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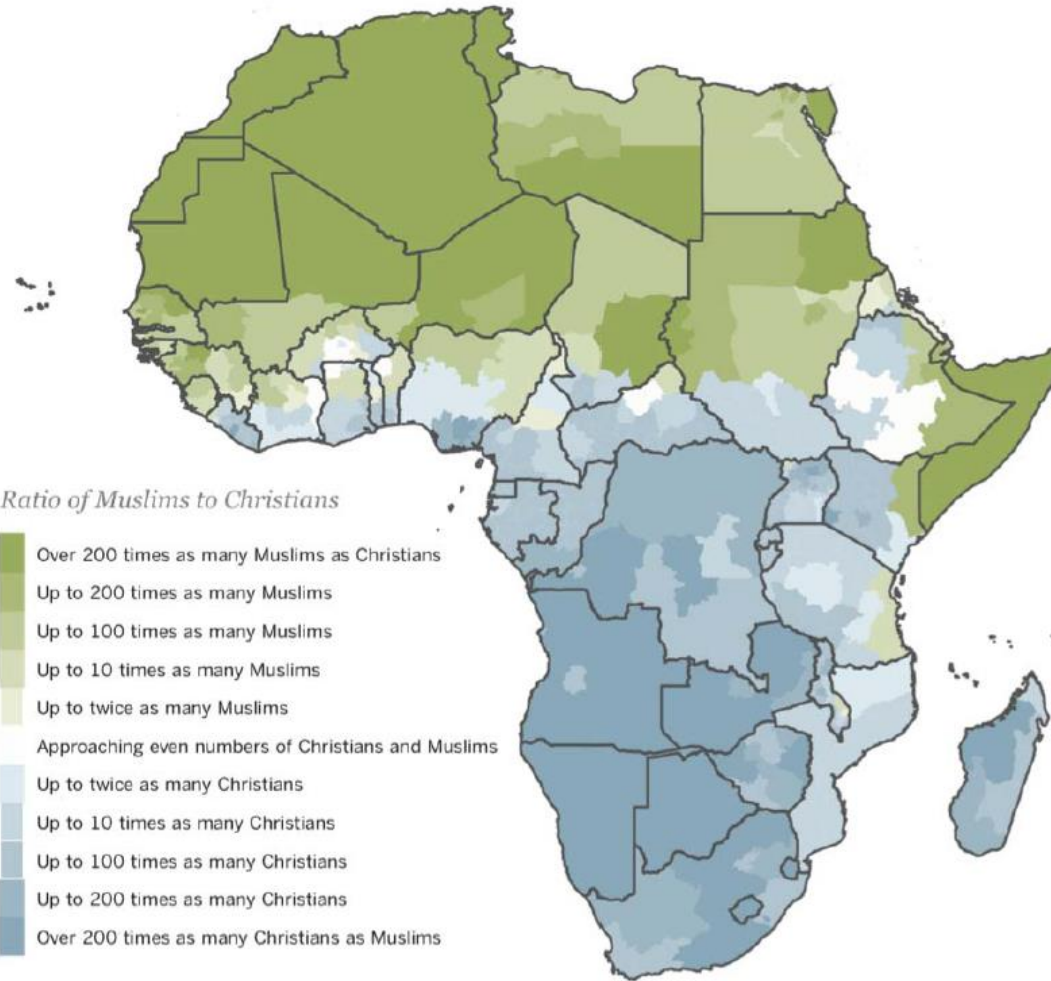
Malawi

“The Warm Heart of Africa”

Agenda

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- Christianity in Malawi
 - Brief history
 - Congregations & Education
 - Missions
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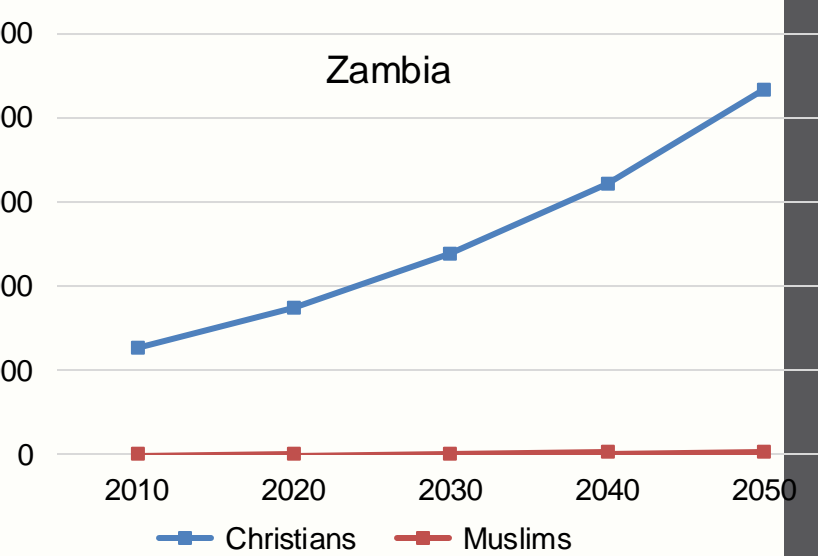
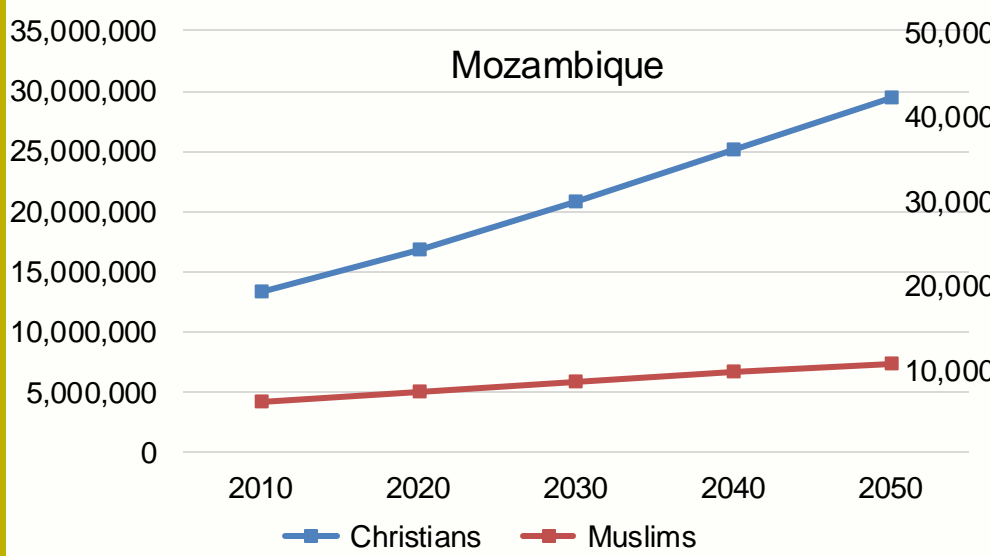
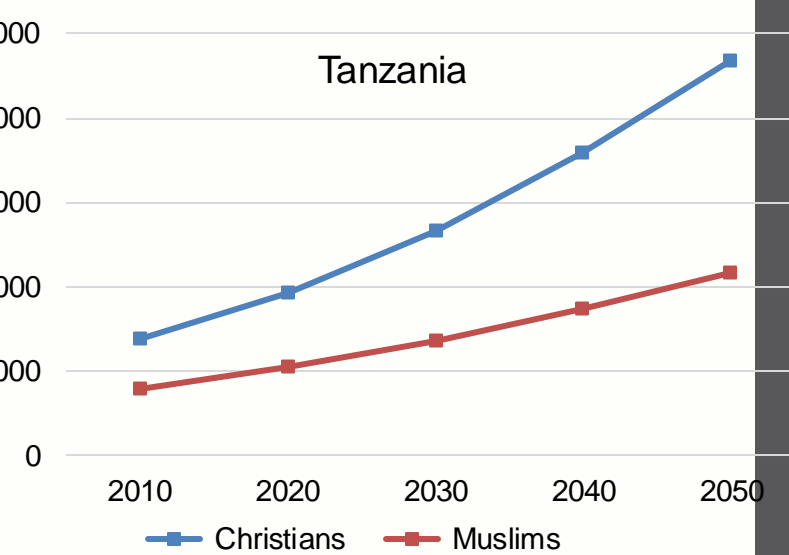
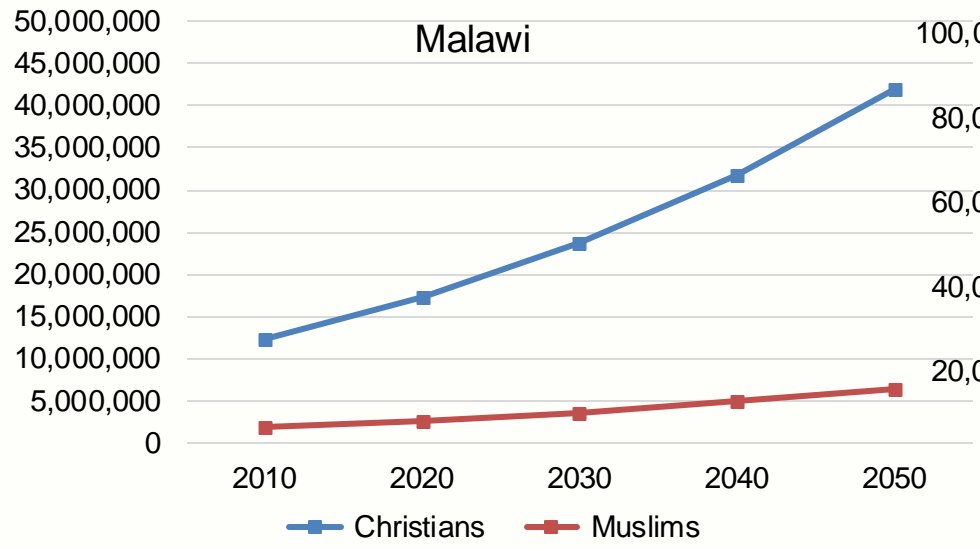
Islam in Malawi

Brief History of Islam

- Introduced in the 1860s
- Originally at Nkhotakota
- By slave-trading Muslims (the Jumbe) from Easter Coast of Africa
- Traders from the coast brought it to the Yao of the Shire Highlands in the 1870s and 80s.

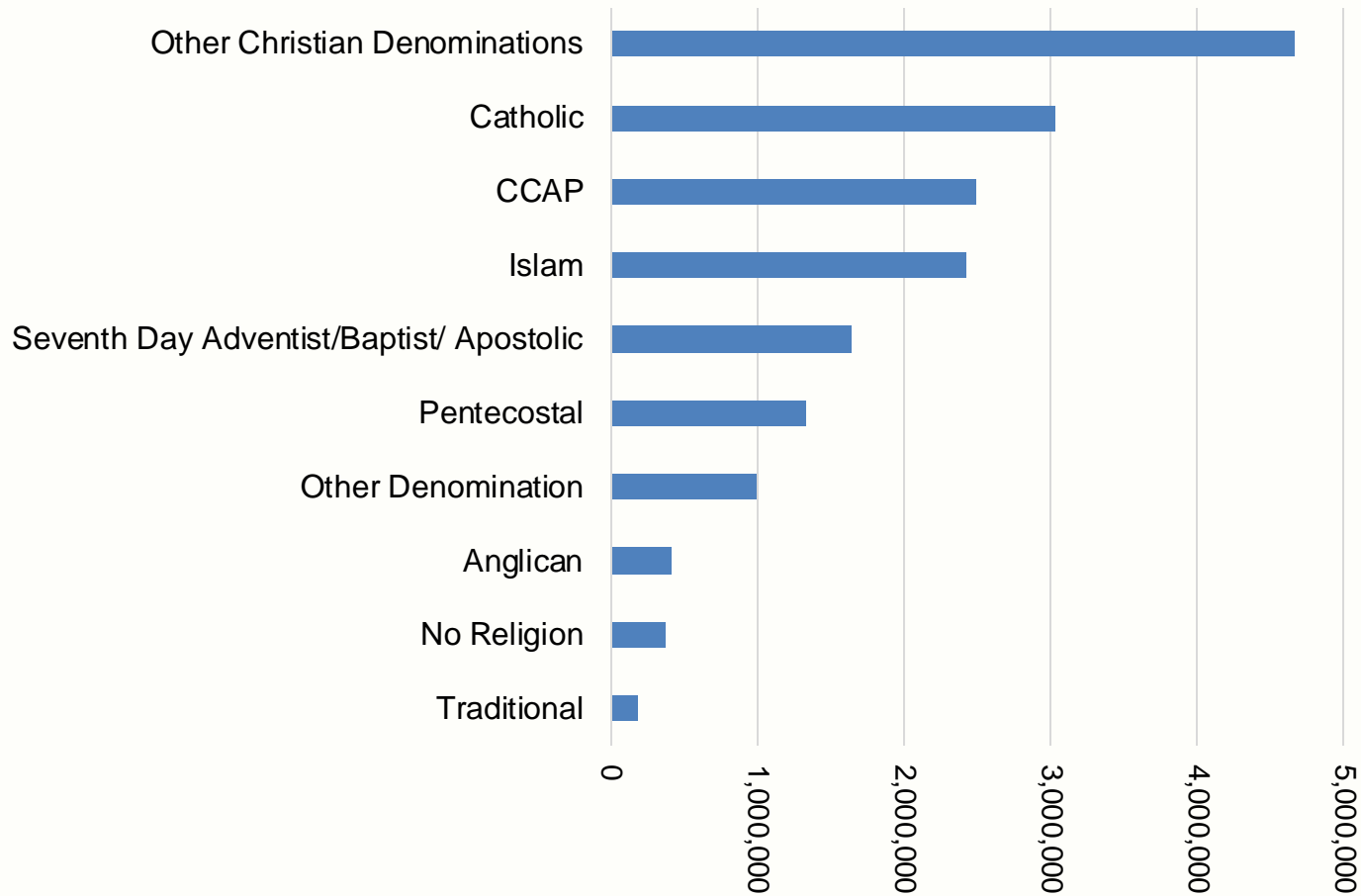


Population Growth

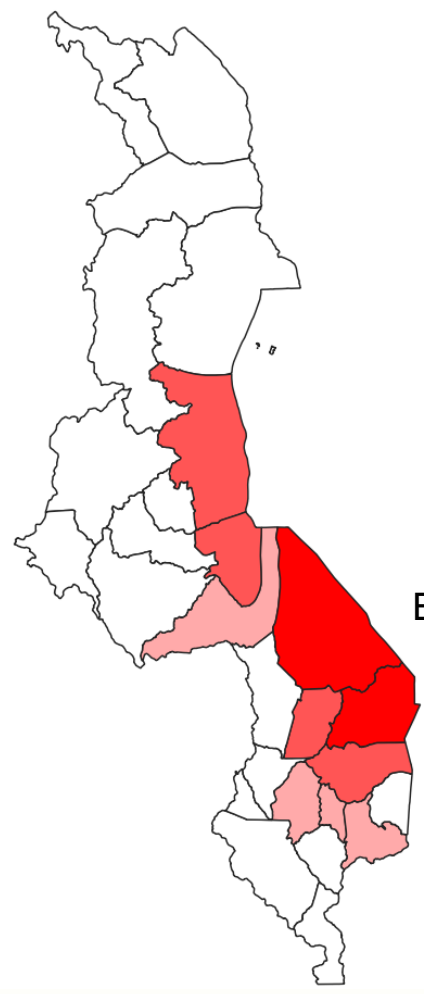
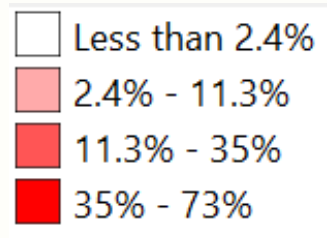




Islam = 14% of Population in 2018



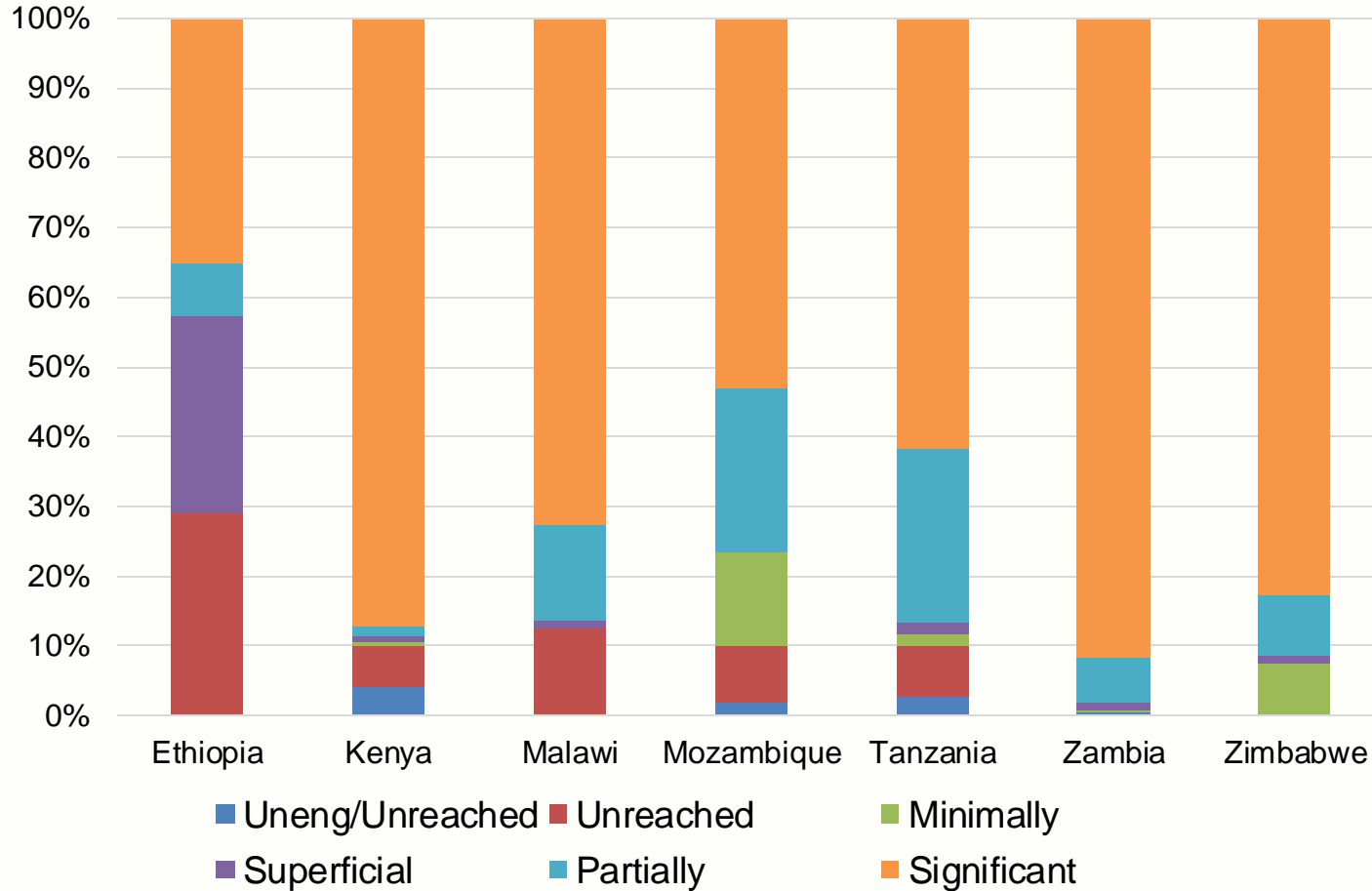
Muslims in Southeastern Districts



Border with Mozambique

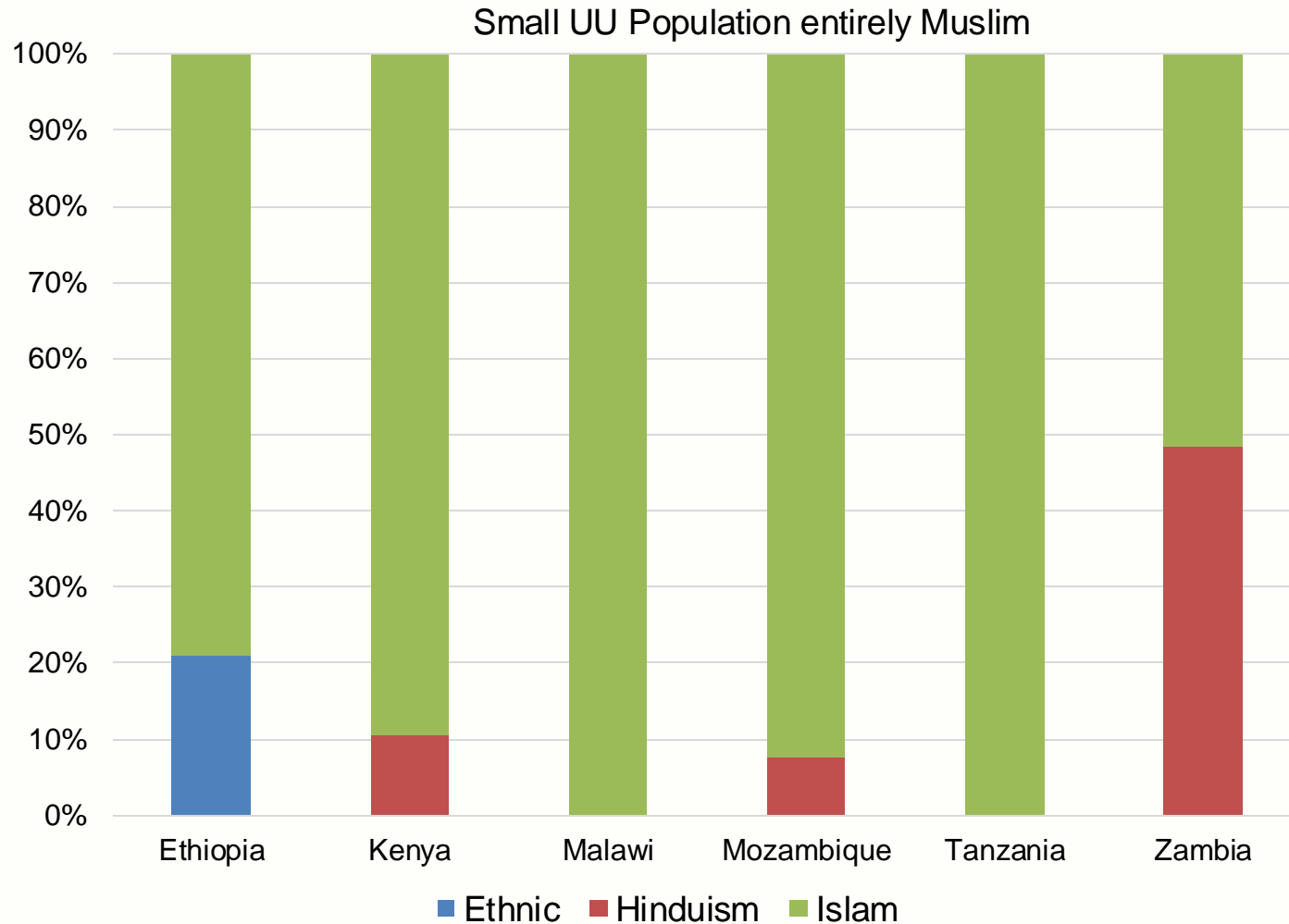


Reached Status of Malawi

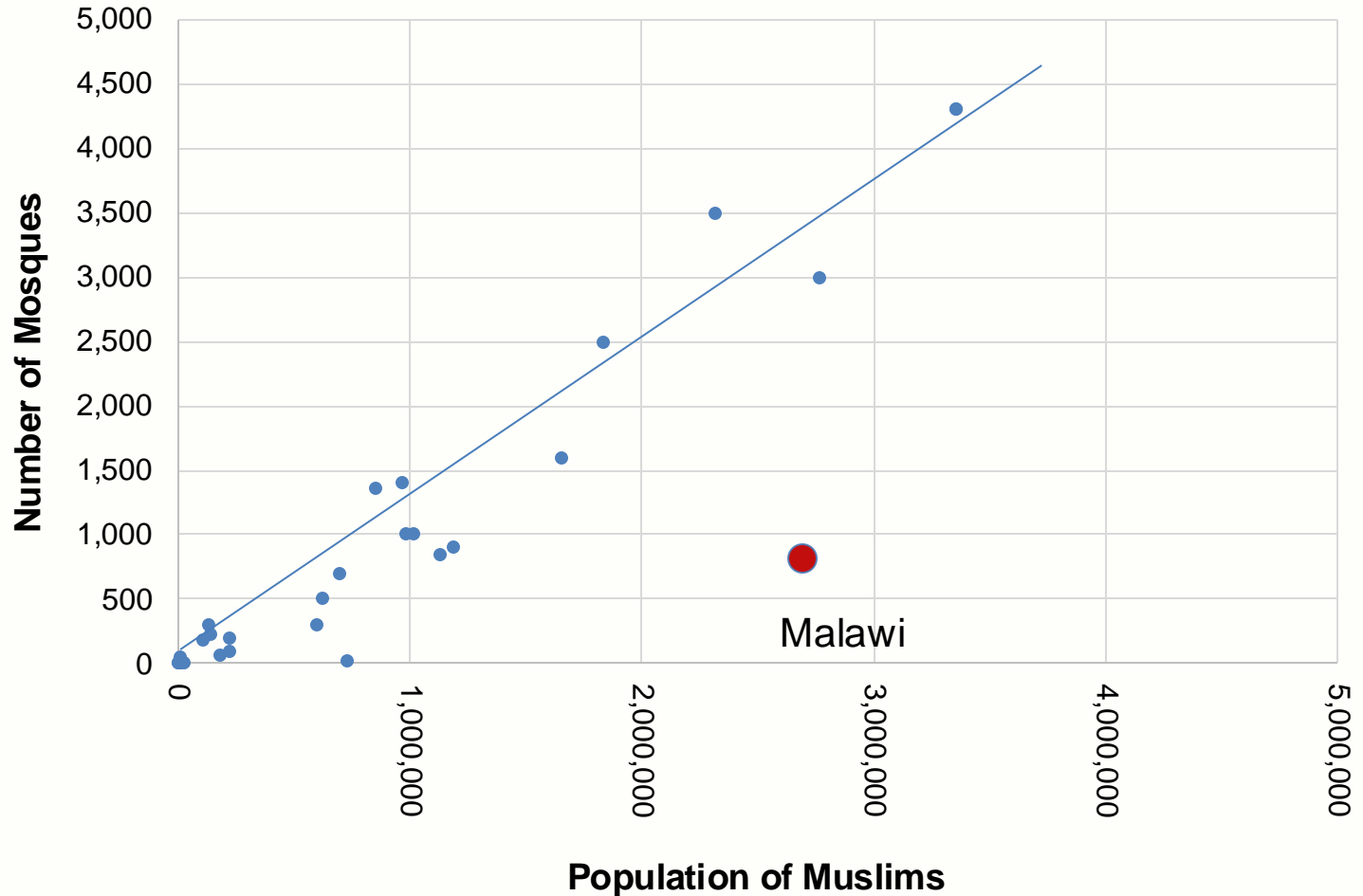




Religious Profile of UUPGs

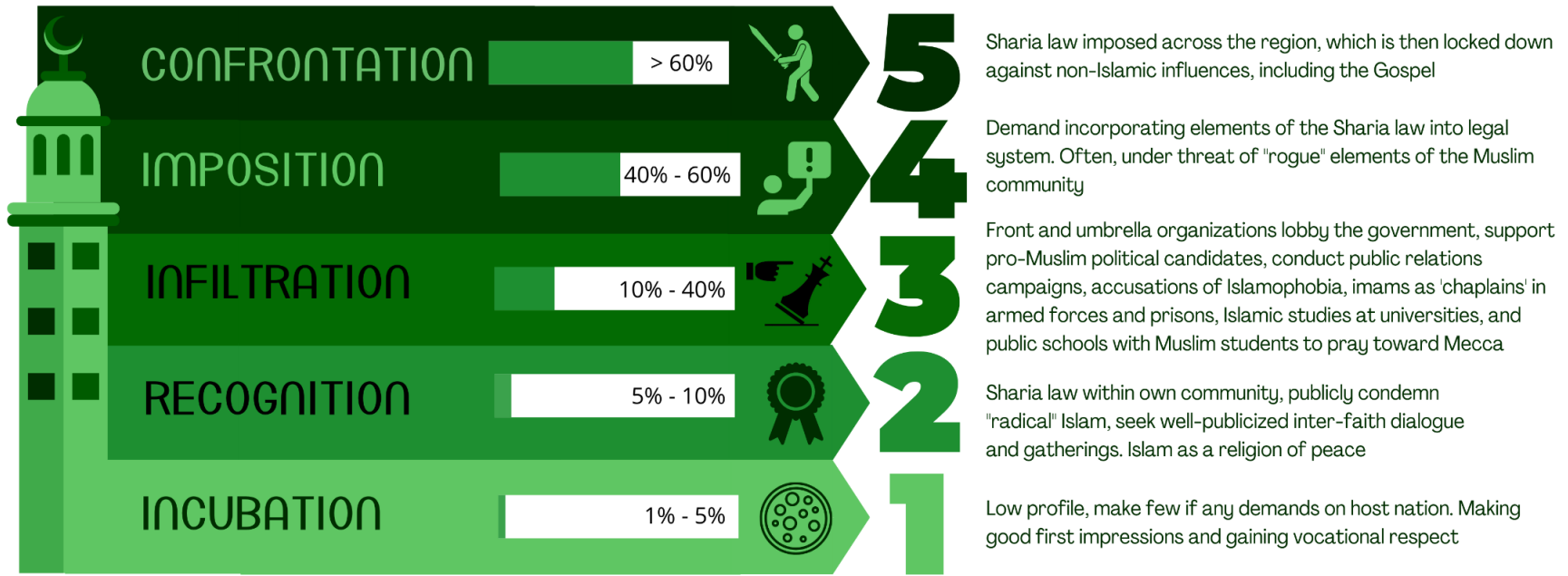


“Under-Mosqued” Relative to Other African Countries



Malawi in Infiltration Stage

“I was ordered to fight all men until they say ‘There is no God but Allah.’” (Muhammud March 632, Muhammad ibn Umar al-Waqidi)





Christianity in Malawi

Brief History of Christianity

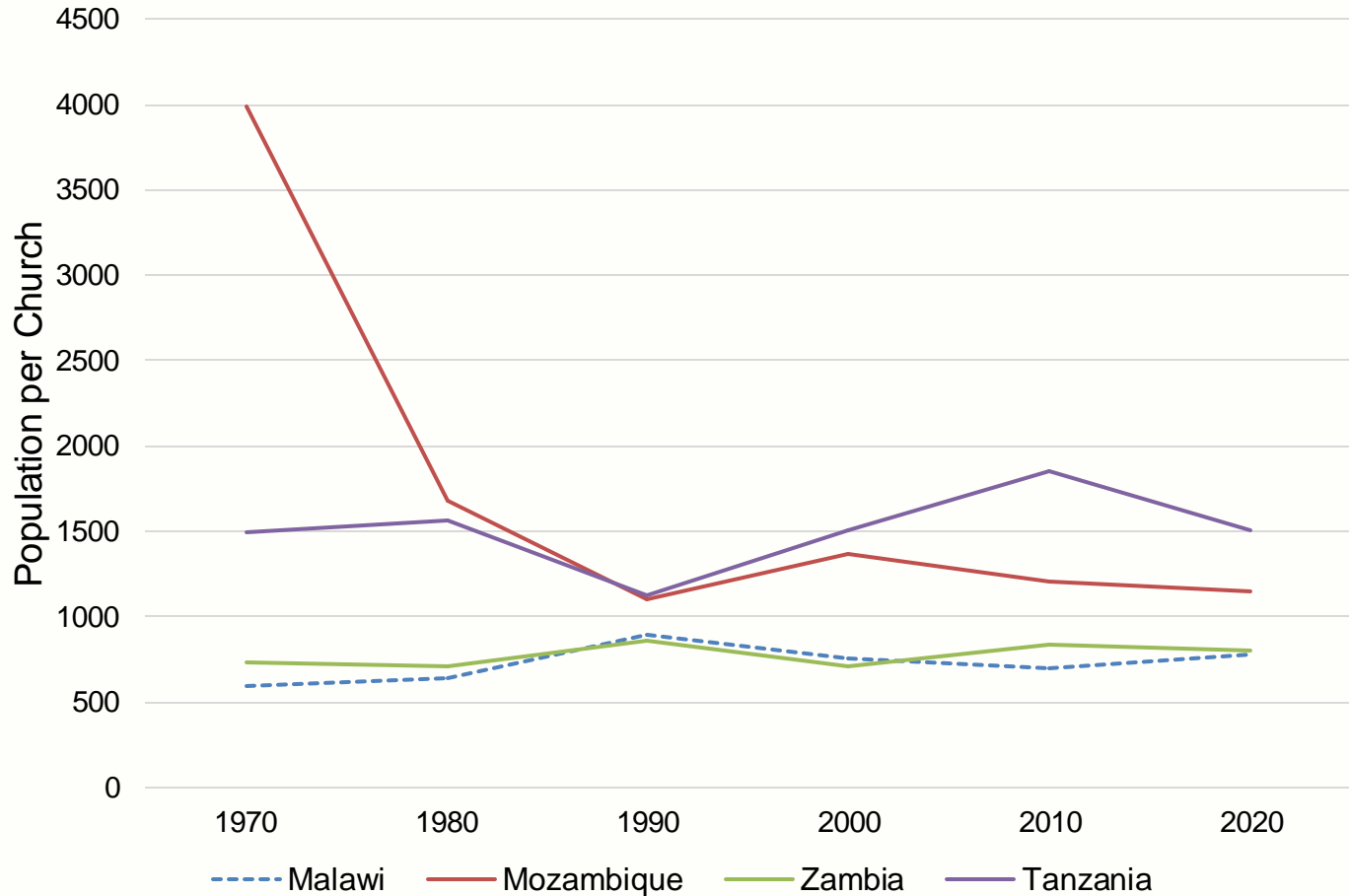
- 1859 – Arrival of the Portuguese
- 1859 – British missionary David Livingstone
- 1875 – First permanent Christian presence (Presbyterians)
- 1880s - First Catholic presence. Now largest church in Malawi.
- 1880s – First permanent presence by Anglicans.
- 1890s – First evangelical presence (Baptist)
- 1980s – Pentecostals and charismatics
- Early 1990s – African Independent Churches

Profile of Churches

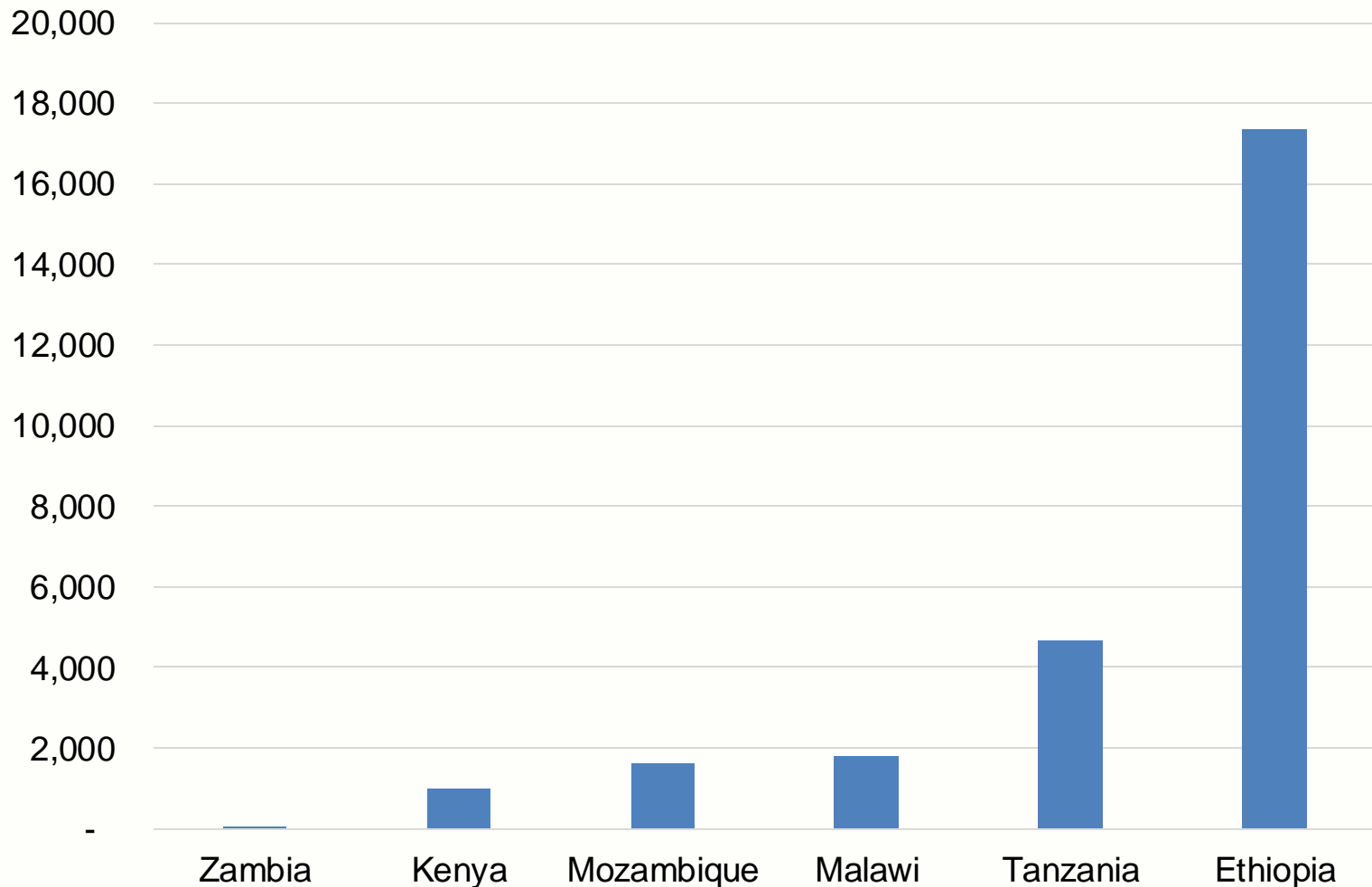
TEN LARGEST DENOMINATIONS	NUMBER OF CHURCHES
Church of Christ (Non-Instrumental)	3,951
Church of Central African Presbyterian	3,892
Assemblies of God in Malawi	2,194
Baptist Convention of Malawi	2,000
New Apostolic Church	1,825
Seventh Day Adventist	1,408
African Baptist Assembly Malawi	800
Living Waters Church	700
Evangelistic Church	600
Zambezi Evangelical Church	500
TOTAL (of 25,172 in Malawi, 71%)	17,870



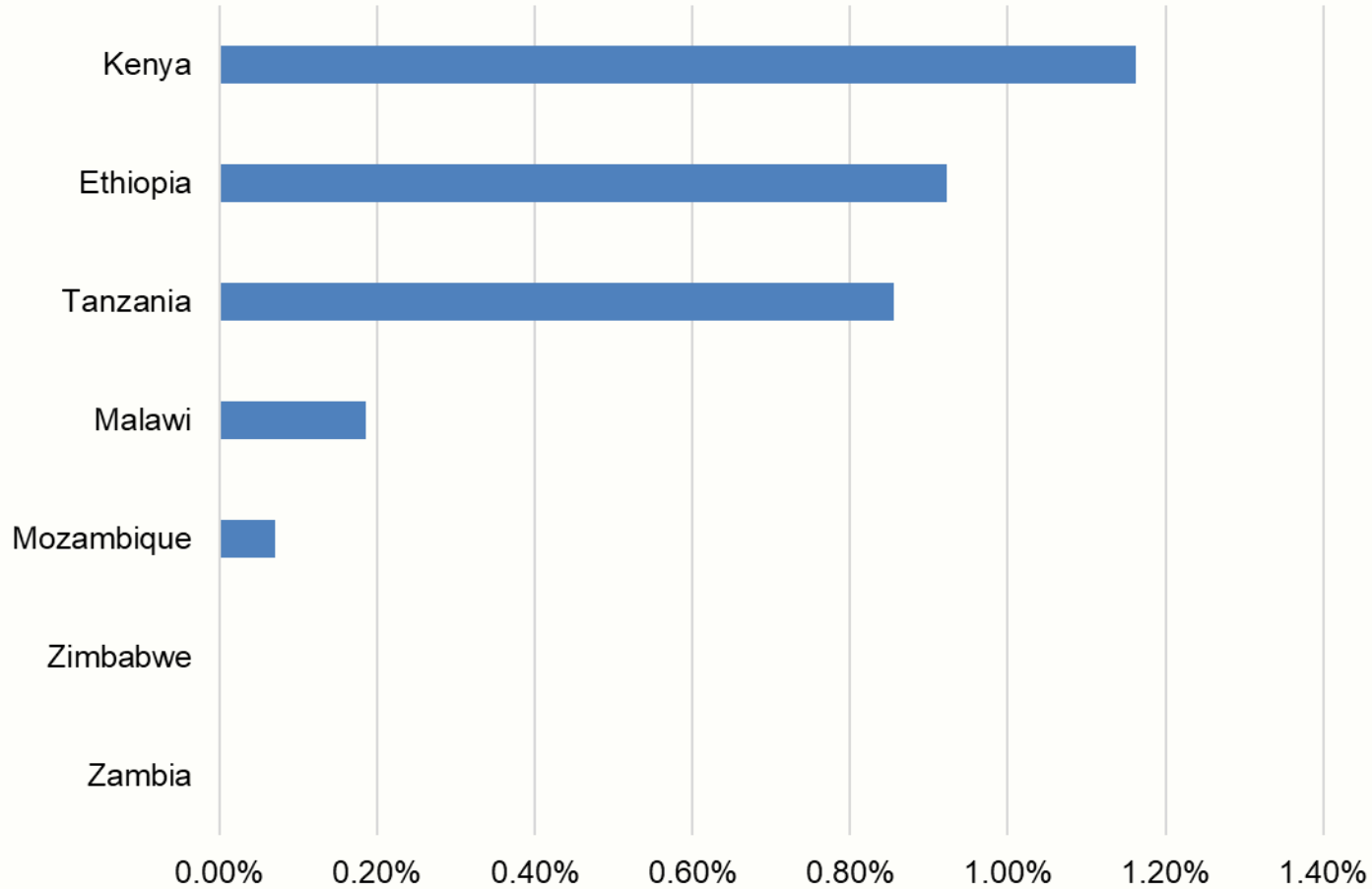
Church Growth \approx Population Growth



Muslims per Missionary Received



Percent of Muslims that are MBBs



Build Missiological Focus of Seminaries is Critical

- Current focus lacking
- Inherited from (post)colonial model of theological training
- African Christianity fragile due to lack of focus on missionary identity in theological training
- Africa is Christianized, but without impact
- Increasing awareness to increase missiological focus
- Increasing efforts to build missiological focus
 - Fohle Lygunda Li-M's "Antioch" model

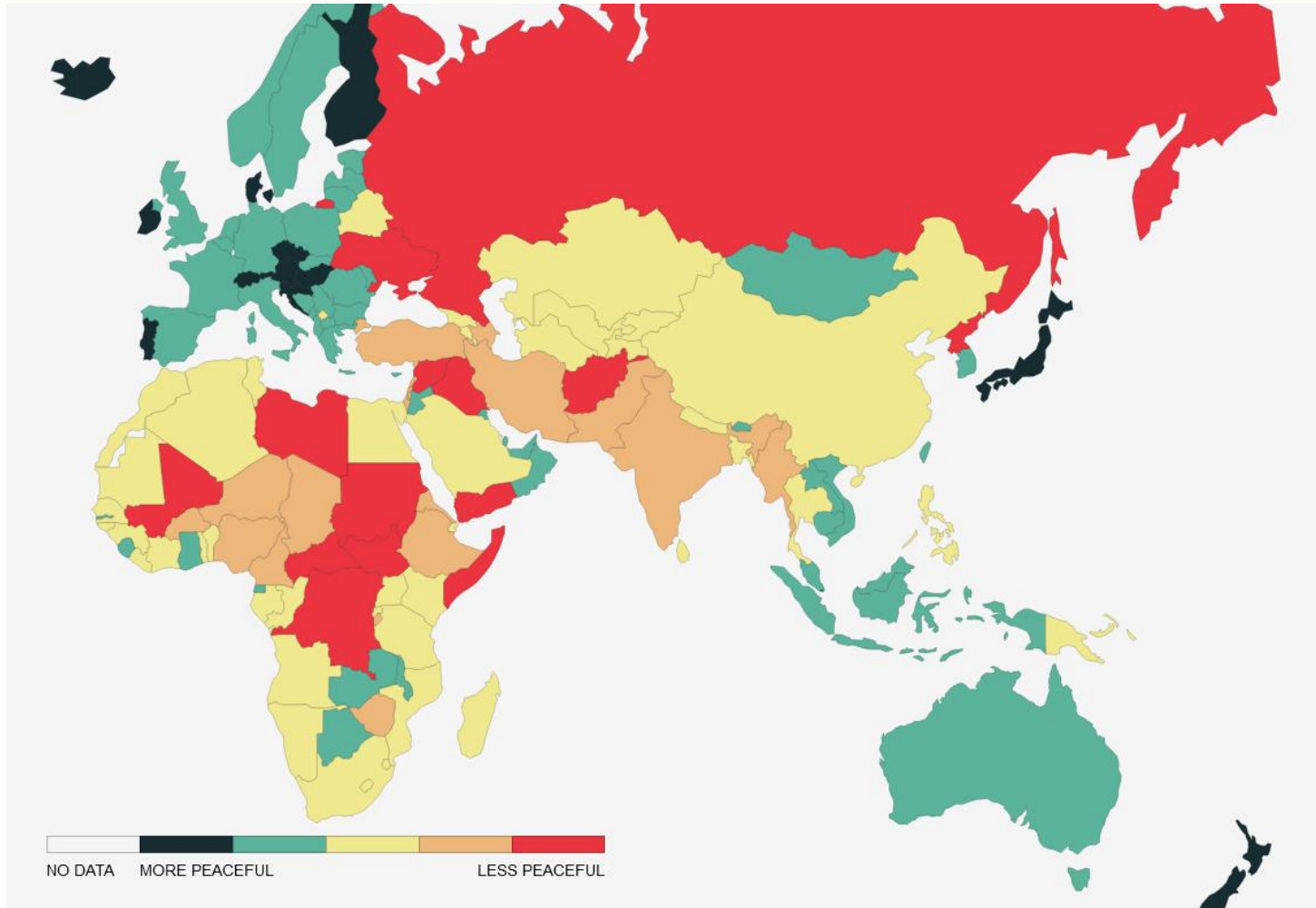


Understanding Malawi

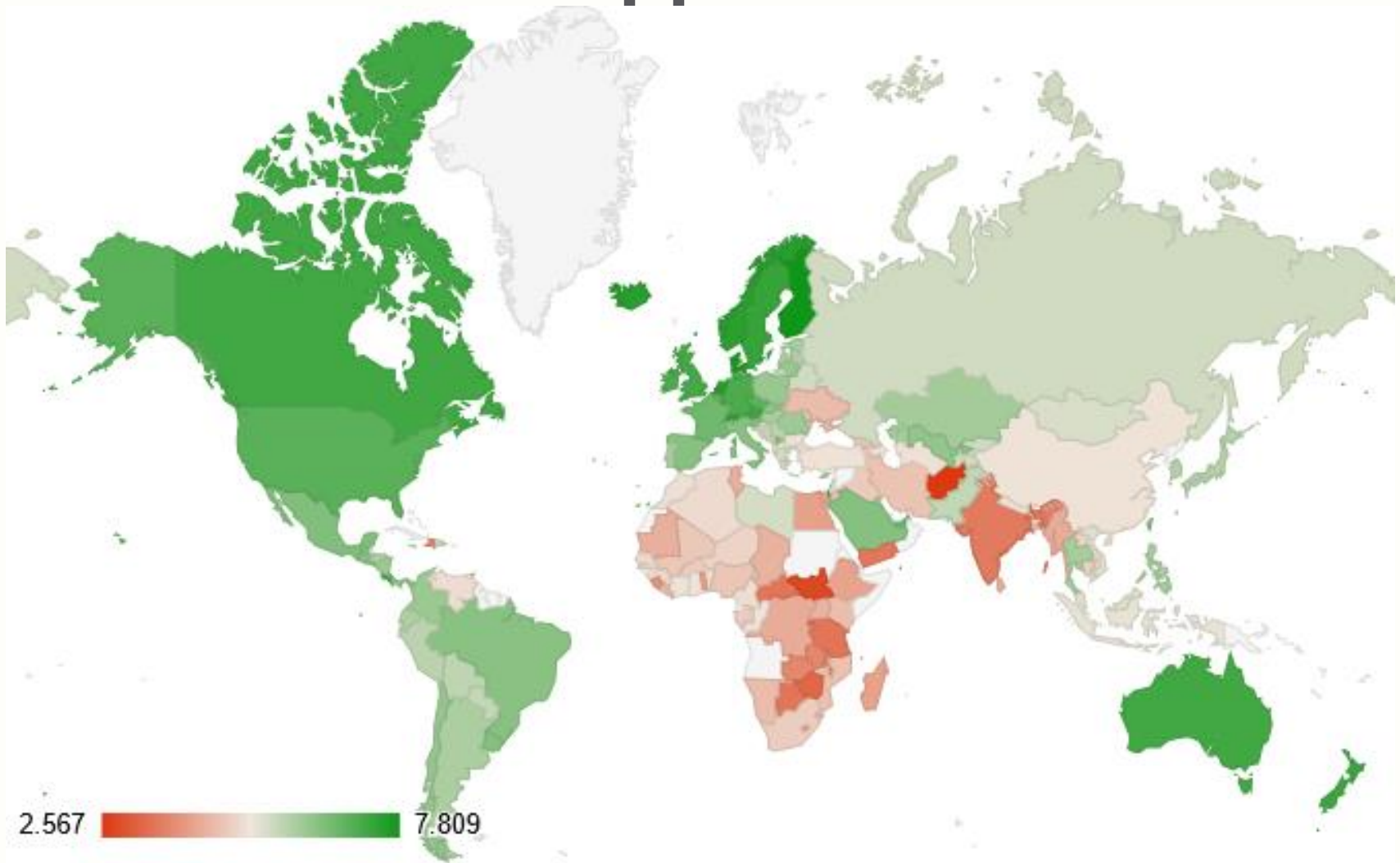
Brief Political History

- British occupation began in 1880s
- British protectorate in 1891
- Encouraged growth of Christianity, discouraged Islam
- Nationalist movement gathered momentum in 1950s
- 1953 – Protectorate within the semi-independent Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland
- 1964 – Full independence – Malawi
- 1970-94 – Totalitarian one-party state under Hastings Banda
- Current president Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera. Former theologian, former president of Malawi Assemblies of God

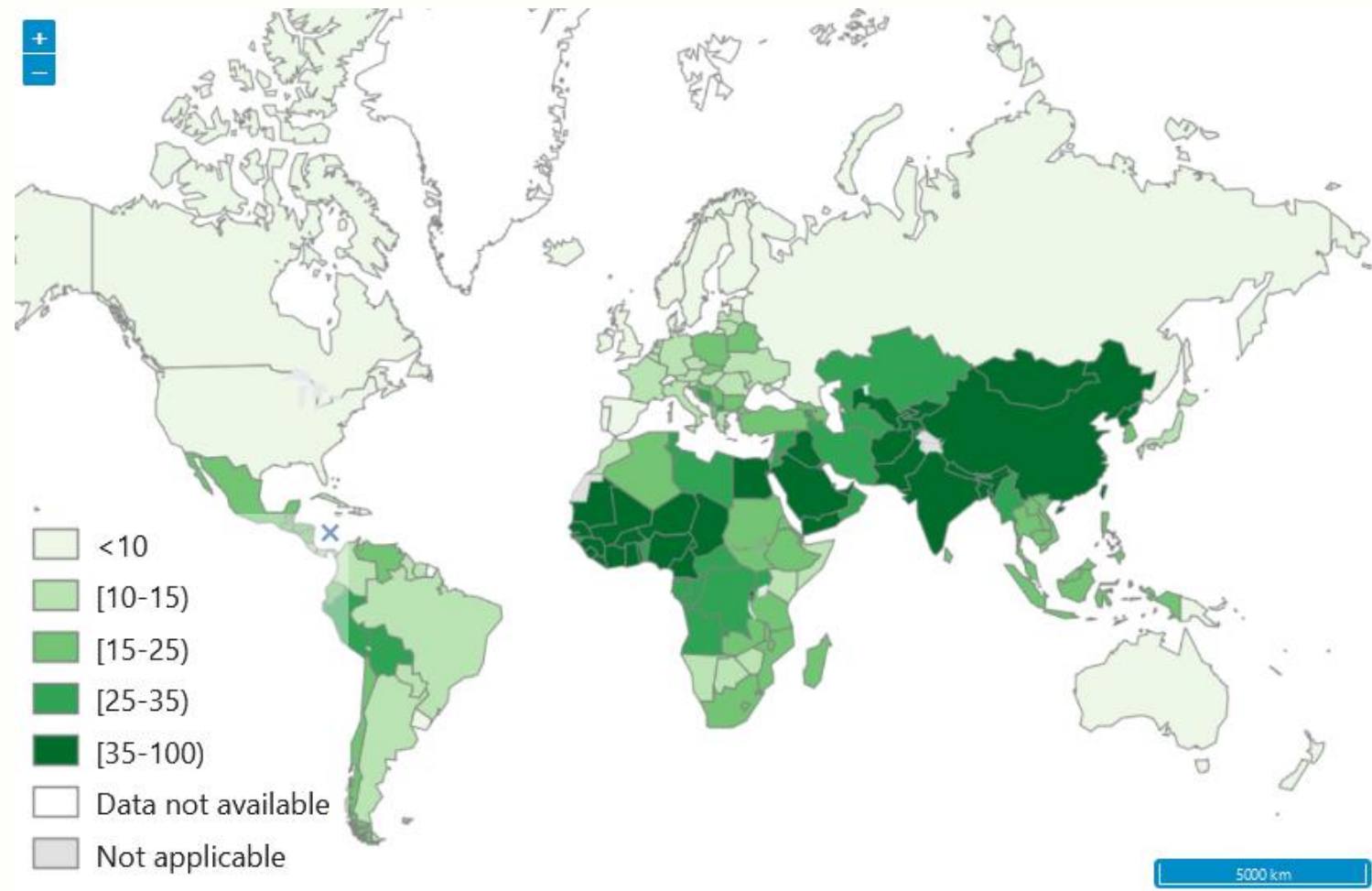
Global Peace Index



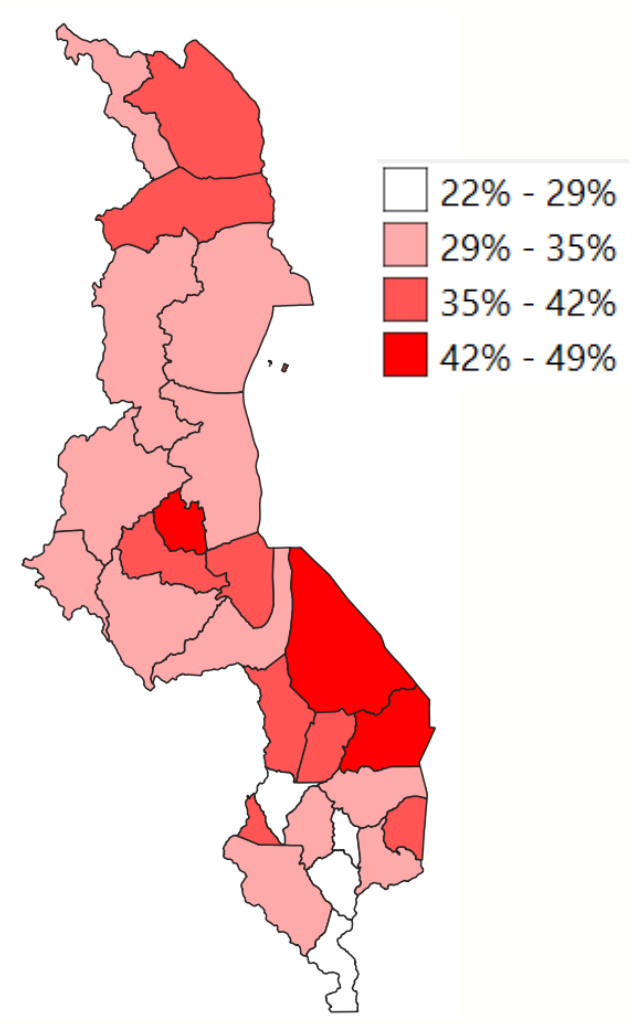
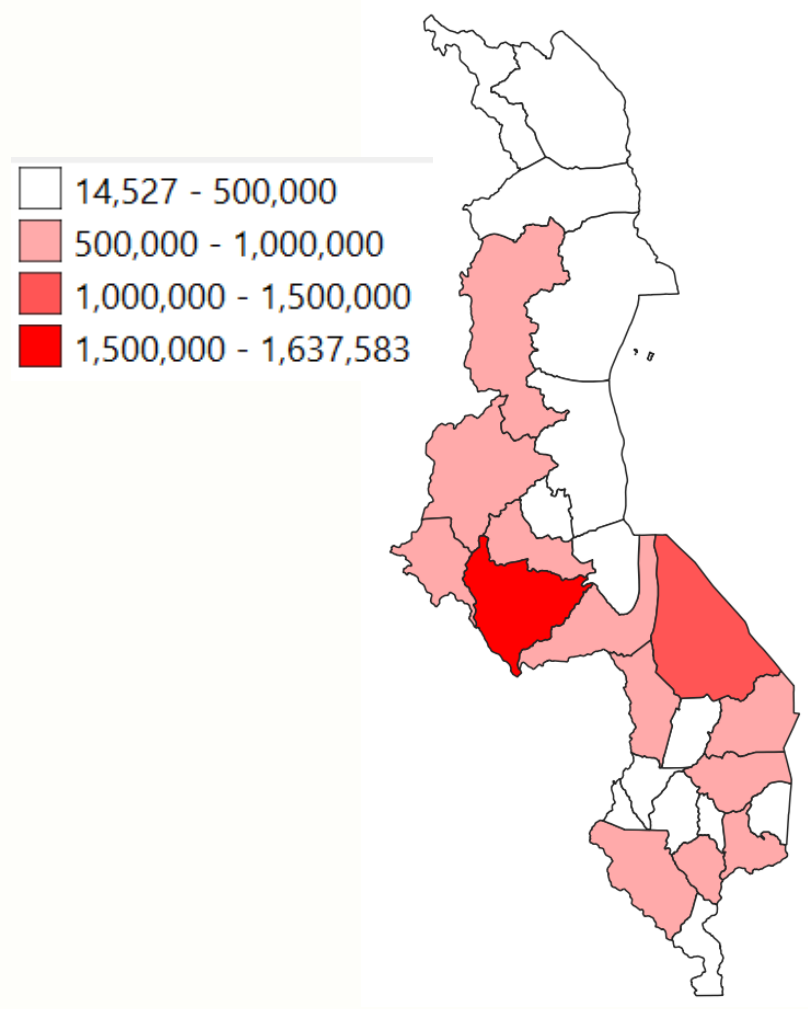
Low Level of Happiness



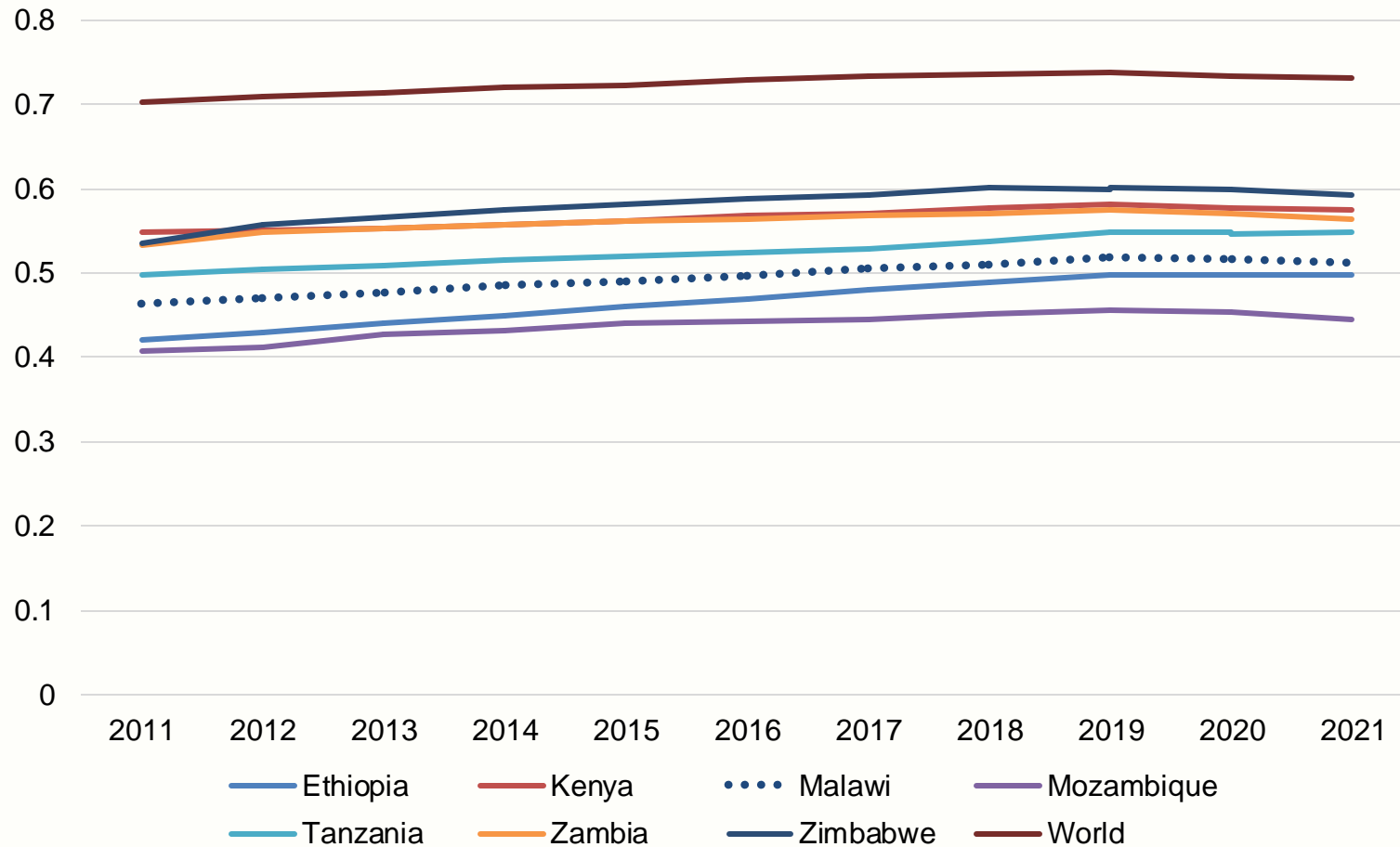
Medium Air Pollution Levels



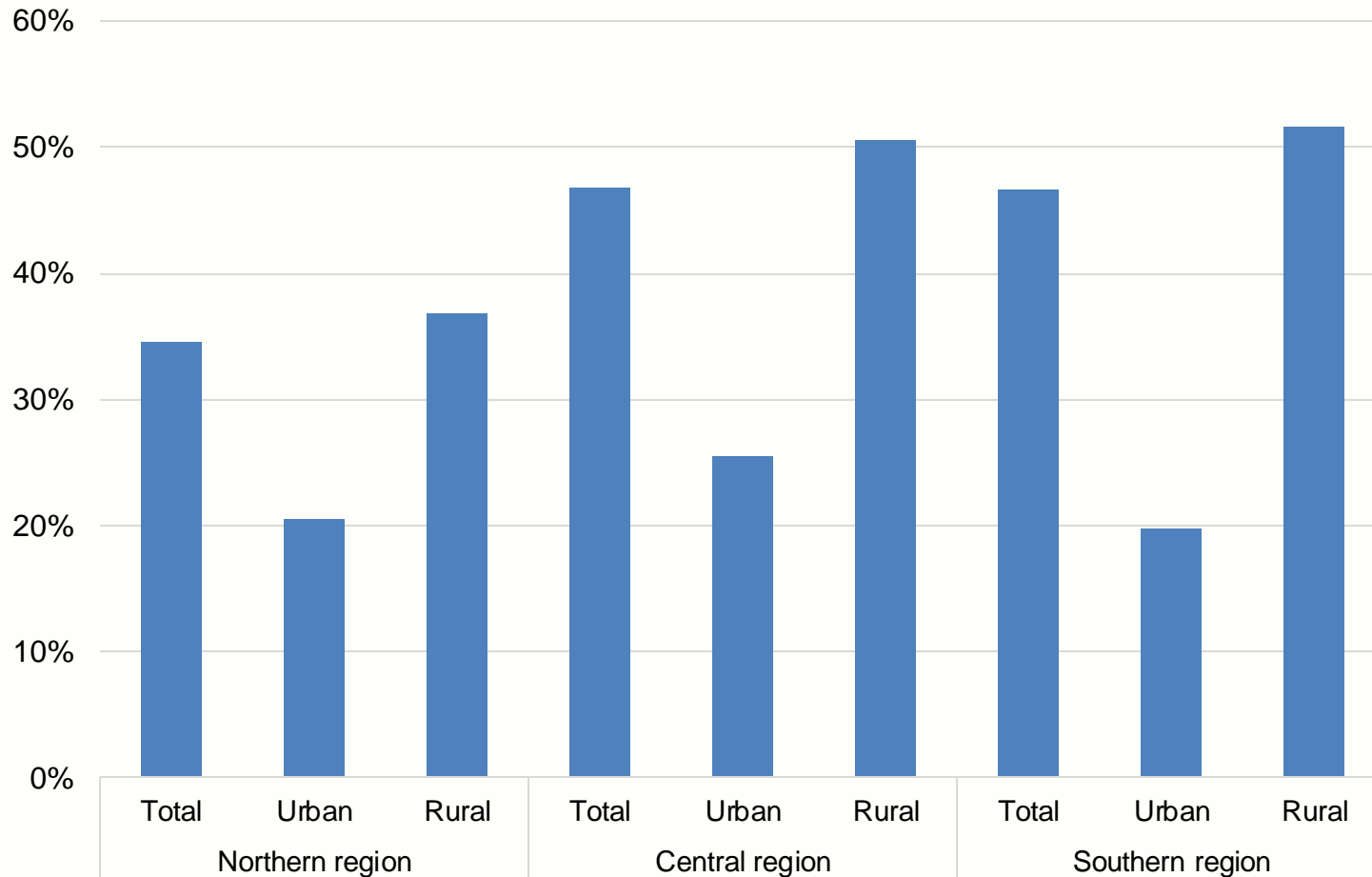
2018 Pop, Pop Growth 2008-18



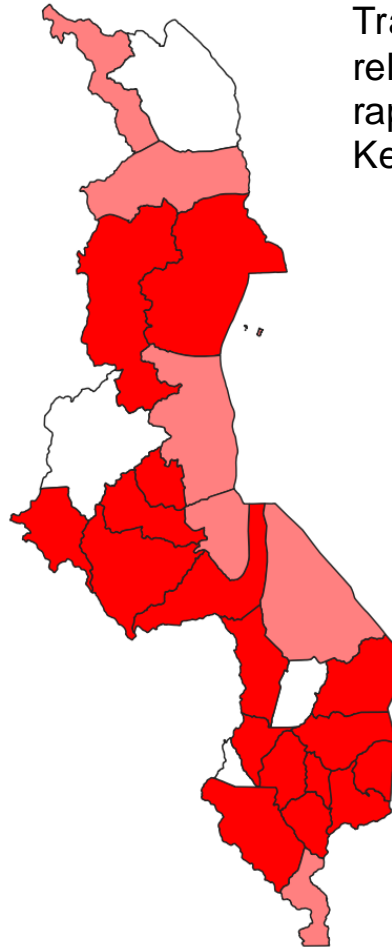
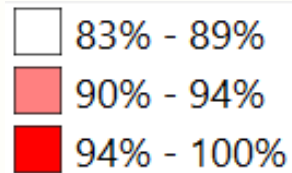
Human Development Index



High Rural Illiteracy 2018



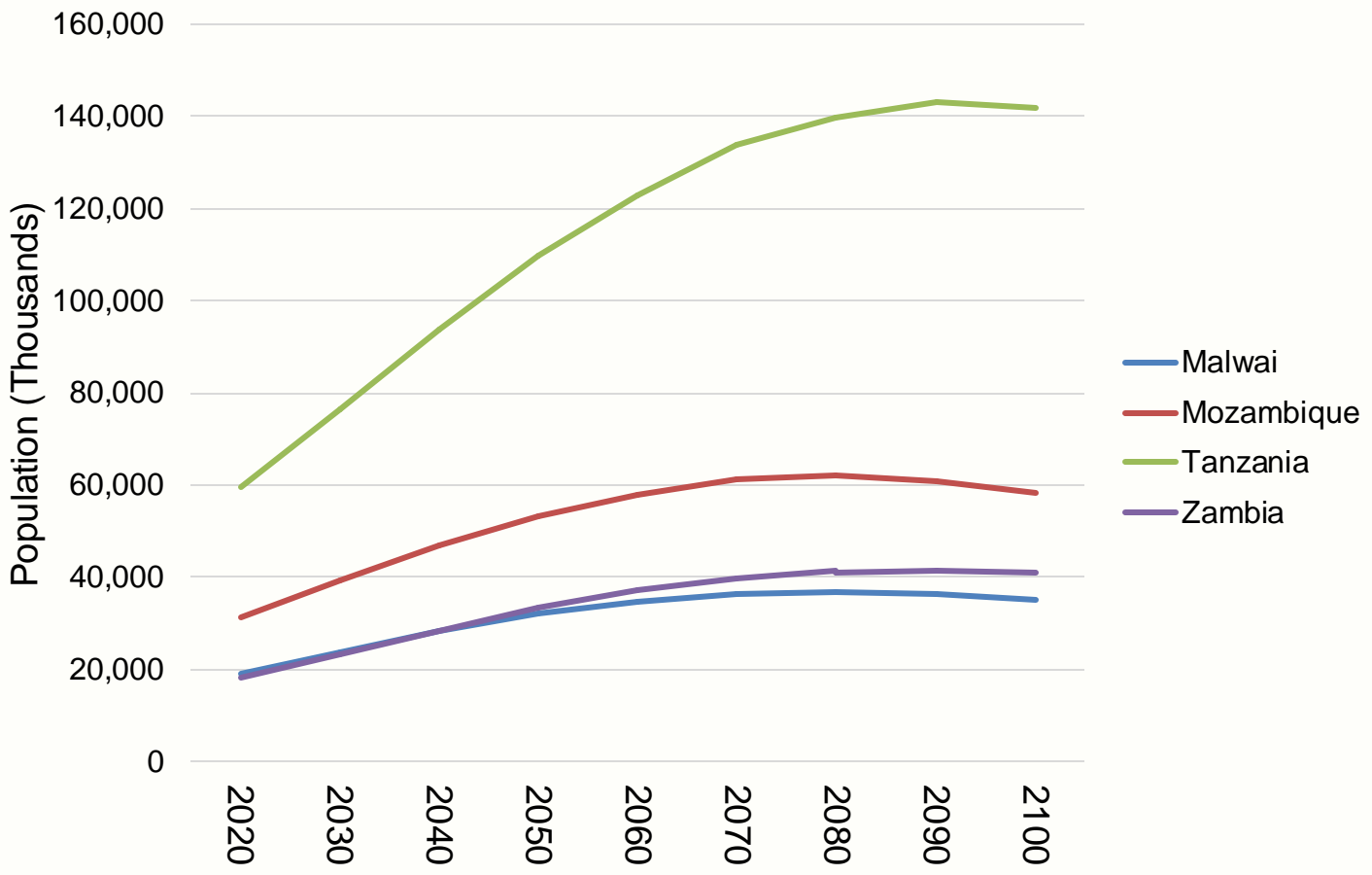
Percent Rural 2018



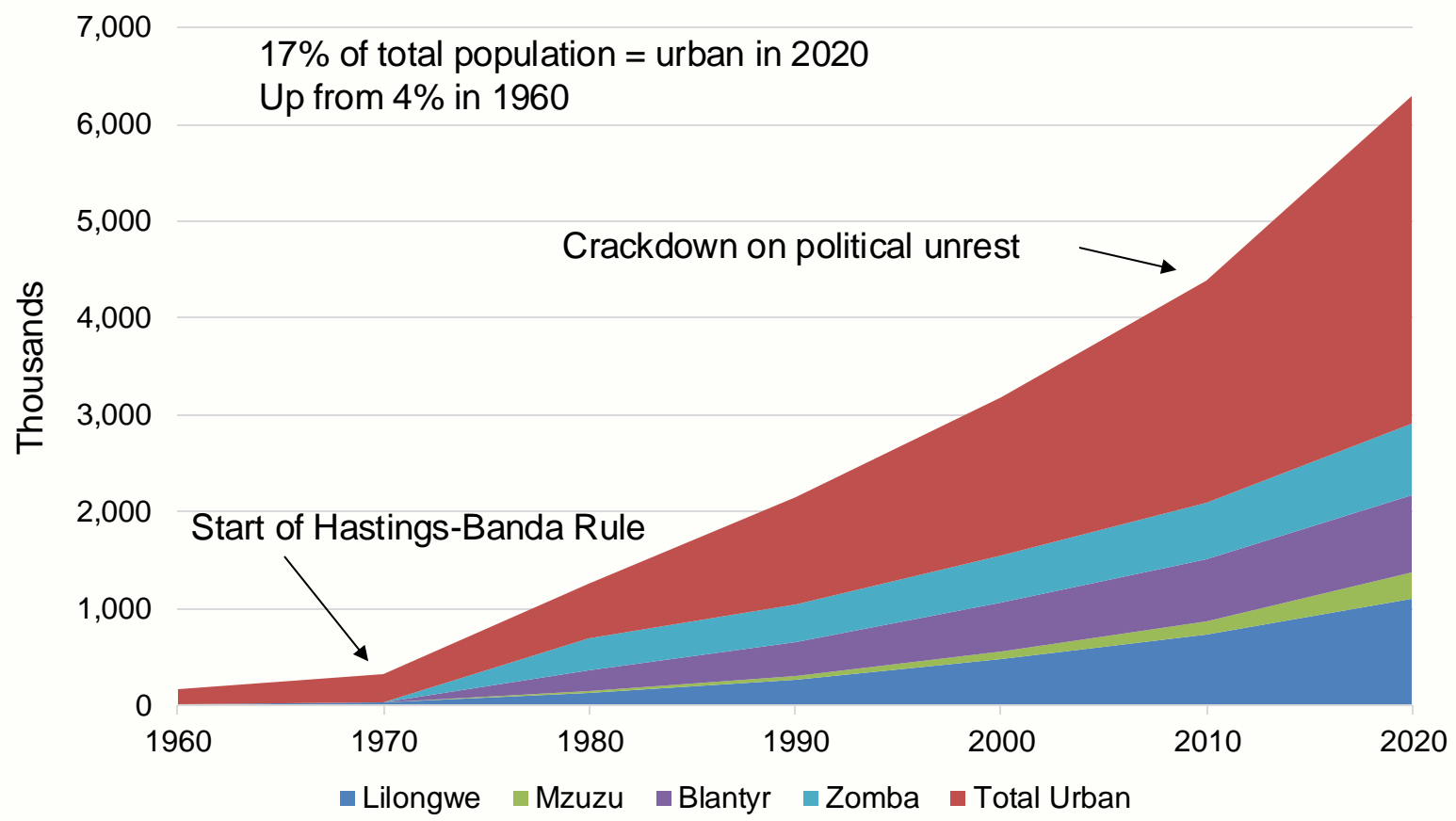
Traditional models of missions are still relevant in Malawi compared to more rapidly urbanizing countries such as Kenya.



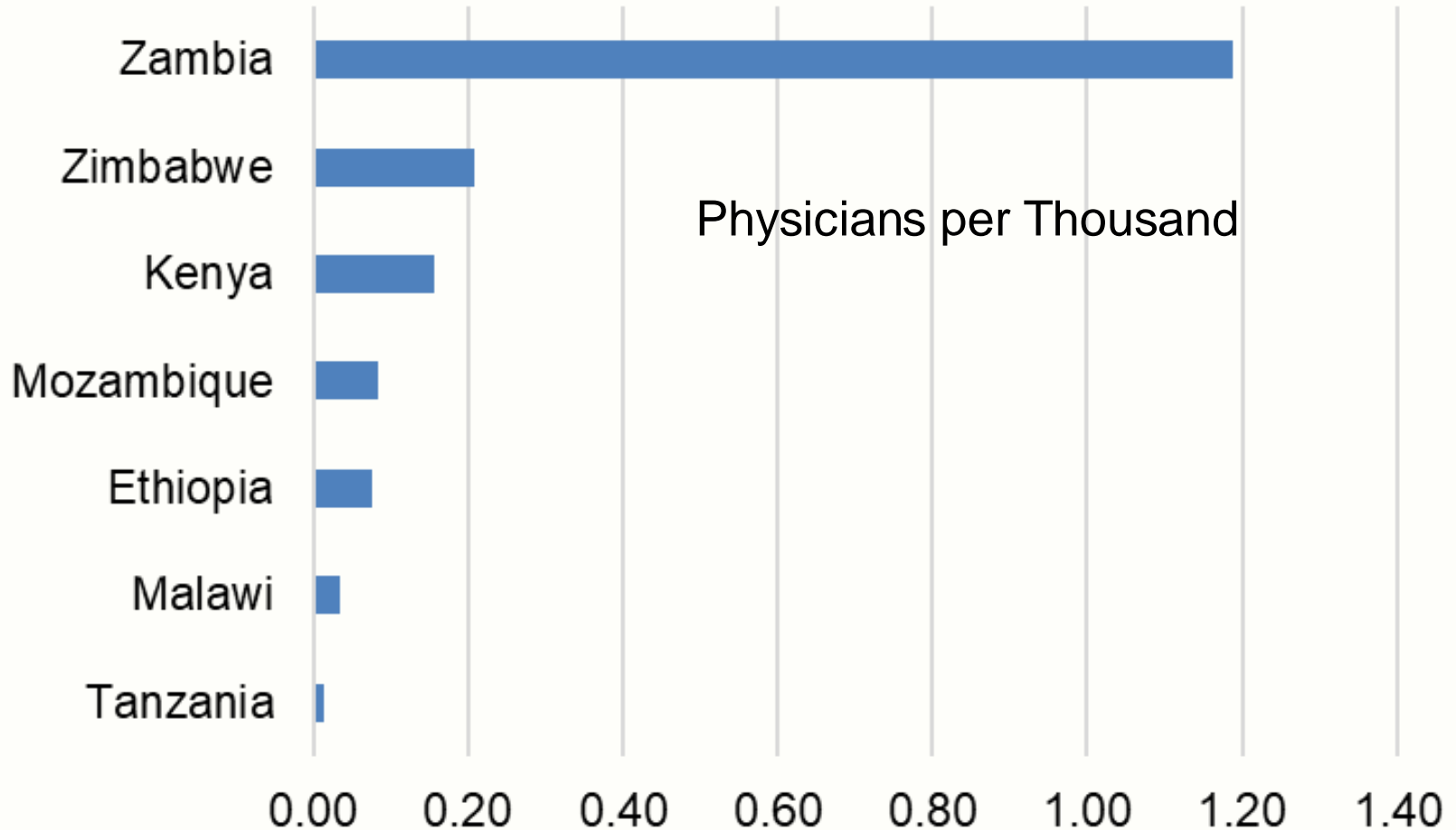
Manageable Population Growth



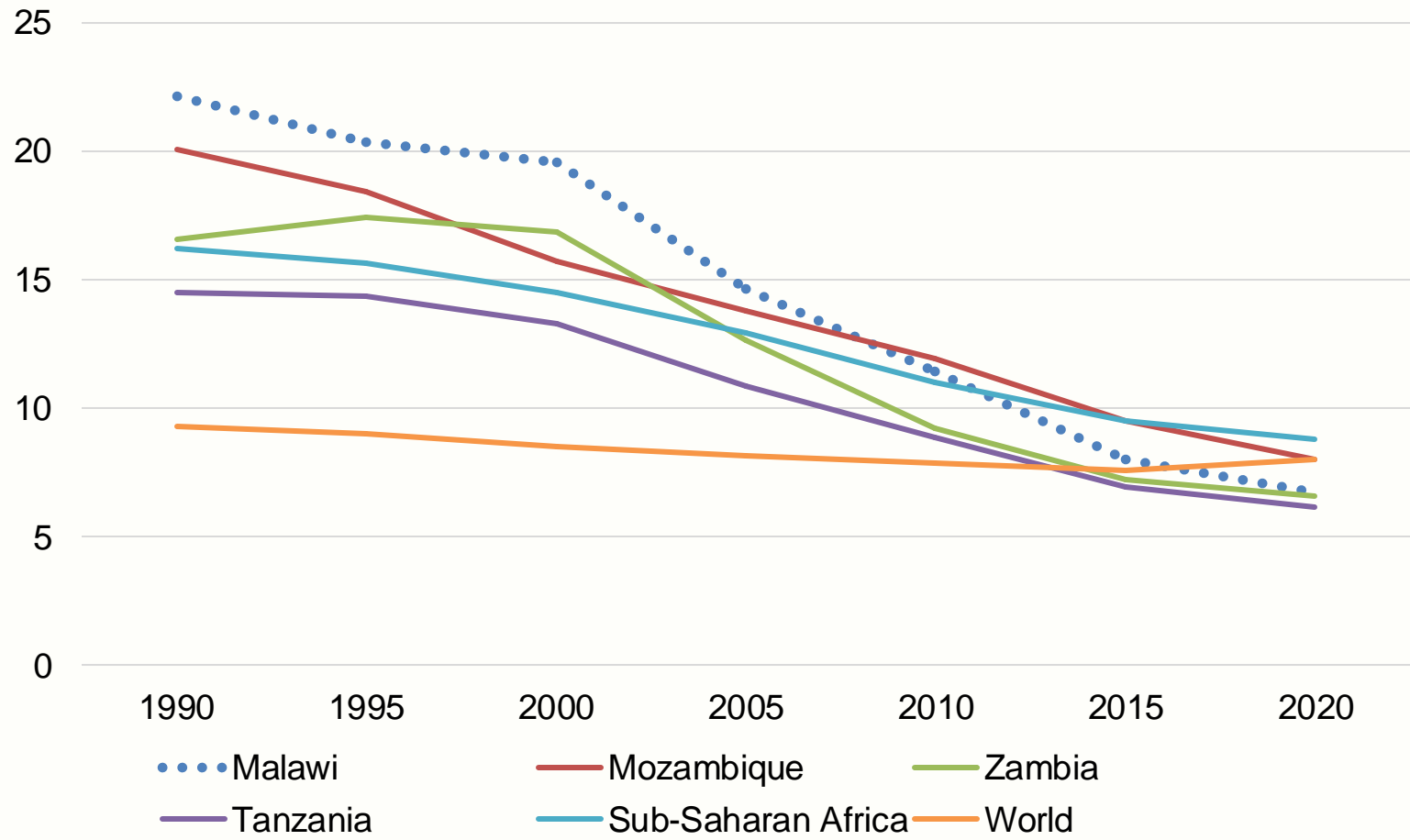
Urban Composition



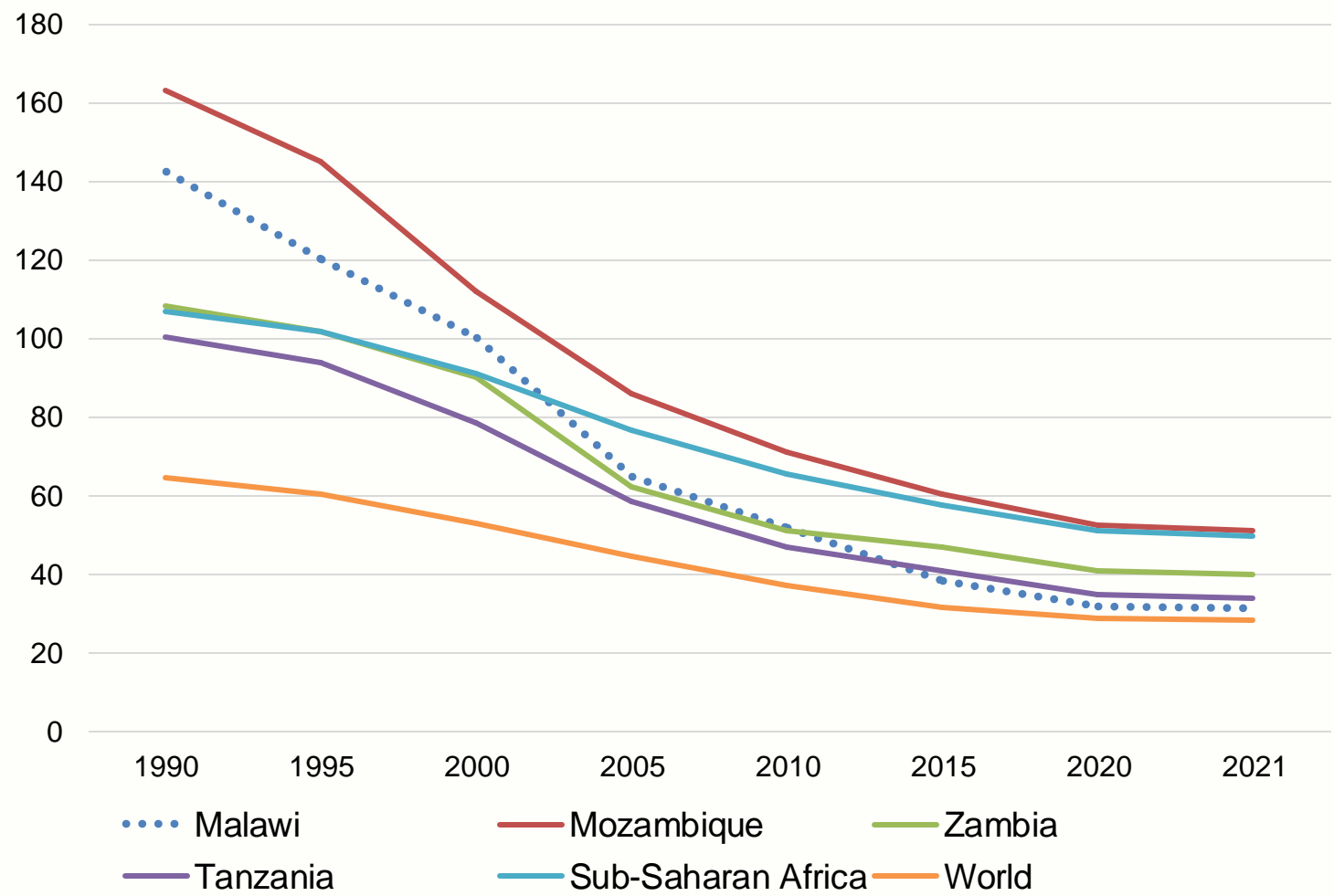
Poor Health Care Access



Maternity Deaths per 100,000 Births

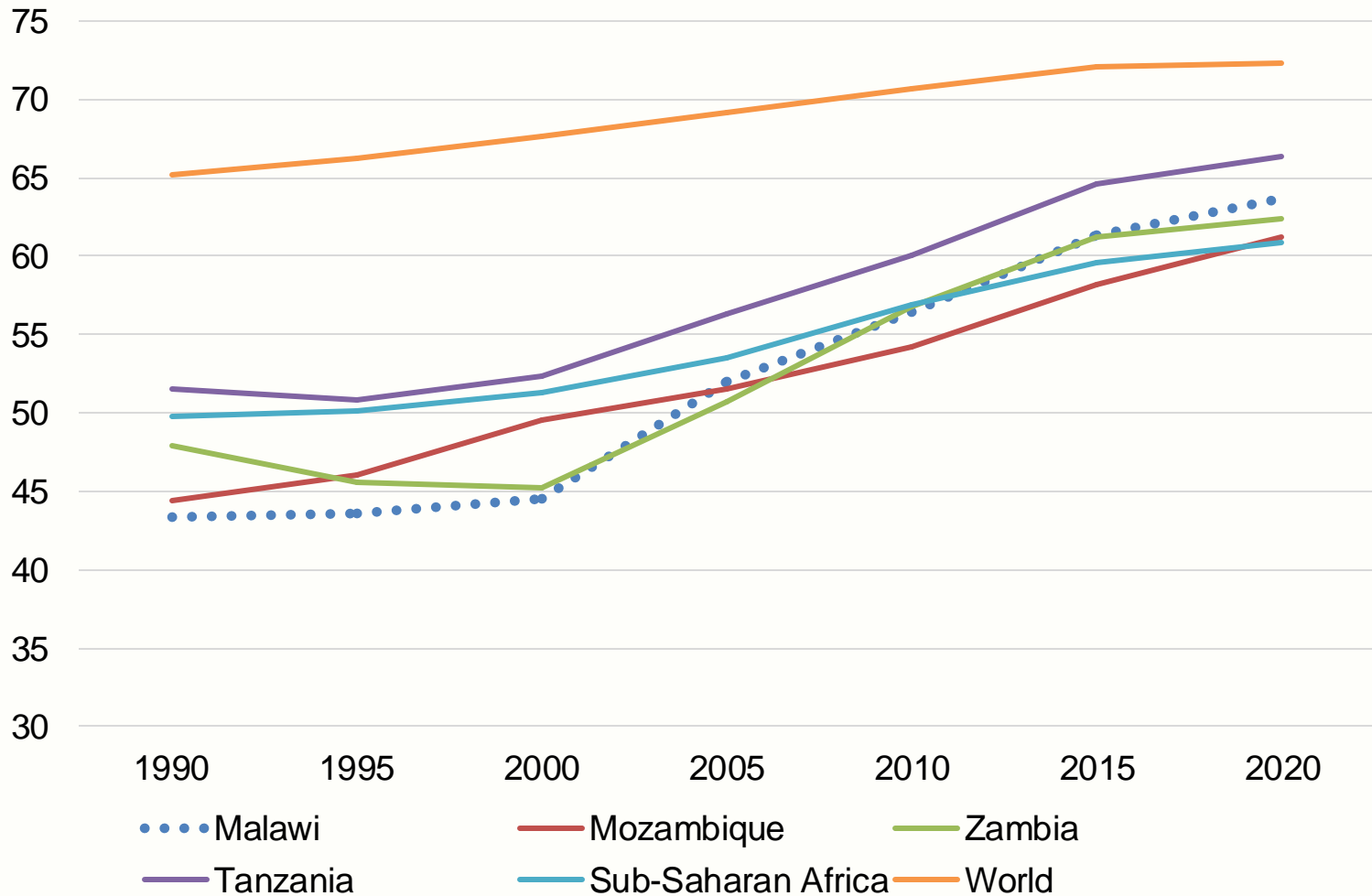


Infant Mortality

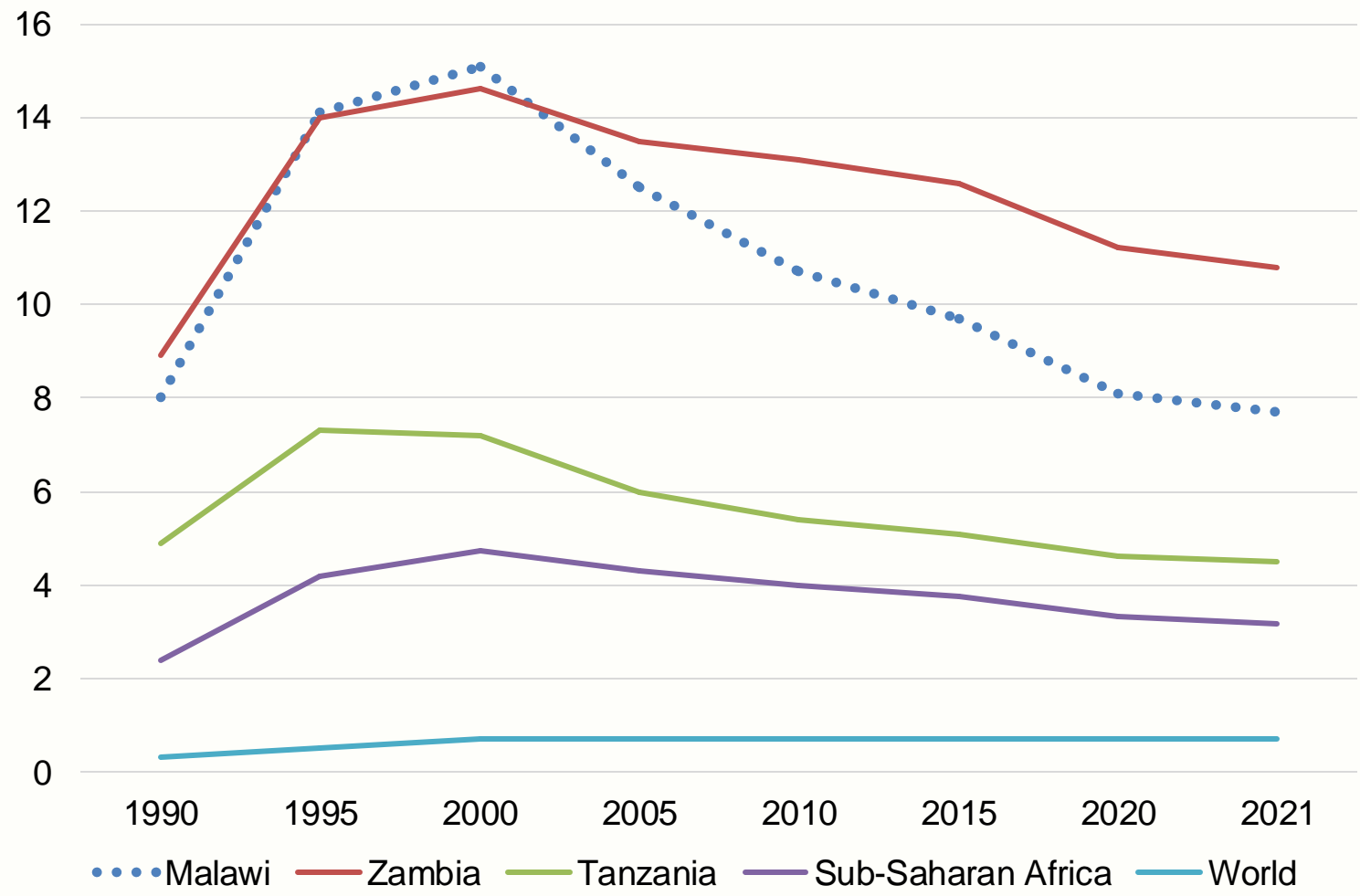




Life Expectancy at Birth



HIV Infection Rate (ages 15-49)

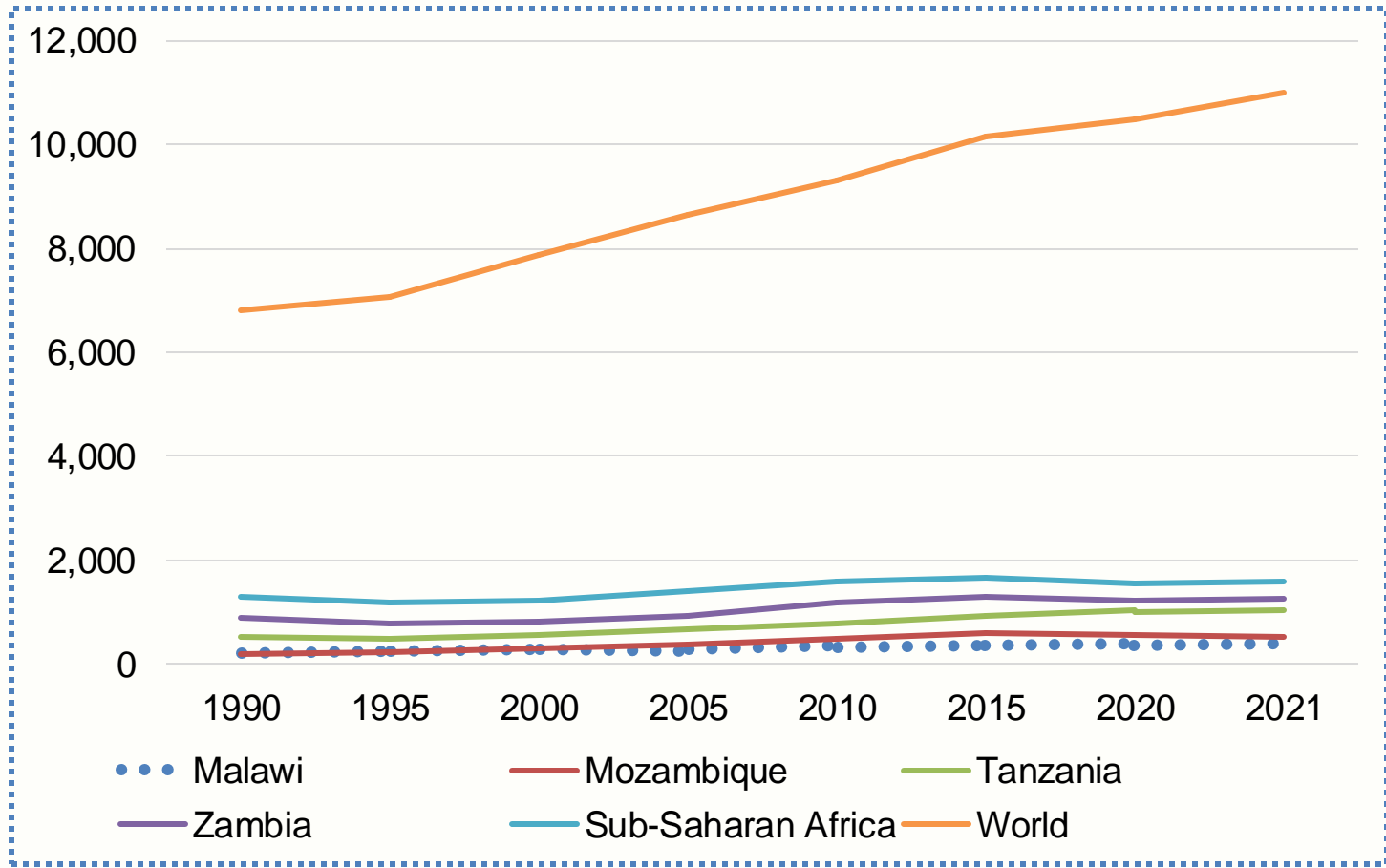


Economic Profile

- A least developed economy according to the UN
- Composition of GDP (2017) by Origin:
 - Agriculture – 23%
 - Industry – 18%
 - Services – 52%
- Occupation (2017)
 - Agriculture (77%)
 - Industry (4%)
 - Services (19%)

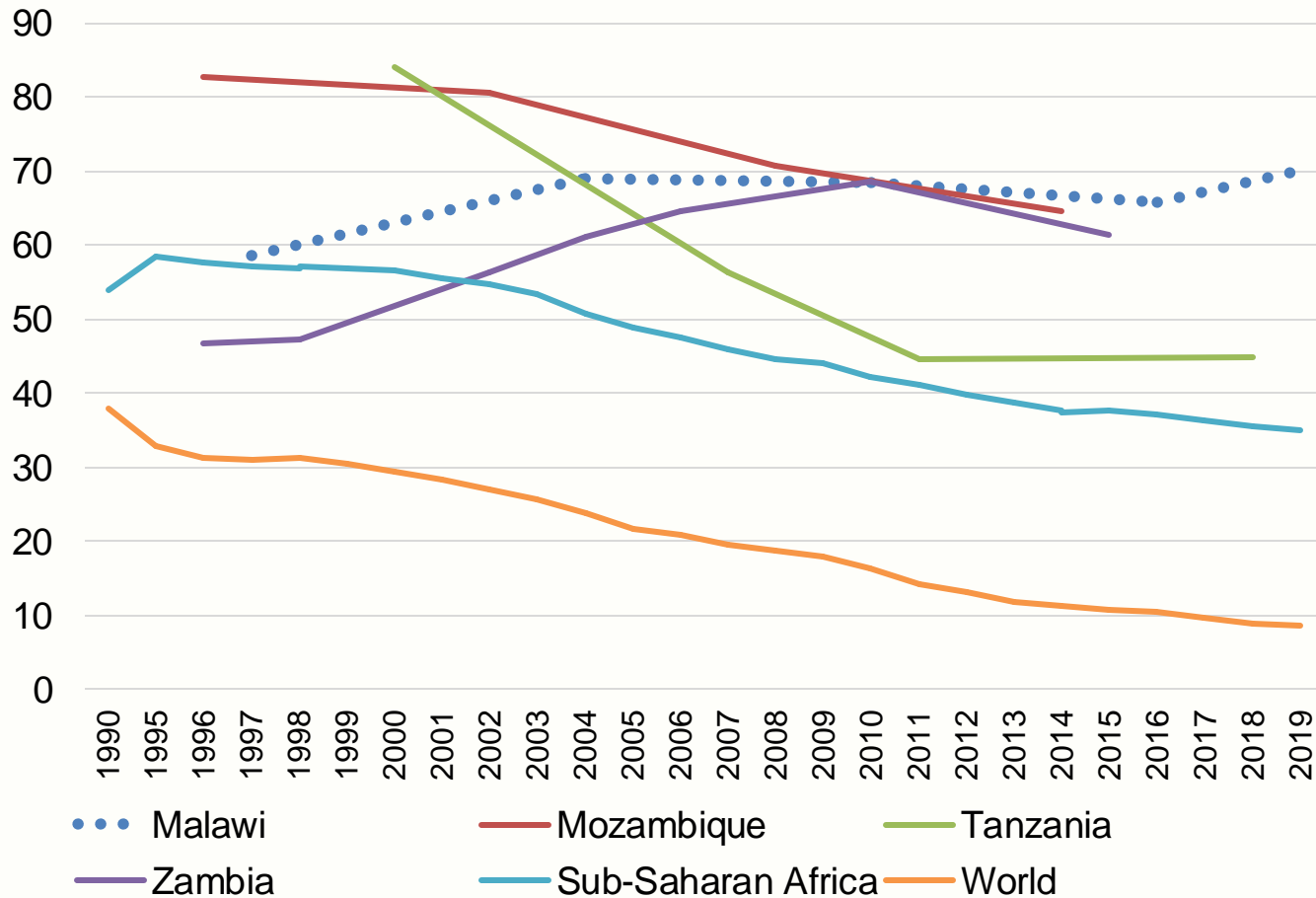


Low Per Capita GDP

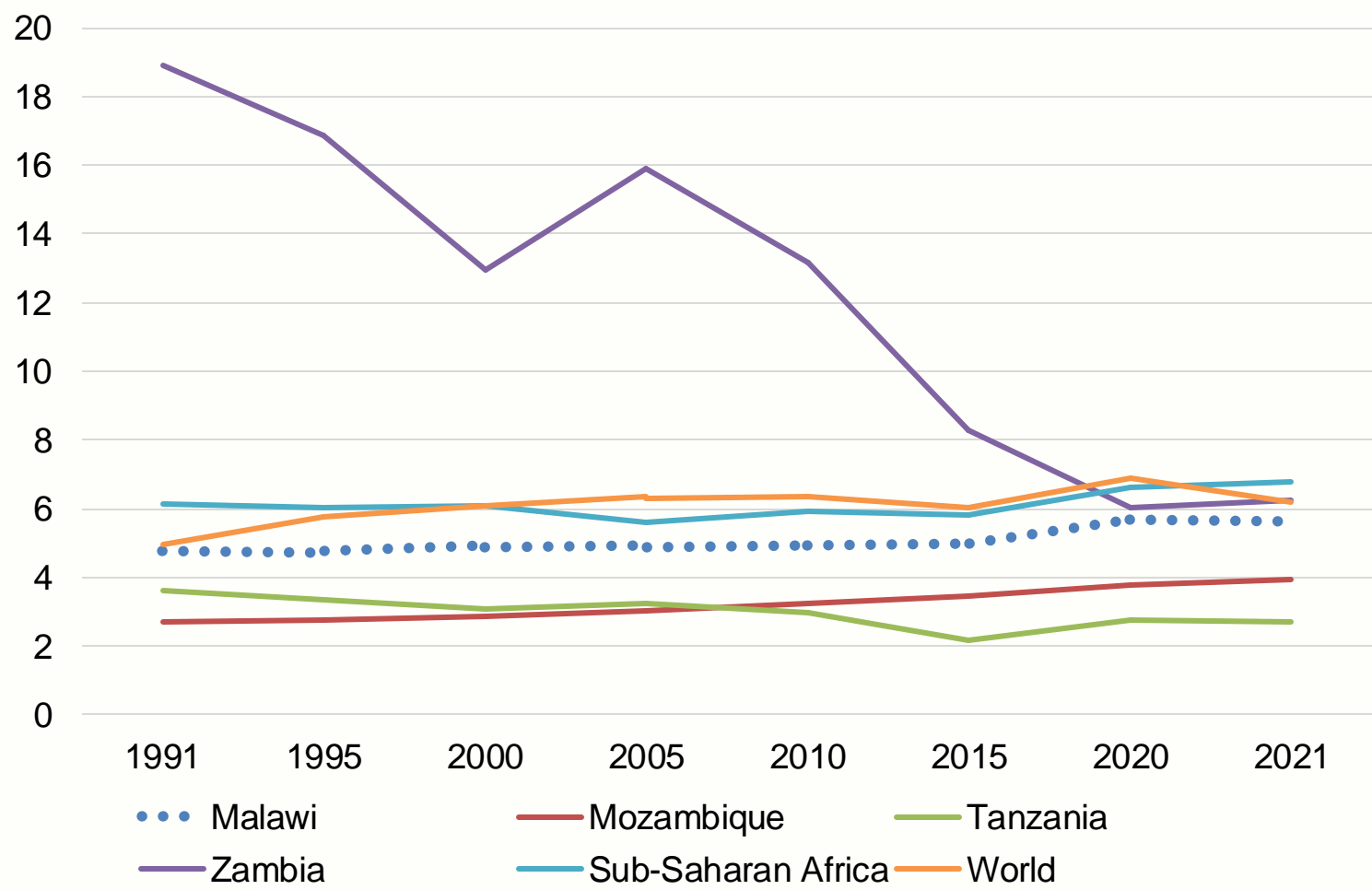




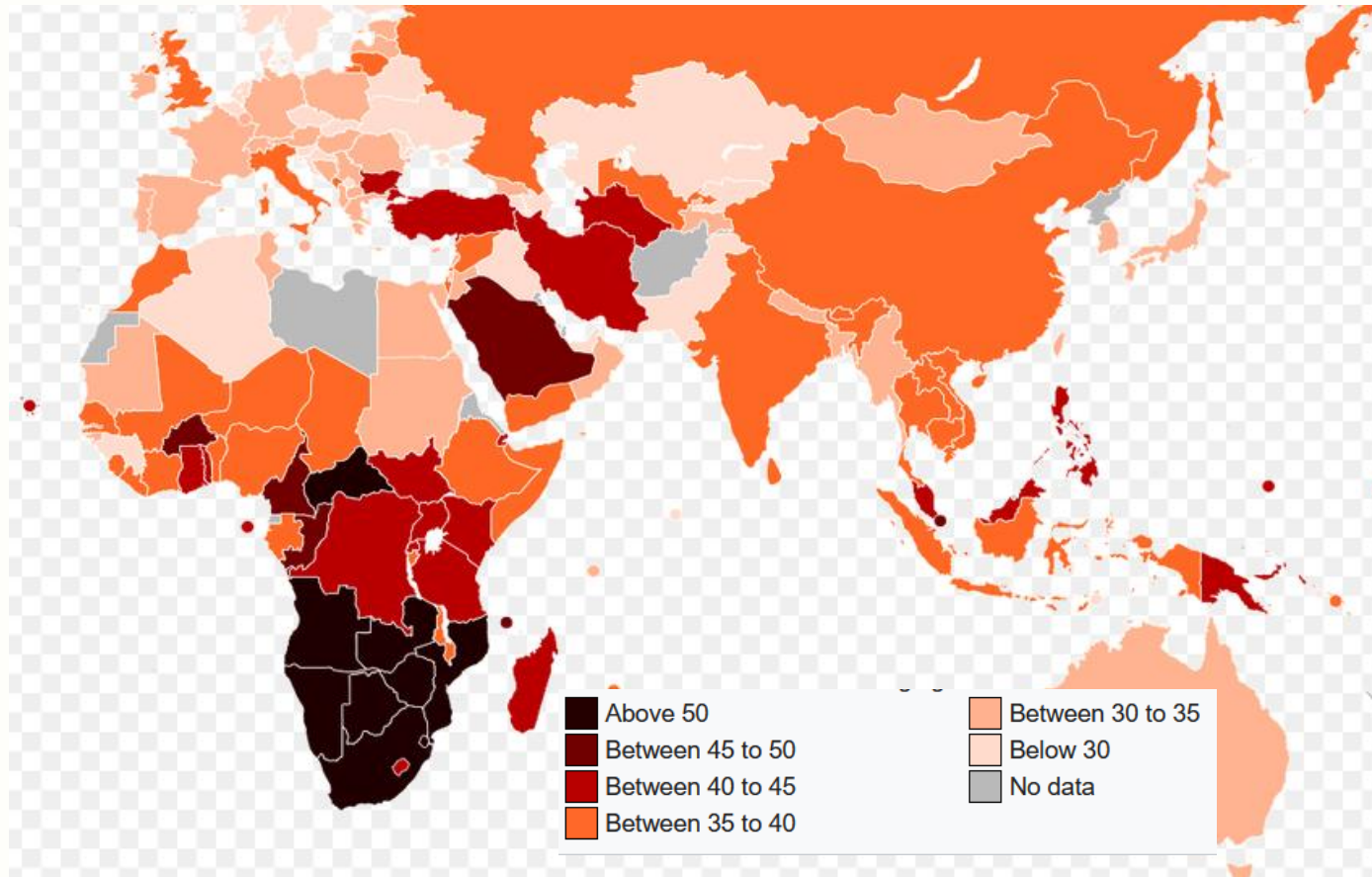
Percent Living on < \$2.15 per Day



Steady and Low Unemployment

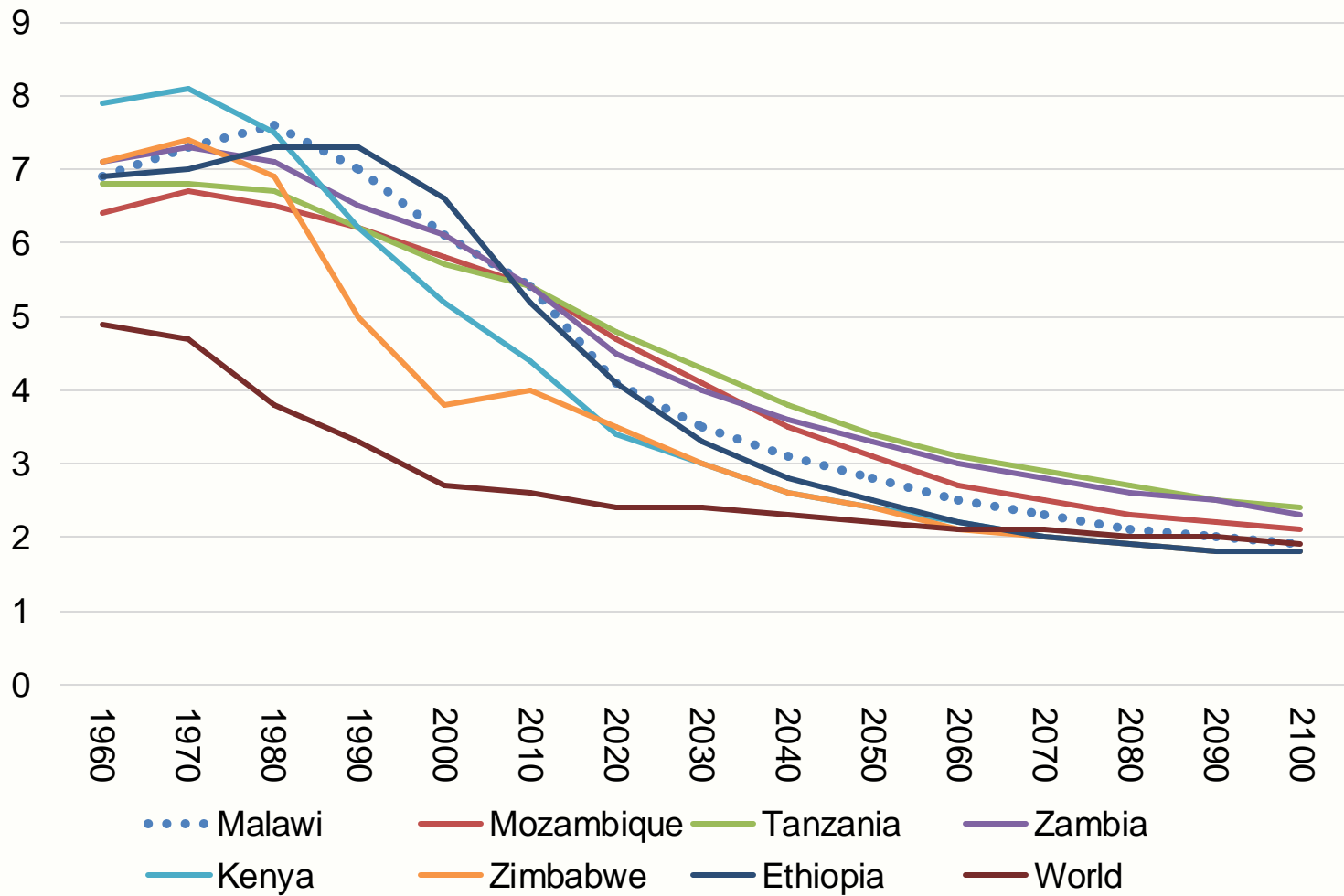


Medium Gini Inequality Index

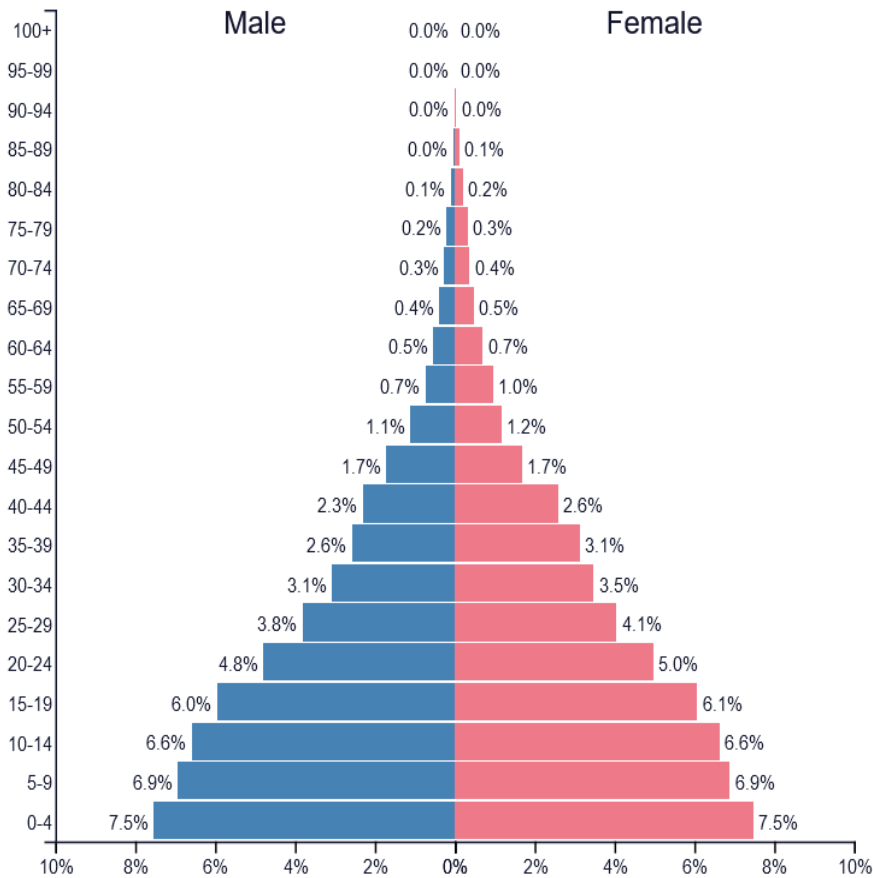


Steady between 32 and 33 since 1994

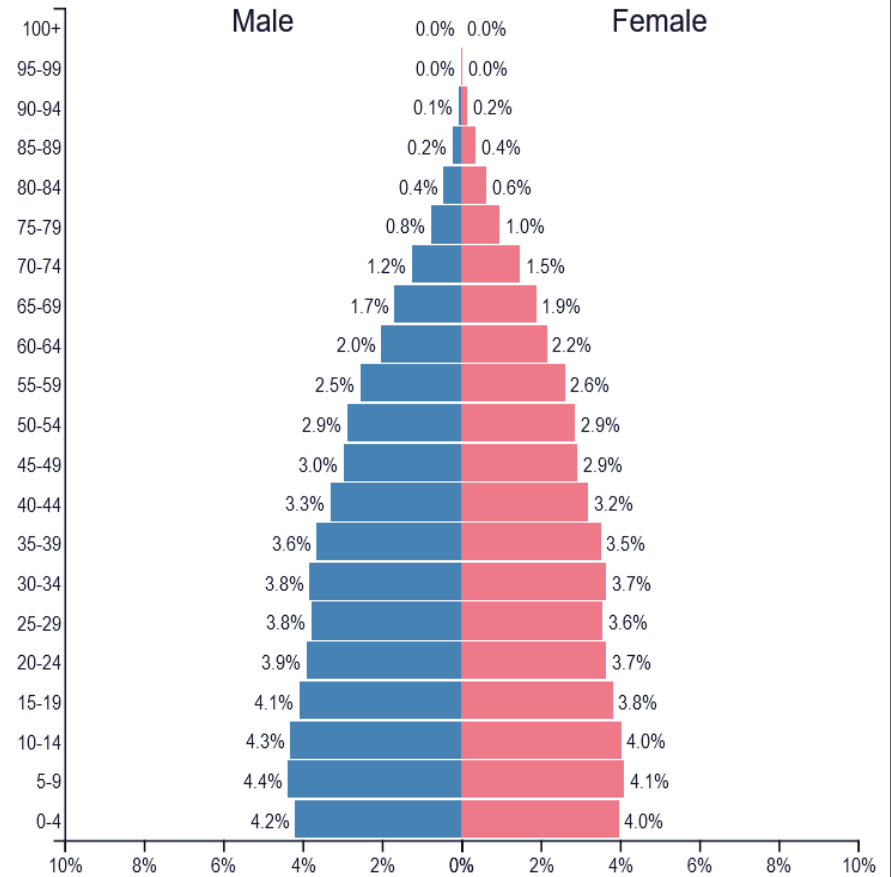
Fertility Rates



MALAWI



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Moving Forward

Foundations

- UNITY in the Body of Christ – Christian Umma
- Enhance missiological focus of theological training
- Build capacity for focus on Muslim outreach among mission agencies

Christian Umma

- Cross denominational/organizational HOP
- Unity among congregations and churches
- Unity among active mission agencies
- Unity among churches and mission agencies
- Fragrance of servitude in wake of colonialism
- Common understanding of who is doing what where

Enhance Missiological Focus of Theological Training

- Focus on Muslim outreach
- Mobilizing and equipping students
- Discipleship for MBBs
- Persecution avoidance/response

Build Capacity of Muslims Outreach Among Missionaries

- Mobilizing churches and mission agencies
- Equipping churches and mission agencies
- Discipleship for MBBs
 - Persecution avoidance/support
 - Theological and mission training
 - Counseling
- Persecution avoidance/response
 - Network of safe houses
 - Emergency funding
 - Relocation services
 - Legal services

Peoples of Focus

- 4,000 unreached/unengaged in Malawi
- 2.5 million unreached
- All Muslim
- Youth
 - Sports ministries
 - Education

Platforms for the Gospel

- Jesus Film (highly oral, low literacy)
- Education (arts, athletics, academics)
 - Focus on rural areas
- Deforestation
- Micro-business development
- Off-grid energy access (e.g. solar panels, windmills)
- Health care
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Malaria

Platforms for the Gospel (cont'd)

- Traditional rural models of missions
 - Health
 - Clean water
 - Literacy/education
 - Farming/ranching