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Why?

**Current
State**

**A Vision for
the Future**

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Why?

What is our motivation for looking at financial inclusion:

- Boost Growth
- Reduce Poverty and Inequality
- Improve Policy Transmission
- At the forefront of technological innovation





Current State

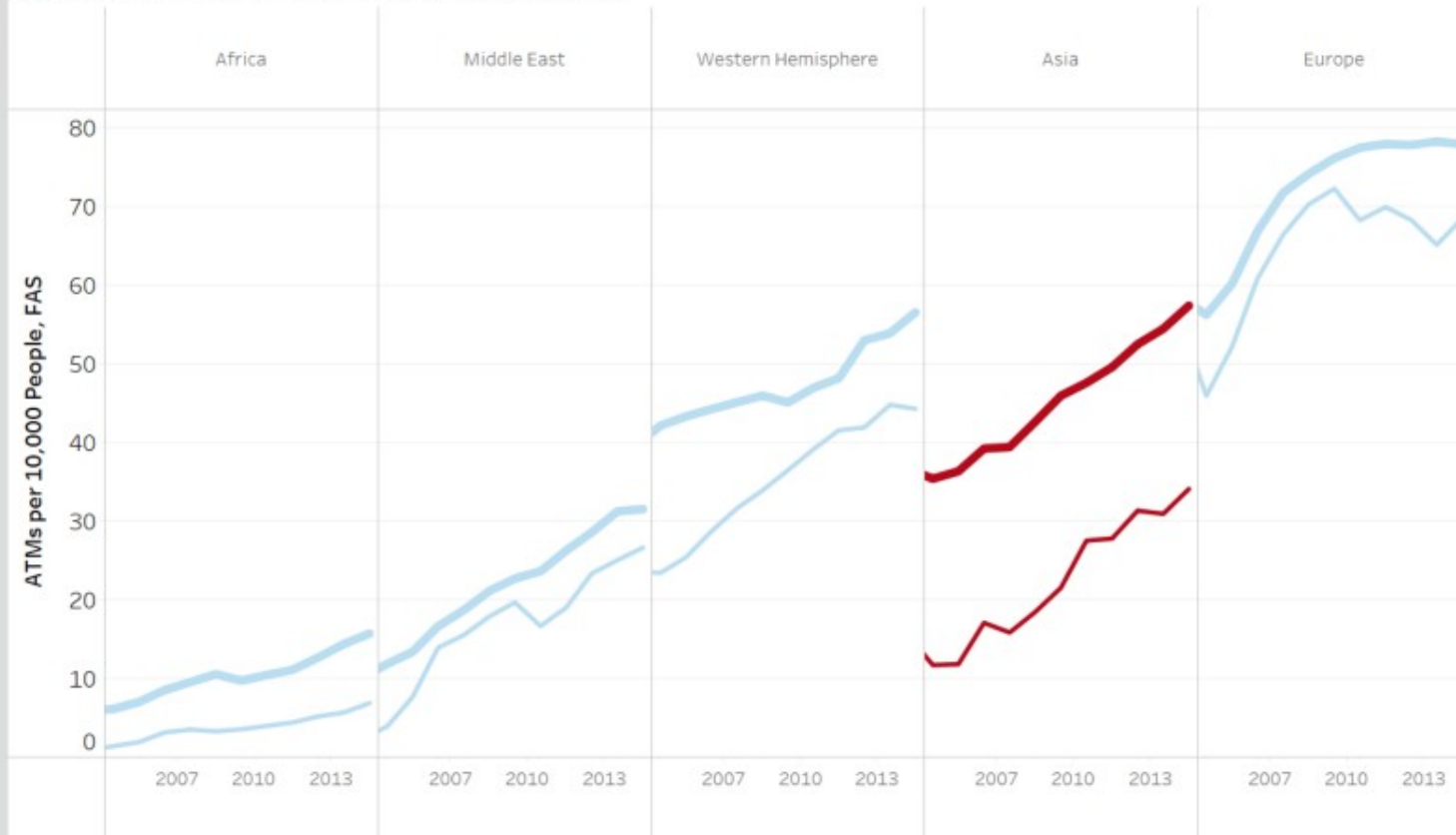
How is Asia
different?

Rapid
Growth

Disparity

Rapid Growth

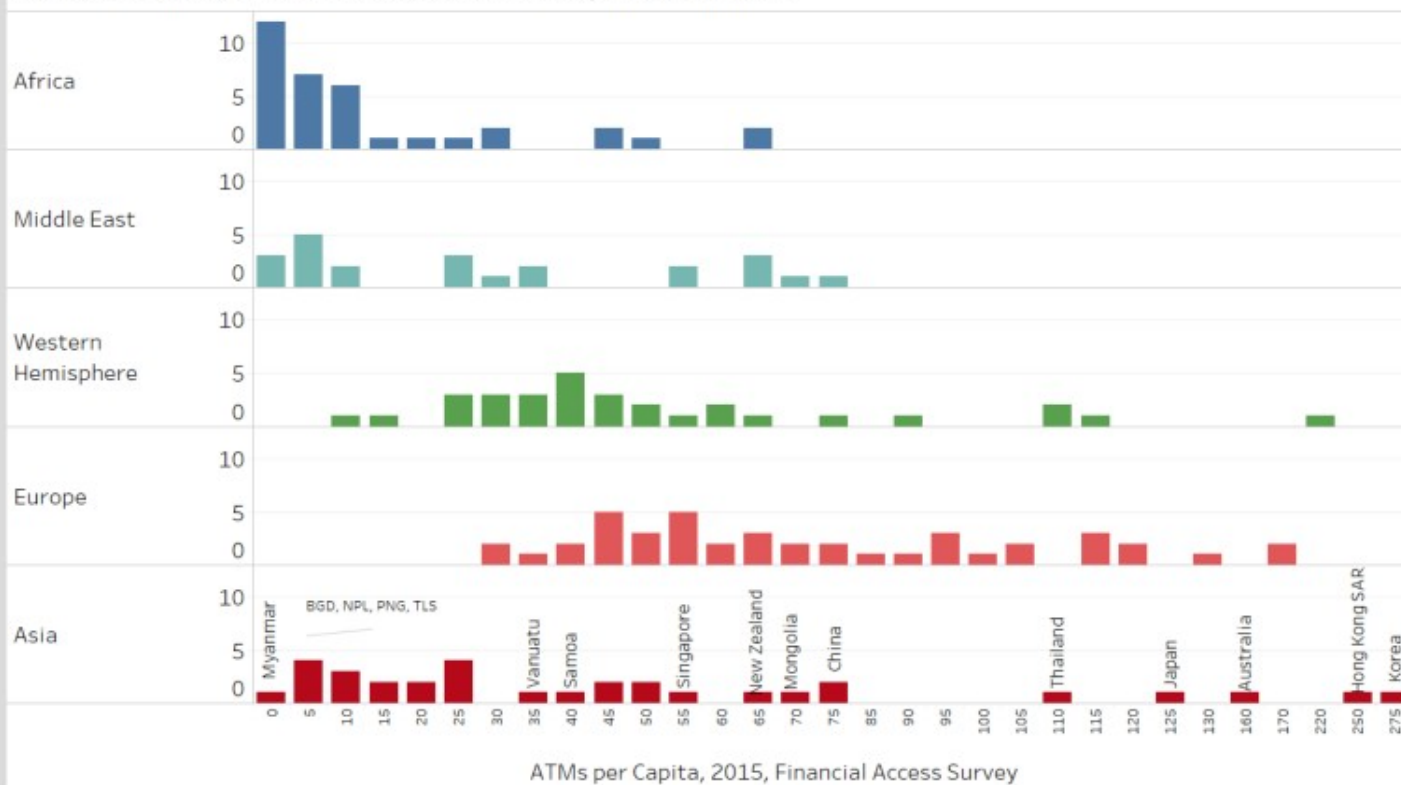
Financial Inclusion has been Growing, Particularly in Asia



Disparity - Regional

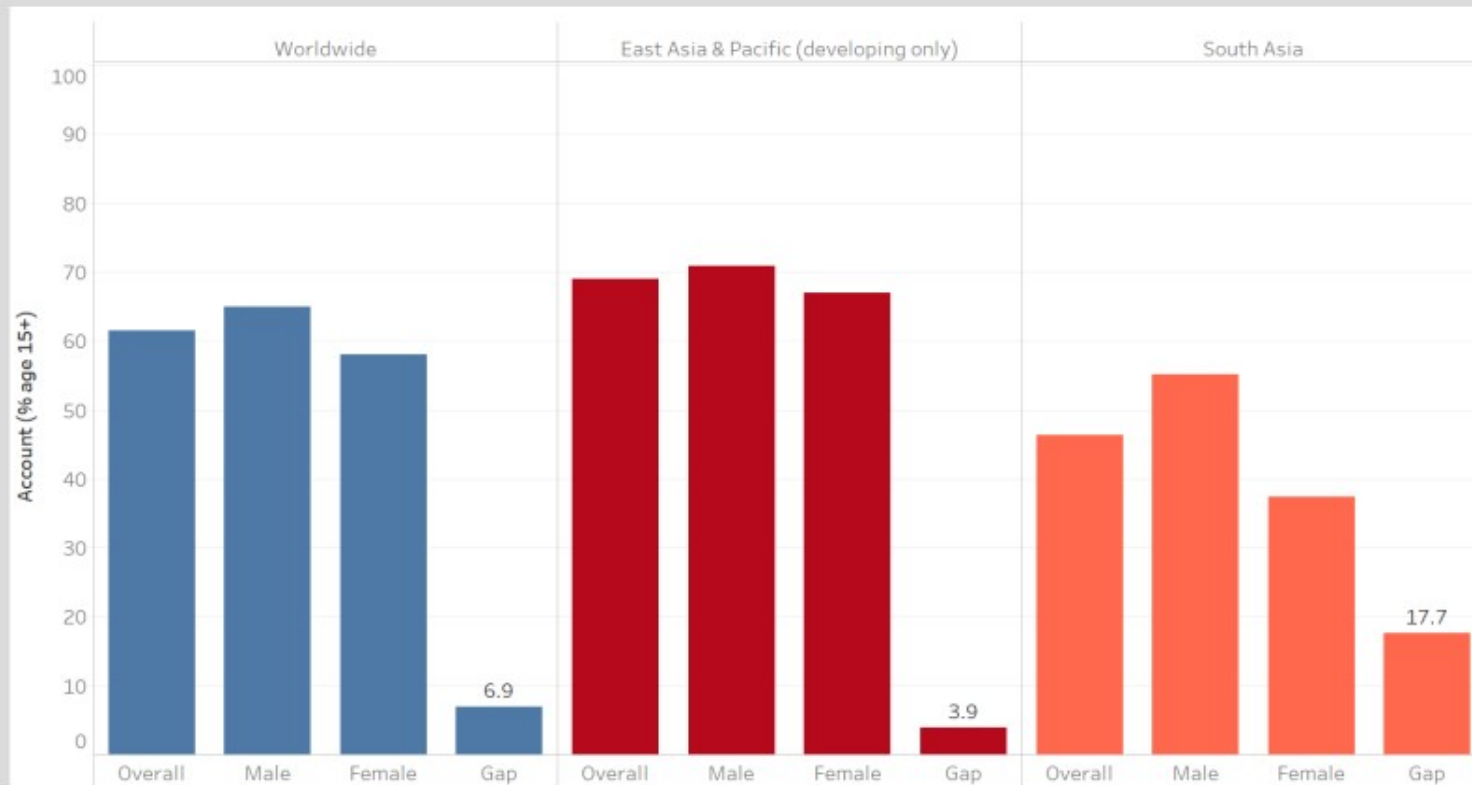
Distribution of ATMs per 100,000 People in 2015

Y-axis shows number of countries at given level of ATMs / Financial Inclusion



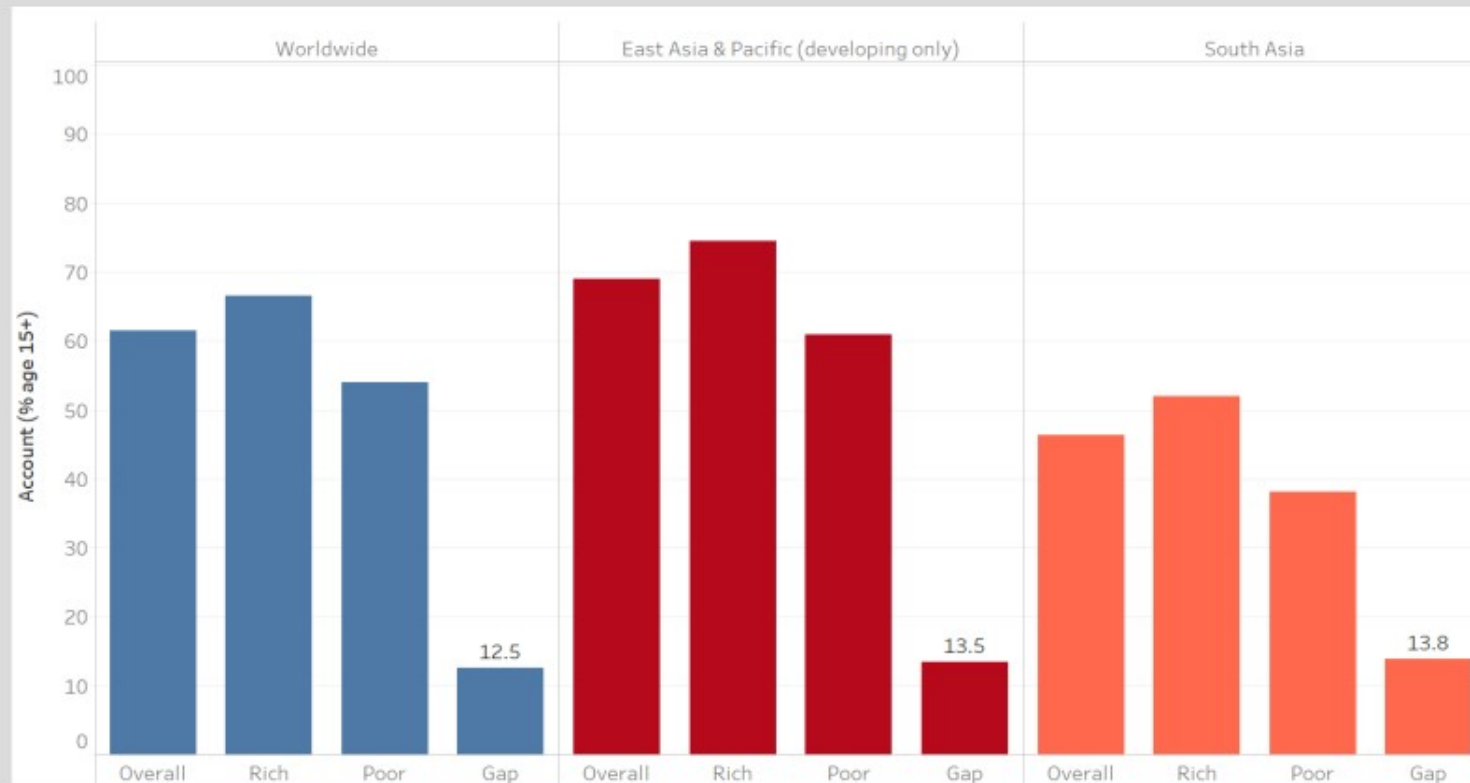
Disparity - Within Country

Gender



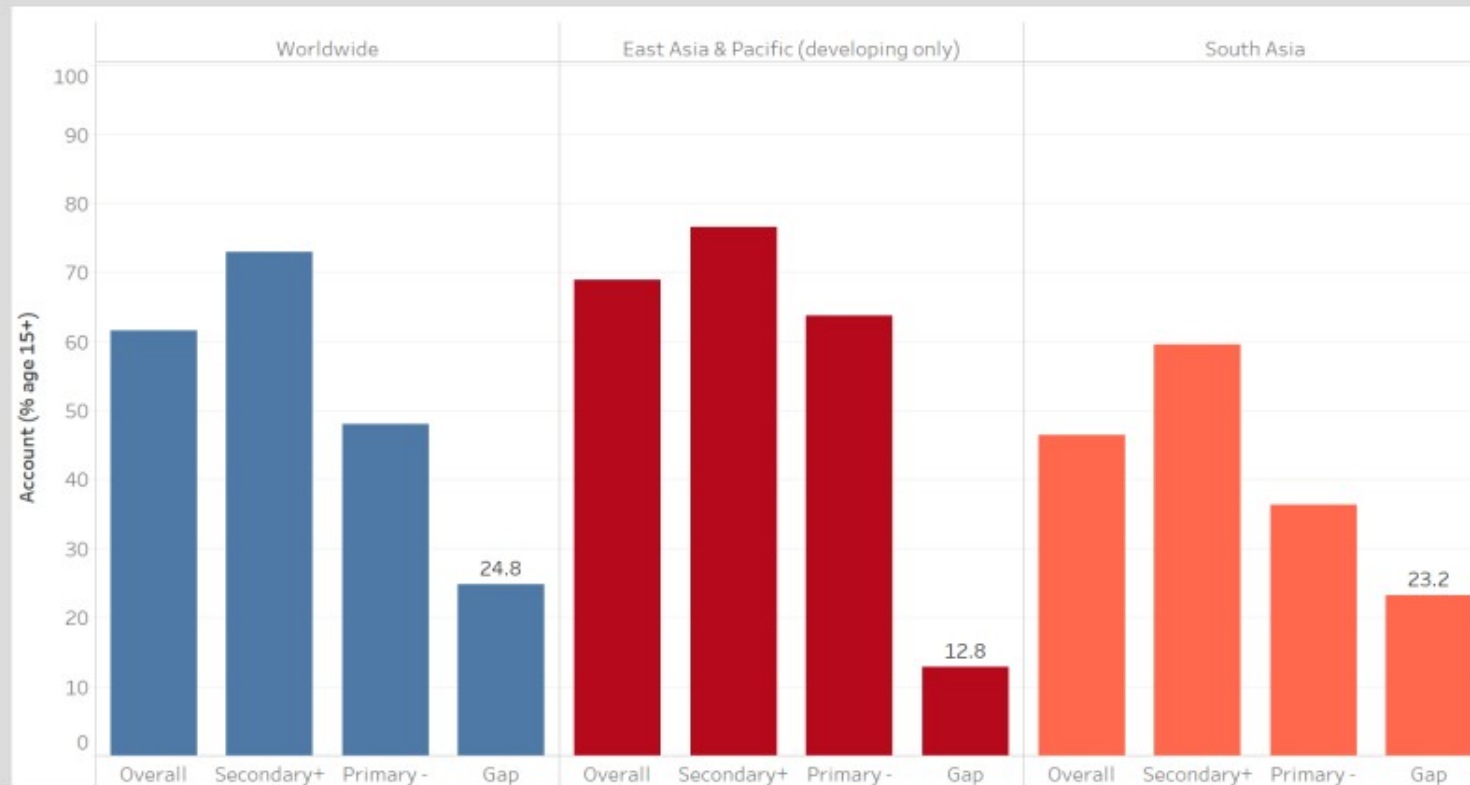
Disparity - Within Country

Income



Disparity - Within Country

Education



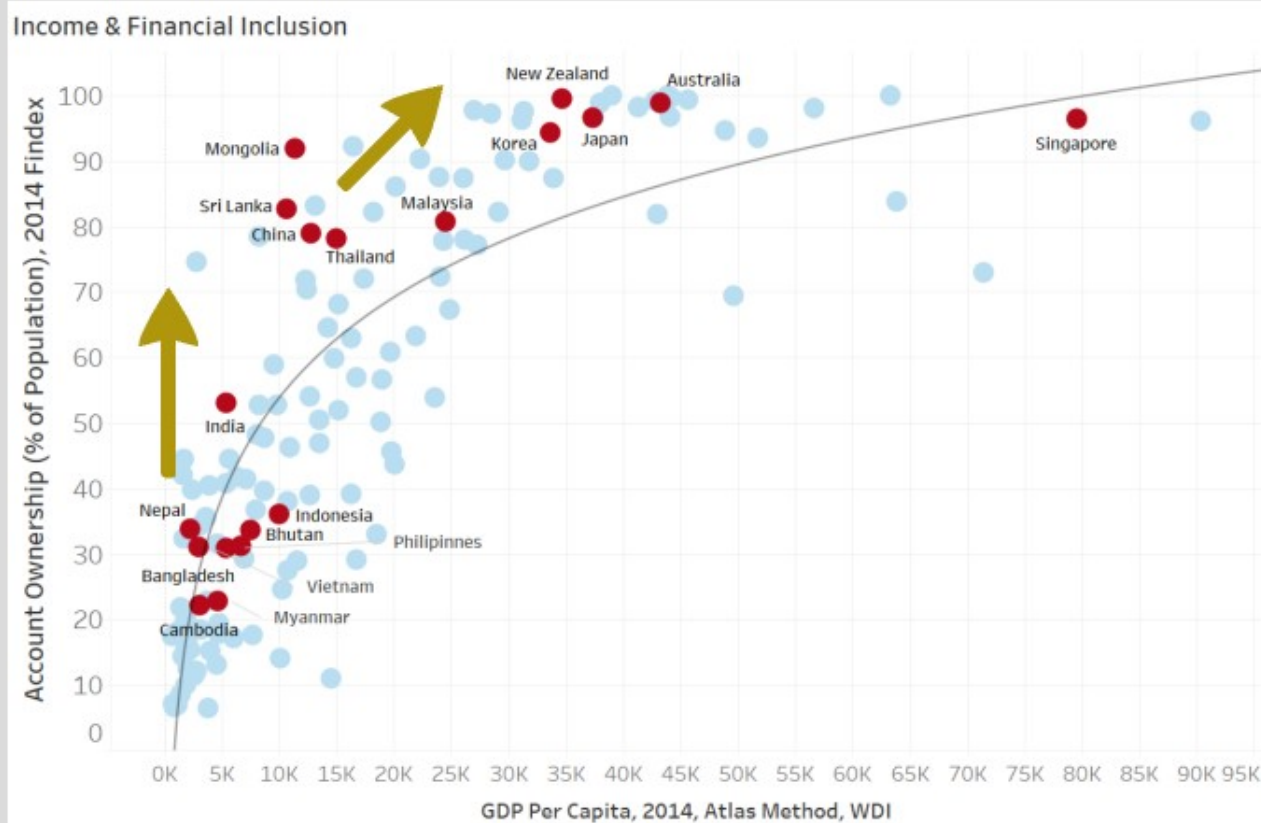
A Vision for the Future

SDGs Goal 8.10

Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all

Universal
Access

Universal Access



The Way Forward

Exchange ideas on:

- a. Country Experiences
- b. Policy Reforms and
- c. Collaboration/Lessons

