

Diagnosis Before Prescription: The context for youth employment programs in Sub-Saharan Africa

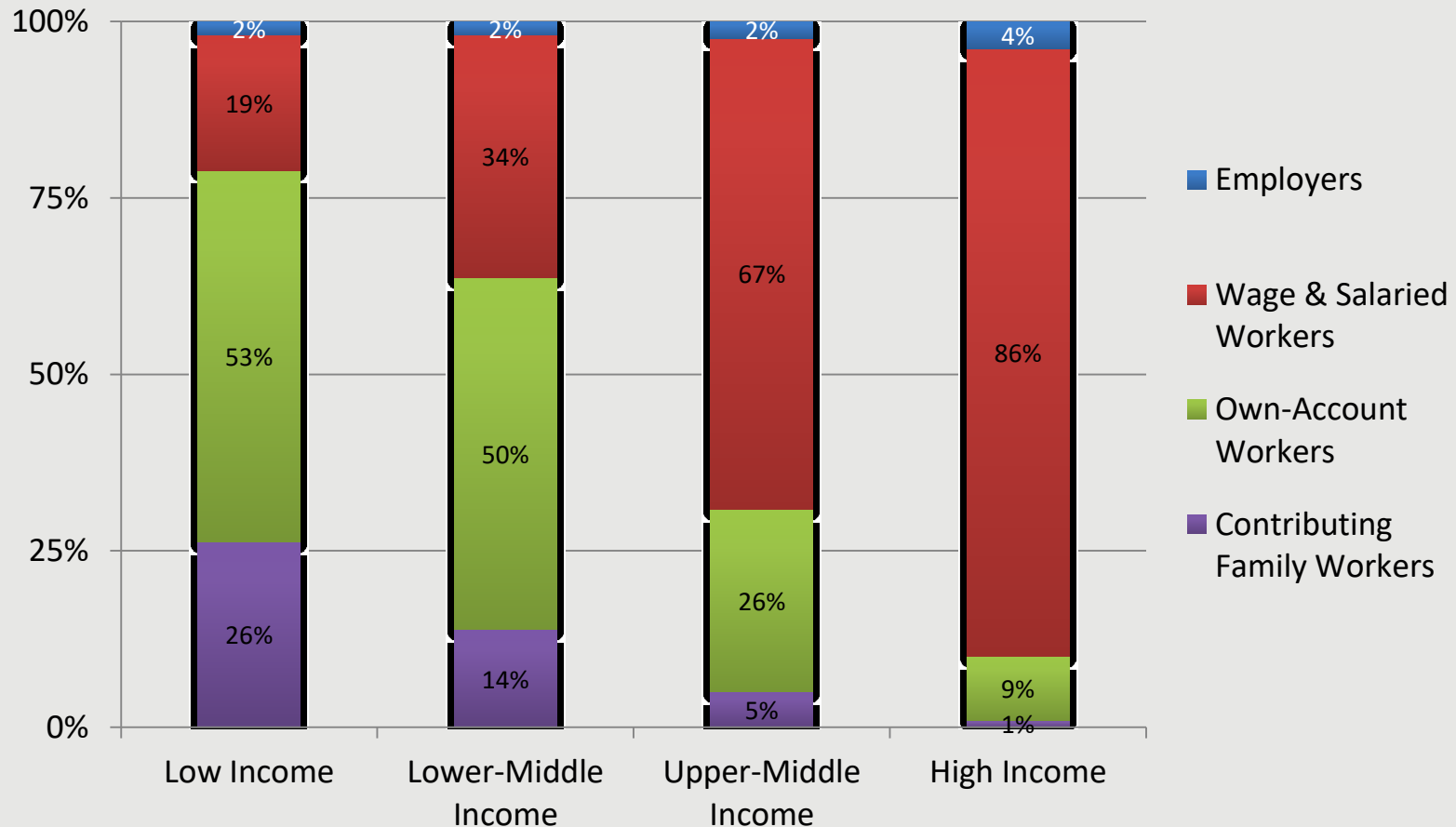
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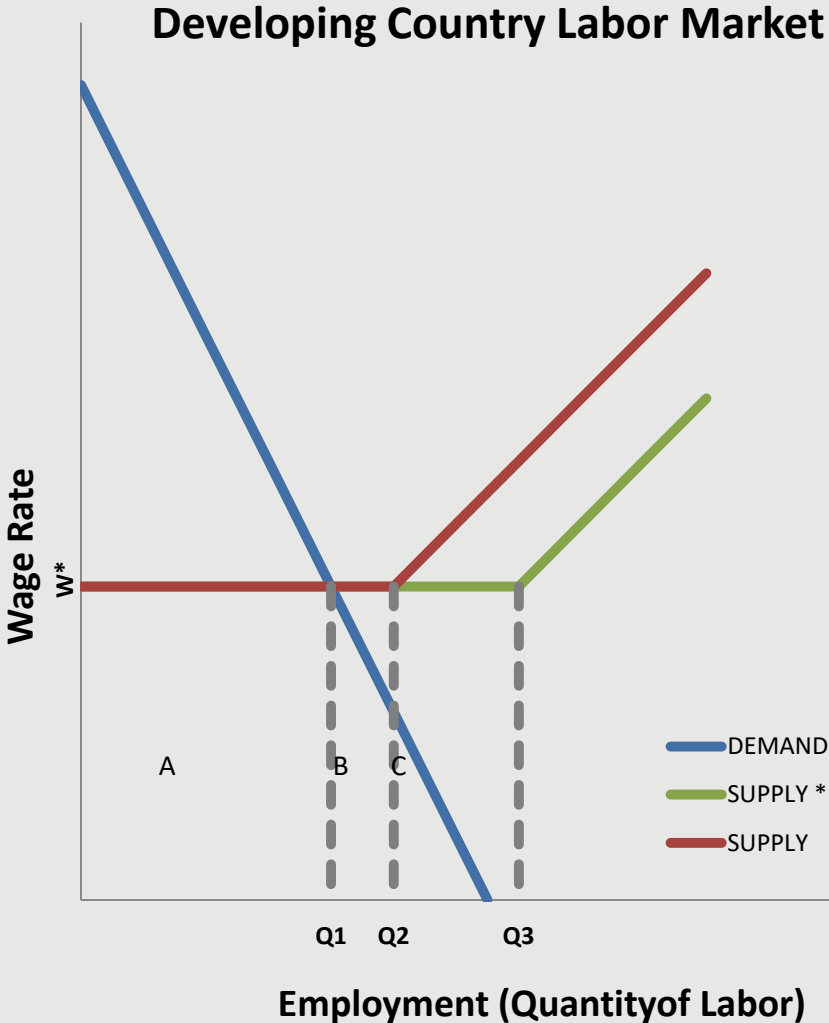
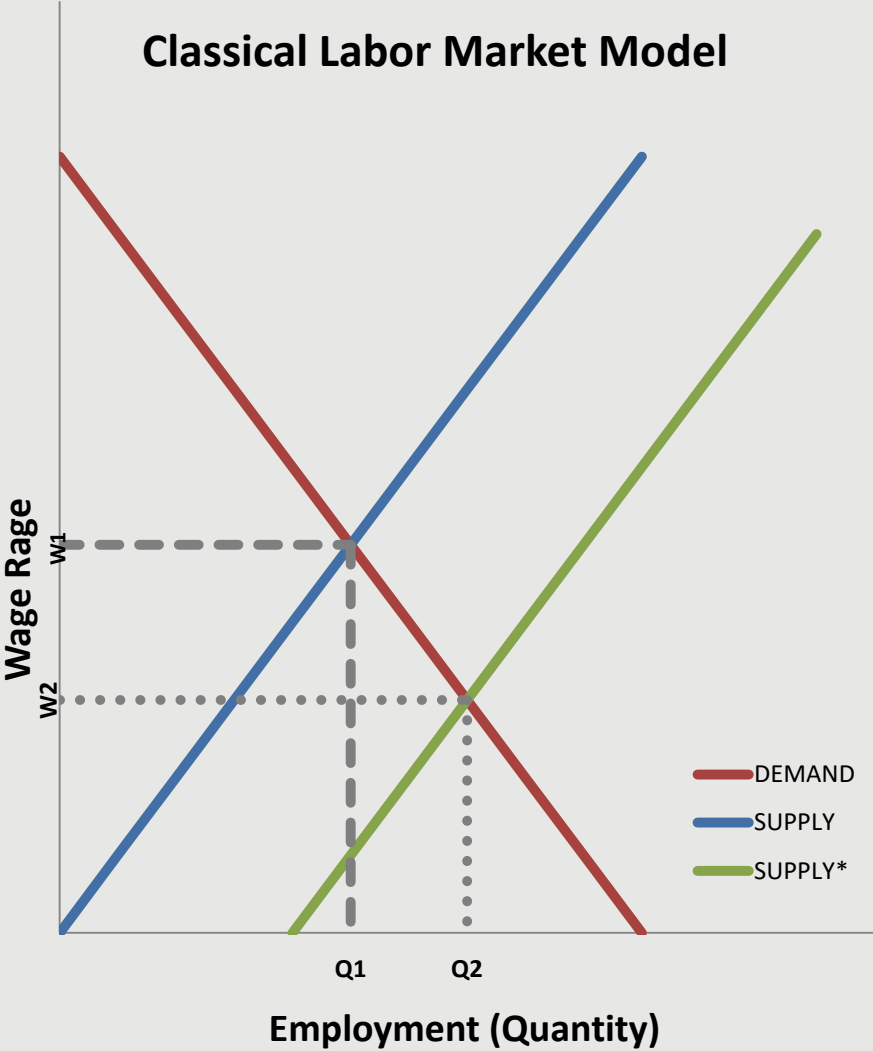


Informal is normal until economic transformation takes place

Labor Force Structure



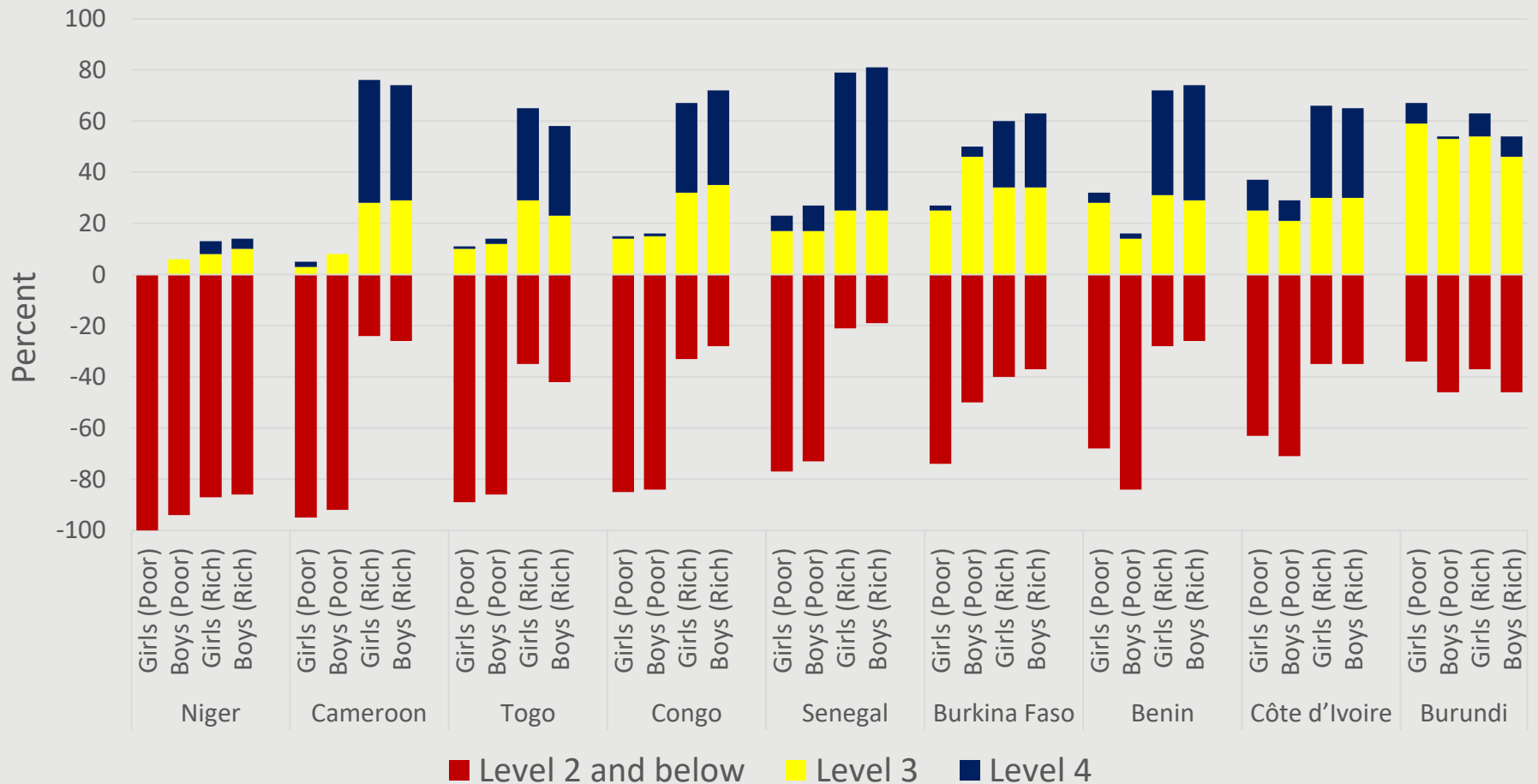
Labor Market Diagnosis



Basic Cognitive Skills First

PASEC Reading 2014:

Proportions of **End-of-Primary** students scoring at each level



What do youth need to find their pathway to success?

- In agriculture – access to land
- Inputs, and how to use them – supplied by agricultural extension or private sector
- Savings and start-up capital – savings groups?
- Very short business training (maybe)
- Know-how to spot opportunities, connect with wholesalers/suppliers/buyers
- Limited number of job specific skills, often gained through internships (tractor driving and repair, carpentry, hairdressing, etc.)
- Public investments in infrastructure to make both farming and nonfarm activities profitable (roads, electricity, water supply, markets, etc.)

THANK YOU

