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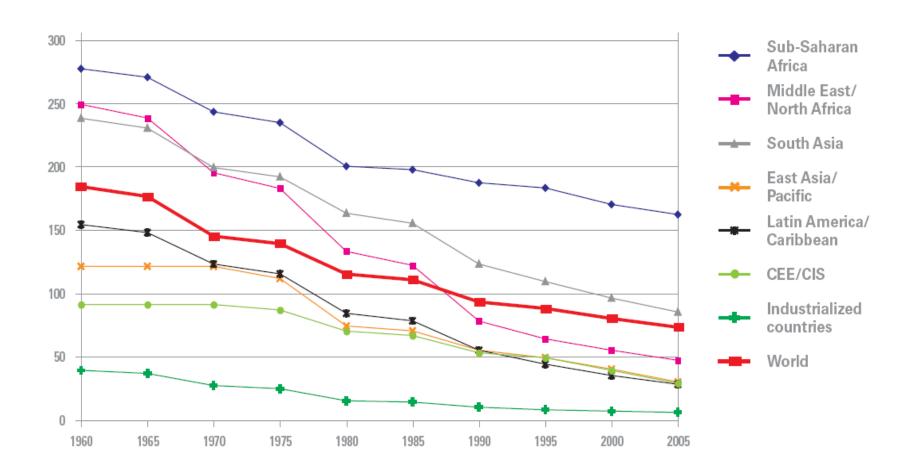
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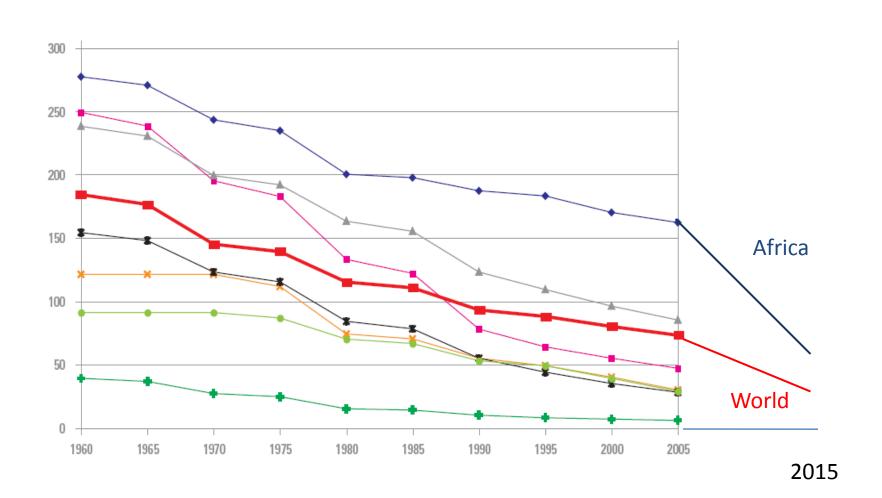
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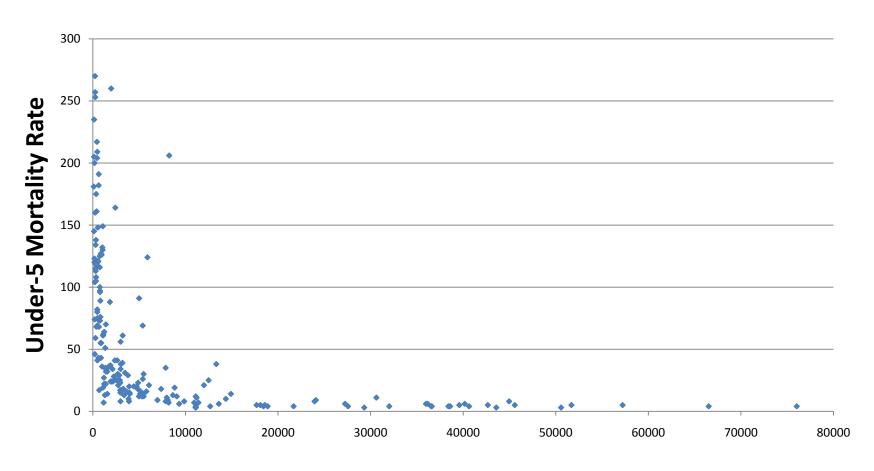


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MDG4 Reduce CMR by two thirds from 1990 to 2015

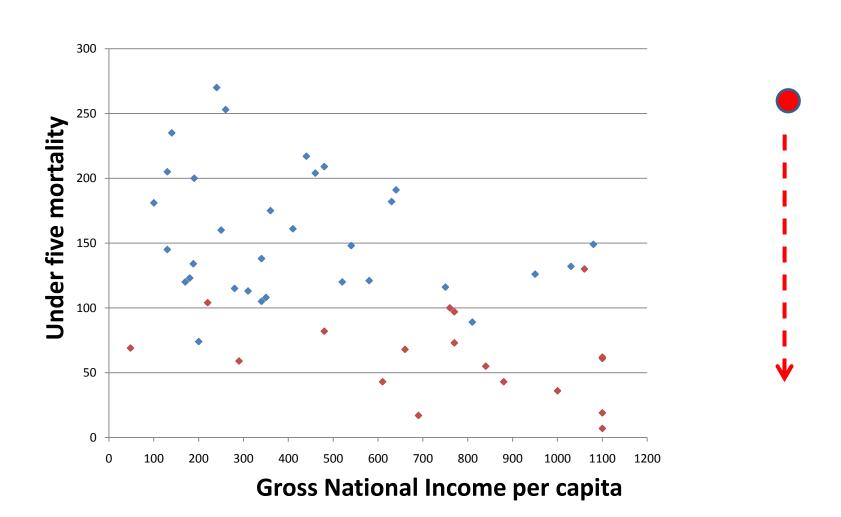


Under 5 mortality rate and GNI

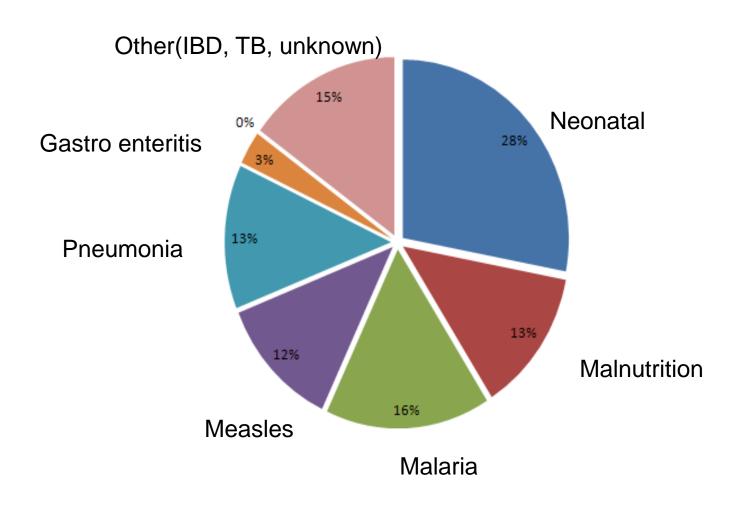


GNI per capita (USD) 2006

Under 5 Mortality in countries with GNI less than \$1200

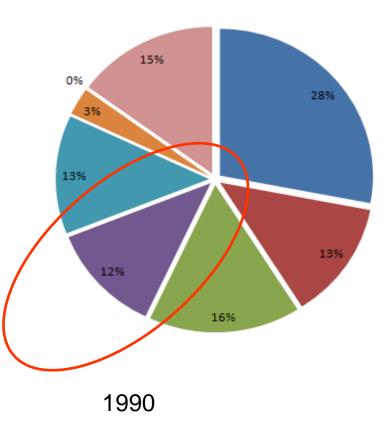


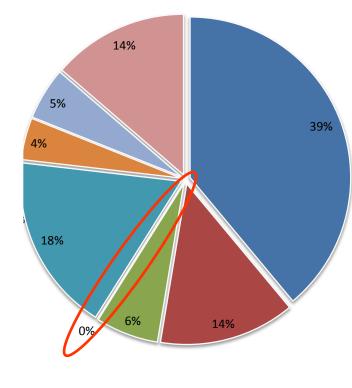
Cause of Death in Hospital on Kenyan Coast 1990



What Happened to Measles?

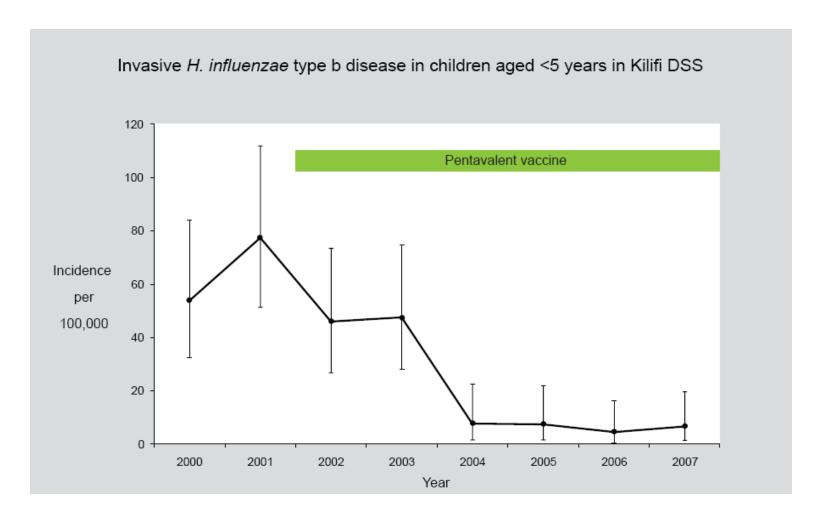
Measles mortality in Africa reduced 75%





2007

Haemophilus: The Silent Killer

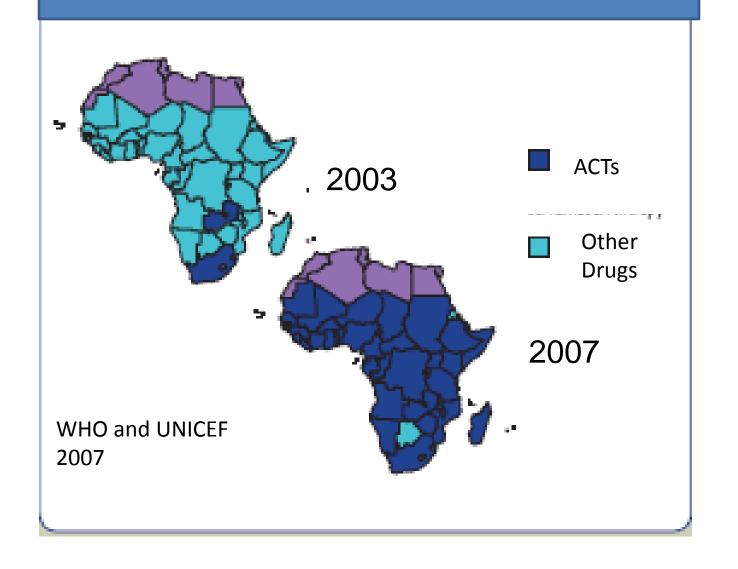


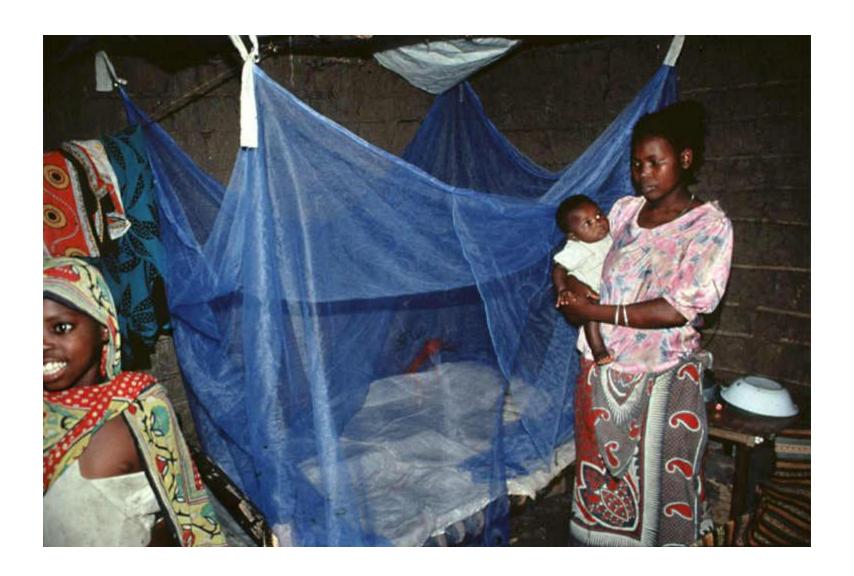
Pneumococcal vaccine will be introduced to Kenya in 2010

Malaria Ten Years Ago

- Malaria a disaster
- 1-3 million deaths
- Failing drugs
- Lack of national and International will
- Major economic impediment to development

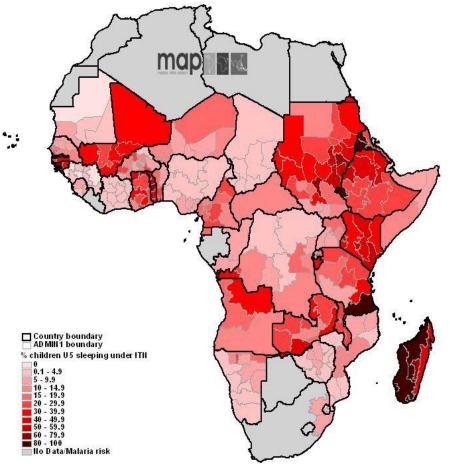
Rapid Scale up of Artemesinin Combinations





ITN in Africa 2000-2007





Of children living in stable endemic areas of Africa

c. 2000 4% under an ITN

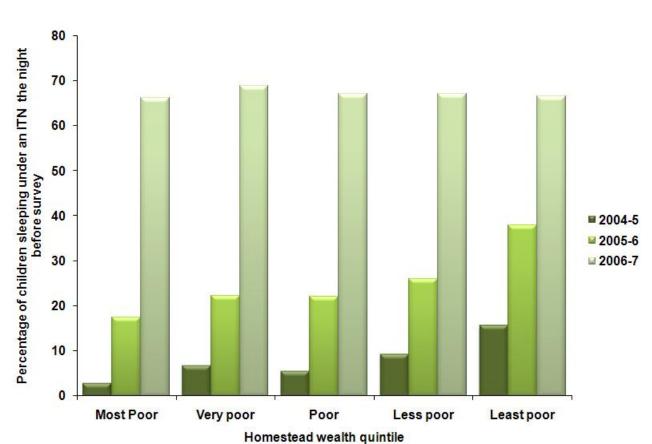
c. 2007 18% under an ITN

90 million children did not sleep under an ITN in 2007

Most within only 7 countries

Noor et al., Lancet (2008)

The Kenyan Example





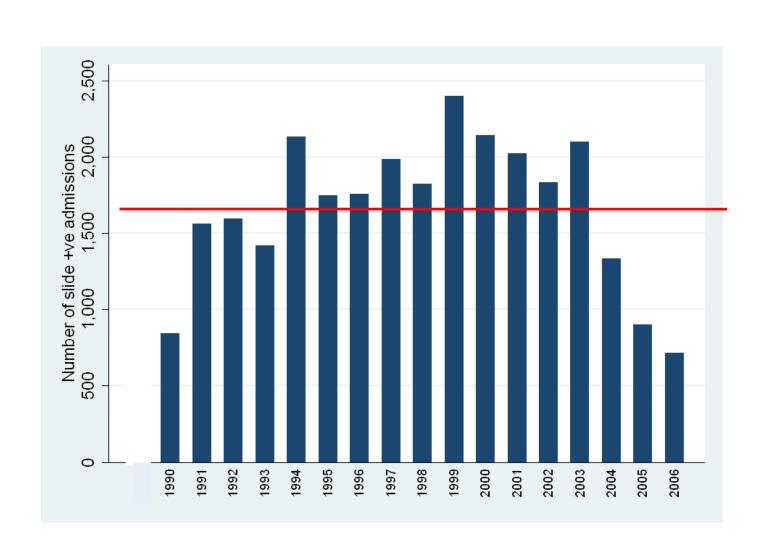
2004 Social Marketing & Commercial Sector approaches – **33 Million USD**

2005 Above + heavily subsidized – **54 Million USD**

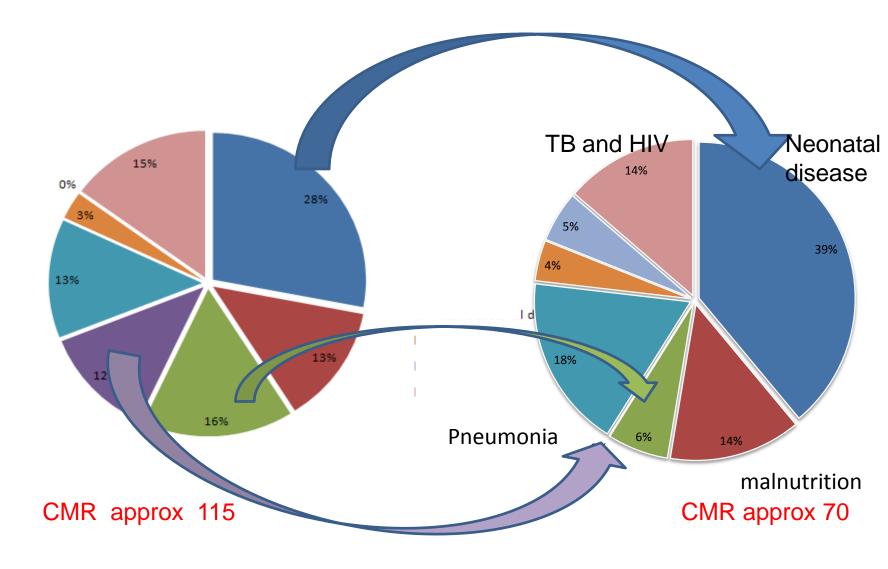
2006 Above + FREE - 17 Million USD

Noor et al., PLoS Med (2007)

Malaria admissions Kilifi



Causes of Death KDH 1990 vs 2007



Child Health in Africa

- There is an epidemiological transition
- Tools exist to target all the major infectious causes of death
- Coordinated international and national action can be very effective at modest cost
- We can expect major reductions in the relative importance of infectious diseases
- The major determinants of child health and mortality will be (are) neonatal health and nutritional status

Child health is not only a biomedical problem

- Economic development
- Political will and national capacity
- Reform of preventative and curative health systems-with emphasis on maternal health
- Stable and accountable financing for health
- Replacement of vertical single targets with packages of evidence based high impact interventions

Key areas of research should be:

- Describing the epidemiology and measuring the burden
- Developing and testing new interventions
- Operational and translational research to find out what works
- Building capacity- both for research and to use evidence in public health policy

Building the evidence base and providing the tools

Close integration of Ministry of Health in research planning is essential

Thanks



