The scandalous numbers

more than 2 billion people live with less than 1 $ a day

(in Cambodia, 35% of the population live on less that 50 cents a day)

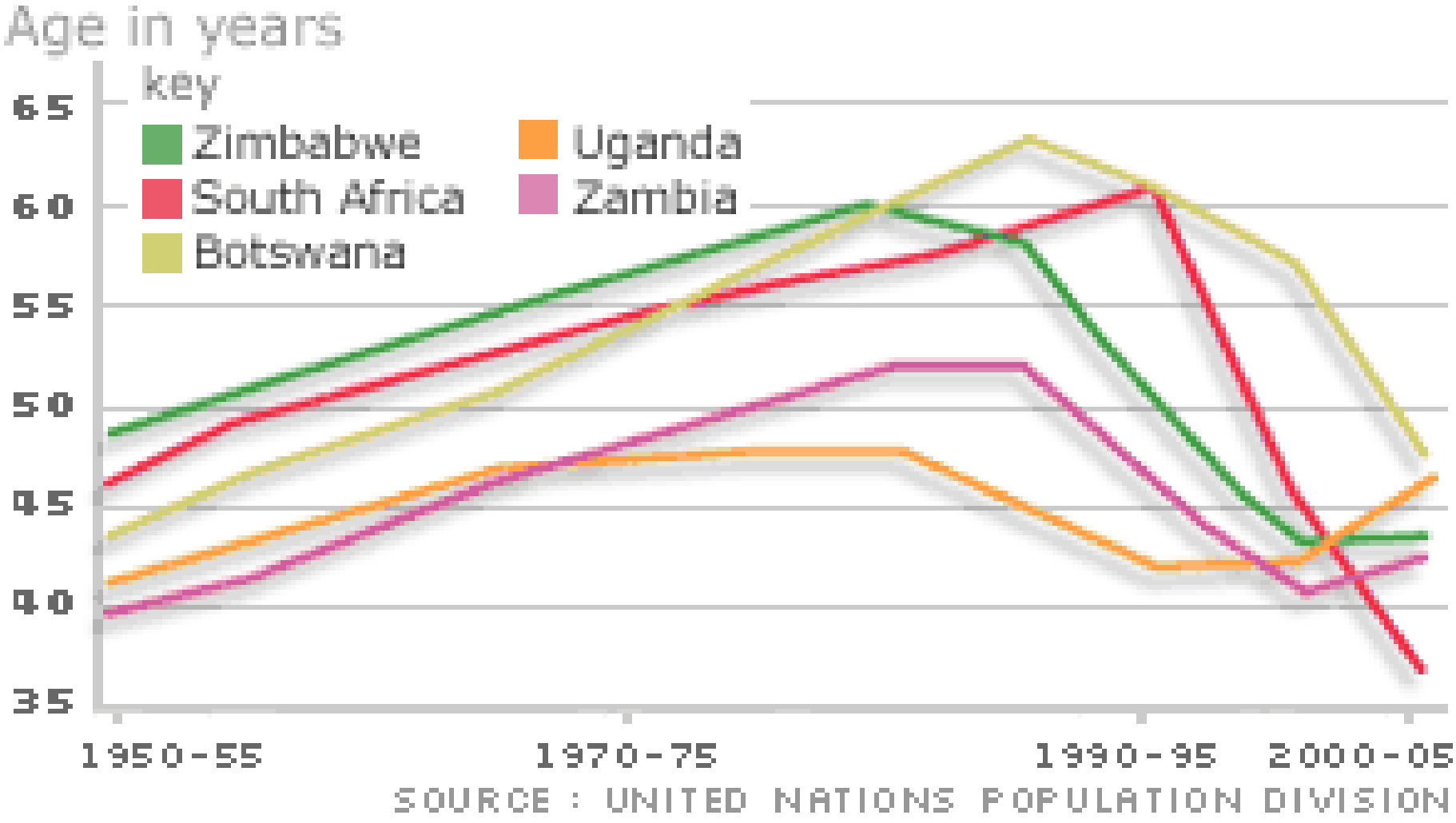
Access to medicines: the current landscape

Impressive advances in medicines and technology have boosted health and extended life expectancy, but not for everyone

- 14 million of people die each year from infectious diseases affecting predominantly populations in poor countries
- More than 40 million people are living with HIV-Aids, among them 2.2 million children under 15
- The poor also dominate non-communicable disease tables, accounting for 59% of the 56.5 million annual global deaths ➥ **the double burden of diseases**

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Aids in Africa, life-expectancy




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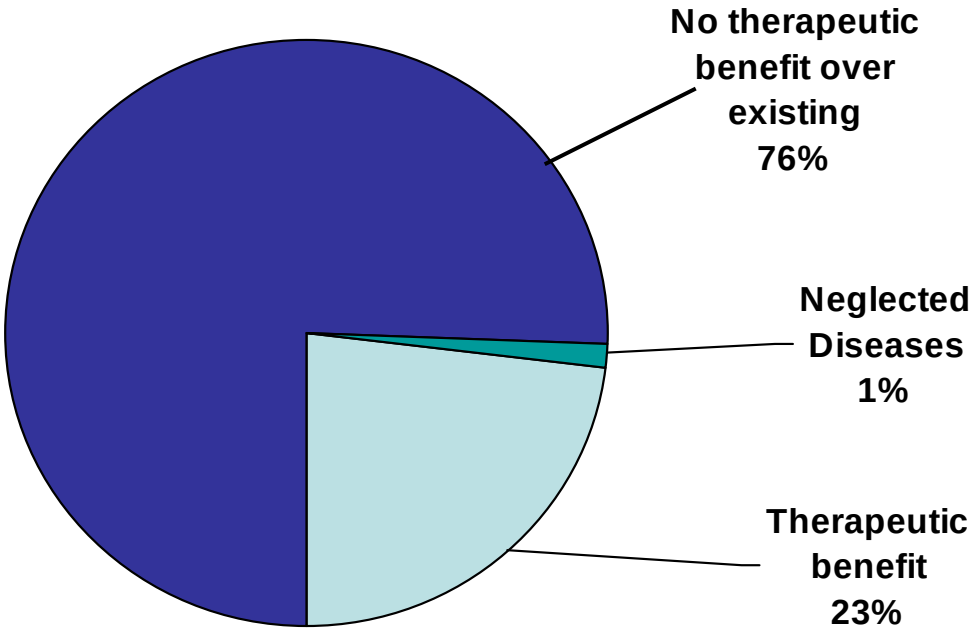


The WHO concept of Essential Medicines

- Essential Medicines are "**those that satisfy the needs of the majority of the population and therefore should be available at all times, in adequate amounts in appropriate dosage forms and at a price the individual and the community can afford**" ➡ the Essential Drugs List (1977)

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1,035 new drugs approved by FDA (1989-2000)



"Changing Patterns fo Pharmaceutical Innovation, National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation, May 2002, www.nihcm.org