2018, up from only 5% in 2014, and Bangladesh is now 5th largest mobile money market in Asia Pacific region
- 81% of respondents in a FII survey said they did not use mobile money because they “*did not need it*”
- Bangladesh ranked 62nd of 80 countries on GSMA Mobile Money Regulatory Index, which measures the extent to which a country’s regulatory framework enables widespread mobile money adoption
- Major players include:
 - bKash, with 24 million accounts, 180k agents, and ~7.5 million transferred monthly
 - Rocket, with 11 million accounts, and ~220k agents
- Growth potentially hampered by know-your-customer (KYC) rules, which mandate due diligence and record keeping on all clients; designed to reduce money laundering, these rules can also serve as a barrier to mobile money use

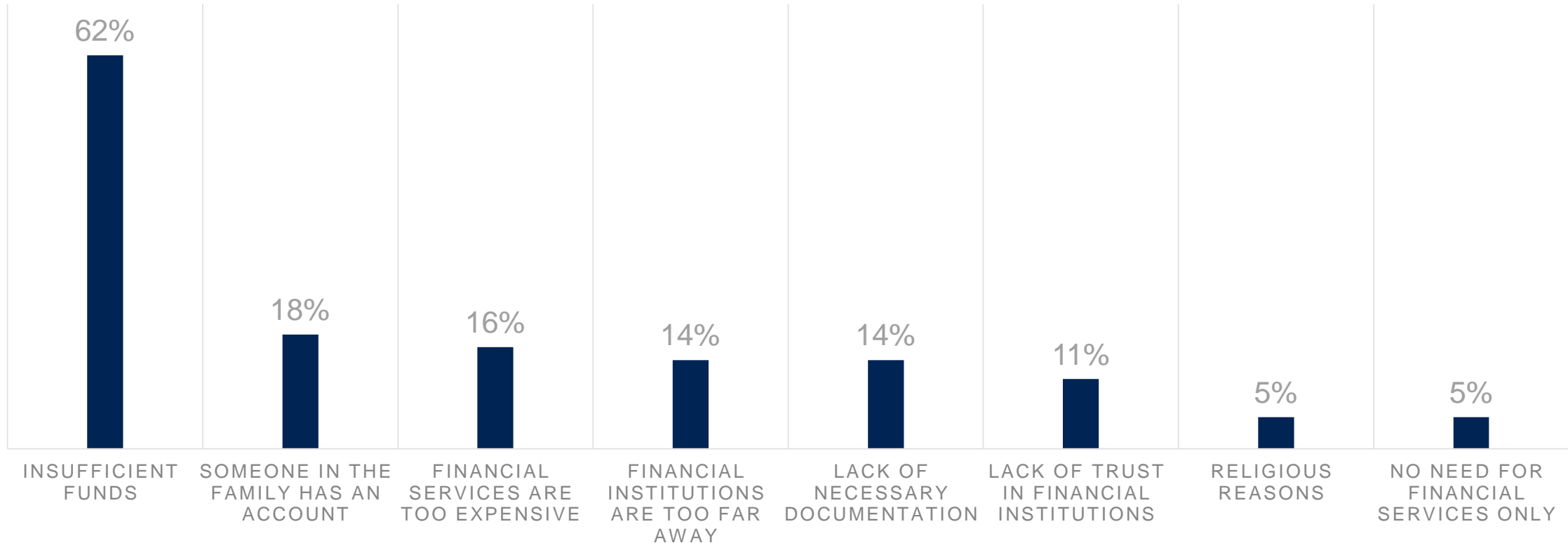
GSMA Mobile Money Regulatory Index, regional comparators



Financial Inclusion: Barriers

- Insufficient funds are the primary reason for not having a financial account
- A Bangladesh Bank survey of MSME funding found that current minimum balance rules are cited as a major barrier to opening small businesses

BARRIERS TO ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP, 2017



Sources: Bangladesh Bank “Survey on MSME Financial Inclusion Indicators”, 2016; Findex 2017

Financial Inclusion: Emergency Funds



- Roughly one-third of the population (35%) are unable to raise emergency funds
- Assistance from family and friends is the primary source, with limited differences between the richest 60% and poorest 40% across all sources

PRIMARY SOURCE OF EMERGENCY FUNDS, 2017

