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The MDGs and Governance

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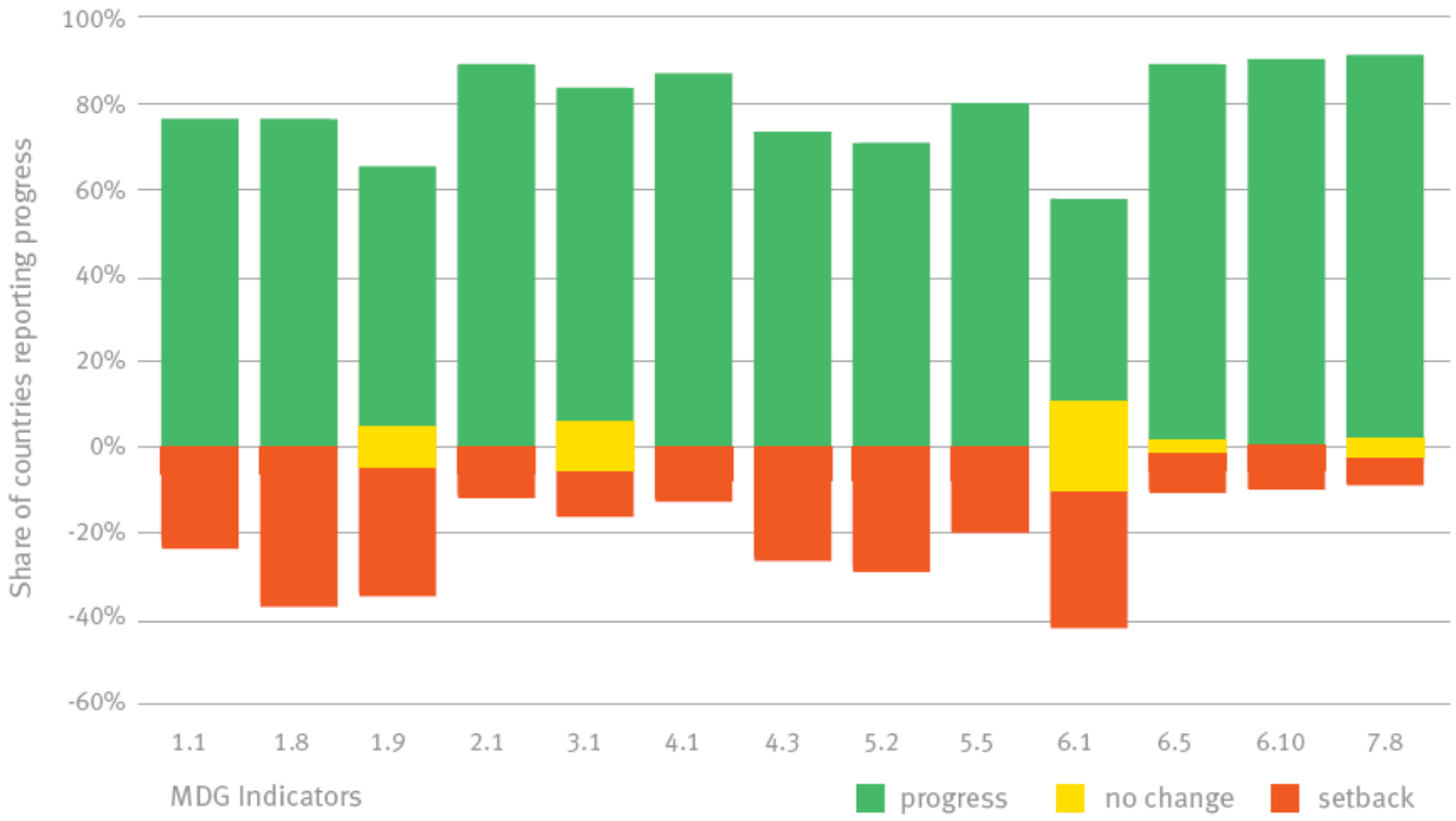
Progress is happening

Figure 1: Proportion of countries progressing or regressing on MDG indicators (low- and middle-income countries)

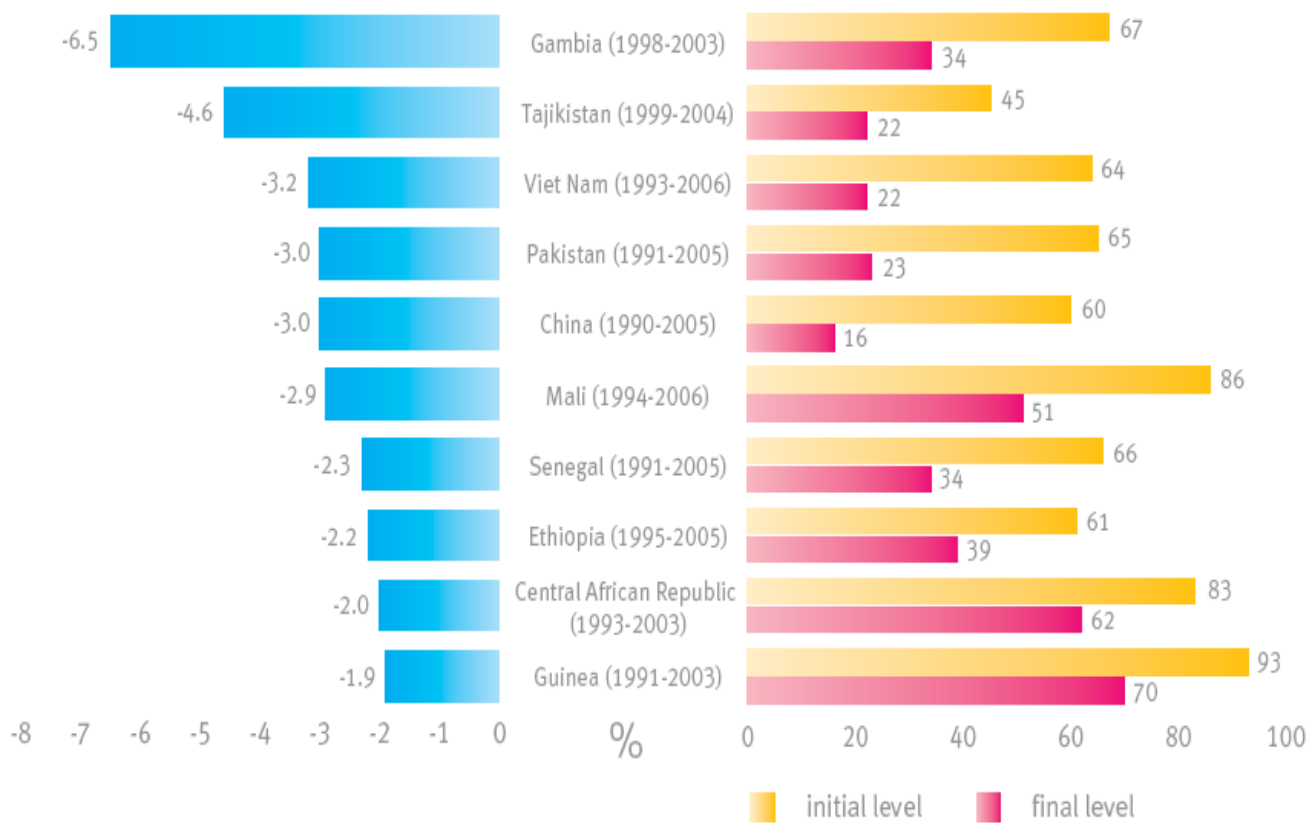
A glass half full?

Figure 2: Proportion of countries in Sub-Saharan Africa progressing or regressing on MDG indicators



‘Top’ performers

Figure 3: Proportion of the population living on less than $1.25 a day – countries with the highest average annual rates of absolute progress (various years)



Unpacking progress

- Smart leaders
- Smart policies
- Smart delivery
- Smart friends

To 2015 and beyond….

- Publicly-intermediated aid will become less significant than domestic resource mobilisation and innovative financing approaches

- Different competencies demanded of the public sector:
  - new business models of public-private engagement
  - new regulatory approaches
  - more problem solving (experimentation) but also,
  - ‘getting it right first time’ (VfM & pressure to deliver)
  - greater emphasis on transparency & demand-side accountability

- More political economy and evaluation – what works, why and how and what are the prospects for replication?

- Less room for the ‘big idea’ – beyond templates?

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