



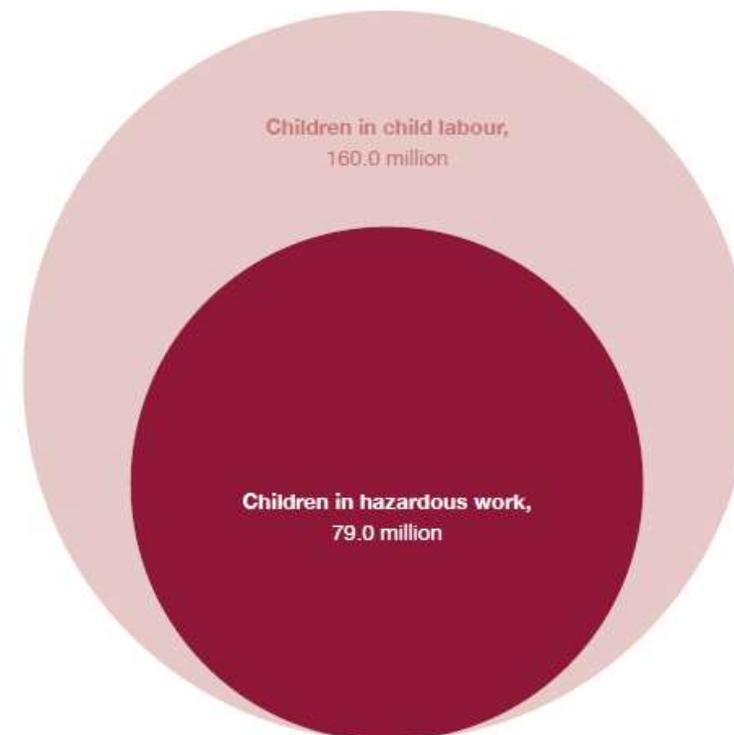
End Child Labour Virtual Race - Closing

Global Estimates on Child Labour

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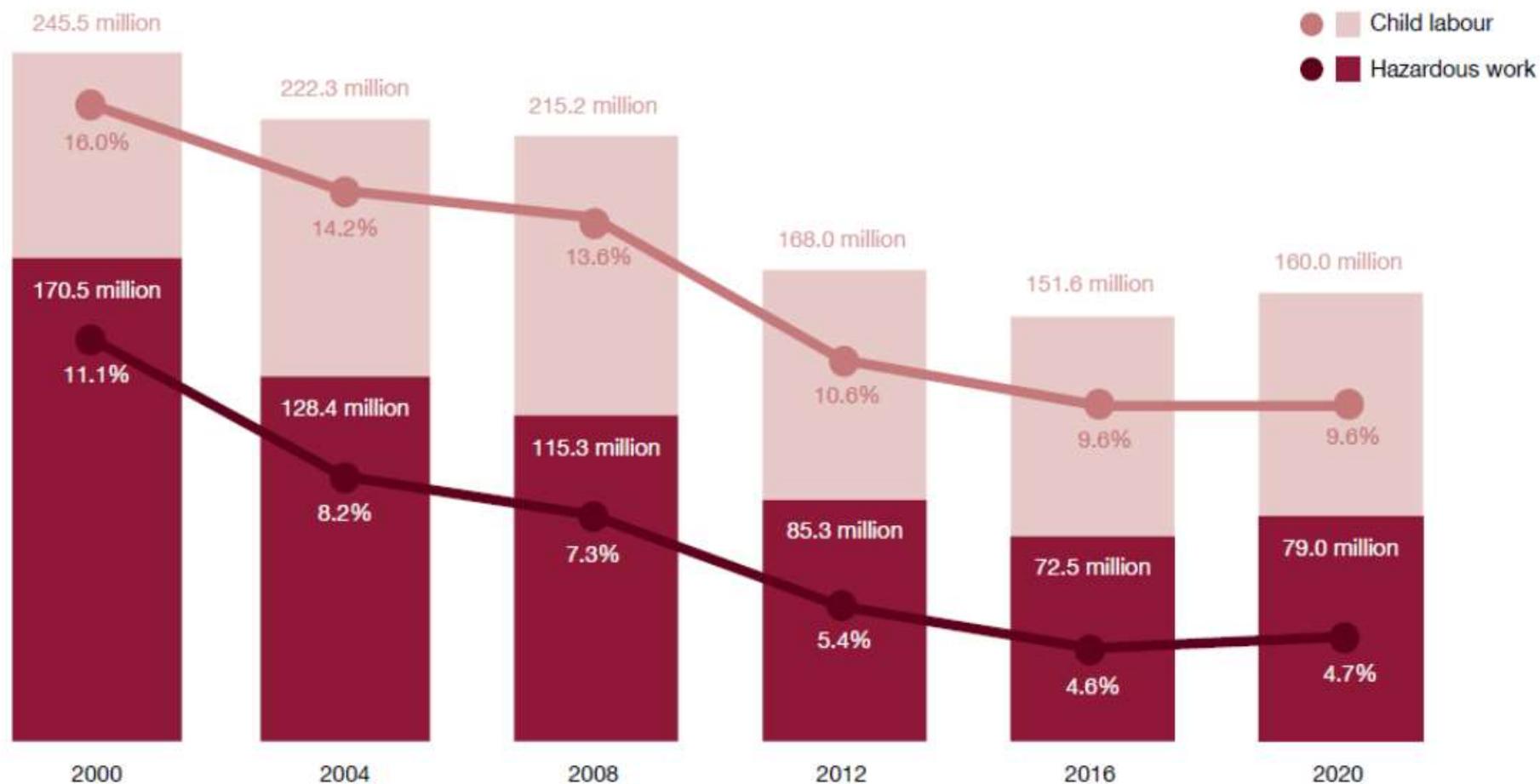
Global Estimates on Child Labour – June 2021

- Worldwide, 160 million children are engaged in child labour
- 79 million of them are performing hazardous work
- First increase in 20 years



Source: https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---ipec/documents/publication/wcms_797515.pdf

Global progress against child labour has stalled since 2016

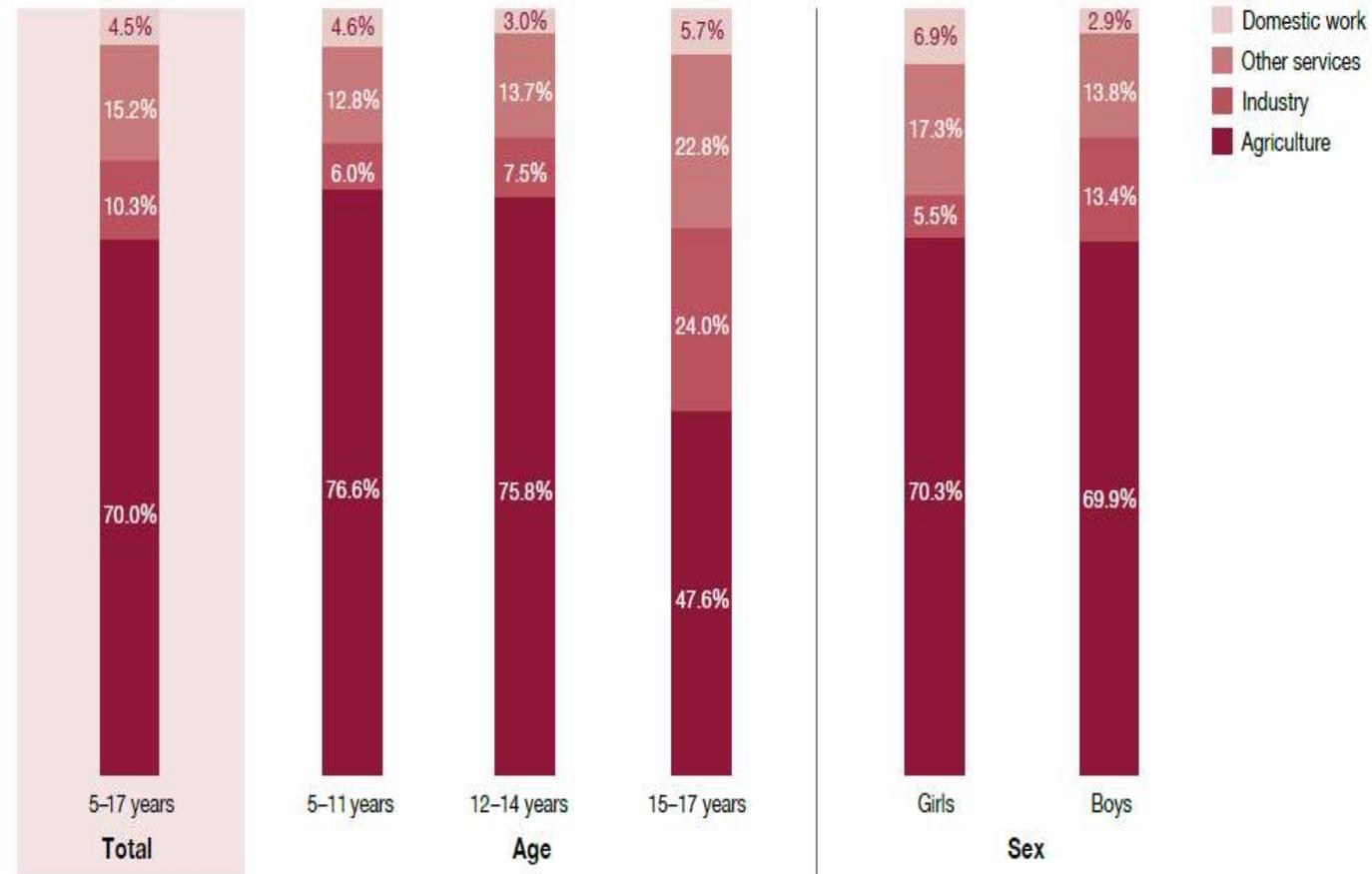


Child Labour in Agriculture Remains a Main Concern

Most child labour – for boys and girls alike – continues to occur in agriculture

More than 70% in agriculture

- 112 million children in total
- over three quarters of those aged 5 to 11



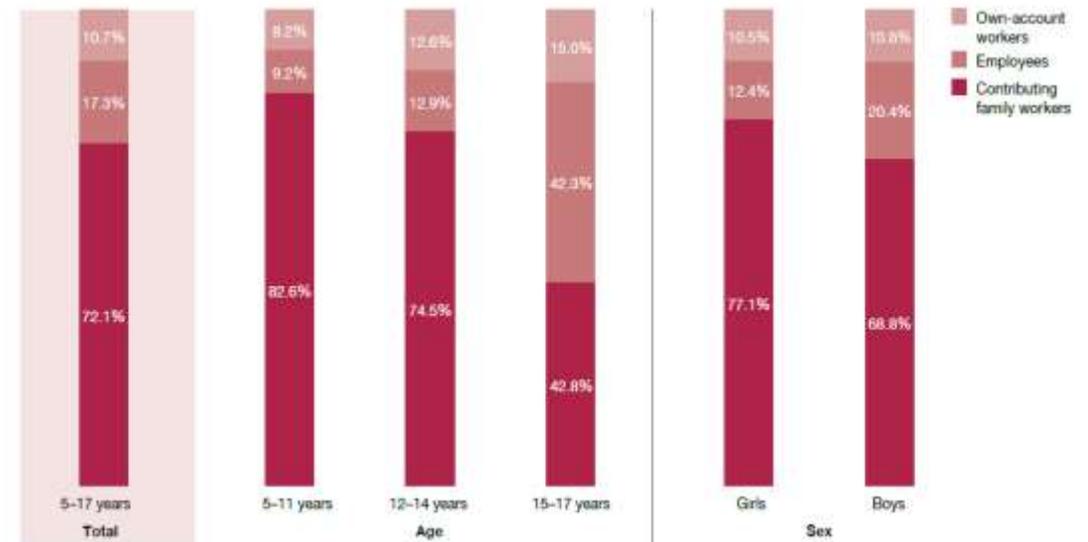
The largest share of child labour takes place within family units

72% of child labour happens in families

It is 83% among ages 5 to 11

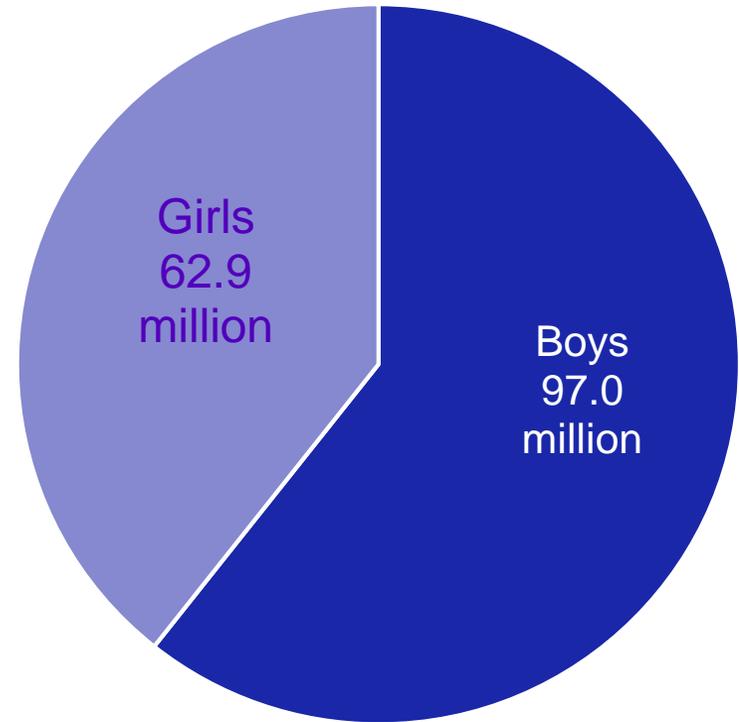
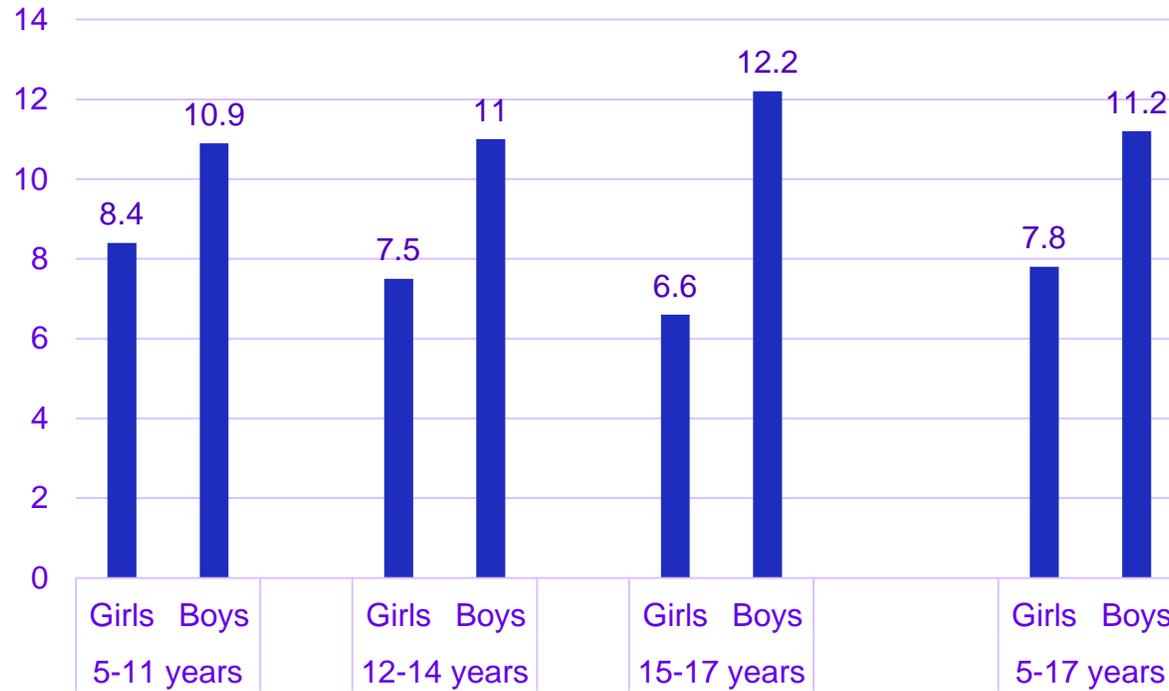
Family-based child labour is frequently hazardous despite common perceptions

One third of 5-11 children and half of 12-14 children working within families are doing hazardous work



Child labour is more prevalent among boys at every age

Percentage of children aged 5 to 17 years in child labour, by age and sex



■ Boys ■ Girls

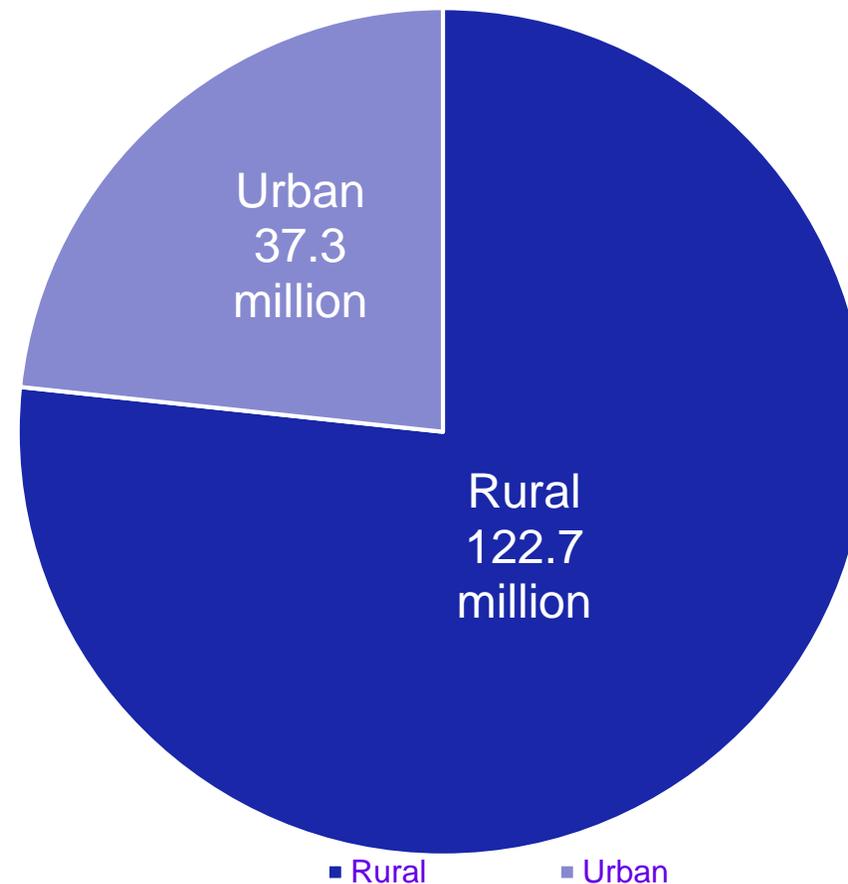
Rise in child labour among young children

- Child labour among 5-11 year-olds increased by 16.8 million during the 2016-2020 period, almost 7 m of these are in hazardous work
- Of the 160 million children in child labour, young children aged 5 to 11 years account for more than half
- Young children in child labour are of particular concern as they are especially vulnerable to workplace hazards and compromised education
- By contrast, child labour continued to trend downwards for children in the 12-14 and 15-17 age ranges



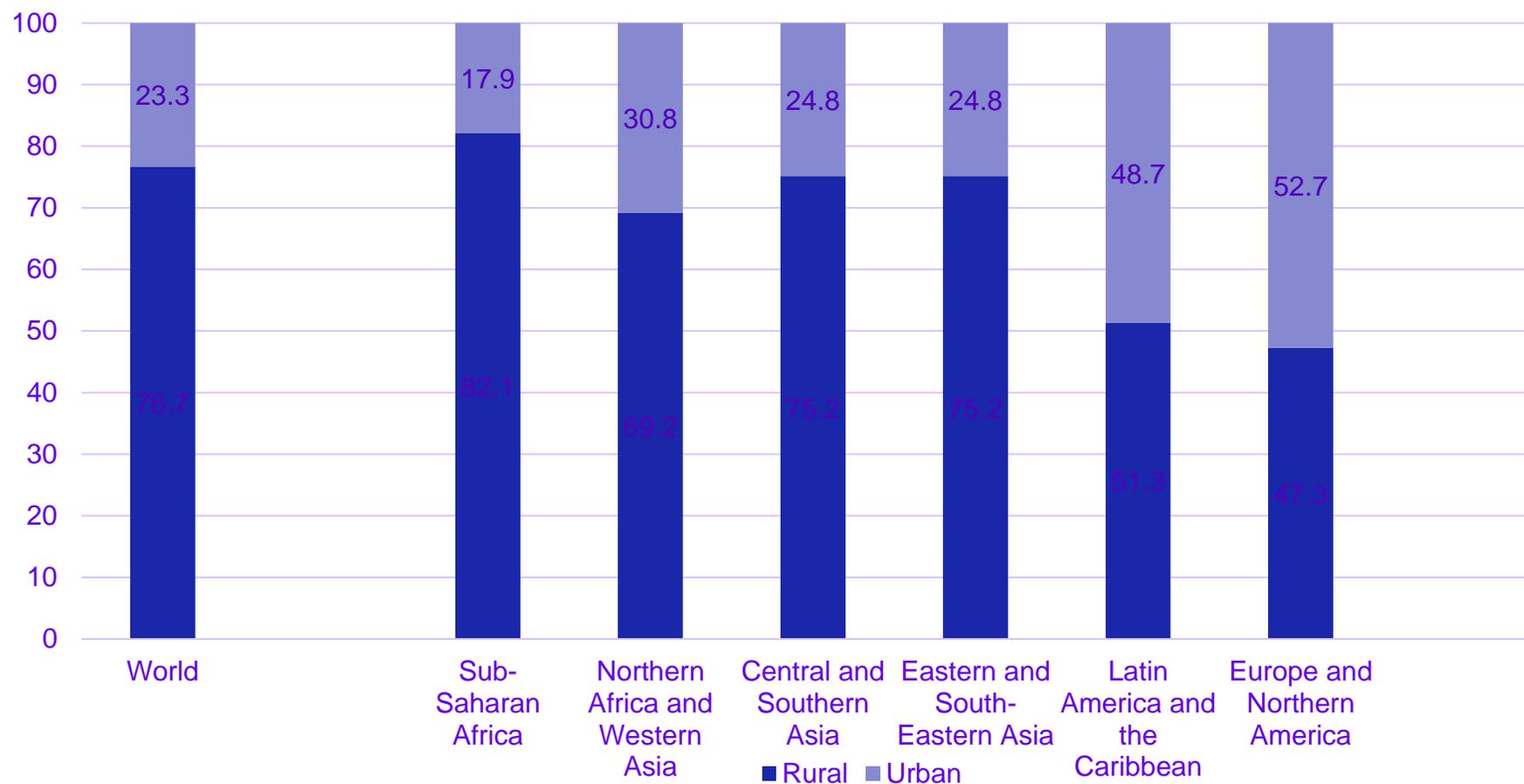
Three Times More Child Labour in Rural Areas

- 15% of children in rural areas are in child labour (122.7 m)
- In urban areas prevalence is at 4.7% (37.3 m)
- This trend tallies with those for agriculture and family based work



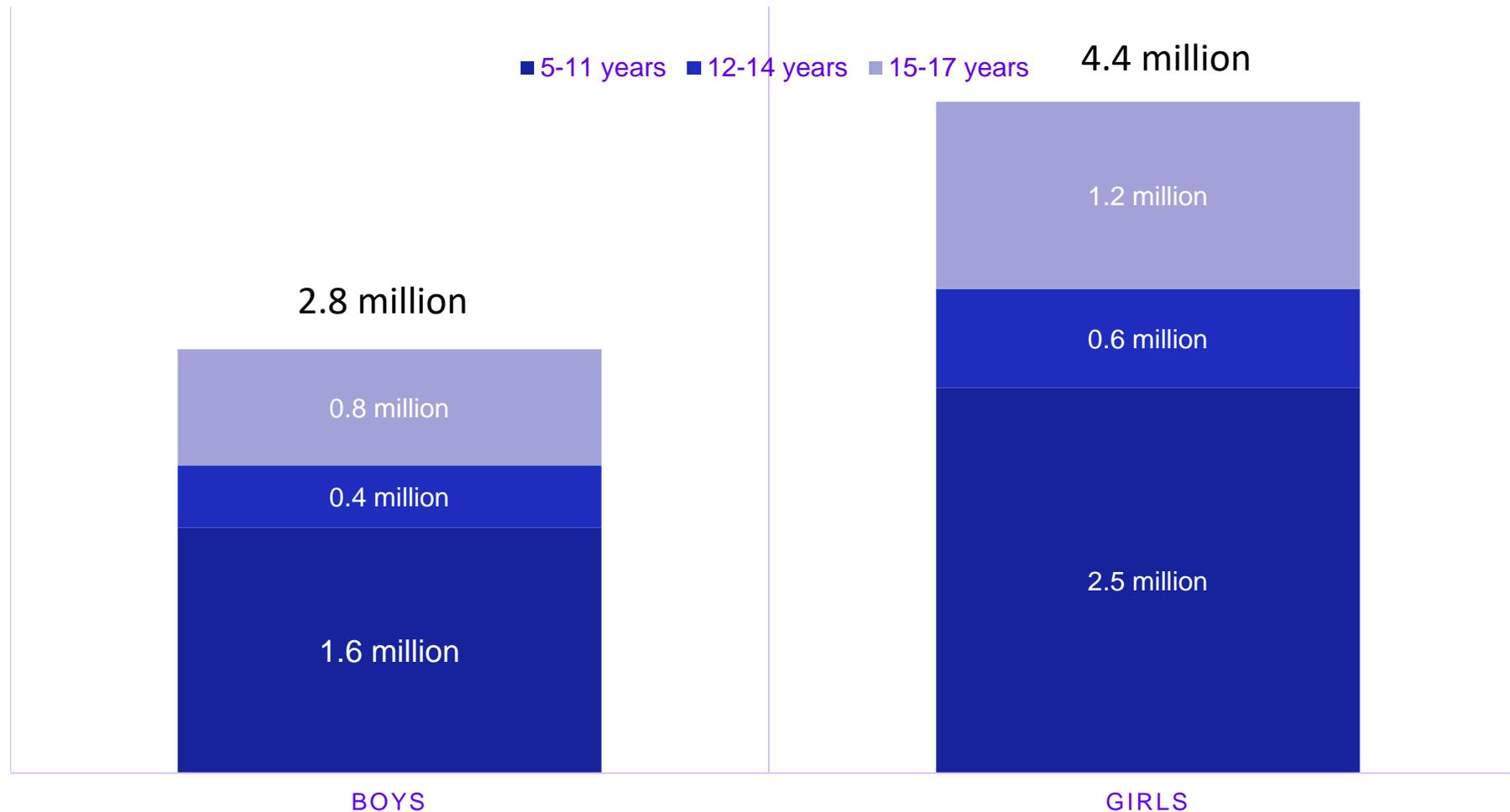
Rural child labour predominates in all regions except Europe and Northern America

Percentage distribution of children aged 5 to 17 years in child labour, by residence and region



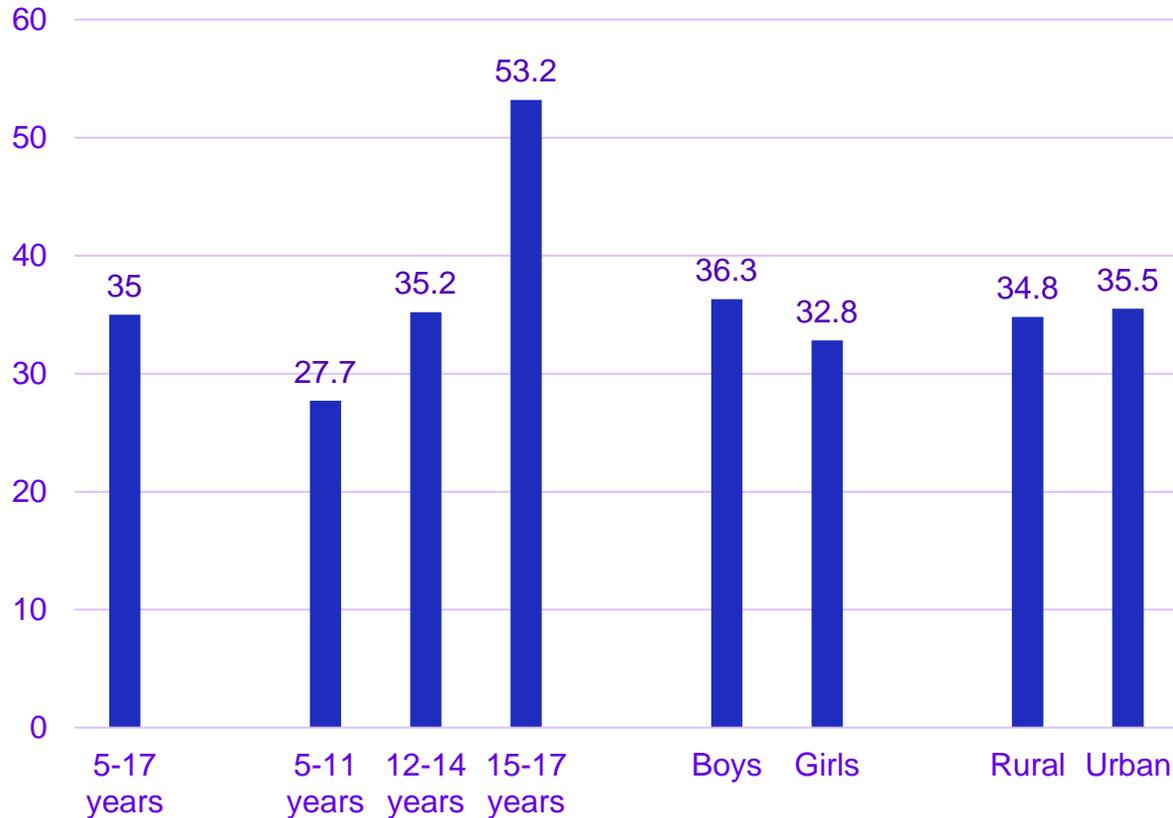
Child labour in domestic work: much more common among girls than boys for all age ranges

Number of children aged 5 to 17 years in child labour in domestic work, by age and sex



Over one third of children in child labour are out of school

Percentage of children aged 5 to 17 years in child labour not attending school, by age, sex and residence



Children engaged in hazardous work are even less likely to attend school

Percentage of children aged 5 to 17 years in hazardous work not attending school, by age, sex and residence

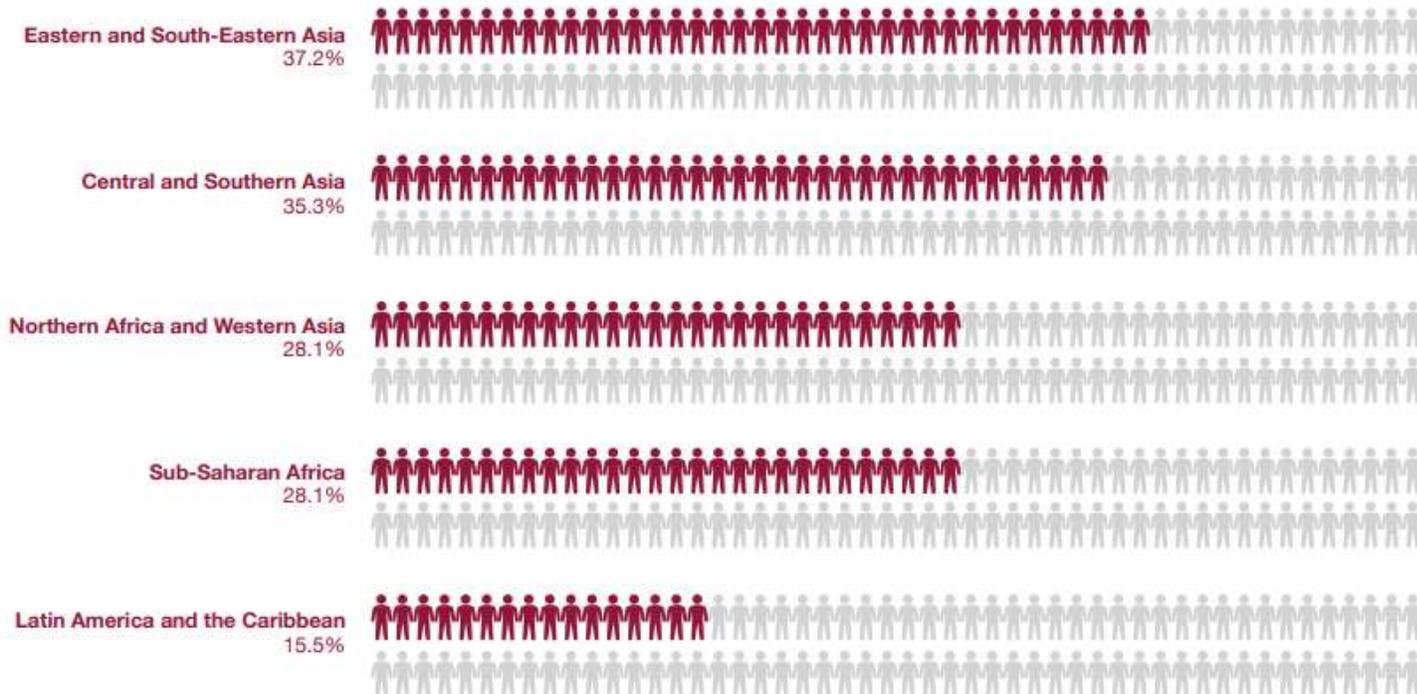


Children Combining School and Work

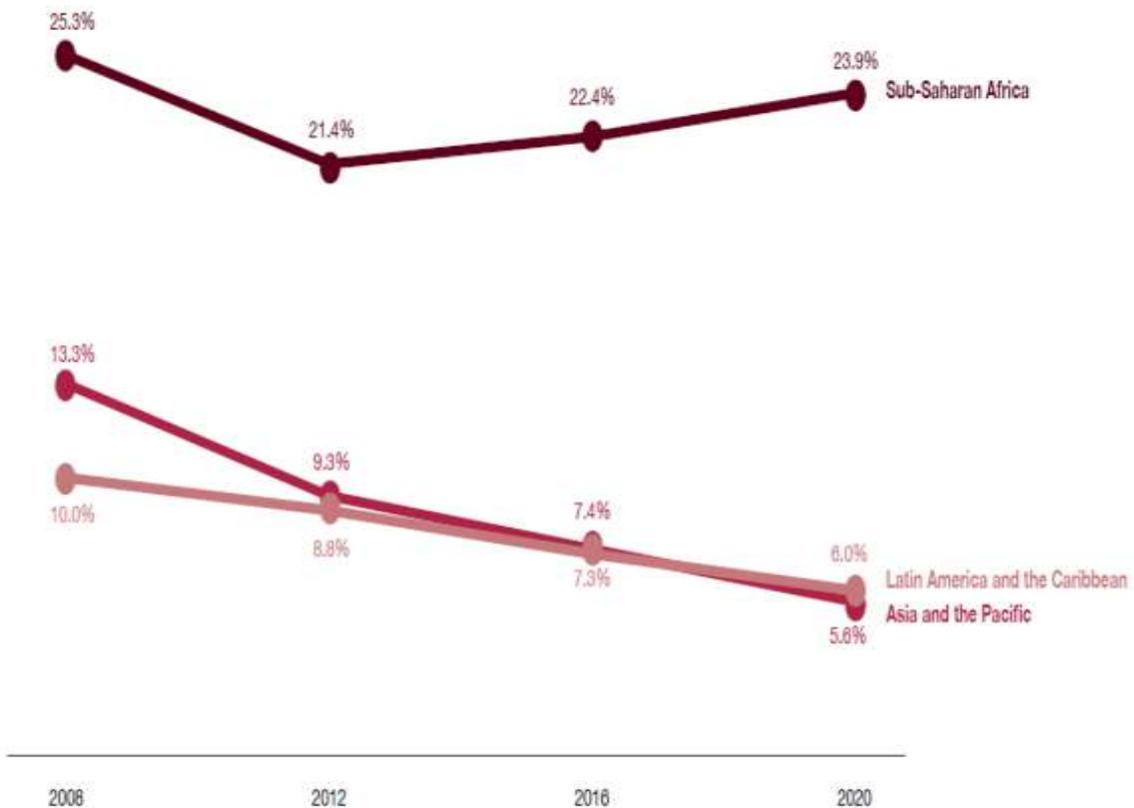
- Across all regions, significant numbers of children combine child labour and schooling
- In Eastern and South-Eastern Asia it is 37.2 %
- Children perform more poorly, more likely to drop out prematurely

Across all regions, significant shares of children in child labour are out of school

Fig 28. Percentage of children aged 5 to 14 years in child labour not attending school, by region



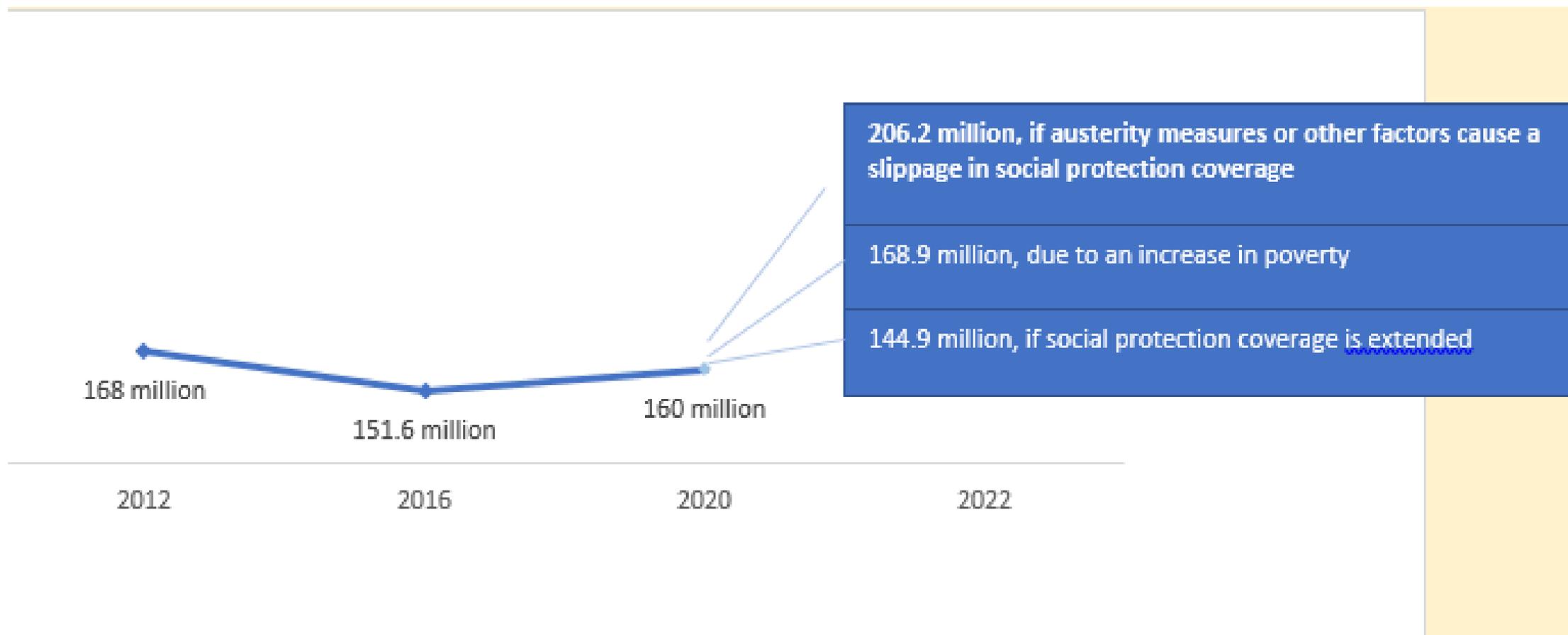
Regional Differences



- 2008: Asia and the Pacific 113 million children in child labour
- 2016: 62 m, 28 m in hazardous child labour
- 2020: 48,7 m (22,2 m in hazardous child labour), significant reduction
- Asia and the Pacific kept up the same decline rate from 2012 to 2016 to 2020
- But it is still very far away from achieving the SDG Target
- Africa: increase of 20 million, 27%

Impact of COVID 19 on child labour without mitigation measures: 8.9 million more children will likely be in child labour by the end of 2022

Number of children aged 5 to 17 years in child labour, observed and projected



The Way Forward

- Adequate social protection for all, including universal child benefits
- Increased spending on free and good-quality schooling and getting all children back into school
- Promotion of decent work for adults, so families don't have to resort to children helping to generate family income
- An end to harmful gender norms and discrimination that influence child labour
- Investment in child protection systems, agricultural development, rural public services, infrastructure and livelihoods



IPEC+ Flagship on the Elimination of Child Labour and Forced Labour

- ▶ Key interventions to reach around 1 million vulnerable children, communities and families in an additional 10 countries
- ▶ Mobilising our global and regional networks
- ▶ Producing knowledge and data
- ▶ Investing in Gender-responsive monitoring and compliance solutions
- ▶ Building resilience through social dialogue
- ▶ Repurposing and innovating operations:
 - ❖ provision of alternative livelihoods and income generating opportunities
 - ❖ strengthening OSH systems, boosting school re-enrolment
 - ❖ prolongation of socio-economic measures adopted by countries during the crisis, including extension of social protection coverage
 - ❖ promoting innovative technologies



- World Day Against Child Labour reminds us that much still needs to be done.
- The International Year on the Elimination of Child Labour in 2021 provides a historic opportunity to align the commitments of many partners and work together on joint programmes, joint funding, joint advocacy and joint action.
- But whatever the figures tell us: we all have a responsibility to ensure that no child is left behind in child labour.



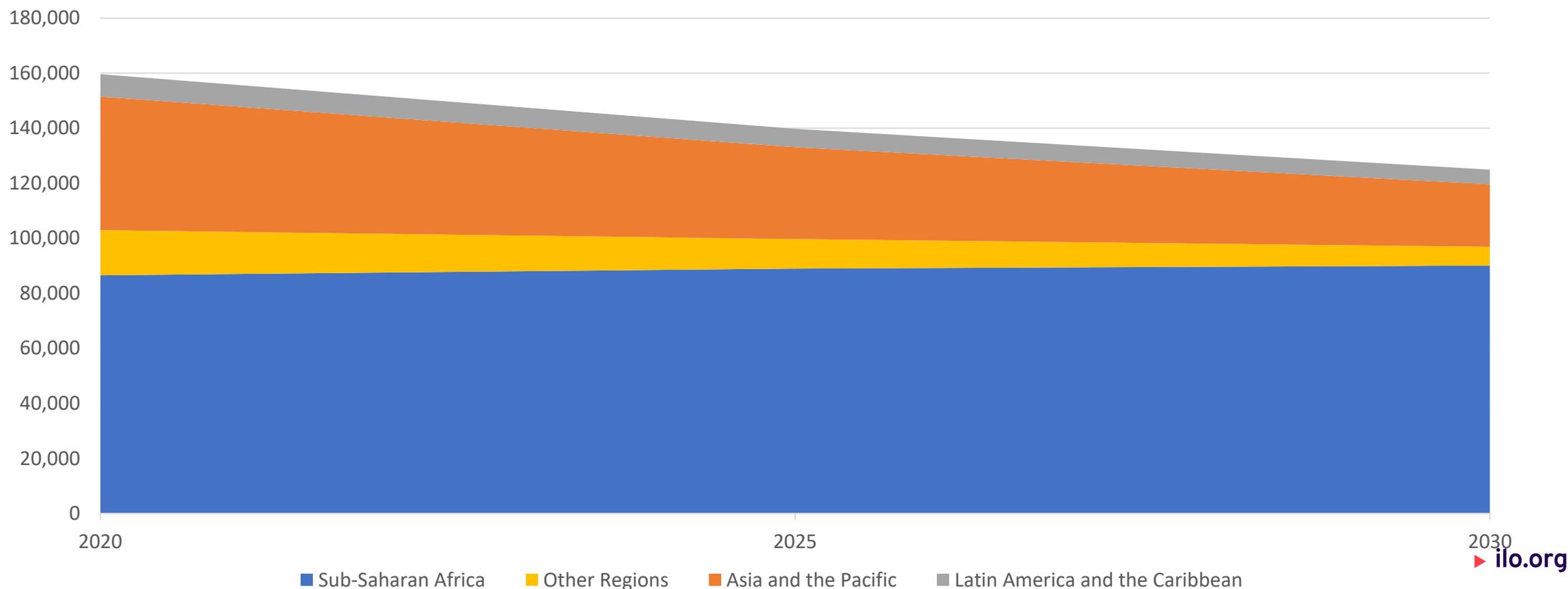
Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.



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In the absence of accelerated action and at the average annual rate of reduction achieved during the 2008 to 2016 period:

- 140 million children will be in child labour in 2025
- 125 million in 2030
- most of them will be in sub-Saharan Africa



Alliance 8.7 - A Catalyst

- Global, multi-stakeholder partnership on SDG Target 8.7
- If we work together, pooling knowledge, skills, experience and resources, we will see a real change in the impact of our efforts



