Poverty in sub-Saharan Africa is estimated to have increased as per capita GDP growth has stagnated. Unless growth is accelerated, the goal of halving poverty by 2015 will not be achieved. Within sub-Saharan Africa, some countries have achieved robust growth, but per capita GDP has fallen in many others.

Sources: World Bank; and IMF staff calculations.

1Poverty defined as living on less than $1.08 a day. This definition is different from Figure 1.12, where the poverty line is higher.