

Brief hints on sustainability

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Millennium Development Goals 2000-2015



Main plan of the UN in 2000-2015:

- halving extreme poverty
- Halting spread of HIV
- Providing universal primary education

Examples

- Example of Ethiopia:

2000: 52 years / 623 USD per capita;

2015: 65,9 years / 1550 USD per capita

Change: 27%; 148%

- Example of Afghanistan:

2000: 50,4 years / 862 USD per capita;

2015: 53,8 years / 1930 USD per capita

Change: 7%; 123%

- Example of Uganda:

2000: 49 years / 1040 USD per capita;

2015: 61,3 years / 1680 USD per capita

Change: 25%; 62%



After 2015....

- Sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- MDGs missed: governance, security, climate changes, taxes, migrations...
- Economic growth is accented...but can we make debts because of growth?



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Focus of SDGs:

- Adopted in September 2015 at UN summit
- Specified in Agenda 2030
- 17 goals with specific targets (169)
- SDGs are more relevant to MIC (Middle Income Countries)
- Important topic: „How to be happy enough with current sources...”
- Global scope / local impact

Does anyone know how „Sustainable development“ is defined?

= development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

What that means?

To harmonize three core elements: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection.

Who?

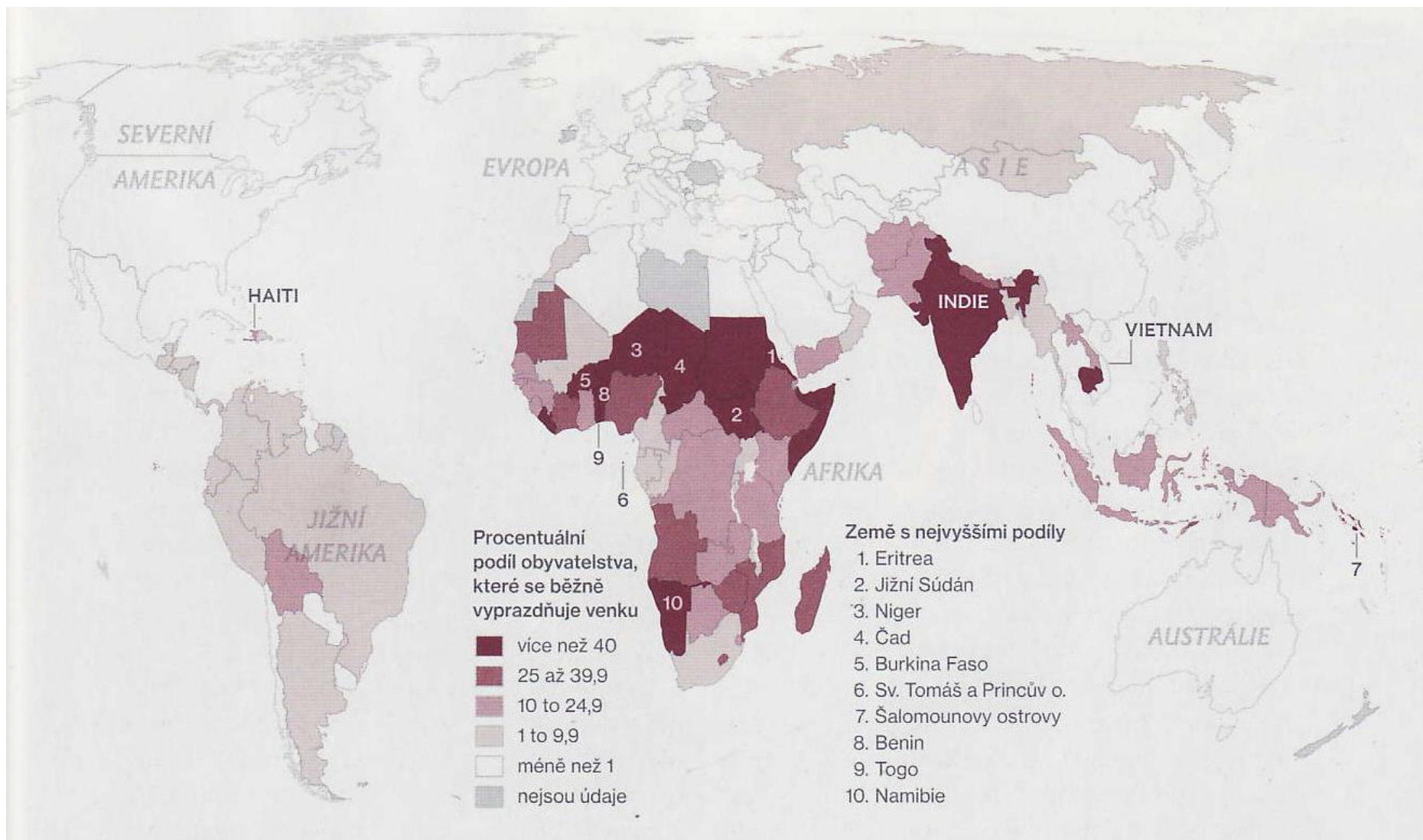
All stakeholders: governments, civil society, the private sector.

EXAMPLES FROM THE REAL WORLD

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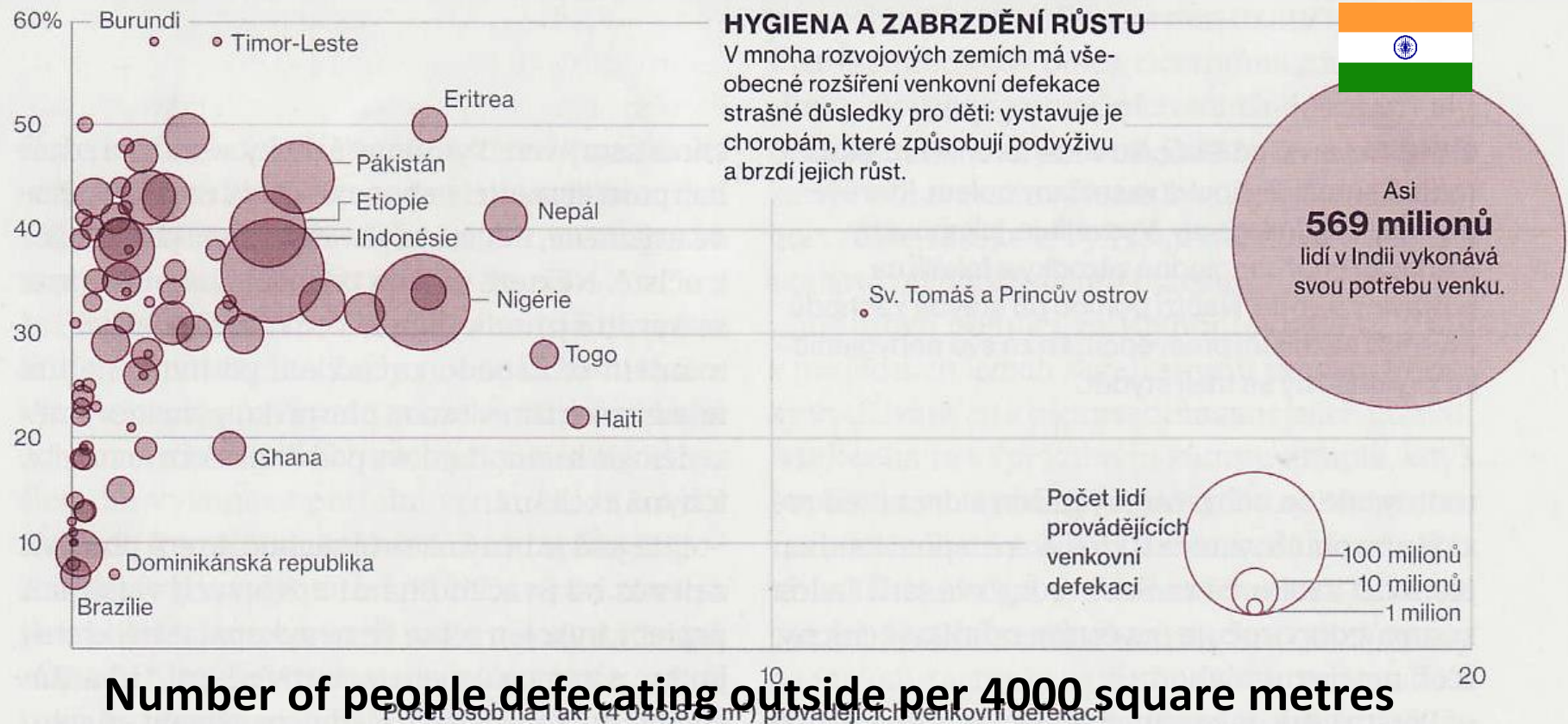
Sanitation and hygiene in India

Share of the population defecating outside of home



„Hygiene is more important than independency!“ (Mahátma Gándhí)
 „Prioritize toilets before temples!“ (N. Mórdí, PM of India)

Ratio of underdeveloped kids (%)





Toilets sometimes used differently (shelters).

117 ths kids died because of diarrhoea

Undersnourished kids more vulnerable to other infections

Mentality: defecation outside is more hygienic, do not contaminate households!

Septic must be cleaned in about 5 years: who will do that?

Educating of communities

Indian sustainable cities

- Sustainable cities in India:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6462614050873446400>

EXAMPLES FROM THE REAL WORLD

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Eradicating poverty via small business
(+ empowering women in the society)

Banking on the unbankable

- Micro credit loans
- Targeted especially to woman
- Group joint liability (behaviour of each individual affects the group)
- Grameen Bank (M. Yunnus, Bangladesh); 43 countries around the world (2010)
- Other financial services (insurance, pension schemes, scholarships)

Source: Moyo (2010)

Agenda 2030 of SDGs

- Requires international global partnership on global level...
- Activities of minor stakeholders on local level
- Everyone's responsibility
- Taking action!

Conclusion

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.

(Edmund Burke, Irish statesman)

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

(Howard Thurman, theologian, philosopher, University professor)

How can you contribute to sustainable development of a chosen region, area, community?