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#### UN declares famine in Somalia

An estimated 3.7 million people in two southern Somalia regions are facing a food crisis, UN declares.

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The United Nations has officially declared famine in two southern Somalia regions as the world slowly mobilises to save the 12 million people battling hunger in the region's worst drought in 60 years.

The United States urged the al-Qaeda-inspired rebels controlling the area to allow the return of the relief groups they expelled two years ago while aid groups warned many would die without urgent action and funding.

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## Time to challenge the virtuous aura around aid

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### Australia's great foreign aid rip off

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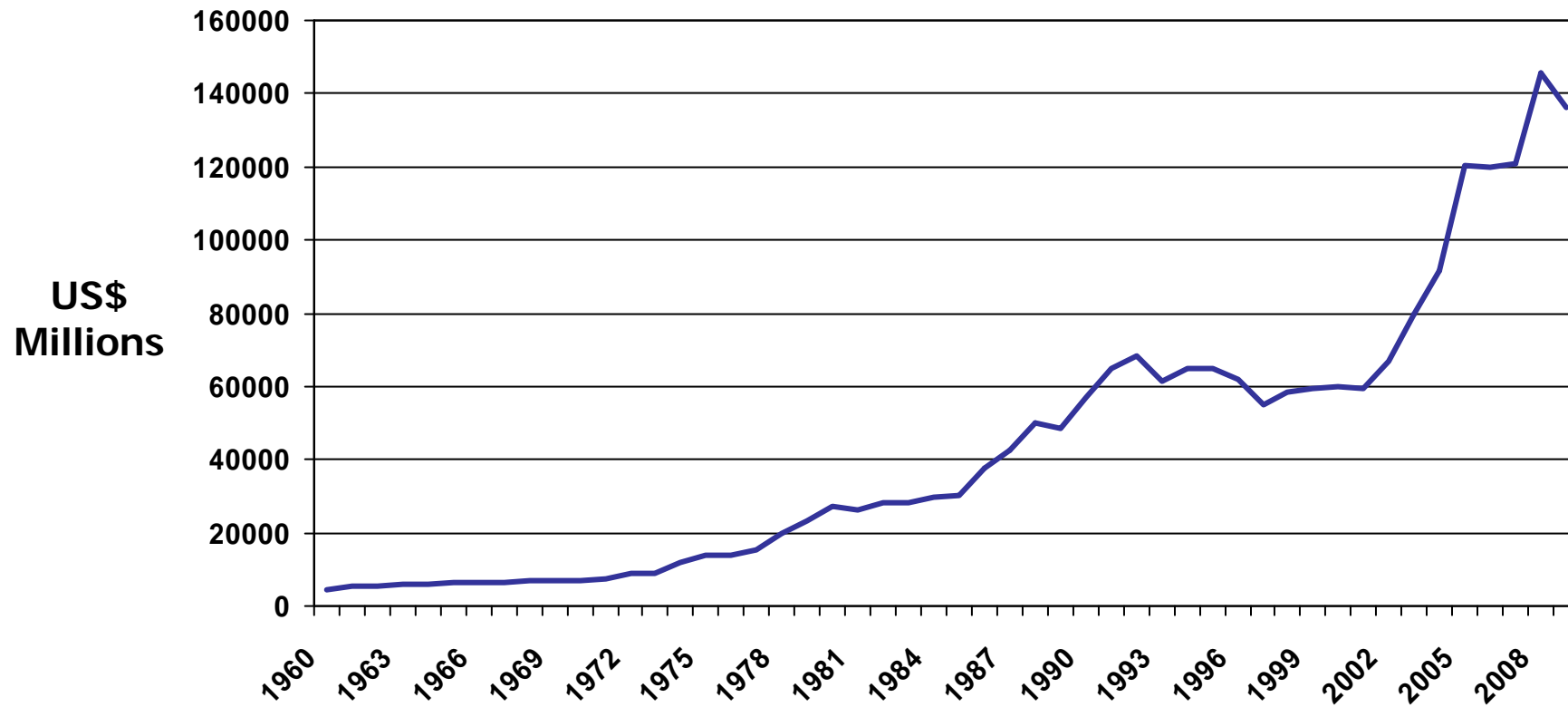
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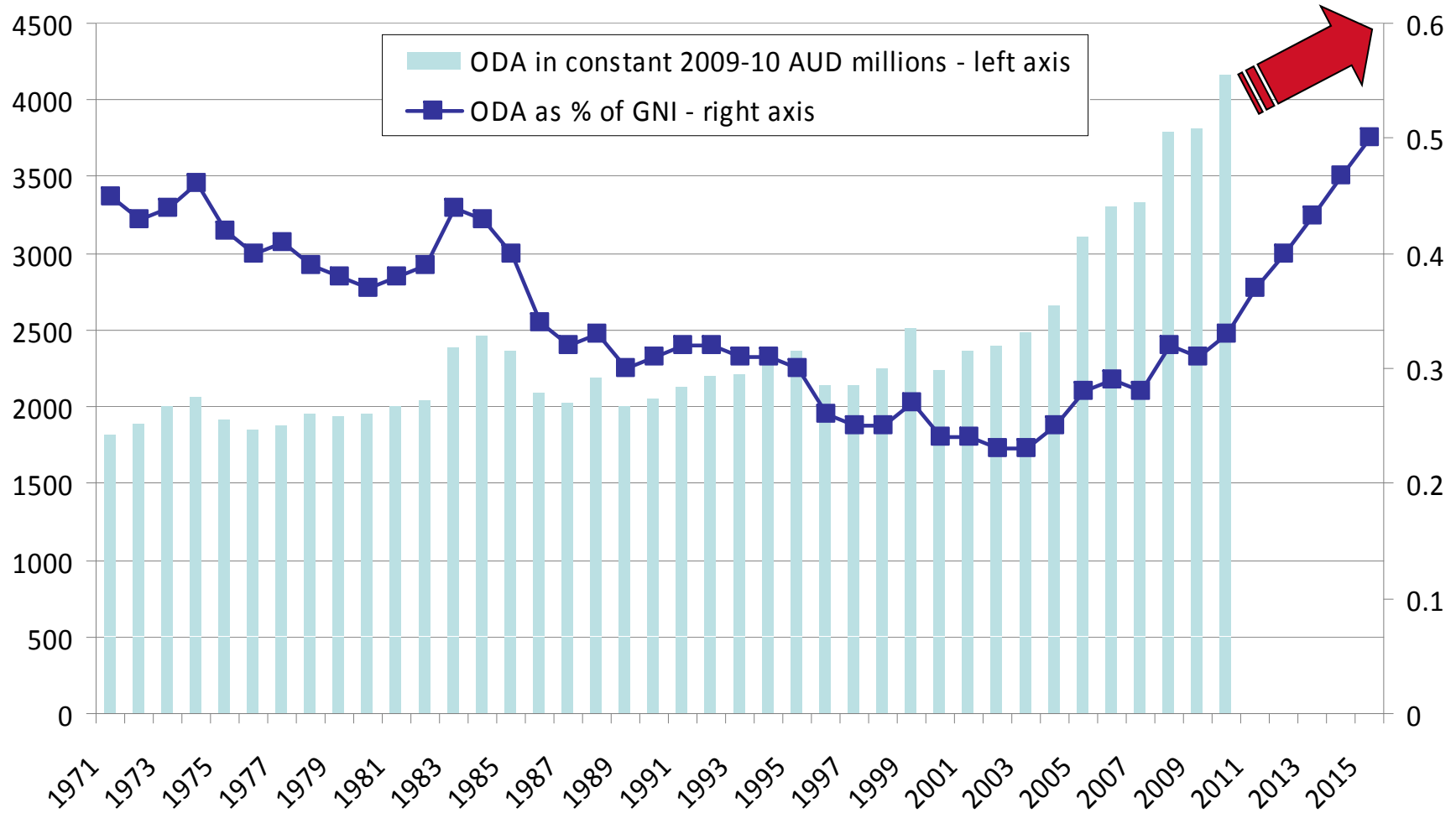
# Huge challenges ahead but there is very positive momentum



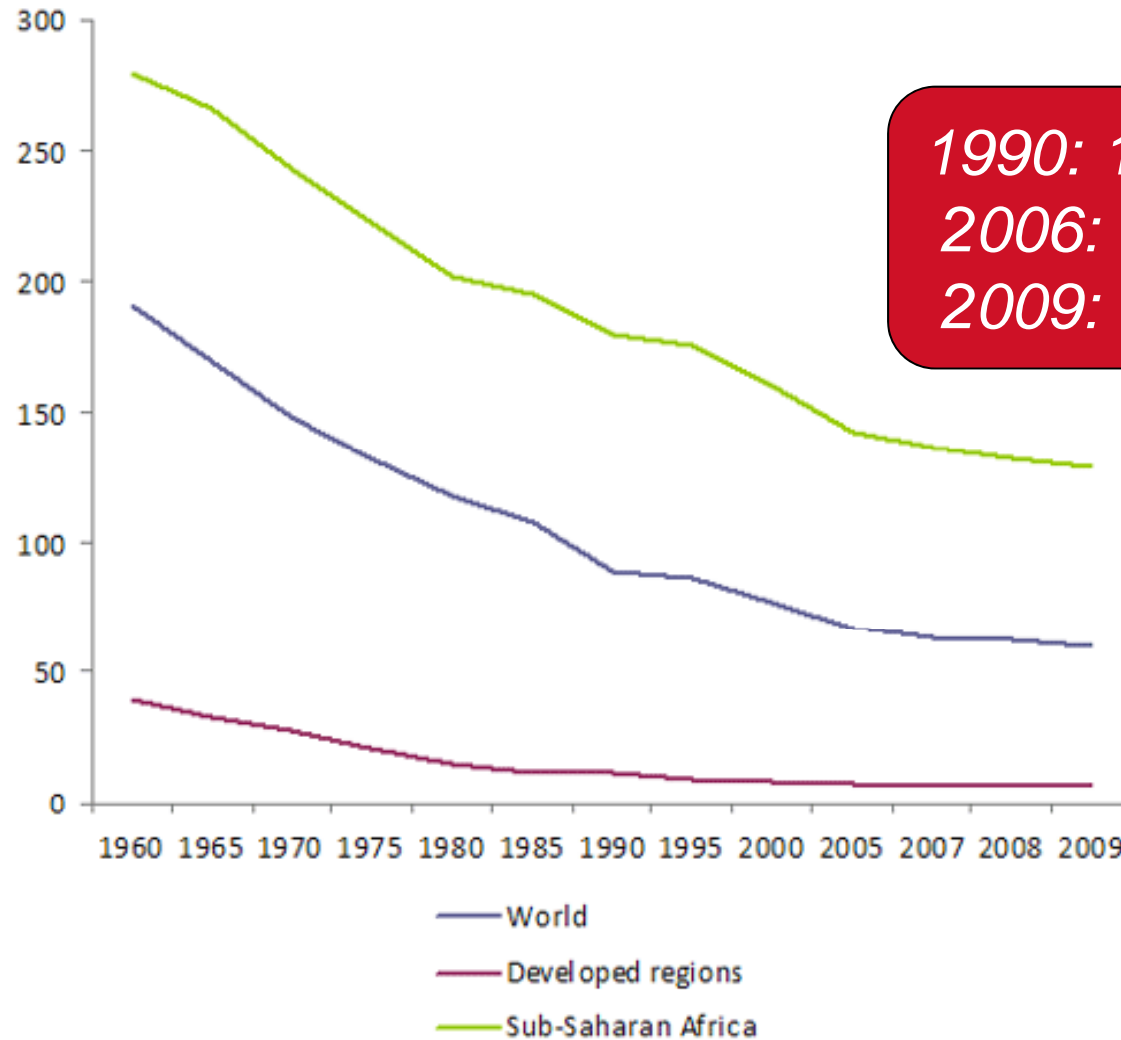
## Official Development Assistance has increased dramatically especially since 2000



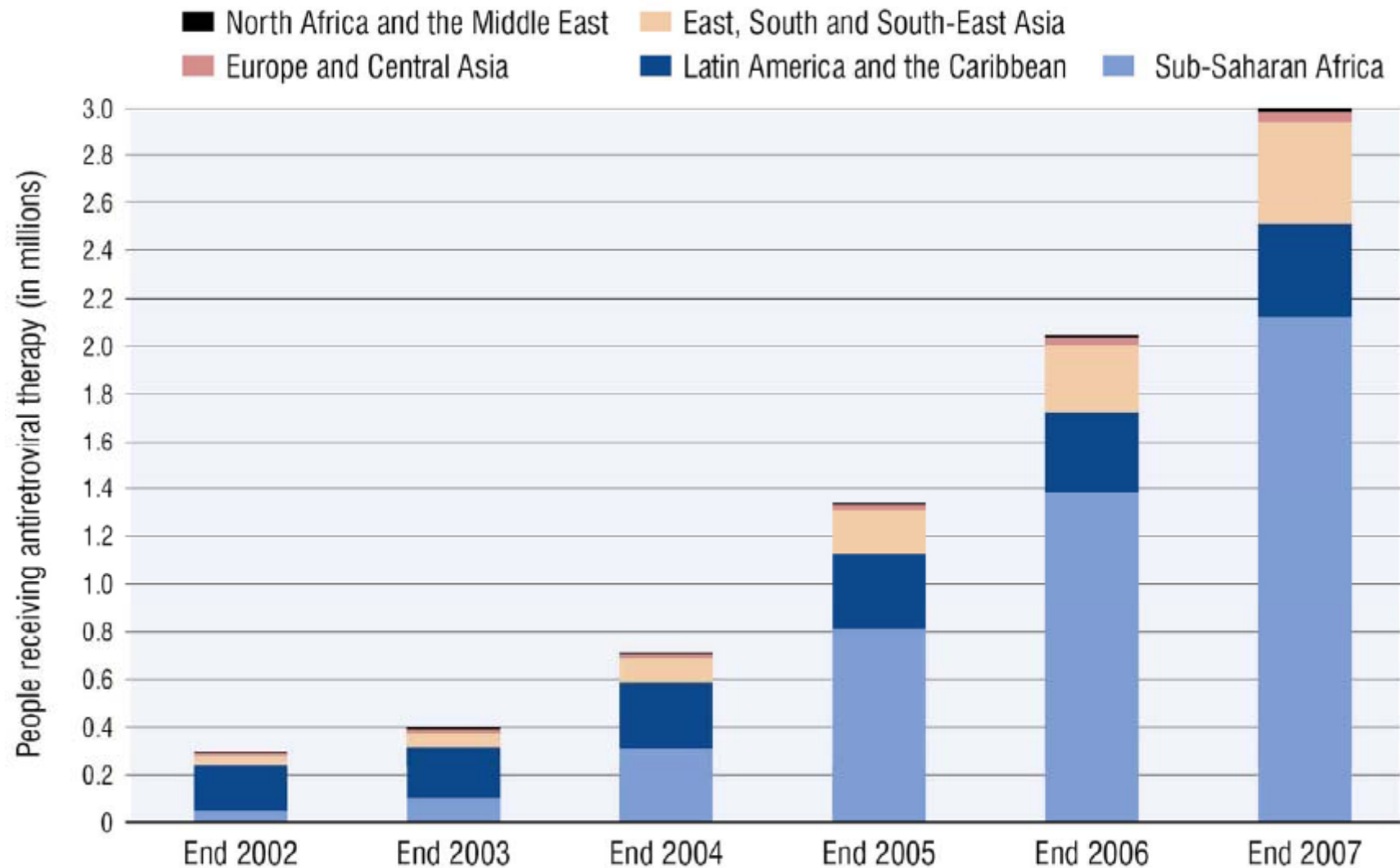
Along with most other countries, Australia has increased its official aid budget over the past few years



## Despite some failures, aid has also been successful: Reductions in Child Mortality



## Number of people receiving ARV therapy in low- and middle-income countries, 2002—2007



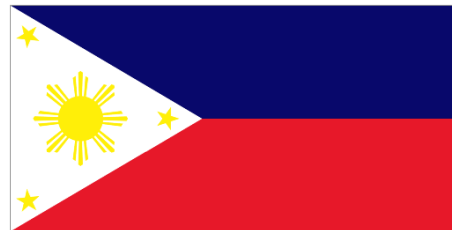
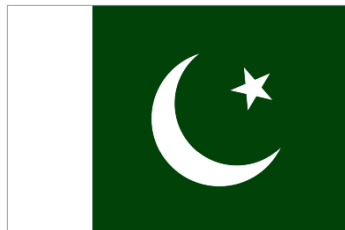
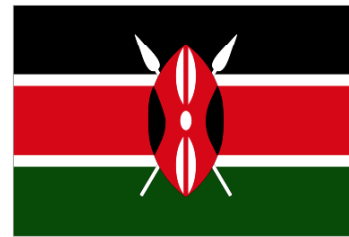
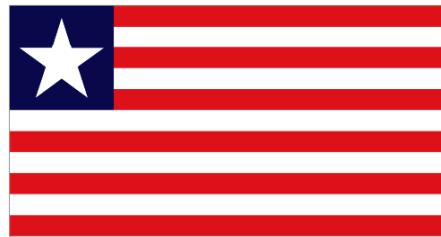
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› **Kenyan Ministry of Health**

# South Sudan – the world's newest (and one of the poorest) countries



- › **Barbara Kepa**  
**Master of International Public Health 2011**
- › Before I began the program, I was working for an NGO in my home country Papua New Guinea.
- › I found the course to be both enjoyable and challenging but with such great learning materials and academic support I was able to get through.
- › The most enjoyable thing for me was the experience of studying in a rich university atmosphere and being able to learn from staff as well as the multicultural experiences of students who came from many different countries to take this course. I have met people from the US, Canada, South Africa, Lesotho, China, Burma and many more!
- › This course has helped me to better understand my job and provided me with a broad scope of possibilities for future employment.





- › **Danielle Millican is a 2011 MIPH** graduate who came to the School from the USA.
- › Since completing her MIPH, Danielle has secured a position at the Beijing office of The George Institute for Global Health, and she said that “it was my MIPH that gave me the credentials I needed to get the job in China.”
- › Danielle will also work on the LifeSeeds Project, which aims to train local village doctors in rural China to manage people who are at high risk for heart disease. Danielle is excited about the new job in China as it should be a great experience and a step in the right direction towards her ‘dream job’ of working for the UNHCR or MSF.

