Regional Backgrounder

Sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa has made impressive progress in many of the MDGs. However, the region faces daunting challenges, with rapid growth of population, high levels of poverty and con icts.

Poverty and Hunger

Sub-Saharan Africa's poverty rate did not fall below its 1990 level until after 2002. Even though the decline of poverty has accelerated in the past decade, the region continues to lag behind. To date, more than 40 per cent of the population in sub-