

# *Africa(s) in Transition(s): Investing in Youth's Human Capital*



Africa in the midst of **multiple** transitions ....

... That could spur growth but also a vicious **cycle of inequality**

Breaking this cycle requires HC investments that are both **synergistic and equitable**

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# Multiple Transitions

Economy

(digital & service economy)

Cultural

(globalization)



Demographic

(fertility & family formation)

Political

(democratic governance)



# A Vicious Cycle of Inequality

7 of top 10 most unequal countries are in SSA

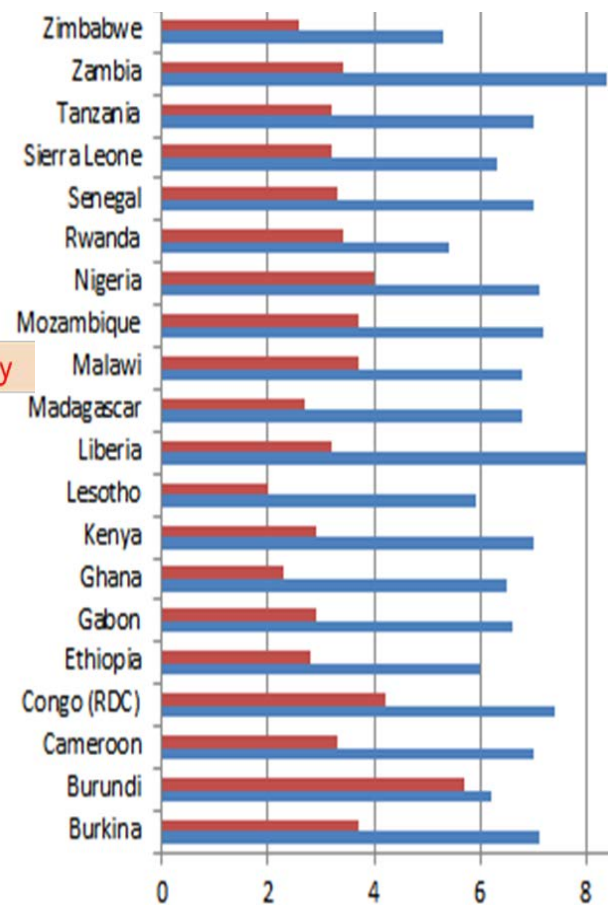


Adult Inequality

Uneven fertility  
Assortative marriage  
Maternal empowerment

Youth Inequality

Average births per woman  
Top vs Bottom Quintile



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# Investing in Human Capital



Young adults as an entry point

Transition from School to Work

Many NEETs



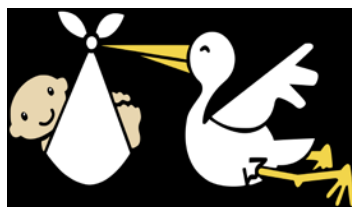
School Years

Low secondary enrollment (35%)



Stunting (34%)

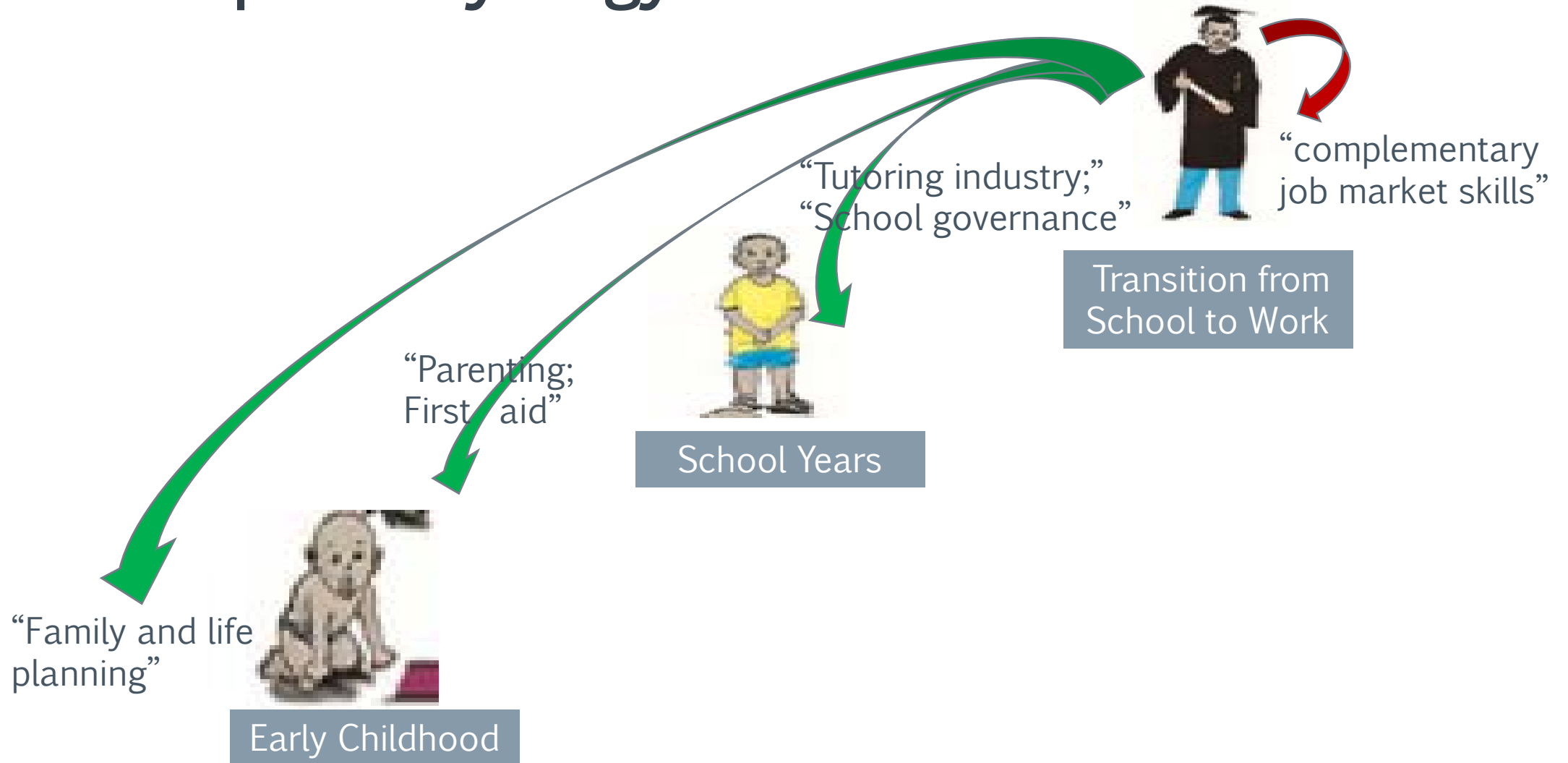
Early Childhood



High fertility (4.4)

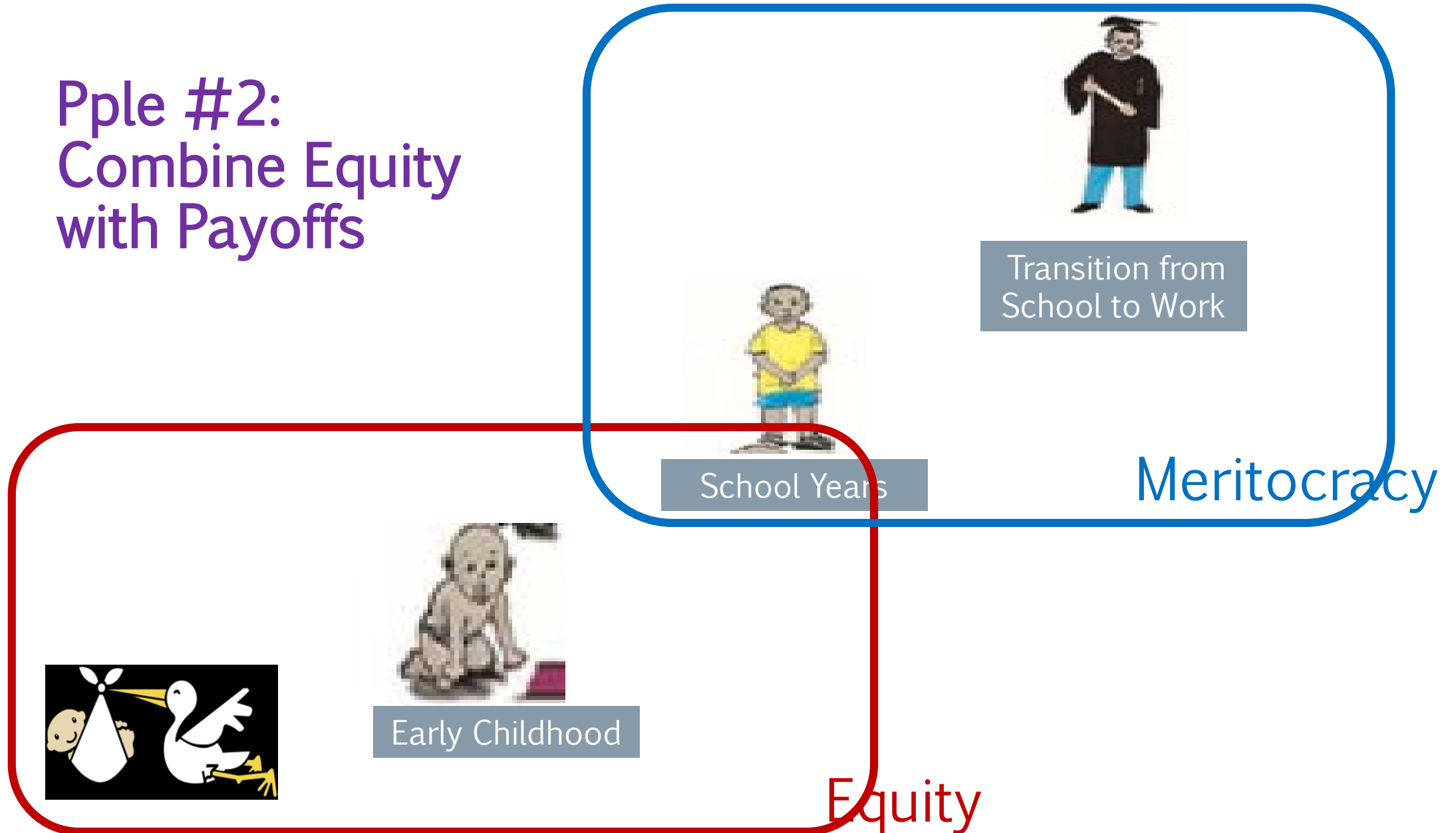
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# Principle 1: Synergy



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## Pple #2: Combine Equity with Payoffs



# Principle #3: Institutional Partnerships

