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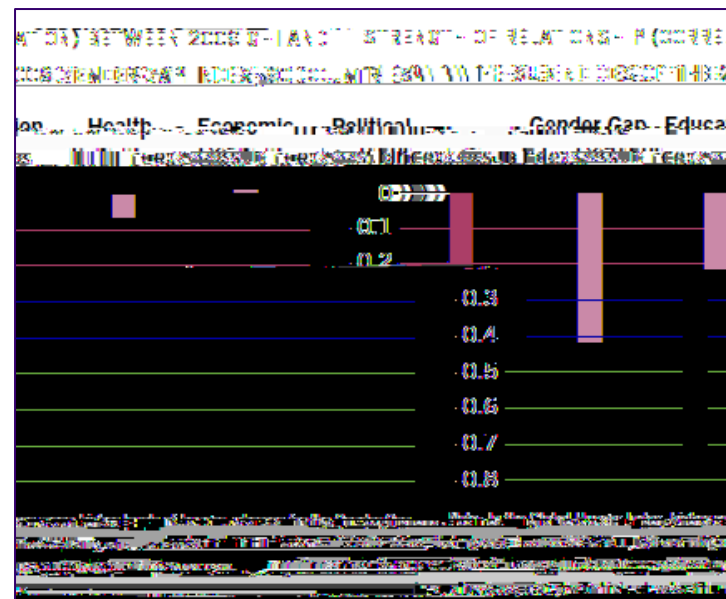
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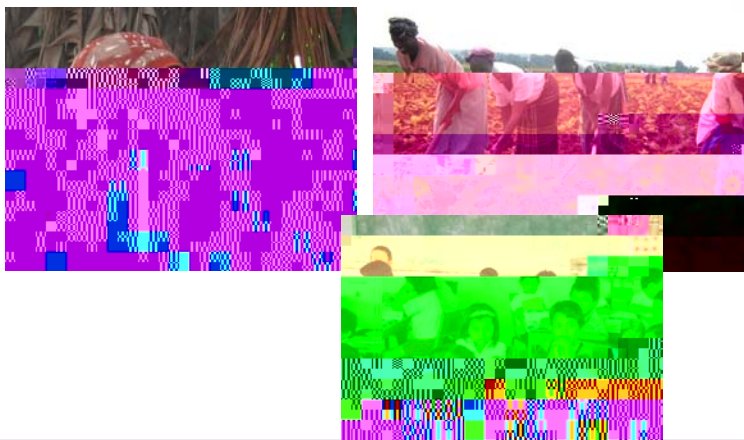
### Gender equality matters for poverty reduction

Inability to meet MDG targets for gender has serious consequences. Countries that are off-track for meeting gender equality goals will have:

- 0.1 -0.3 percentage points lower per capita income growth rates
- 0.1-0.4 more children per woman
- 15 per 1,000 higher rates of under-5 mortality
- 2.5 percentage points higher prevalence of underweight children <5



Because gender-relations are context specific, good practices have to be adapted to specific country contexts



Two-pronged approach to eliminating gender inequality

- Eradicate discrimination through reform of policy and legal institutions
- Promote catch-up by directly targeting resources to women

### **Reforming legal and property systems in sub-Saharan Africa**

### **Using low-cost, rapid, and transparent community land registration to strengthen women's land rights in Ethiopia**

- Land certification in Ethiopia was carried out through a low-cost, rapid,

