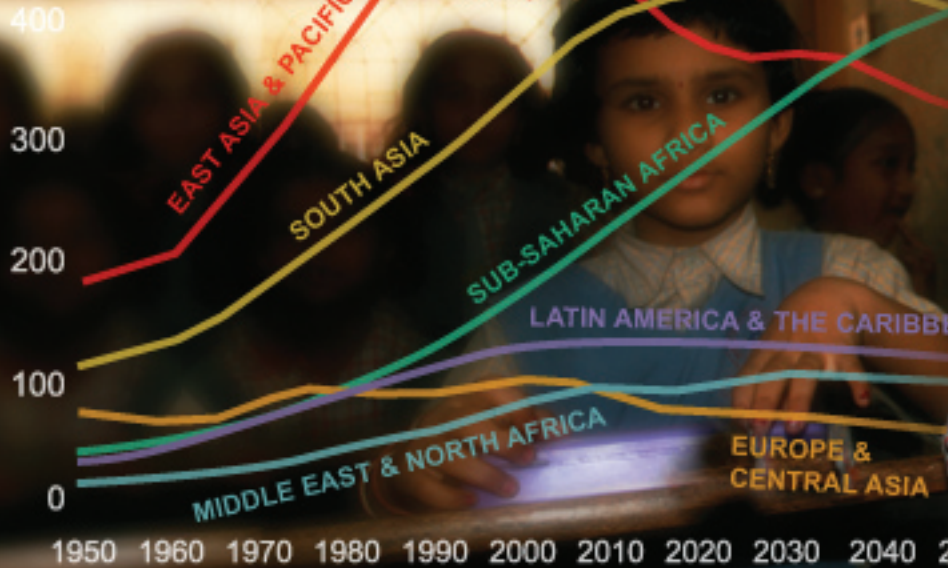


Youth's Window of Opportunity

500 million



Source: United Nations (2005b), medium variant.

400 Million Youths

The World Development Report 2007 notes that South Asia has an estimated 400 million young people aged 12-24 – a demographic “window of opportunity” for economic growth. ** While this increase in the working age population is an opportunity, it is also a challenge in a region that lags behind in key development areas. For example, expanded education opportunities are noted as one of the areas which would contribute towards taking advantage of this “window of opportunity”.

** Source: WDR 2007 South Asia Regional Highlights

** Source: IDA at Work: Universal Access to Elementary Education in India