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### **ABSTRACT**

What is the pathway to development in a world with less international integration? We answer this question within a model that emphasizes the role of demand-side constraints on national development, which we identify with sustained poverty reduction. In this framework, development is linked to the adoption of an increasing returns to scale technology by imperfectly competitive firms, who need to pay the fixed setup cost of switching to that technology. Sustained poverty reduction is measured as a continuous decline in the share of the population living below \$1.90/day PPP in 2011 US dollars over a five year period. This outcome is affected in a statistically significant and economically meaningful way by both domestic market size, which is measured as function of the income distribution, and international market size, which is measured as a function of legally-binding provisions to international trade agreements, including the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the World Trade Organization and 279 preferential trade agreements. Counterfactual estimates suggest that, in the absence of international integration, the average resident of a low and lower-middle income country does not live in a market large enough to experience sustained poverty reduction.

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### 1 Introduction

Many of the success stories of economic development during the last century, for instance in East Asia (Stiglitz, 1996), coincided with growth in exports and trade surplus. As advances in technology threaten the comparative advantage offered by cheap labor, and as interest in protectionism rises in advanced economies, it is not clear that this same export-led model will be relevant in the future. Lund et al. (2019) find that the share of trade based on labor-cost arbitrage (defined as exports from countries whose GDP per capita is one-fifth or less than that of the importing country) has been declining in some value chains, especially in labor-intensive manufacturing where it dropped from 55 percent in 2005 to 43 percent in 2017. Such observations have led policy makers to ask: What is the pathway to development in a world with less international integration?

We answer this question within a model that emphasizes the role of demand-side constraints on national development, which we identify with sustained poverty reduction and measure as a continuous decline in the share of the population living on less than \$1.90 PPP per day in 2011 US dollars, over a 5 year period. In this framework, development is linked to the adoption of an increasing returns to scale technology by imperfectly competitive firms, who need to pay the fixed setup cost of switching to that technology. Poverty is reduced as adoption of the new technology sets off a structural transformation process that increases wages. The necessary demand to overcome the fixed cost of technology adoption may come from either the domestic or the international market. Importantly, economies of scale can be achieved even in sectors serving primarily domestic demand (e.g., services); in such a case, the role of exports from the tradable sector is that they provide income that translates into additional demand for all sectors, including those that are non-tradable. Increased demand stemming from broad household ownership of firm profits is the key channel through which an equitable distribution of wealth and income improves labor productivity in the general equilibrium model we use to motivate our empirical analysis (Murphy, Shleifer and Vishny, 1989a).

The size of the international market is measured on the basis of a new database of the legally-binding provisions of international trade agreements, which include the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the various agreements of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and 279 preferential trade agreements (PTAs) whose provisions are recorded by Hofmann, Osnago and Ruta (2017). These provisions primarily establish rights related to goods and services trade, but also relate to flows of capital, ideas, and labor, and together make up the legal architecture of the international economy. The size of a given country's integrated international market is calculated by summing the population and income of all other countries, where those countries are weighted

by the number of economic integration provisions a country has signed with them. By this measure, Sub-Saharan Africa already has access to the relatively highest–income international market in the world. Though the relative per capita income of the integrated market declines rapidly with a country's national income in our sample, we find that its effect on sustained poverty reduction is positive, quantitatively large and statistically significant, suggesting international integration has provided a pathway for poor countries to eliminate poverty in the past. These results are highly relevant in light of the existing evidence that poverty declines more slowly among countries that are initially poor (Ravallion, 2012).

Setting the size of the integrated international market to zero in a counterfactual scenario allows us to isolate the effect of domestic market size alone on sustained poverty reduction, which quantifies the hope for development in a less integrated economy. The size of the domestic market is measured as a function of the income distribution, as summarized by the share of the population in the global middle class (defined based on Kharas (2017) to include those living on \$11-110 PPP per day in 2011 US dollars). The use of an absolute, rather than relative, definition for the middle class reflects the assumption that the increasing returns technology is the same across countries. Like the size of the international market, the middle class share has a positive and significant effect on sustained poverty reduction.<sup>1</sup>

Our empirical framework is inspired by the industrial organization literature, specifically Bresnahan and Reiss (1991), who develop a method to estimate entry thresholds based on the profit functions of firms facing increasing returns and entering imperfectly competitive markets. Their approach is especially useful in our setting because it does not require data on market prices to estimate variable profit and fixed cost parameters, which are required to calculate the break-even point. Using this approach, we estimate that the threshold market size for sustained poverty reduction is 328 million people, if the purchasing power of these people is below that of the global middle class.

In a scenario in which the size of the integrated international market is set to zero, as of 2011-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Allowing for a large gap between the lower bound of the middle class (\$11 PPP per day) and the upper bound of poverty (\$1.90 PPP per day) ensures the relationship between the share of the population in these two states is not mechanical. Alternative definitions of the middle class have been studied by others. For instance, Birdsall, Graham and Pettinato (2000) and Easterly (2001) define the middle class in each country relative to the national income distribution (i.e., respectively, 0.75-1.25 of median income; and the 20th and 80th percentile in consumption). Banerjee and Duflo (2008) and Ravallion (2009) examine alternative definitions which are fixed across countries, but may be considered suitable for different income levels (i.e., respectively, \$2-4/day and \$6-10/day; or a "developing world's middle class" with income above the median poverty line of developing countries and a "Western middle class," above the poverty line of the USA). The use of an absolute threshold anchored to advanced country living standards, as in this paper, is more common in the private sector, for instance among retailers considering whether to enter a market. For the argument that this is profit-maximizing, see the critical review of "bottom-of-the pyramid" retail strategies by Simanis (2012).

15, the average resident of a low and lower-middle income country does not live in a market large enough to experience sustained poverty reduction. The primary reason for this is that the middle class in these countries is not yet large enough. For the average country in our sample, increasing the share of the population in the middle class by 10 percent is equivalent to increasing population by 54 million people. For countries with small population, equality therefore is disproportionately important. This suggests that, if international integration is indeed declining in importance for sustained poverty reduction, to eliminate poverty policy-makers in poor countries must focus on equalizing the distribution of income, for instance through taxation or (as suggested by the model underlying this paper's analysis) redistribution of equity shares to the poor.

Methodologically, our work is related to a specific approach in the economic growth literature, in which researchers identify a set of countries that perform exceptionally well over some time period, and then compare them with the rest of the world. In the report of the Commission on Growth and Development, Spence et al. (2008) identify 13 economies that have sustained cumulative GDP growth of more than 7 percent annually for 25 years or more since 1950.<sup>2</sup> Werker (2012) studies all countries that achieved double-digit growth—above 10 percent annually—for 8 or more years, finding that almost two thirds of such periods are either recoveries from war or resource booms, typically those driven by oil. Hausmann, Pritchett and Rodrik (2005) identify periods of growth accelerations, by identifying all periods in which the change in growth rate is greater than or equal to 2 percentage points per annum, and then coding the successive 7 year period to equal one (and zero otherwise) if growth over that time was more than 3.5 percent per annum, and if income at the end was higher than the maximum of income during the period. They find that such accelerations are highly unpredictable. In all of these studies, the years over which growth is observed are allowed to vary, and the length of time studied is longer than five years. In contrast, our approach holds periods fixed in time, each comprising a disjoint five-year window (e.g., 1981-85, 86-90, etc.). This approach constraints us from selecting windows of time that paint a disproportionately positive or negative picture of performance in a specific country. It also means our predictions are relevant for the relatively shorter time horizon over which governments make decisions.

Our work contributes to several distinct literatures. First, our focus on sustained poverty reduction is relevant to a literature on poverty dynamics, which have been studied in individual countries (Ferreira, Leite and Ravallion, 2010) and among households (Carter and Barrett, 2006; Baulch and Hoddinott, 2000). A key message of this literature is that households frequently move in and out of poverty, and it is much rarer to escape permanently than to escape for a few years (Shepherd

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>These are Botswana, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Oman, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.

and Diwakar, 2019). Looking across countries, more than half of the time countries have sustained poverty reduction at the aggregate level. The results also highlight the limited effect of the business cycle in advanced economies on poverty reduction in developing economies, at least during the 2006-10 and 2011-15 windows, which included the advanced economies' financial crisis and deceleration, and yet were among the best years for sustained poverty reduction.

Second, our paper contributes to a voluminous literature on inequality, poverty and growth. We find that a certain degree of equality and poverty reduction go hand in hand at low income levels, a result that is broadly consistent with Barro (2000, 2008) and Ostry, Berg and Tsangarides (2014). Our work in this regard is most closely related to Desai and Kharas (2017) who emphasize the importance of middle class in poverty reduction. While these authors use historical data since 1870 to explore the relationship between middle class and poverty reduction, we focus on a more recent period that is characterized by growing global integration and use counterfactual simulations to quantify the role of the middle class in sustained poverty reduction.

Third, our study contributes to a literature on the effects of trade policy on poverty (Autor, Dorn and Hanson, 2016; Topalova, 2010; Harrison, ed, 2007; Goldberg and Pavcnik, 2004; Winters, McCulloch and McKay, 2004). We introduce to this literature a novel measure of integrated international market size, which in our model predicts sustained poverty reduction. This measure complements and extends the data sets of Sachs and Warner (1995) and Wacziarg and Welch (2008), which identify the specific years at which economies liberalize. By our treaty-based measure of liberalization, in which a country has access to some international market once it signs a trade agreement, many countries appear open in years when these other datasets consider them closed. Even though many countries are closed according to our measure in 1981, almost none are closed today, given almost complete membership in the WTO by UN member states. Despite this, there is large variation in the relative size of the integrated international market in many regions, driven for instance by China's entry into the WTO in 2001, which lowered the average income of WTO member states by approximately 18 percent.

Finally, while models of development with firm-level increasing returns assume supply-side constraints, such as capital market imperfections, to explain why countries remain poor (Banerjee and Duflo, 2005), our framework does not rely on such assumptions. Our demand-side framework implies that the small size of the market itself may explain why countries remain poor. Further, this equilibrium is in our stylized framework unique. Support for the view that demand-side constraints may be binding comes from the empirical literature on the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (Woodruff, 2018). While a decade of research on supply-side interventions, for instance

microfinance (Banerjee, Karlan and Zinman, 2015) and business training (McKenzie and Woodruff, 2014), has found mostly disappointing effects, a nascent literature finds that boosts to demand may be effective in promoting productivity growth (Alfaro-Urena, Manelici and Vasquez, 2020; Atkin, Khandelwal and Osman, 2017; Ferraz, Finan and Szerman, 2015).

The paper proceeds as follows. In Section 2, we introduce our conceptual framework that guides the empirical strategy laid out in Section 3. In Section 4, we describe the variables we construct to bring the model to the data, namely sustained poverty reduction, the middle class share of the population, and the relative size of the integrated international market. Section 5 presents the results. Section 6 discusses our counterfactual estimates of market size in an economy without international integration. Section 7 concludes and offers some thoughts on policy implications.

# 2 Conceptual Framework

We define "development" as sustained poverty reduction. While many indicators summarize a country's progress, poverty reduction is arguably the best indicator that a country is on track to becoming what could be called an advanced economy. Poverty elimination is the first of the World Bank's Twin Goals and the first of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. All advanced economies have eliminated extreme poverty. For practical purposes, the World Bank defines extreme poverty elimination as occurring when the headcount of people living on \$1.90 per day falls to less than 3 percent of the population, recognizing that some small pockets of poverty will always remain, even in advanced economies. According to the most recent data from POVCALNET, the extreme poverty headcount in the United States is 1.25 percent, in Japan, 0.22 percent, and in Germany, 0 percent.

Our focus on the transition between two dichotomous stages of development, one with extreme poverty and one without, follows in the tradition of W. Arthur Lewis and others. In this framework, the economy has two alternative production technologies, one with constant returns to scale and another with increasing returns to scale.<sup>3</sup> Development occurs when firms pay the fixed setup costs of adopting the increasing returns technology, which causes labor productivity to rise. Even if the poor do not work in the firms that adopt the new technology, poverty falls because the common wage paid to all workers rises. The main implication of this framework is that a threshold market size is required to achieve development—if there is not enough demand, a firm operating the increasing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Banerjee and Duflo (2005) propose a similar model of development in which firms choose to upgrade to a new technology, and emphasize the role played by capital market imperfections in prohibiting the adoption of this technology.

returns technology will not break even. Development is given by the threshold crossing model

$$D = \mathbb{1}\left(\Pi > 0\right) \tag{1}$$

where  $\Pi$  is profitability in the increasing returns sector.

The idea that international markets allow firms to achieve minimum efficient scale is well established in trade theory (Helpman and Krugman, 1985). In principle however, a large enough domestic market could also allow firms using the increasing return technology to break even. Murphy, Shleifer and Vishny (1989a) provide a model of exactly this phenomenon, with a specific mechanism in which the effects of a positive income shock, from either agricultural productivity or exports, depend on the initial shareholdings of individuals in society. Societies develop faster when shares in the firms are distributed more equitably across the population, raising the marginal propensity to consume out of the profits generated by the increasing returns sector. This model suggests that a large internal market may provide a path to development, even in the absence of trade. The middle class, which determines the size of this market, is created endogenously as a result of an initial wealth shock and an initial relatively equitable distribution of firm ownership.<sup>4</sup> These ideas imply the threshold market size could be achieved though some combination of: (i) large population, (ii) an equitable distribution of income, (iii) a large international market.

Norway, where oil exploration began in 1963 and was discovered in 1969, is an example of a country that perhaps grew more rapidly than other countries because of a more equitable initial distribution of income. In 1960, the country had per capita income of \$23,167 in 2010 US dollars. In 2018, years after the discovery of oil, per capita income had quadrupled to \$92,077. According to the Luxembourg Income Study, Norway had relatively low Gini coefficient of 26.8 in 1979, the first year for which data are available, indicating a relatively equal distribution of income. In comparison, Mexico, which similarly had major oil discoveries in the 1970s, had a much higher Gini of 48.4 in 1984, indicating relatively higher inequality. Mexico had income of \$3,907 in 1960, which in 2018 had grown only 2.7 times to \$10,403.

# 3 Empirical Strategy

Our empirical strategy is based on the threshold crossing model of Equation 1 and utilizes crosscountry panel data. The challenge is to estimate a profit function for the increasing returns sector,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>For clarity, we note that the equilibrium in this model is unique, and so this is not a setting with multiple equilibria, one with high development and one poverty trap equilibrium with low development, as in the authors' companion paper (Murphy, Shleifer and Vishny, 1989b). Kraay and McKenzie (2014) argue that there is limited empirical evidence for such poverty traps, especially on the scale that would affect an entire economy.

so that we may calculate the relative contribution of domestic and international market size to sustained poverty reduction. Bresnahan and Reiss (1991) propose a method to estimate the profit function of a profit maximizing firm when data on prices and quantities are unavailable. We adopt their approach to modeling the profit function of the increasing returns to scale sector, while letting the dependent variable  $D = D_{it}$  be an indicator that sustained poverty reduction is achieved in country i over the five-year period indexed by t.

Suppose profit of the increasing returns sector in country i at time t is given by:

$$\Pi_{it} = S(M_{it}, \lambda) \times V(Z_{it}, W_{it}, \beta) - F(W_{it}, \gamma) + \epsilon_{it}$$
(2)

where  $\lambda$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are parameters of the profit function,  $M_{it}$  are observables capturing market size,  $Z_{it}$  and  $W_{it}$  are per-capita demand and cost shifters respectively, and the error term  $\epsilon_{it}$  captures unobservable factors affecting profits. This specification corresponds to the functional form of Murphy, Shleifer and Vishny (1989a), in which expenditure of the middle class is multiplied by profits from either exports or agricultural productivity to determine the level of industrialization.

The function S summarizes the domestic and international market as determined by population, the income distribution, and international integration. We assume a linear function:

$$S(M_{it}, \lambda) = M_{it}\lambda = \text{population}_{it} + \lambda_1 \text{ middle class share of population}_{it}$$
 (3)  
  $+\lambda_2 \text{ relative population of integrated market}_{it}$   $+\lambda_3 \text{ relative income of integrated market}_{it}.$ 

All variables are predetermined in each of our data windows, as t refers to the first year of the five-year period. We set the coefficient of population in  $S(M_{it}, \lambda)$  equal to one because V contains a constant term. This normalization translates units of market demand into units of population, allowing for an easy interpretation of S. So that our quantitative estimate of market size is more easily interpretable in terms of people consuming less than the middle class, before estimation we subtract from population the number of people in the middle class.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>This decision does not substantially affect our estimate of  $\lambda$ .

V stands for per-capita variable profits, which are modeled as a function of economic variables  $X_{it} = [Z_{it}, W_{it}]$ . We assume:

$$V = X_{it}\beta$$

$$= \beta_1 + \beta_2 \text{ export growth}_{it-1} + \beta_3 \text{ agricultural productivity growth}_{it-1}$$
(4)

where t-1 refers to growth over the last five year period. The variables included in  $X_{it}$  account for differences in the variable per-capita profits of the increasing returns sector across countries. Finally, we include under "fixed costs" variables that capture both fixed production costs and fixed barriers to entry. We assume:

$$F = W_i^L \gamma \tag{5}$$

 $=\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  tropical climate  $_i + \gamma_3$  desert climate  $_i + \gamma_4$  distance to coast  $_i + \gamma_5$  ruggedness  $_i + \gamma_6$  British legal origins  $_i + \gamma_7$  French legal origins  $_i$ 

The variables in  $W_i^L$  include predetermined factors that likely affect start-up or entry costs. Bresnahan and Reiss (1991), who study non-tradable services, use the price of agricultural land to capture intermarket variation in land costs. A natural proxy for land costs across countries is climate, which may effect land prices through the regularity of rain, which may degrade real estate and slow construction and repairs. Our first two controls therefore are the percentage of land area with a tropical climate, and the percentage of land area with a desert climate. Of course, it is well known that tropical countries have had poor long term economic performance either due either to geographic disadvantage (Sachs, 2001), or interaction with historical shocks, such as colonialism (Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson, 2001). We therefore interpret our fixed cost variables as controls for long-run determinants of institutions or technology, rather than structural parameters. In alternative specifications, we also include distance to coast (Rappaport and Sachs, 2003) and ruggedness (Nunn and Puga, 2012), as well as dummies for the origins of legal institutions (La Porta, Lopez-de Silanes, Shleifer and Vishny, 1999). Socialist legal origins are the omitted category, so that the legal origins dummies are not co-linear with the constant.

The further assumption that  $\epsilon_{it}$  is normally distributed with mean zero, combined with the threshold condition in Equation (1), yields a probit model in which the probability of development,

conditional on market size, demand and costs, is:

$$\Pr(D_{it} = 1) = \Pr(\Pi_{it} > 0) = \Phi(\bar{\Pi}_{it})$$
 (6)

where  $D_{it}$  is an indicator variable equal to 1, if there is sustained poverty reduction (our measure of development) in country i over period t, and zero otherwise,  $\bar{\Pi}_{it} = \Pi_{it} - \epsilon_{it}$ , and  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the normal cumulative distribution function. We estimate this model using maximum likelihood.

Estimated threshold market size is given by

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\overline{W}^L \hat{\gamma}}{\overline{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\beta}} \tag{7}$$

where the overbar indicates sample averages and the circumflex indicates estimates from the probit model. By setting  $S(M_{it}, \hat{\lambda}) = \hat{S}$ , it is possible to determine which counterfactual combinations of  $M_{it}$  would be sufficient for a country to achieve development. These results are presented in Annex B.

### 4 Data and Measurement

We call henceforth our sample of 347 country-five-year periods the sustained poverty reduction sample. It includes 93 countries, observed in 5-year periods from 1981-2015, where five year periods range between 1981 to 2015: 81-85, 86-90, 91-95, 96-00, 01-05, 06-10, 11-15. This sample excludes advanced economies, or those with a poverty headcount below 3 percent for all years in the POVCALNET data. Advanced economies cannot provide any information about sustained poverty reduction, because poverty has been eliminated (following the World Bank definition) for all years they are observed.

We construct three novel variables to estimate the empirical model. The first of these is our outcome, a binary variable indicating whether a country experienced sustained extreme poverty reduction over a five-year period. The second is a measure of relative international market size, according to legally-binding provisions to international trade agreements. The third is a measure of domestic market size, which we define as the share of national population in the global middle class. In this section, we explain how each of these variables was constructed, and establish some stylized facts about how they have varied over time.

Existing data sets are used to measure the components of variable profit and fixed costs. To calculate export growth, the first determinant of variable profit, we use the World Bank series of goods and service exports as a share of GDP (NE.EXP.GNFS.ZS in the World Development

Indicators).<sup>6</sup> For labor productivity growth in agriculture, the second determinant of variable profit, we use the international agricultural productivity series of the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (Fuglie et al., 2012). For geographic components of fixed costs we use data from Nunn and Puga (2012): the share of land in tropical climate, the share of land in desert climate, average distance to ice-free coast and terrain ruggedness. For origins of legal system (i.e. English, French or socialist) we use data from La Porta, Lopez-de Silanes, Shleifer and Vishny (1999).

### 4.1 Sustained poverty reduction

The data used to construct our outcome variable,  $D_{it}$ , are from POVCALNET, which reports the national extreme poverty headcount, or the percent of population living below \$1.90 PPP in 2011 US dollars, in years where household survey data are available. The headcount series for each country is transformed into a series of periods of sustained poverty reduction in the following four steps. First, for years where there is a missing headcount within a country, a linear trend is estimated between years, and used to interpolate the missing data. Second, the data are segmented into seven mutually exclusive 5-year periods. Third, for all years, we create an indicator for whether the headcount is lower relative to the previous year, referencing either the observed or interpolated value. Fourth, this indicator is used to create an indicator for sustained poverty reduction throughout the period. If interpolated and observed poverty has fallen in all years within the five year period, we code the indicator equal to 1 for that period. If the poverty headcount is not declining in every year, we code the variable equal to 0. If an observed or interpolated headcount is not available in all five years, the indicator is missing for that period.

To see how this works, consider the examples of Angola and Nigeria, two large high poverty countries. In Angola, the extreme poverty headcount is only observed twice, in 2000, at 32.3 percent and in 2008, at 30.1 percent Using the linear interpolation, we therefore only observe sustained poverty reduction in each year from 2001-2008. When data are segmented into periods, 01-05 is the only five year period for which the change in headcount is observed. Therefore, this is the only period we are able to code for Angola: we code sustained poverty reduction equal to 1 in this period, because the linear trend is always negative, and set all other periods for Angola to missing. In Nigeria, the poverty head count is observed five times, in 1985, 1992, 1996, 2003 and 2009. We are therefore able to code periods 1986-90, 91-95, 96-00 and 01-05. Over these periods,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>For six countries, where this series is not available, we supplement with the IMF series of exports of goods, services and primary income (BX.GSR.TOTL.CD), which matches closely the World Bank series in most cases. The countries for which we supplement data are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Fiji, Iran, Lesotho and Sao Tome and Principe.

the country did experience reductions in the poverty rate, but we still code all periods as 0, because these reductions were not continuous over any of the four time periods. Specifically, between 1996 and 2003 the poverty rate fell from 63.5 percent to 53.46 percent. However, because this decline is followed by a slight increase in the poverty rate to 53.47 percent in 2009, the period 01-05 is coded as 0, given the interpolated increase from 2003-05. Similarly, since the headcount in 1996 implied an increase in the poverty rate from 57.1 percent in 1992, the period 95-00 was also coded as 0, since the interpolated poverty trend is increasing in 1995. These examples highlight the challenges involved with measuring changes in poverty at the national level; statistical agencies may release numbers infrequently.

To summarize the results, Figure 1 displays the share of five-year periods which achieved sustained extreme poverty reduction, over time across six regions. Notably, the share is above 50% for most years in most regions. This reflects the tremendous progress that has been made against extreme poverty in the last four decades. For instance, sustained poverty reduction occurs in 100 percent of countries in four periods in specific regions: 85-90 and 06-10 in the Middle East and North Africa, and 06-11 and 11-15 in South Asia. Interestingly, the period of 06-10, which spans much of the recent crisis originating in the United States, does not seem to have been a particularly bad year for poverty reduction globally. This highlights a separation of cycles between advanced and developing economies. Two eras of poor performance stand out, 1981 to 1995 in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 1985 to 2005 in Latin America.

It is well known that Africa had poor performance during that period, but why was sustained poverty reduction in Latin America and Caribbean so low? One answer may that in these regions, poverty surveys typically measure income and not consumption, which may introduce measurement error. Assuming households have either some savings or access to credit markets, one would expect income to be more volatile than consumption, as income shocks are smoothed over time. In Europe and Central Asia, for example, 54 percent of headcounts are derived from income rather than consumption surveys, and in Latin America and the Caribbean this number is 98 percent. In Sub-Saharan Africa however only 2 percent percent of headcounts are based on income surveys, and in the Middle East and North Africa none of the headcounts are. Therefore, in the estimation of the model, we consider an additional specification, which drops the observations derived from income surveys. Though standard errors increase somewhat when we drop such a large portion of the data, our basic conclusions remain robust.

An additional challenge to measuring sustained poverty reduction is that the frequency of surveys may also introduce error in our measure. For instance, in periods with zero or one observations of the headcount, as is the case in all periods for Angola and Nigeria, it will be impossible to see short (e.g., 1-2 year) increases in the headcount, because the increases will not carry over into following years. As a result, countries with more frequent household surveys may appear to have less instances of sustained poverty reduction, given greater observed volatility. In our results, we also present a specification estimated while dropping the 131 observations that have more than two years of data in the 5 year period, or 37 percent of the sample. These observations should be most affected by short run volatility.

There is a strong presumption in economics that labor productivity growth and poverty reduction go hand in hand. To test whether this relationship bears out in our data, Table 1 compares instances of sustained poverty reduction to instances of sustained growth in real GDP per capita, the latter of which is considered to occur when real GDP per capita does not contract at all during a period. To prevent higher frequency observations of GDP per capita from affecting our results, we look only at GDP per capita in the years in which the poverty headcount is also measured, and interpolate GDP per capita between years, as we have done for the headcount. What is apparent from Table 1 is that sustained GDP per capita growth does seem to be positively correlated with sustained poverty reduction, with 76 percent of instances of poverty reduction also having sustained GDP per capita growth, and only 24 percent not having it. More interestingly however, despite this positive relationship, there are still 82 periods, or 23 percent of the sample, which experience sustained GDP growth without sustained poverty reduction. Poverty reduction and GDP growth, while positively related, do not necessarily go hand in hand.

### 4.2 International market size

The second data set we develop is a database of the relative income and population of each country's international market, as defined by signatures to trade agreements. We define each country's global market by summing up the populations and incomes of all other countries, with weights corresponding to the number of legally enforcible provisions of multilateral agreements between the country and all others. This measure has three main advantages for our analysis. First, it allows us to measure directly the effect of international integration treaties, participation in which is a policy choice for the government. Other analyses of trade liberalization (Sachs and Warner, 1995; Wacziarg and Welch, 2008; Easterly, 2019) have typically focused on a mixture of policy decisions (e.g., liberalizing state monopolies in exporting sectors), and trade outcomes (e.g., abnormally low shares of trade to GDP). By focusing specifically on the policy decision to integrate economically through trade agreements, we ensure our counterfactuals are tied to policies actually within government's

control. Second, because we calculate market size in terms of GDP and population, these measures allow us to estimate directly the relative value of integrating with a richer versus a more populous market. Finally, our measures allow us to exploit variation in market size stemming from the entry of *other* countries into a trade agreement. A good example of this variation is what may be called the China shock to the WTO, shown in Figure 2. When China entered in 2001, GDP per-capita of WTO member states fell from above \$11,000 to below \$9,000, while population increased by more than 1 billion people. Below we describe in detail how we construct our relative size measures, and, provide an example of the variation we exploit in our estimation by tracing out the China shock to the WTO through the relative population and income of countries' international markets.

### 4.2.1 Legally enforceable core provisions of multilateral trade agreements

Our measure of market size is based on a measure of the *depth* of the trade agreements between a pair of countries, which is simply the number of provisions in agreements related to different domains of international trade (e.g., flows of goods, services, capital, labor and ideas). Our data on provisions come primarily from Hofmann, Osnago and Ruta (2017), who code the legal content of all provisions of all 279 regional trade agreements in force and notified to the World Trade Organization as of 2015. These authors build on the approach developed by Horn, Mavroidis and Sapir (2010) for preferential trade agreements involving the United States (US) and European Community (EC). We add to their work by coding provisions linked to three major international (rather than regional) trade agreements, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the various agreements of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). Table 2 lists the 32 legal provisions in our data set, and shows that they fall into two broad groups, which together make up the legal architecture of the international economy.<sup>7</sup>

First, there are provisions establishing rights protecting the mobility of goods and services, labor, capital and ideas. Rights over trade in goods, for instance the right to receive the most favored nation tariff, have been enforceable for some time, first under the GATT Article I and then the WTO. Establishment of rights related to services trade remains limited to those areas covered under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), from which major sectors are excluded, such as maritime services. Provisions enforcing rights over labor and capital mobility are the most rare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>We focus on what are called as "core" provisions, those related directly to trade (Baldwin, 2008). Non-core provisions cover a wide variety of topics, for instance related to the enforcement of human rights, labor or environmental standards, as well anti-money laundering, consumer protection, and statistics cooperation. Our exclusion of non-core provisions has practical implications for measurement. Since we weight countries by the number of provisions, we do not want to overweight regional trade agreements, which include many more non-core provisions relative to the international agreements.

Visa and asylum provisions for instance are only protected in regional trade agreements, such as the EC or the Economic Cooperation Organization of West African States (ECOWAS). Rights to free capital flows, such as prohibitions on local content requirements and protections of the right to repatriate profits, have only recently emerged under certain preferential trade agreements. Finally, some provisions enforce rights over the mobility of ideas, via intellectual property rights protection which is controversial, for instance in the pharmaceutical industry where losses in consumer welfare may be substantial (Chaudhuri, Goldberg and Jia, 2006).

Second, the agreements have additional provisions to protect the specified rights, by limiting government discretion to undo them. For instance, the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) gives rights to the withdrawal of subsidies or the removal of their adverse effects. Countries also have the right, after an investigation, to charge "countervailing" duties on subsidized imports that are found to be hurting domestic producers. There is an argument that, particularly as regards provisions regarding the mobility of ideas, capital and services, trade agreements have become captured by rich-country business elites (Rodrik, 2018) and do not necessarily serve developing countries. Given this, we interpret any observed effect of joining an agreement to be the net of potentially positive and potentially negative effects.

One question is how our legally-determined measure of market integration compares with other measures of liberalization in the literature. Annex A lists, for 1981, 2001 and 2015, all economies which are considered closed by our measure, given that they have no signatures to any of the treaties in our database. Out of current members of the United Nations that existed at the time, in 1981 we count 67 closed economies. Of these, only four, Botswana, Ecuador, Jordan and Thailand were classified as open at the time by Sachs and Warner (1995) and Wacziarg and Welch (2008). Their classifications however are much more likely to classify countries as closed, even when they appear open in our sample. For example, Wacziarg and Welch (2008) consider China and India closed as of 2001, even though India had been a WTO member since 1995 and a member of GATT since 1948. China joined the WTO in that year. According to our treaty-based classification of openness, very few economies remained closed as of 2015, the three largest being Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea, and the others being very small states, often with special customs arrangements (i.e., Monaco with France, or the Marshall Islands and Palau with the United States) that may obviate the need for multilateral agreements to obtain market integration. Afghanistan joined the WTO in July 2016.

### 4.2.2 Relative international market size

We use the pairwise provisions signed between countries to construct a country-specific measure of the relative size of the international market. As our indicators of relative market size, we use both per-capita income, or per-capita GDP in current US dollars (NY.GDP.MKTP.CD in the World Development Indicators), and population (SP.POP.TOTL). Formally, for each integrated market M and country i and year t, let

$$\operatorname{income}_{it}^{M} = \sum_{j} \rho_{ijt} \operatorname{income}_{jt}$$

$$\operatorname{population}_{it}^{M} = \sum_{j} \rho_{ijt} \operatorname{population}_{jt}$$
(8)

where  $\rho_{ijt}$  equals the number of in force provisions signed between country i and j in year t, as a share of the maximum, 32. Using these statistics, we calculate the relative size of the integrated market, in terms of population and income, for each country year:

relative population of integrated 
$$\operatorname{market}_{it} = \operatorname{population}_{it}^{M}/\operatorname{population}_{it}$$
relative income of integrated  $\operatorname{market}_{it} = \frac{\operatorname{income}_{it}^{M}/\operatorname{population}_{it}^{M}}{\operatorname{income}_{it}/\operatorname{population}_{it}}$ .

(9)

Figure 3 displays these variables, averaged in each year within regions where observations are weighted by the population of the country. The figure allows us to see how the relative size of the international integrated market in each region changes over time. Each line is a population weighted average of the relative market size, in that year. A number of observations stand out. First, Sub-Saharan Africa was an early integrator, with many of its largest economies joining GATT early on, for instance South Africa (June 13, 1948), Nigeria (November 18, 1960) and Kenya (February 5, 1964). Until 1995, when it was overtaken by Latin America and the Caribbean, it had the largest relative market size in terms of population. Second, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa have both integrated with richer countries. For instance, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Africa experienced rapid growth in the market size to which it was linked, as more rich countries joined trade agreements such as GATT. Then, in 2001, when China enters the WTO, relative income falls. Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa no longer had simply open markets with rich buyers, but a rival in their income bracket. Third, countries' own per-capita GDP and population growth affect the relative size of the market. This can be seen clearly in East Asia, where the relative market size in terms of GDP per capita declines over the 2000s, as China gets richer. It is also possible to see how the relative population of Sub-Saharan Africa's international market declines in the 2000s, as Africa's population grows faster than the rest of the world's.

### 4.3 Income distribution

Our measure of domestic market size depends on the income distribution. Consistent with the underlying conceptual framework, we identify "domestic market size" with the share of the population in the global middle class, a statistic which depends on both average income and equality. Assuming potential increasing returns to scale are constant across countries, we define the global middle class following Kharas (2010, 2017), who proposes bounds at \$11-110/day PPP in 2011 US dollars of consumption, on the basis that the lower bound is the average of the national poverty lines in Portugal and Italy, and the upper bound is twice the median income in Luxembourg. That is, to be in the global middle class, one cannot be poor in the poorest rich countries, but cannot be rich in the richest country. In what follows, we apply these bounds and estimate the share of the middle class as the headcount ratio for the upper bound minus the headcount ratio for the lower bound.

To measure equality, we use the Gini coefficient  $(G_{it})$ , a standard measure of (in)equality, also from POVCALNET, for consistency with our measure of sustained poverty reduction. For average income, we use data on real GDP per capita  $(\overline{Y}_{it})$  from the Penn World Tables 9.1. GDP is preferred to income based on household surveys given the risk of top-coding, and the fact that we are interested in the middle and top of the distribution, especially in low and lower-middle income countries (Deaton, 2005; Ravallion, 2003). We make the parametric assumption that income within countries is distributed log-normally in order to combine our measures of equality and income to get a measure of the middle class. Pinkovskiy and Sala-i Martin (2009) show that the log-normal distribution provides a good fit to the income distribution in most countries, delivering distributions very similar to those obtained from kernel density estimates, and of superior fit to the gamma and Weibull distributions, two alternatives that also have two parameters.

Suppose individual daily income y is distributed according to  $\ln(y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{it}, \sigma_{it}^2)$ , so that:

$$\mu_{it} = \ln(\overline{Y}_{it}/365) - \frac{\sigma_{it}^2}{2},$$

$$\sigma_{it} = \sqrt{2}\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{G_{it}+1}{2}\right)$$
(10)

where  $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$  is the inverse normal cumulative distribution function. Aitchison and Brown (1957) first showed the link between the Gini and the parameters of the log-normal distribution, the properties of which are reviewed by Crow and Shimizu (1987).

Then

middle class share of population<sub>it</sub> = 
$$\Phi\left(\frac{\ln(110) - \mu_{it}}{\sigma_{it}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln(11) - \mu_{it}}{\sigma_{it}}\right)$$
. (11)

It is often remarked that there is a trade-off between higher income and equality. We will show that if a government focuses on the middle class, it need not face such a trade-off.

Figure 4 shows country averages of the middle class share within four periods: 1981-90, 91-00, 00-10, 11-15. Two samples are shown, the sustained poverty reduction sample, which uses only POVCALNET Gini coefficients, and the rest of the world, which uses Gini coefficients from Milanovic (2013), selecting in each country the series with the most observations over time. The first pattern emerging from the figure is that, though income and middle class share of the population are highly correlated at low levels of income, there is a large dispersion of middle class shares within a large band of income, between 8 and 10 log points, or approximately \$3,000 to \$22,000 dollars. This demonstrates that there are many levels of equality for a given level of income.

The second striking observation is the emergence over time, among rich countries, of a region of the distribution where the middle class is declining in income — a shrinking middle class. In the most recent period, several countries with income of more than 22 thousand dollars, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and Luxembourg, had a middle class that was less than 50 percent of the population. In Luxembourg, the middle class is just 13 percent of the population. Clearly the upper bound \$110 is much less than twice the median income in Luxembourg, at least according to our estimate of the country's income distribution in the most recent decade. A difference between our approach and that of Kharas (2010) is that he uses average household consumption in place of  $\overline{Y}_{it}$ , whereas we have used GDP per capita. The latter includes expenditure in the investment sector (i.e. construction, machinery and equipment), thus increasing average income and making our estimates of the middle class larger relative to his. As a result, we have not made an assumption about whether increasing returns are differentially available in the investment or consumption sector. The use of national accounts in place of average income is most controversial when studying the lower tail of the income distribution (Pinkovskiy and Sala-i Martin, 2014).

## 5 Results

We begin by summarizing our data visually. Figure 5 shows the sample data for the market size variables, plotted against income per capita observed in the first year of the five-year period. Population, and relative population of the integrated market are widely distributed across income, with no clear relationship between them. Outliers in population, China and India, are visible, as well as outliers in terms of the relative population of the integrated market, such as Djbouti, which had an integrated market in 2011-15 of 2,930 times more people, relative to its own population. The Gambia is another outlier, with a relative market of 1,313 more people, and Botswana, with 1,218

more people.<sup>8</sup> While population and relative population of the integrated market appear evenly distributed across income levels, relative income of the international market is rapidly declining at lower levels of income before flattening after 9 log points, or about \$8,000 dollars in income. Turning to the middle class, there is substantial dispersion especially after 7 log points, or about \$1,000 income. This emphasizes that though average income increases the share of the population in the middle class, the Gini coefficient still creates substantial dispersion. Finally, turning to the income boosts, it appears that agricultural productivity and export shocks are uniformly distributed across income.

Before estimating the parameters of the profit function implied by our conceptual framework, we summarize how the variables in our dataset differ between periods of sustained poverty reduction and periods without sustained poverty reduction. Table 3 presents descriptive statistics for all variables, as well as T-tests for whether each of our sample variables is different between samples. Beginning with population, it is clear that periods of sustained poverty reduction occur in larger countries, with 50 million more people on average (p = 0.016). The middle class is also larger during periods of sustained poverty reduction (p = 0.071). These results provide some initial support for our hypothesis that domestic market size matters. Interestingly, however, we do not find significant differences in international market size, either as measured by relative income per capita (p = 0.907), or as measured by relative population (p = 0.122). This is surprising in the context of our framework, where international market size should affect poverty reduction.

Turning to the income boosts, we find that earlier export growth is significantly higher in instances of sustained poverty reduction, 8 percent on an annualized basis over the last 5 years, compared to 4 percent in periods without (p = 0.0004). It appears that, in these simple T-tests, the effects of international markets on poverty are loaded on exports, rather than international market size. In our structural estimation of the profit function, we will study their effects when they are both included in the same model. Turning to agriculture, there is no significant difference in agricultural productivity growth, which is 2 percent annually in both samples (p = 0.266). Finally, looking at the fixed costs, tropical climate has a significant negative effect on poverty reduction, with the average land share of tropical climate being 20 percentage points less in periods of sustained poverty reduction (p = 0.00001). Desert climate appears also to be a significant predictor (p = 0.002), as well as distance to ice free coast (p = 0.036), but not ruggedness (p = 0.301). For legal institutions, British legal institutions are significantly more frequent (p = 0.001) in periods of sustained poverty reduction, while French institutions are significantly less frequent (p = 0.001) relative to periods

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Botsawna, Djbouti, the Gambia are all members of the WTO. The Gambia joined GATT in 1965, and Botswana joined in 1987. Djibouti joined GATT in December 1994, just before joining the WTO.

without sustained poverty reduction. These results are consistent with past research that has shown geographic and institutional factors to be strong predictors of outcomes related to development.

We now turn to our estimates of the threshold model, which are reported in Table 4. Each column of the table reports coefficient estimates of each parameter, as well as our estimate of  $\hat{S}$ , the threshold market size required for the increasing returns sector to break even. In columns 1 through 4, the market size and variable profit components of the model are the same, but we allow for alternative specifications of fixed costs in order to explore how fixed geographical and institutional factors affect the model.

The constant parameter for fixed costs in column 1 is positive and statistically significant:  $\gamma_1 = 0.56$  (s.e. = 0.04). This is consistent with our premise of increasing returns to scale. In column 2 through 4, we add additional geographic and institutional controls to the fixed cost term. In column 2, the share of land in a tropical climate is positive and significant and the coefficient on the share of land in a desert climate is negative and significant, implying that tropical climate raises fixed costs and desert climate lowers them. This is expected, given what is known about the growth experience of tropical countries. In column 3, we add distance to coast and ruggedness. Ruggedness is significant and positive, raising fixed costs, and distance to coast is negative, though not significant. In column 4, we add British legal origins, which have a large negative effect on fixed costs, reducing them by the equivalent of 580 million people, relative to the omitted category, socialist legal origins. Fixed costs in markets with French legal origins are not significantly different from markets with socialist legal origins. Our estimate for threshold market size also increases 44 percent between columns 1 and column 4, suggesting that geographic and institutional factors pose significant barriers to development.

We evaluate the fit of these specifications using the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC). In column 1, AUC = 0.667, indicating the model has some predictive power relative to a random guess. Adding climate controls increases the statistic to 0.708. When adding ruggedness and distance to coast, it actually falls to 0.706, suggesting that the model is actually losing predictive power. Adding legal origins raises the AUC to 0.735. Not perfect, but better than random guessing. It is notable, that though geographic and institutional controls improve the fit, the improvement is small relative to the baseline model. For comparison, Kleinberg, Lakkaraju, Leskovec, Ludwig and Mullainathan (2017) develop a machine learning tool that can improve on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>The ROC curve reports the combination of false positives and true positives implied by the empirical model. The area under the curve can be interpreted as the percent of time the empirical model would classify an instance of sustained poverty reduction and an instance without sustained poverty reduction correctly, compared to a random guess, which would get it right 50 percent of the time.

human judge's decisions to offer or deny bail in New York City; it has an AUC of 0.707. In our case, variables in the model have been selected by economic theory, rather than a machine.

We focus our discussion on column 4, our preferred specification which includes all of the geographic and institutional controls. In contrast with the univariate T-tests, this specification shows statistically significant effects of both domestic and international market size on sustained poverty reduction. The coefficient on the size of the middle class as a share of the population is  $\lambda_1 = 0.54$ (s.e. = 0.07), implying that moving from zero to one hundred percent of the population in the middle class is equivalent of adding 540 million people to the population. Recall that variables are scaled, so that the results can be interpreted in terms of people with average income below that of those belonging to the middle class.

The effects of the international market size are also substantial, both when measured by relative population (in 1,000s of people), where  $\lambda_2 = 0.16$  (s.e. = 0.02), and when measured by relative income per capita,  $\lambda_3 = 0.02$  (s.e. = 0.0001). To understand the magnitude of these effects, consider the situation of Afghanistan, with a population of approximately 35 million. Suppose Afghanistan contemplates whether to integrate with one of its neighbors, either Pakistan, with population of 200 million, or Iran, with population of 80 million. In terms of population, Iran is 2.3 times larger, and Pakistan is 5.7 times larger than Afghanistan. According to the coefficient estimate, opening up to an integrated market of the same population adds the equivalent of 160,000 people to average market size. The multiple of this would be greater if the country integrated with Pakistan. Joining a market with the same relative income per capita, however, has much larger effects, equivalent to 20 million people on average in our sample. Pakistan, which has a 3 times greater income per capita than Afghanistan would be worth an additional 60 million additional people. However, Iran has income per capita 10 times larger than Afghanistan, and so integration would yield the equivalent of 200 million more people. In this example, Iran is a much more valuable market when one one accounts for population and income. Though there gains to having a large market in terms of population, the main incremental value comes from trading partners' purchasing power. This suggests that so called "South-South" integration between countries of similar incomes will be less valuable than "North-South" integration between countries of different incomes.

Turning to the components of variable profit, the estimate of the constant,  $\beta_1 = 1.18(s.e. = 0.35)$ , is positive and statistically significant at standard levels. However, the coefficients on exports and agricultural labor productivity are not statistically significant. Conditional on market size, therefore, we do not have statistical power to quantify the specific effect of either income shock on poverty reduction. The fact that the coefficient on exports,  $\beta_2 = 6.26$  (s.e. = 11.45), is positive and

large is however reassuring. Somewhat surprisingly, the effect of agricultural productivity growth,  $\beta_3 = -0.66$  (s.e. = 22.46), is negative.

Having estimated the coefficients of the profit function, and confirmed both the presence of economies of scale and the statistical significance of the market size variables, we now examine what these coefficients imply for our outcome, sustained poverty reduction. In column 4, our preferred specification, the threshold market size to achieve sustained poverty reduction is  $\hat{S} = 328$  million people, where those people have purchasing power less than the global middle class. One way to view this number is in terms of expenditure. If those people had expenditure of \$2 per day, their expenditure would be  $2 \times 365 \times 328$  million = 239.4 billion, slightly less than the GDP (in 2011) PPP terms) of Morocco. If those people had expenditure of \$5 per day, their expenditure would be  $$5 \times 365 \times 328$  million = \$598.6 billion, less than the GDP of the Philippines. These estimates imply that a large market indeed is required for sustained poverty reduction. This market size can be achieved in a small country however through international trade agreements, or through a more equitable income distribution. The coefficients in parameter vector  $\lambda$  convert domestic and international market size variables into units of population, which allows one to determine what it will take for a given country to meet the threshold. It is clear therefore that income distribution and international integration will be relatively more important for small countries. Very large countries, for instance India and China, have been able to meet this threshold on the basis of population alone.

Finally, in columns 5 and 6, we rerun the estimation on two select subsamples of the data, in order to test whether our results are affected by two measurement issues discussed earlier: the additional volatility introduced from the use of income surveys to measure poverty, and the implications of using higher frequency household surveys. Specification 5 includes only consumption surveys, reducing the sample to 216 observations. Specification 6 includes only surveys in which 0, 1 or 2 years of poverty headcounts are observed, reducing the sample to 234 observations. Though the middle class is no longer significant in column 6, it remains so in specification 5. Coefficients on international market size variables remain significant in all specifications. We cannot reject, however, that any of these coefficients are different from specification 4, with the exception of the coefficient on the relative income of the international market in Specification 5, which however remains positive (albeit smaller in magnitude than before) and highly significant.

# 6 Counterfactual Closed Economy

To evaluate the effect effect of international integration on sustained poverty reduction, we simulate a counterfactual closed economy, without international integration in which  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ . This could

be understood as the development policy doomsday scenario, in which comparative advantage from trade becomes irrelevant for sustained poverty reduction. Annex B reports estimates of open and closed market size for each country period in our dataset, as well as the percentage increase in market size needed for countries to reach the threshold, if necessary.

We summarize these results in two figures. Figure 6 shows average estimated market size, calculated as  $M_{it}\hat{\lambda}$ , averaged over deciles of GDP per capita, using only data from 2011-15 and weighting observations by population, to provide a recent and welfare-relevant view. The blue set of columns correspond to the open economy (at current levels of integration), in which market size is calculated using the  $\lambda$  reported in column 4 of Table 5. The red columns show a market size estimate in which  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ , so market size is determined only by population and the size of the middle class. Notably, in this closed economy scenario, it is not until the sixth decile of GDP per capita, which corresponds to \$2,417, that the market becomes large enough to meet the estimated threshold  $\hat{S} = 328$ . International integration appears to help however. In all except the first and fifth deciles, the open economy market size is on average greater than the threshold. This suggests that, if the value of international markets remains as it has in the past, most countries should be able to achieve sustained poverty reduction. The average market size of the open economy however does not go far above the threshold.

Figure 7 is a similar bar chart, where countries are grouped by region, rather than income. Here, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa are both below the threshold in the closed economy scenario. The result on South Asia excludes India, which has not reported a national poverty headcount since 2011. Looking at past data in Annex B, India, given its large population, has long had a large enough market, and also achieved sustained poverty reduction in each period it was observed. Other populous countries in South Asia however either fail to reach, or barely reach, the threshold because their middle classes are not large enough. For instance Bangladesh, which in 2011 had 129 million people not in the middle class, would still need to grow its market by 62% in the closed economy scenario to reach the threshold, given its relatively small middle class (13 percent of the population). Pakistan, which in 2011 had 102 million people not in the middle class, but a larger middle class (44 percent of the population) just barely meets the threshold, but did not do so in previous periods.

### 7 Conclusions

Our findings are relevant for governments considering the question of which development objectives they should prioritize. The traditional approach (among economists) has been to recommend that, even if one is concerned with poverty reduction, one should focus primarily on economic growth, because it is "the most direct route" to development (Hausmann, Rodrik and Velasco, 2008). Though growth is indeed good for the poor (Dollar and Kraay, 2002; Dollar, Kleineberg and Kraay, 2013), which we confirm here, we have shown that it is also not sufficient for sustained poverty reduction. The seventeen Sustainable Development Goals adopted by United Nations member states in 2015 are an effort to incorporate broader development objectives than growth alone into decision making. The goals include 169 specific targets for line ministries and donors working on specific thematic issues, such as poverty, water, education, climate and gender. A drawback is that they do not aggregate well into a few headline targets that could define a national development strategy—it is difficult for citizens, politicians and business people to keep the multitude in mind all at once.

The demand-side framework described here suggests a middle way, which is specifically for governments to focus on three high-level objectives in their development strategy. The first goal is to eliminate povertry. Progress towards this goal is measured by

• Sustained poverty reduction: a continuous reduction in the poverty headcount.

Our empirical results suggest that two intermediate goals support progress towards the first:

- Income distribution: the size of the middle class, defined using an global standard;
- International integration: legal affirmation of rights to the mobility of goods, services, labor, capital and ideas between countries.

There is a straightforward mapping of the SDGs to these high-level objectives. Progress towards Goal (1), i.e., no poverty, can be measured by sustained poverty reduction. Goals ensuring a sufficiently equitable income distribution are those linked to human capital: (2) zero hunger, (3) good health and well-being, (4) quality education and (6) clean water; as well as: (5) gender equality, (10) reducing inequality, and (16) peace, justice and strong institutions; and also the goals most directly linked to economic performance: (8) decent work and economic growth and (9) industry, innovation and infrastructure. Notably however, international integration corresponds to only one Goal:(17) partnership for the goals, a target for which is to conclude the WTO Doha round of trade negotiations. Given the empirical importance of international integration we have demonstrated for sustained poverty reduction, it is perhaps surprising that the SDG agenda does not give more prominence to international integration as an objective.<sup>11</sup>

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{\phantom{a}^{10}} https://sustainable development.un.org/content/documents/118030fficial-List-of-Proposed-SDG-Indicators.pdf$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>The remaining six SDGs concern primarily the climate. These goals are (7) affordable and clean energy, (11)

In the demand-side framework, with a fixed population, there are two strategies for development: integrate internationally or develop the middle class. Worryingly, for countries with small populations, these strategies will require bigger results to reach the threshold market size. What then is way forward? A few options are clear. First, deeper economic integration via more provisions especially with richer countries, for instance regarding the mobility of labor (including the unskilled and professional tradespeople). Second, redistribution of income which targets the poor and the middle class. While direct aid to the poor is a valuable tool to help them escape poverty, resources must also be made available to broaden the middle class, who sustain the value of the market. The presence of imperfect competition underlying our model suggests that redistribution of firm profits in particular is important. Efforts to assist households in accumulating equity shares may therefore be especially useful policies for redistribution, as opposed to the redistribution of wage income.

We evaluated the fit of our model using the AUC, a statistic for predictive performance used by the machine learning community. Here, our empirical model was selected not by a machine, but by an economic model of development as old as at least the 1950s, further motivated using specific advancements in economic theory from the 1980s regarding increasing returns to scale and imperfect competition. If presented with one five-year period of sustained poverty reduction and one without sustained poverty reduction, our preferred specification is able to classify the period correctly 73.5 percent of the time, compared to a random guess, which would get it right 50 percent of the time. We venture that this is not too bad for the domain of economic development policy.

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sustainable cities and communities, (12) responsible consumption and production, (13) climate action, (14) life below water, (15) life on land. Our estimates of the effect of climate on fixed costs are statistically significant and comparable in size to the effect of the middle class on market size. However, given the well known challenge of disentangling whether these effects capture the impact of weak institutions or productivity disadvantage, we do not interpret these coefficients as structural parameters. This paper does not address the question of whether climate action will interact with the three development objectives proposed above.

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Table 1: Periods of sustained poverty reduction and growth

		Sustained real per capita GDP growth				
		No	Yes	Total		
Sustained	No	76	82	158		
extreme		48%	52%	100%		
poverty	Yes	45	144	189		
reduction		24%	76%	100%		
	Total	121	226	347		
		35%	65%	100%		

*Notes:* Percentages report shares of row totals. An observation is a country five-year period, ranging from 1981-2015.

Sources: POVCALNET. Penn World Tables 9.1.

Table 2: Core provisions of multilateral trade agreements

			Agreement on	
	General Agreement on Tariffs		Government	
olicy Area	and Trade (GATT)	(WTO)	Procurement (GPA)	Preferrential Trade Agreements (PTAs
) Establishing	g basic economic integration rights			
goods	<ul><li>Industrial tariffs</li></ul>			<ul><li>Industrial tariffs (WTO+)</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Agricultural tariffs</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Agricultural tariffs (WTO+)</li> </ul>
				<ul><li>Export taxes (WTO+)</li></ul>
services		• General Agreement on Trade in		• GATS (WTO+)
		Services (GATS)		
capital		Agreement on Trade-Related		• TRIMS (WTO+)
		Investment Measures (TRIMS)		<ul><li>Local content (WTO-X)</li></ul>
				<ul> <li>Repatriation of capital (WTO-X)</li> </ul>
labor				<ul><li>Visa and asylum (WTO-X)</li></ul>
ideas		Agreement on Trade-Related		• TRIPS (WTO+)
		Aspects of Intellectual Property		<ul> <li>Intellectual property rights (WTO-X)</li> </ul>
		Aspects of intellectual Property		• Intellectual property rights (WTO-A)
		Rights (TRIPS)		• Intellectual property rights (W10-A)
		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• Intellectual property rights (WTO-A)
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) Protecting t	Customs administration	Rights (TRIPS)  at discretion to undo them)  • Agreement on the Application	Public procurement	• Customs administration (WTO+)
) Protecting t	Customs administration     Anti-dumping (GATT Article	Rights (TRIPS)  at discretion to undo them)  • Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary	Public procurement	<ul><li>Customs administration (WTO+)</li><li>Anti-dumping (WTO+)</li></ul>
) Protecting t	<ul><li>Customs administration</li><li>Anti-dumping (GATT Article</li><li>VI)</li></ul>	Rights (TRIPS)  at discretion to undo them)  • Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures	Public procurement	<ul> <li>Customs administration (WTO+)</li> <li>Anti-dumping (WTO+)</li> <li>Countervailing measures (WTO+)</li> </ul>
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) Protecting t	<ul> <li>Customs administration</li> <li>Anti-dumping (GATT Article</li> <li>VI)</li> <li>Countervailing measures</li> </ul>	Rights (TRIPS)  at discretion to undo them)  • Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures  • Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement	·	<ul> <li>Customs administration (WTO+)</li> <li>Anti-dumping (WTO+)</li> <li>Countervailing measures (WTO+)</li> <li>SPS (WTO+)</li> <li>TBT (WTO+)</li> </ul>
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*Notes:* For preferrential trade agreements, WTO+ indicates provisions that are within the scope of the WTO's jurisdiction, whereas provisions indicated by WTO-X are not.

Sources: WTO and Hofmann, Osnago, and Ruta (2017). In Hofmann et. al. provisions related to local content are labeled "investment," and provisions related to repatriation of capital are called "movement of capital".

**Table 3: Sample market descriptive statistics** 

		i rests for universities,						
		by sustained poverty reduction status						
					Mean,	Mean,		
					Sustained	Sustained		
		Standard			Poverty	Poverty		
Variables	Mean	Deviation	Min	Max	Reduction = 0	Reduction = 1	Difference	P-value
Domestic market								
Population (billions of people)	0.07	0.20	0.00	1.34	0.04	0.09	0.05	[0.016]
Middle class (% of total population)	0.37	0.29	0.00	0.97	0.34	0.40	0.06	[0.071]
Relative size of integrated international market								
Population (1,000s of people)	0.23	0.42	0.00	2.93	0.19	0.26	0.07	[0.122]
Income per capita	8.11	8.90	0.00	50.58	8.05	8.16	0.11	[0.907]
Past income boosts								
Exports (% annual growth, last 5 years)	0.06	0.09	-0.36	0.50	0.04	0.08	0.04	[0.0004]
Agricultural labor productivity	0.02	0.03	-0.11	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.00	[0.266]
(% annual growth, last 5 years)								
Geographic variables								
Tropical climate (% of land area)	0.48	0.43	0.00	1.00	0.59	0.39	-0.20	[0.00001]
Desert climate (% of land area)	0.03	0.10	0.00	0.75	0.01	0.05	0.03	[0.002]
Distance to ice-free coast (1,000s of km)	0.43	0.44	0.00	2.21	0.37	0.47	0.10	[0.036]
Ruggedness	1.41	1.25	0.11	6.74	1.48	1.34	-0.14	[0.301]
Legal origins								
British legal origins	0.25	0.44	0.00	1.00	0.17	0.32	0.15	[0.001]
French legal origins	0.57	0.50	0.00	1.00	0.66	0.49	-0.18	[0.001]
Socialist legal origins	0.18	0.38	0.00	1.00	0.16	0.19	0.03	[0.532]

T-Tests for differences in means,

Notes: Sustained poverty reduction is a continuous reduction in the share of the population in extreme poverty (i.e., earning less than \$1.90/day PPP in 2011 US dollars) over a 5 year period, assuming a linear trend between years of survey data. The sample includes 347 observations of 93 countries between 1981-2015, and excludes advanced economies (i.e., those with less than 3% of the population in extreme poverty for all periods in the sample). Middle class is the share of the population earning \$11-110/day PPP 2011, calculated as a funtion of the Gini coefficient and real GDP per capita, assuming a log-normal income distribution. Population and income of integrated international market is calculated summing all the countries in the world, weighted by the depth of trade agreements signed between them.

Sources: POVCALNET, Penn World Tables, WTO, Hofmann, Osnago, and Ruta (2017), WDI, USDA ERS, Nunn and Puga (2012), La Porta, Lopez-de-Silanes, Shleifer and Vishny (1999).

Table 4: Threshold profit function with alternative specifications

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
DEPENDENT VARIA	BLE	Sustained	Sustained	Sustained	Sustained	Sustained	Sustained
		Poverty	Poverty	Poverty	Poverty	Poverty	Poverty
		Reduction	Reduction	Reduction	Reduction	Reduction	Reduction
Market size (S)	Middle class (% of total population)	0.60	0.59	0.56	0.54	0.67	1.49
		(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.41)	(2.41)
	Relative population of integrated international market (1,000s of people)	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.16	0.12	0.44
		(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.22)
	Relative income per capita of integrated international market	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
		(0.0001)	(0.0002)	(0.0002)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)	(0.0007)
Variable profit (V)	Constant	1.15	0.88	0.81	1.18	1.90	0.49
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		(0.34)	(0.28)	(0.28)	(0.35)	(4.09)	(0.3)
	Exports (% annual growth, last 5 years)	6.13	5.61	5.72	6.26	9.76	4.95
	2.500.00 (7.5 0.111.00.0) 10.00.0)	(10.96)	(10.64)	(12.43)	(11.45)	(84.34)	(25.25)
	Agricultural labor productivity (% annual growth, last 5 years)	-1.69	-0.14	-0.38	-0.66	9.88	-1.11
	Agricultural labor productivity (70 armadi growth) labe 3 years)	(19.19)	(14.52)	(15.7)	(22.46)	(126.17)	(18.15)
Fixed cost (F)	Constant	0.56	0.28	0.05	0.25	0.24	0.34
		(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.15)	(0.24)	(0.28)
	Tropical climate (% of land area)	(0.01)	0.54	0.65	0.68	0.73	0.79
	rropical cirriate (70 or land area)		(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.09)
	Desert climate (% of land area)		-1.67	-1.30	-1.35	-0.36	0.36
	Desert climate (70 or land area)		(0.56)	(0.65)	(0.73)	(0.97)	(0.99)
	Distance to ice-free coast (1,000s of km)		(0.30)	-0.02	0.01	-0.10	-0.35
	Distance to ice-nee coast (1,000s of kin)			(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.1)
	Duggadaese			0.04)	0.10	0.20	0.09
	Ruggedness						
	Details land address			(.01)	(0.0074)	(0.0067)	(0.0067)
	British legal origins				-0.58	-0.35	-0.68
	From the Level and the co				(.07)	(0.14)	(0.14)
	French legal origins				-0.02	-0.15	-0.39
					(.05)	(0.14)	(0.15)
Sample		Full	Full	Full	Full	Consumption	Maximum 2
						•	years observed
						only	per period
Log likelihood		-224.3	-214.7	-213.7	-207.6	-118.1	-134.6
Area under the reci	iever operating characteristic curve (AUC)	0.667	0.708	0.706	0.735	0.770	0.742
	ize (billions of people outside middle class)	0.227	0.391	0.371	0.328	0.222	0.371
Number of observations		347	347	347	347	216	234

Notes: Asymptotic standard errors in parenthesis. Market size also includes population of people not in the middle class, with a coefficient set equal to one. This allows the threshold market size to be interpreted in units of people who are not in the middle class. Socialist legal origins are the omitted legal origins category in specifications 4-6.

Annex A: Closed economies, as determined by lack of signature to any legally-binding multilateral trade agreement

A) Closed Economies in 1981			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Djibouti <sup>a</sup>	Libya <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe
Albania <sup>a</sup>	Ecuador <sup>b</sup>	Maldives <sup>a</sup>	Saudi Arabia <sup>a</sup>
Algeria	Equatorial Guinea <sup>a</sup>	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Seychelles <sup>a</sup>
Andorra <sup>a</sup>	Eswatini (Swaziland)	Mexico	Solomon Islands <sup>a</sup>
Angola	Ethiopia	Micronesia, Fed. Sts. <sup>a</sup>	Somalia <sup>a</sup>
Bahamas, The <sup>a</sup>	Fiji	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	Sudan <sup>a</sup>
Bahrain <sup>a</sup>	Guinea	Mongolia	Thailand <sup>b</sup>
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Tonga <sup>a</sup>
Bolivia	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Mozambique	Tunisia
Botswana <sup>b</sup>	Iraq <sup>a</sup>	Namibia	Tuvalu <sup>a</sup>
Brunei Darussalam <sup>a</sup>	Jordan <sup>a,b</sup>	Nauru <sup>a</sup>	United Arab Emirates <sup>a</sup>
Bulgaria	Kiribati <sup>a</sup>	Nepal	Vanuatu <sup>a</sup>
Cabo Verde <sup>a</sup>	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Oman <sup>a</sup>	Venezuela, RB
Cambodia <sup>a</sup>	Lao PDR	Panama	Vietnam
China	Lebanon	Paraguay	Yemen, (Arab) Rep. <sup>a</sup>
Comoros	Lesotho	Qatar <sup>a</sup>	Zambia
Czech Republic (Czechoslovakia) <sup>a</sup>	Liberia	San Marino <sup>a</sup>	
B) Closed Economies in 2001			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Nepal	Somalia <sup>a</sup>
Algeria	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Palau <sup>a</sup>	Timor-Leste <sup>a</sup>
Bhutan	Micronesia, Fed. Sts. <sup>a</sup>	Samoa <sup>a</sup>	Tonga <sup>a</sup>
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>a</sup>	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	San Marino <sup>a</sup>	Tuvalu <sup>a</sup>
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Montenegro <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe	Vanuatu <sup>a</sup>
Kiribati <sup>a</sup>	Nauru <sup>a</sup>	Serbia	
C) Closed Economies in 2015			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	Somalia <sup>a</sup>	
Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Palau <sup>a</sup>	Timor-Leste <sup>a</sup>	

Notes: List includes all sovereign states that are members of the United Nations in 2019, if they existed at the time. For instance, in 1981, the USSR had not signed the GATT, but does not exist today so it is not on the list. Superscript (a) indicates that country is not included in analysis of sustained poverty reduction, either because it had kept the extreme poverty headcount at less than 3% of the population for the entire sample, or sufficient poverty data were not available. Superscript (b) indicates that economy was classified as open in 1981 by Sachs and Warner (1995) and Waczirag and Welch (2008). Signatures are included only if in-force and have been notified to GATT or WTO.

# 5-year periods of sustained extreme poverty reduction (%) East Asia and the Pacific Europe and Central Asia Latin America and the Caribbean 1981-8586-90 91-95 96-00 01-05 06-10 11-15 1981-8586-90 91-95 96-00 91-95 9

Figure 1: Sustained poverty reduction

1981-8586-90 91-95 96-00 01-05 06-10 11-15

N = 29. Distinct countries = 6

1981-8586-90 91-95 96-00 01-05

N = 112. Distinct countries = 39

1981-8586-90 91-95 96-00

N = 27. Distinct countries = 6

Notes: The sample includes 347 5-year periods, from 93 distinct countries, excluding advanced economies (i.e., those with less than 3% of the population in extreme poverty for all periods in the sample). Extreme poverty reduction is a continuous reduction in the share of the population living on  $\leq $1.90/\text{day PPP}$  in 2011 US dollars, assuming a linear trend in the poverty headcount ratio between years of survey data.

# WTO member states Income per capita Population China joins in 2001 China joins of bedoed of some per capita Population Population China joins in 2001

Figure 2: The China shock to the World Trade Organization

Notes: Income and population are summed over all member countries for each year.

# Relative size of integrated international market

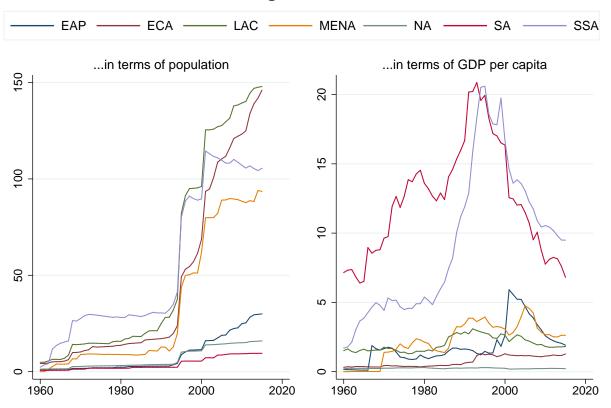


Figure 3: The rise (and fall) in the value of the integrated international market

Notes: Regional average values are weighted by population. If an economy has not signed any trade agreements, relative population and income are set equal to zero. EAP is East Asia and Pacific, LAC is Latin America and the Carribean, ECA is Europe and Central Asia, MENA is Middle East and North Africa, SA is South Asia and SSA is Sub-Saharan Africa.

# Global middle class (% of national population)

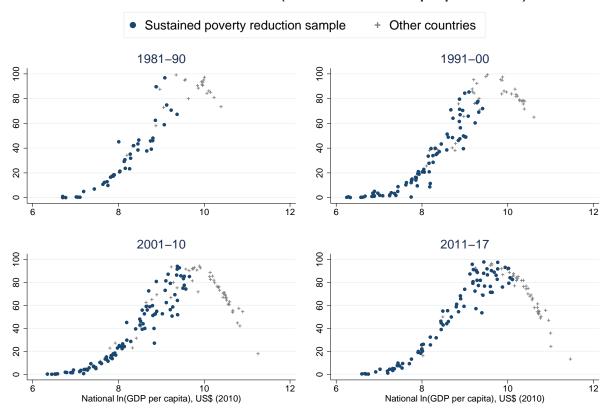


Figure 4: The global middle class, or those consuming US\$11-110 per day, PPP 2011

*Notes:* Each dot is a country average for the time period. Calculation of the middle class share combines real GDP per capita and the Gini coefficient, assuming a log normal income distribution within each country.

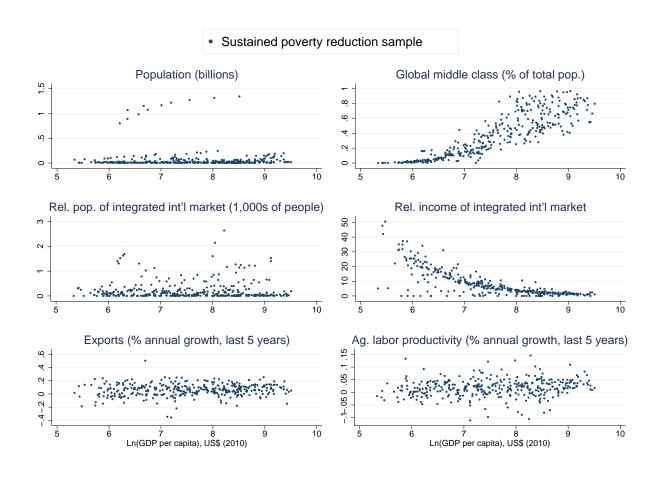


Figure 5: Market size and variable profit data

Notes: Includes all countries that are not advanced (i.e., those with *more* than 3% of the population in extreme poverty for all periods in the sample), a total of 347 country-five-year periods, from 1981-2015. All variables are measured at the first year of the period. For closed economies, integrated market income and population are zero.

### Estimated market size (millions of people)

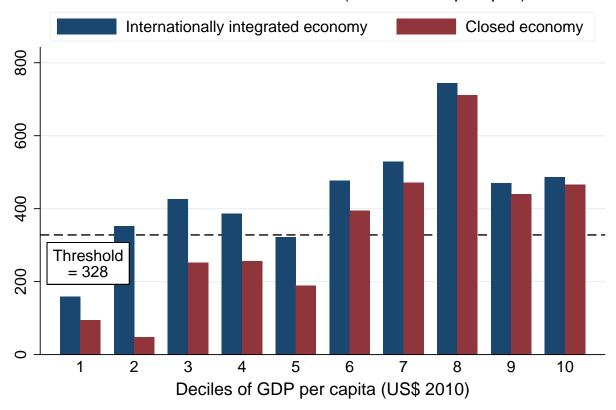


Figure 6: Counterfactual market size by GDP per capita

Notes: Period of 2011-15 only. Bars show averages from sustained poverty reduction sample, when market size is calculated using coefficients estimated in column 4 of Table 5. Averages are weighted by population in the base year. Market size is in units of people outside the middle class, i.e., those consuming less than \$11 per day, PPP in 2011 US dollars. In the closed economy scenario, the coefficients on the relative population and income of the integrated market are set equal to zero.

### Estimated market size (millions of people)

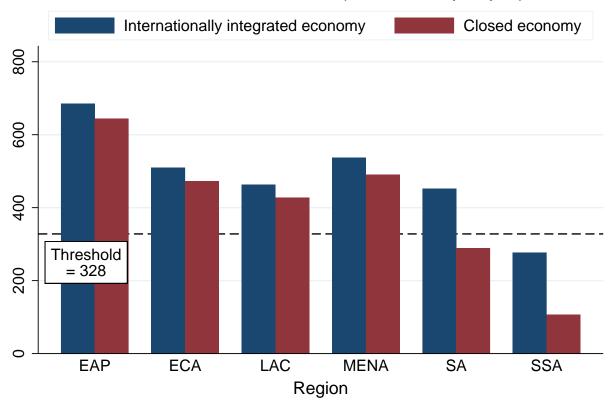


Figure 7: Counterfactual market size by region

Notes: EAP is East Asia and Pacific, LAC is Latin America and the Caribbean, ECA is Europe and Central Asia, MENA is Middle East and North Africa, SA is South Asia (excluding India) and SSA is Sub-Saharan Africa. Period of 2011-15 only. Bars show averages from sustained poverty reduction sample, when market size is calculated using coefficients estimated in column 4 of Table 5. Averages are weighted by total population in the base year. Market size is in units of people outside the middle class, in this sample, those consuming less than \$11 per day, PPP 2011 USD. In the closed economy scenario, the coefficients on the relative population and income of the integrated market are set equal to zero.

Annex A: Closed economies, as determined by lack of signature to any legally-binding multilateral trade agreement

A) Closed Economies in 1981			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Djibouti <sup>a</sup>	Libya <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe
Albania <sup>a</sup>	Ecuador <sup>b</sup>	Maldives <sup>a</sup>	Saudi Arabia <sup>a</sup>
Algeria	Equatorial Guinea <sup>a</sup>	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Seychelles <sup>a</sup>
Andorra <sup>a</sup>	Eswatini (Swaziland)	Mexico	Solomon Islands <sup>a</sup>
Angola	Ethiopia	Micronesia, Fed. Sts. <sup>a</sup>	Somalia <sup>a</sup>
Bahamas, The <sup>a</sup>	Fiji	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	Sudan <sup>a</sup>
Bahrain <sup>a</sup>	Guinea	Mongolia	Thailand <sup>b</sup>
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Tonga <sup>a</sup>
Bolivia	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Mozambique	Tunisia
Botswana <sup>b</sup>	Iraq <sup>a</sup>	Namibia	Tuvalu <sup>a</sup>
Brunei Darussalam <sup>a</sup>	Jordan <sup>a,b</sup>	Nauru <sup>a</sup>	United Arab Emirates <sup>a</sup>
Bulgaria	Kiribati <sup>a</sup>	Nepal	Vanuatu <sup>a</sup>
Cabo Verde <sup>a</sup>	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Oman <sup>a</sup>	Venezuela, RB
Cambodia <sup>a</sup>	Lao PDR	Panama	Vietnam
China	Lebanon	Paraguay	Yemen, (Arab) Rep. <sup>a</sup>
Comoros	Lesotho	Qatar <sup>a</sup>	Zambia
Czech Republic (Czechoslovakia) <sup>a</sup>	Liberia	San Marino <sup>a</sup>	
B) Closed Economies in 2001			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Nepal	Somalia <sup>a</sup>
Algeria	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Palau <sup>a</sup>	Timor-Leste <sup>a</sup>
Bhutan	Micronesia, Fed. Sts. <sup>a</sup>	Samoa <sup>a</sup>	Tonga <sup>a</sup>
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>a</sup>	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	San Marino <sup>a</sup>	Tuvalu <sup>a</sup>
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Montenegro <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe	Vanuatu <sup>a</sup>
Kiribati <sup>a</sup>	Nauru <sup>a</sup>	Serbia	
C) Closed Economies in 2015			
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup>	Marshall Islands <sup>a</sup>	Sao Tome and Principe	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Monaco <sup>a</sup>	Somalia <sup>a</sup>	
Korea, Dem. People's Rep. <sup>a</sup>	Palau <sup>a</sup>	Timor-Leste <sup>a</sup>	

*Notes:* List includes all sovereign states that are members of the United Nations in 2019, if they existed at the time. For instance, in 1981, the USSR had not signed the GATT, but does not exist today so it is not on the list. Superscript (a) indicates that country is not included in analysis of sustained poverty reduction, either because it had kept the extreme poverty headcount at less than 3% of the population for the entire sample, or sufficient poverty data were not available. Superscript (b) indicates that economy was classified as open in 1981 by Sachs and Warner (1995) and Waczirag and Welch (2008). Signatures are included only if in-force and have been notified to GATT or WTO.

Annex B: Market Size Data and Estimates. The estimate for breakeven market size is 0.328 billion people earning less than \$11 per day, US\$ PPP.

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		Poverty	of middle	(% of total	market (1000s	international	people outside	people outside	closed	Open	Closed
Country	Period	Reduction	class (bn)	pop.)	of people)	market	middle class)	middle class)	market size		economy
AGO	2001-05	1		18.1%	127.97	10.57	0.306	0.112	2.72	7%	191%
ARG	1981-85	1		38.1%	14.51	1.35	0.250	0.225	1.11	31%	45%
ARG ARG	1986-90 1991-95	1 0		43.0% 52.9%	15.40 18.56	1.22 1.07	0.274 0.324	0.252 0.304	1.09 1.07	20% 1%	30% 8%
ARG	1996-00	0		74.6%		0.98	0.439	0.416	1.06	1/0	670
ARG	2001-05	0		66.0%	57.02	0.80	0.395	0.372	1.06		
ARG	2006-10	1	0.009	78.2%	58.25	1.40	0.467	0.434	1.07		
ARG	2011-15	1		85.1%	60.09	0.85	0.494	0.470	1.05		
ARM	2001-05	0		26.5%	33.42	2.14	0.187	0.147	1.28	75%	123%
ARM ARM	2006-10 2011-15	1		69.4% 87.5%	772.44 870.63	3.81 3.19	0.566 0.671	0.379 0.477	1.50 1.41		
AZE	1996-00	1		13.0%	12.71	4.57	0.154	0.077	1.99	112%	323%
AZE	2001-05	1		20.5%	12.25	2.14	0.155	0.118	1.31	111%	177%
BDI	1996-00	0	0.006	0.3%	250.05	50.58	0.877	0.008	111.53		4066%
BDI	2001-05	1		0.3%	326.27	42.08	0.750	0.008	93.98		4004%
BDI BEN	2006-10 2006-10	1 0		0.0% 6.7%	302.51 272.40	47.78 13.11	0.840 0.303	0.008 0.044	107.69 6.90	8%	4102% 646%
BEN	2000-10	0		7.9%		12.90	0.304	0.052	5.91	8%	536%
BFA	1996-00	1		2.2%	139.57	30.36	0.542	0.022	24.23		1363%
BFA	2001-05	1	0.012	2.8%	173.57	24.59	0.458	0.027	17.08		1122%
BFA	2006-10	1		2.6%		19.52	0.374	0.028	13.46		1080%
BGD	1986-90	0		0.4%		18.85	0.405	0.095	4.26		245%
BGD BGD	1991-95 1996-00	0		0.8% 2.2%	5.01 11.99	22.12 19.66	0.472 0.451	0.109 0.127	4.33 3.55		200% 158%
BGD	2001-05	1		2.2%	15.58	14.25	0.431	0.127	2.71		137%
BGD	2006-10	1		4.1%	16.11	15.88	0.420	0.158	2.67		108%
BGD	2011-15	1	0.129	13.2%	16.49	12.22	0.405	0.202	2.01		62%
BGR	1991-95	1		90.4%	-	-	0.494	0.494	1.00		
BGR BGR	1996-00 2001-05	1 0		78.9% 83.4%	167.81 253.07	5.35 3.36	0.547 0.552	0.432 0.456	1.27 1.21		
BGR	2001-03	0		89.0%	287.32	1.87	0.563	0.486	1.16		
BLR	1996-00	0		82.7%	9.46	1.28	0.475	0.452	1.05		
BLR	2001-05	1		86.0%	11.40	1.26	0.492	0.470	1.05		
BLR	2006-10	1		96.6%	12.88	1.28	0.550	0.527	1.04		
BLR BOL	2011-15 1991-95	1 0		96.3% 13.4%	13.11 77.04	1.56 8.38	0.553 0.229	0.525 0.079	1.05 2.89	43%	313%
BOL	1996-00	0		19.5%	182.86	8.11	0.275	0.112	2.45	19%	192%
BOL	2001-05	0		21.5%		6.21	0.264	0.124	2.13	24%	165%
BOL	2006-10	1		29.2%		6.85	0.316	0.166	1.91	4%	98%
BOL	2011-15	0		47.4%		4.63	0.378	0.264	1.43		24%
BRA BRA	1986-90 1991-95	0		40.5% 41.9%		2.27 1.62	0.341 0.343	0.303 0.316	1.12 1.09		8% 4%
BRA	1996-00	0		53.2%		1.50	0.393	0.367	1.07		470
BRA	2001-05	0		50.2%		1.88	0.394	0.362	1.09		
BRA	2006-10	1		57.0%		1.42	0.417	0.391	1.06		
BRA	2011-15	0		71.3%		0.82	0.461	0.445	1.03		70/
BTN BTN	2006-10 2011-15	1		56.3% 61.2%		0.57 0.53	0.340 0.366	0.307 0.334	1.11 1.10		7%
BWA	1986-90	1		25.4%		-	0.139	0.139	1.00	136%	136%
BWA	1991-95	1		35.5%		2.18	0.295	0.194	1.52	11%	68%
BWA	1996-00	1		42.3%		2.41	0.423	0.231	1.83		42%
BWA	2001-05	1		46.9%		1.76	0.487	0.256	1.90		28%
BWA	2006-10	1		52.4% 61.0%		1.48	0.510	0.287 0.333	1.78 1.66		14%
BWA CAF	2011-15 1996-00	1		61.0% 2.7%	1,217.79 426.36	1.41 25.47	0.554 0.504	0.333	28.45		1749%
CAF	2001-05	0		1.5%		23.61	0.487	0.012	41.69		2706%
CHL	1991-95	0		51.7%		2.31	0.332	0.288	1.15		14%
CHL	1996-00	0		63.0%		1.45	0.388	0.349	1.11		
CHL	2001-05	1		65.6%		1.32	0.406	0.363	1.12		
CHL CHL	2006-10 2011-15	1		78.0% 79.7%		1.22 1.02	0.478 0.485	0.429 0.438	1.12 1.11		
CITE	2011 13		0.004	13.170	131.33	1.02	0.703	0.436	1.11		

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Country	Period	Reduction		class (bn)	pop.)	of people)	market	middle class)	middle class)	market size	economy	economy
CHN	1986-90		0	0.941	11.8%	-	-	1.005	1.005	1.00		
CHN	1991-95		1	0.953	17.2%	-	-	1.047	1.047	1.00		
CHN	1996-00		1	0.830	31.8%	-	-	1.003	1.003	1.00		
CHN	2001-05		1	0.746	41.4%	1.59	5.61	1.063	0.971	1.09		
HN	2006-10		1	0.524	60.0%	1.72	3.90	0.915	0.851	1.08		
HN	2011-15		1	0.312	76.8%	1.87	1.88	0.761	0.730	1.04		
IV	1986-90		0	0.008	17.8%	45.87	4.96	0.194	0.105	1.84	69%	
IV	1991-95		0	0.011	13.0%	42.82	7.64	0.214	0.082	2.62	53%	
IV	1996-00		0	0.013	14.4%	98.66	9.15	0.257	0.091	2.82	27%	
IV	2001-05		0	0.015	12.7%	122.95	8.72	0.247	0.084	2.94	33%	
IV	2006-10		0	0.016	13.2%	119.20	8.65	0.249	0.088	2.83	32%	
IV	2011-15		1	0.017	19.0%	118.47	9.37	0.293	0.121	2.43	12%	
MR	2001-05		0	0.013	16.0%	127.28	9.08	0.270	0.101	2.68	21%	
MR	2006-10		0	0.015	17.7%	119.87	7.89	0.260	0.111	2.33	26%	
OD	2006-10		1	0.056	0.3%	41.17	31.11	0.574	0.058	9.91		460
OG	2006-10		1	0.003	28.3%	583.42	4.06	0.318	0.157	2.03	3%	
OL	1981-85		1	0.015	44.3%	14.95	2.82	0.305	0.257	1.19	7%	
OL	1986-90		1	0.016	47.1%	15.47	3.85	0.339	0.273	1.24		2
OL	1991-95		0	0.017	50.7%	15.90	4.41	0.368	0.293	1.26		13
OL	1996-00		0	0.019	48.3%	39.45	2.91	0.337	0.282	1.19		10
OL	2001-05		0	0.022	45.1%	51.74	2.43	0.316	0.268	1.18	4%	
OL	2006-10		0	0.020	53.9%	51.95	2.25	0.359	0.314	1.14		
OL	2011-15		1	0.016	65.2%	54.02	1.53	0.405	0.371	1.09		
OM	2006-10		0	0.001	18.1%	191.11	0.76	0.143	0.099	1.44	130%	23
RI	1986-90		1	0.001	74.9%	0.96	0.57	0.418	0.409	1.02		
RI	1991-95		0	0.001	58.8%	166.25	2.88	0.396	0.322	1.23		
RI	1996-00		0	0.001	65.5%	389.25	2.42	0.461	0.358	1.29		
RI	2001-05		1	0.001	63.4%	504.28	1.50	0.453	0.347	1.31		
RI	2006-10		0	0.001	69.3%	542.27	2.05	0.500	0.379	1.32		
RI	2011-15		1	0.001	74.9%	659.64	1.31	0.537	0.409	1.31		
IJI	2006-10		1	0.001	14.6%	2,899.18	8.26	0.685	0.080	8.56		309
JI	2011-15		0	0.001	15.7%	2,930.49	7.15	0.678	0.086	7.85		279
MO	1991-95		1	0.004	38.7%	72.81	4.84	0.306	0.215	1.42	7%	
MO	1996-00		0	0.004	49.2%	177.36	3.38	0.356	0.272	1.31		20
MO	2001-05		0	0.004	57.6%	237.44	1.98	0.388	0.318	1.22		3
MO	2006-10		0	0.004	60.9%	238.66	2.02	0.407	0.335	1.21		
OM	2011-15		1	0.003	72.3%	267.11	2.23	0.477	0.397	1.20		
ZA	1991-95		1	0.008	70.6%	-	-	0.392	0.392	1.00		
ZA	1996-00		1	0.008	72.2%	-	-	0.401	0.401	1.00		
ZA	2001-05		1	0.006	80.7%	-	-	0.446	0.446	1.00		
ZA	2006-10		1	0.004	89.2%	4.75	9.40	0.645	0.490	1.32		
CU	1991-95		1	0.006	42.2%	1.00	1.05	0.253	0.236	1.07	29%	
CU	1996-00		0	0.007	41.0%	120.90	3.60	0.309	0.230	1.34	6%	
CU	2001-05		0	0.008	39.3%	157.91	3.11	0.298	0.222	1.35	10%	
CU	2006-10		0	0.006	54.2%	156.29	2.51	0.368	0.302	1.22		:
CU	2011-15		0	0.004	70.8%	156.13	2.09	0.450	0.390	1.15		
GY	1991-95		1	0.050	12.2%	9.22	9.96	0.281	0.117	2.41	16%	
GY	1996-00		1	0.041	36.3%	23.54	6.89	0.355	0.238	1.49		3
GY	2001-05		0	0.035	50.0%	30.22	4.08	0.379	0.307	1.23		
GY	2006-10		1	0.026	65.6%	32.08	7.00	0.504	0.384	1.31		
GΥ	2011-15		1	0.009	89.5%	31.97	4.46	0.575	0.497	1.16	_	_
TH	2001-05		1	0.068	0.0%	1.22	5.13	0.152	0.068	2.24	115%	
TH	2006-10		1	0.078	0.1%	1.22	5.24	0.165	0.079	2.09	98%	
TH	2011-15		1	0.089	0.9%	1.16	3.91	0.158	0.094	1.68	107%	
JI	2006-10		1	0.000	59.2%	2,639.77	2.23	0.787	0.323	2.44		:
AB	2006-10		1	0.000	85.7%	1,527.87	1.16	0.734	0.467	1.57		
AB	2011-15		1	0.000	86.1%	1,407.26	1.01	0.714	0.469	1.52		
EO	2001-05		0	0.003	23.3%	530.20	7.11	0.332	0.130	2.56		15
EO	2006-10		0	0.002	50.3%	588.80	4.12	0.439	0.276	1.59		1
iΕO	2011-15		1	0.001	71.5%	644.92	2.84	0.541	0.390	1.39		
AHA	1991-95		0	0.012	20.9%	34.81	14.95	0.377	0.126	2.99		160
HA	1996-00		1	0.014	18.6%	82.83	19.08	0.442	0.116	3.82		183

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Country	Period	Reduction	class (bn)	pop.)	of people)	market	middle class)	middle class)	market size	economy	
GHA GHA	2001-05 2006-10	1 1		19.7% 25.1%	104.66 99.68	21.58 9.02	0.494 0.318	0.123 0.154	4.01 2.07	3%	166% 113%
GHA	2011-15			39.3%	95.44	6.86	0.358	0.230	1.56	3/0	43%
GIN	1996-00	C		17.2%	194.04	14.60	0.371	0.100	3.71		227%
GIN	2001-05	C	0.008	10.6%	245.92	17.23	0.388	0.066	5.92		400%
GIN	2006-10	1		5.7%	239.94	18.14	0.376	0.040	9.43		722%
GMB	2001-05	1 1		16.2%	1,522.90	11.47	0.524	0.089	5.86		266% 264%
GMB GMB	2006-10 2011-15	1		16.3% 15.9%	1,404.16 1,313.49	19.96 21.95	0.645 0.661	0.090 0.088	7.16 7.50		264% 272%
GNB	1996-00	1		3.7%	1,304.83	31.06	0.742	0.021	34.95		1444%
GNB	2001-05	C		3.2%	1,691.71	18.09	0.589	0.018	31.95		1677%
GNB	2006-10	C	0.001	4.1%	1,626.05	19.08	0.600	0.024	25.17		1274%
GTM	1991-95	1		25.9%	56.05	6.51	0.264	0.148	1.78	24%	121%
GTM	1996-00	1		31.3%	132.72	5.26	0.286	0.178	1.61	15%	84%
GTM GTM	2001-05 2006-10	C		36.4% 39.9%	170.51 174.64	3.76 4.70	0.295 0.331	0.206 0.226	1.43 1.47	11%	59% 45%
HND	1991-95	(		20.0%	0.55	1.15	0.132	0.220	1.17	148%	189%
HND	1996-00	C		21.2%	240.62	8.73	0.302	0.120	2.52	8%	173%
HND	2001-05	C	0.005	21.4%	301.24	5.27	0.257	0.122	2.11	28%	169%
HND	2006-10	C		24.5%	306.84	7.47	0.311	0.139	2.24	5%	136%
HND	2011-15	(		28.1%	302.38	6.29	0.311	0.159	1.95	5%	106%
HTI IDN	2006-10 1986-90	1		7.2% 15.1%	233.92 2.81	16.47 9.28	0.356 0.378	0.048 0.225	7.41 1.68		583% 45%
IDN	1991-95	1		28.2%	2.81	10.26	0.455	0.223	1.59		14%
IDN	1996-00	0		46.2%	7.09	6.80	0.472	0.359	1.31		21,70
IDN	2001-05	C	0.136	36.6%	9.50	7.87	0.466	0.335	1.39		
IDN	2006-10	C		46.9%	10.28	4.98	0.461	0.377	1.22		
IDN	2011-15	1		75.4%	12.04	2.91	0.521	0.471	1.11		
IND IND	1986-90 1991-95	1		0.6% 1.4%	0.59 0.59	14.19 21.40	1.033 1.237	0.800 0.886	1.29 1.40		
IND	1991-95	1		4.9%	1.44	19.40	1.237	0.886	1.40		
IND	2001-05	1		10.1%	1.89	13.08	1.236	1.021	1.21		
IND	2006-10	1	0.921	20.9%	1.90	10.32	1.205	1.036	1.16		
IRN	1991-95	1		28.0%	-	-	0.194	0.194	1.00	69%	69%
IRN	1996-00	1		48.9%	-	-	0.298	0.298	1.00	10%	10%
IRN IRN	2001-05 2006-10	1		66.4% 81.7%	-	-	0.384 0.458	0.384 0.458	1.00 1.00		
IRN	2011-15	1		88.1%	_	_	0.489	0.489	1.00		
JAM	1991-95	C		47.2%	217.37	3.88	0.357	0.258	1.38		27%
JAM	1996-00	1		51.0%	551.70	2.69	0.412	0.279	1.48		17%
KAZ	2001-05	0		66.2%	7.60	1.03	0.384	0.366	1.05		
KAZ	2006-10	1		95.3%	7.92	0.92	0.536		1.03		
KAZ KEN	2011-15 1996-00	1		92.4% 12.2%	7.33 52.76	0.85 17.29	0.520 0.383	0.505 0.091	1.03 4.19		259%
KEN	2001-05	C		10.5%	64.97	14.27	0.331	0.091	3.82		278%
KEN	2006-10	1		10.4%	61.29	11.63	0.291	0.090	3.22	13%	262%
KEN	2011-15	1		15.7%	58.07	10.65	0.306	0.122	2.51	7%	169%
KGZ	2001-05	0		6.6%	433.80	18.39	0.412	0.040	10.21		711%
KGZ	2006-10	0		11.3%	440.98	15.11	0.385	0.066	5.80		393%
KGZ LAO	2011-15 1996-00	0		29.3% 2.8%	451.01 -	9.66	0.395 0.020	0.164 0.020	2.41 1.00	1539%	100% 1539%
LAO	2001-05	1		7.5%		3.42	0.103	0.046	2.23	219%	612%
LAO	2006-10	1		21.6%	31.03	3.54	0.185	0.122	1.52	77%	168%
LBR	2011-15	C		0.2%	14.37	2.98	0.056	0.005	11.13	482%	6381%
LKA	1986-90	1		15.4%	28.82	11.28	0.287	0.098	2.94	14%	235%
LKA	1991-95	(		23.1%	30.19 76.79	12.63	0.351	0.139	2.52		135% 61%
LKA LKA	1996-00 2001-05	1 1			114.28	10.25 6.69	0.384 0.362	0.203 0.234	1.89 1.55		40%
LKA	2006-10	1		53.3%	119.85	5.44	0.408	0.300	1.36		9%
LKA	2011-15	1		77.0%	125.48	3.18	0.497	0.424	1.17		
LSO	1991-95	C		7.4%	303.77	16.04	0.354	0.042	8.40		677%
LSO	1996-00	C	0.002	9.7%	784.08	14.81	0.424	0.055	7.78		501%

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				Market	t Size Data		Ma	arket Size Estimates		requ	-
Country	Period	Sustained Poverty Reduction	Pop. outside of middle class (bn)	Middle class (% of total pop.)	Rel. pop. of integrated international market (1000s of people)	Rel. income. of integrated international market	Open economy market size (bn people outside middle class)	Closed economy market size (bn people outside middle class)	Ratio of open to closed market size		Closed
LSO	2001-05	0		11.6%	1,026.85	14.20	0.464	0.065	7.14	ccononly	404%
LSO	2006-10	1		13.3%	1,133.48	9.03	0.406	0.074	5.47		342%
MAR	1986-90	1	0.017	27.2%	-	-	0.165	0.165	1.00	99%	99%
MAR	1991-95	0		36.9%	20.95	5.07	0.303	0.217	1.40	8%	51%
MAR	1996-00	0		44.1%	51.51	4.92	0.344	0.255	1.35		28%
MAR	2001-05	1		40.3%	75.08	5.19	0.334	0.237	1.41		38%
MAR MDA	2006-10 2001-05	1 0		42.9% 8.1%	82.63 585.53	5.48 14.00	0.354 0.372	0.251 0.047	1.41 7.85		30% 592%
MDA	2006-10	1		18.9%	637.50	8.64	0.351	0.106	3.32		210%
MDA	2011-15	1		43.8%	697.11	4.58	0.429	0.241	1.78		36%
MDG	1981-85	0		5.1%	45.83	9.32	0.197	0.036	5.40	67%	800%
MDG	1986-90	0	0.010	4.0%	45.68	13.99	0.269	0.032	8.40	22%	924%
MDG	1991-95	0		3.0%	44.32	29.19	0.513	0.028	18.43		1077%
MDG	1996-00	0		1.8%	108.82	25.28	0.455	0.023	19.37		1294%
MDG	2001-05	0		3.8%	130.75	20.32	0.391	0.037	10.69		796%
MDG MEX	2006-10 1986-90	0		2.6% 68.3%	121.71 6.09	27.41 2.54	0.501 0.439	0.032 0.397	15.44 1.11		909%
MEX	1991-95	0		68.0%	6.19	1.77	0.439	0.398	1.11		
MEX	1996-00	0		71.6%	17.03	2.23	0.456	0.417	1.09		
MEX	2001-05	0		72.5%	23.24	1.17	0.446	0.423	1.05		
MEX	2006-10	0	0.024	77.5%	23.90	1.40	0.473	0.447	1.06		
MEX	2011-15	0		81.5%	24.00	1.52	0.494	0.465	1.06		
MKD	2001-05	1		69.4%	96.92	10.57	0.568	0.379	1.50		
MKD	2006-10	0		71.5%	1,174.93	3.15	0.632	0.390	1.62		
MKD MLI	2011-15 1996-00	0		83.7% 1.4%	1,272.48 147.17	2.59 26.79	0.705 0.480	0.456 0.017	1.54 27.60		1784%
MLI	2001-05	1		2.5%	183.95	18.84	0.363	0.025	14.60		1217%
MNG	1996-00	0		12.9%	-	-	0.072	0.072	1.00	352%	352%
MNG	2001-05	1	0.002	21.9%	837.68	11.28	0.442	0.121	3.65		170%
MNG	2006-10	1	0.001	58.2%	853.47	6.28	0.559	0.318	1.76		3%
MNG	2011-15	1		82.2%	855.26	2.90	0.634	0.448	1.42		
MOZ	2001-05	1		1.0%	114.44	22.07	0.404	0.024	17.11		1288%
MOZ	2006-10	1 0		1.7%	106.72	20.78	0.388	0.030	12.94	26%	994%
MRT MRT	1991-95 1996-00	1		11.8% 9.2%	253.52 594.42	9.38 12.76	0.261 0.358	0.066 0.052	3.95 6.83	20%	396% 526%
MRT	2001-05	1		10.0%	750.01	12.33	0.380	0.052	6.70		477%
MRT	2006-10	1		14.4%	701.79	8.58	0.335	0.081	4.13		304%
MWI	2001-05	0	0.011	2.8%	189.90	37.08	0.665	0.027	24.99		1131%
MWI	2006-10	1		1.4%		25.58	0.469	0.020	23.16		1519%
MWI	2011-15	1		1.9%	170.89	19.12	0.366	0.025	14.76		1223%
NAM	2006-10	1		39.9%	1,144.19	2.06	0.438	0.218	2.00		50%
NAM NER	2011-15 1996-00	1 1		49.7% 0.5%	1,137.99 147.34	1.86 37.42	0.487 0.650	0.272 0.012	1.79 52.06		21% 2526%
NER	2001-05	1		0.5%	176.43	34.98	0.616	0.012	42.10		2138%
NER	2006-10	1		0.4%		31.85	0.564	0.016	34.75		1920%
NGA	1986-90	0		38.7%	5.51	6.89	0.377	0.264	1.43		24%
NGA	1991-95	0	0.091	6.7%	5.42	12.89	0.340	0.128	2.66		156%
NGA	1996-00	0		0.3%		16.61	0.386	0.112	3.45		193%
NGA	2001-05	0		3.6%	16.33	9.92	0.306	0.140	2.18	7%	133%
NIC	1996-00	0		23.4%	298.16	8.52	0.319	0.131	2.43	3%	150%
NIC NIC	2001-05 2006-10	0		27.7% 30.1%	395.34 425.03	5.70 8.64	0.312 0.378	0.155 0.168	2.02 2.25	5%	112% 95%
NPL	1986-90	1		0.3%	425.03	- 8.04	0.378	0.168	1.00	1619%	95% 1619%
NPL	1991-95	1		1.0%	-	_	0.019	0.019	1.00	1224%	1224%
NPL	1996-00	1		1.8%	-	-	0.031	0.031	1.00	945%	945%
NPL	2001-05	1		2.9%	-	-	0.039	0.039	1.00	733%	733%
NPL	2006-10	1		4.1%	87.36	23.26	0.443	0.047	9.35		592%
PAK	1991-95	1		13.9%	4.78	15.80	0.431	0.171	2.52		91%
PAK	1996-00	0		15.1%		15.60	0.448	0.191	2.35		72%
PAK	2001-05	0		15.9%	13.88	11.94	0.407	0.209	1.95		57%
PAK PAK	2006-10 2011-15	1		27.5% 44.5%	13.84 15.33	9.67 8.54	0.429 0.487	0.269 0.344	1.60 1.41		22%
IAN	2011-13	1	0.102	44.3%	13.33	0.34	0.467	0.344	1.41		

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PHL 2 PHL 2 PRY 1	2006-10 2011-15		0	0.050	36.9%	25.62	6.14	0.356	0.251	1.42		309
PHL 2 PRY 1	2011-15		0	0.055	37.4%	26.88	5.69	0.356	0.259	1.38		27
PRY 1			0	0.047	51.1%	30.94	4.52	0.404	0.325	1.24		19
			0	0.003	30.1%	23.03	2.66	0.214	0.167	1.28	53%	96
PRY 1	1996-00		1	0.003	28.7%	310.66	3.80	0.272	0.160	1.70	20%	105
	2001-05		0	0.004	26.5%	394.69	3.71	0.273	0.148	1.84	20%	1219
PRY 2	2006-10		0	0.004	37.9%	390.06	3.63	0.333	0.210	1.58		569
	2011-15		1	0.003	52.9%	394.38	2.07	0.389	0.291	1.34		129
ROU 1	1991-95		0	0.004	80.4%	23.01	5.14	0.531	0.443	1.20		
ROU 1	1996-00		0	0.005	79.4%	62.36	4.75	0.525	0.437	1.20		
ROU 2	2001-05		1	0.003	85.3%	91.58	3.24	0.536	0.468	1.15		
ROU 2	2006-10		1	0.001	95.1%	103.05	1.46	0.560	0.519	1.08		
ROU 2	2011-15		0	0.001	96.8%	143.53	1.54	0.577	0.528	1.09		
RUS 1	1996-00		0	0.046	68.7%	0.32	0.31	0.426	0.421	1.01		
RUS 2	2001-05		1	0.024	83.7%	0.35	0.37	0.486	0.480	1.01		
RUS 2	2006-10		1	0.019	86.9%	0.42	0.34	0.498	0.492	1.01		
RUS 2	2011-15		1	0.024	83.1%	0.43	0.32	0.482	0.477	1.01		
RWA 1	1986-90		0	0.006	0.5%	73.38	14.59	0.260	0.009	27.92	26%	34139
	1991-95		0	0.007	0.8%	74.72	24.03	0.417	0.011	36.95		28029
	1996-00		0	0.006	1.0%	252.01	31.55	0.569	0.012	49.26		27359
	2001-05		1	0.008	1.6%	258.60	26.61	0.495	0.017	29.57		18589
	2006-10		1	0.009	3.3%		23.21	0.448	0.027	16.81		11289
	2011-15		1	0.010	5.0%		16.17	0.341	0.037	9.26		7899
	1996-00		1	0.008	13.4%	162.46	10.52	0.279	0.081	3.46	17%	3069
	2001-05		1	0.009	14.8%	206.63	9.41	0.277	0.089	3.10	18%	2669
	2006-10		0	0.010	15.8%	196.58	7.88	0.257	0.096	2.68	28%	2429
	2006-10		1	0.006	1.3%	383.21	25.42	0.491	0.013	38.96	2.01	24999
	1996-00		0	0.004	27.6%	248.44	4.60	0.270	0.155	1.75	21%	1129
	2001-05		0	0.004	34.9% 47.0%	343.19	2.85	0.296	0.194	1.53	11%	699
	2006-10		0	0.003	47.0%	386.68	4.02	0.388	0.259	1.50		269
	2011-15		1	0.003	57.1%	413.11	3.99	0.446	0.314	1.42		4
	2011-15 2006-10		0	0.001 0.000	91.1%	33.73	4.56	0.577 0.057	0.497 0.057	1.16 1.00	476%	476
	1996-00		1	0.000	10.4% 44.6%	1,604.38	- 4.27	0.057	0.057	2.36	4/0%	35
	2001-05		1	0.001	44.6% 51.4%	2,146.27	3.65	0.573	0.243	2.35		35°
	2001-05		1	0.000	4.0%	2,146.27	11.80	0.688	0.280	2.45 8.09	26%	922
	2006-10		1	0.010	3.8%	368.79	18.16	0.259	0.032	14.12	20/0	1103
	1986-90		1	0.000	33.9%	8.92	5.41	0.310	0.220	14.12	6%	49
	1991-95		1	0.035	45.8%	9.25	3.78	0.310	0.220	1.41	0/0	17
	1996-00		1	0.031	70.1%	23.65	2.53	0.445	0.400	1.11		1/
	2001-05		1	0.018	65.5%	32.13	3.10	0.435	0.379	1.15		
	2006-10		1	0.022	77.4%	36.06	2.38	0.481	0.437	1.10		
	2011-15		1	0.013	89.4%	43.83	1.93	0.533	0.494	1.10		
	2001-05		1	0.007	1.7%	18.17	9.27	0.170	0.016	10.86	92%	1987
	2006-10		0	0.007	5.3%	16.62	12.33	0.240	0.036	6.74	36%	818
	2011-15		0	0.007	11.6%	14.96	12.21	0.273	0.070	3.89	20%	367