# Measuring Financial Inclusion: The Global Findex Data

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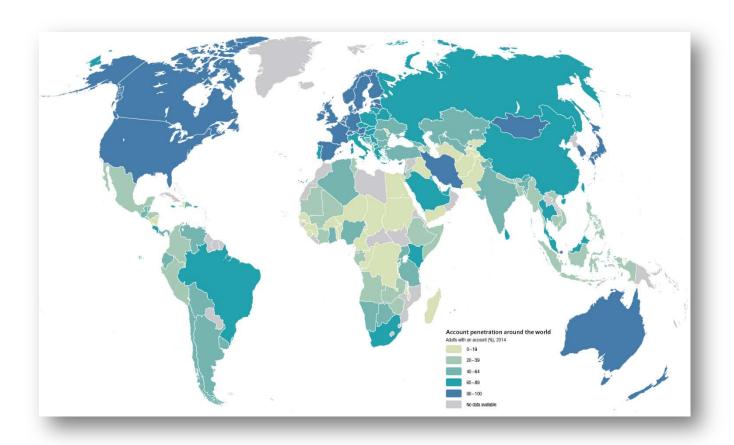












In 2014, the World Bank -- with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and in partnership with Gallup, Inc. – updated and expanded the Global Findex dataset, an unprecedented study of financial inclusion based on interviews with almost 150,000 adults in over 140 countries worldwide.

# Why is Financial Inclusion important?

- Financial inclusion means that households and businesses have access and can effectively use appropriate financial services. Such services must be provided responsibly and sustainably in a well regulated environment.
- Financial inclusion can be a key driver of economic growth and poverty alleviation, as
  access to finance can boost job creation, reduce vulnerability to shocks and increase
  investments in human capital.
- Without inclusive financial systems, poor people must rely on their own limited savings to invest in their education or become entrepreneurs – and small enterprises must rely on their limited earnings to pursue promising growth opportunities.
- Growing evidence that financial inclusion has significant beneficial effects for individuals. Providing individuals access to savings instruments increases savings, female empowerment, productive investment, consumption (e.g. Aportela, 1999; Dupas and Robinson, 2009; Ashraf et al., 2010).

# 2014 Findex

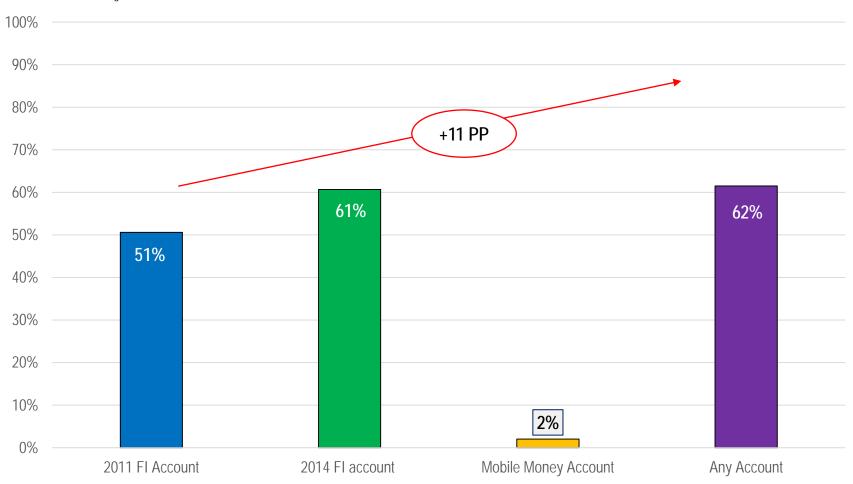
- Triennial update of Findex data will add time-series dimension to database
- In 2013, additional funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was granted to expand the 2014 Findex to include more nuanced questions on mobile money and an extended module on DOMESTIC PAYMENTS

#### Message Framework

- Measuring ownership and usage of accounts
- Opportunities to expand financial inclusion among the unbanked
  - Receive cash payments for wages, government transfers, remittances, and agricultural sales
  - Semi-formal savings
- Opportunities to increase usage among people with accounts
  - Pay utilities and school fees in cash
  - Send remittance payments in cash

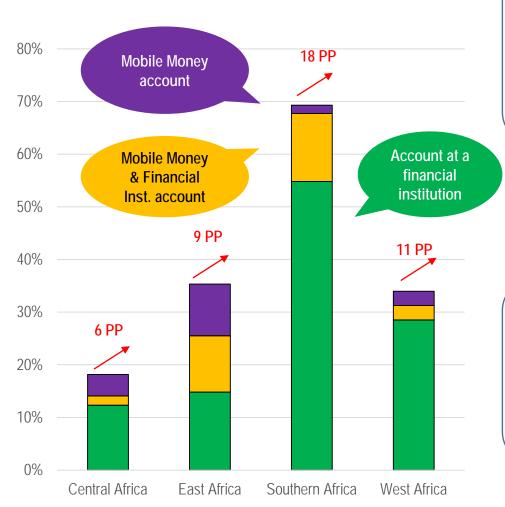
### World: Financial Inclusion

**Total Percentage of Adults** 



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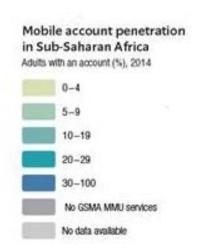
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In Sub-Saharan Africa, 12% of adults (64 million adults) have mobile accounts (compared to just 2% worldwide); 45% of them (28 million) have only a mobile account

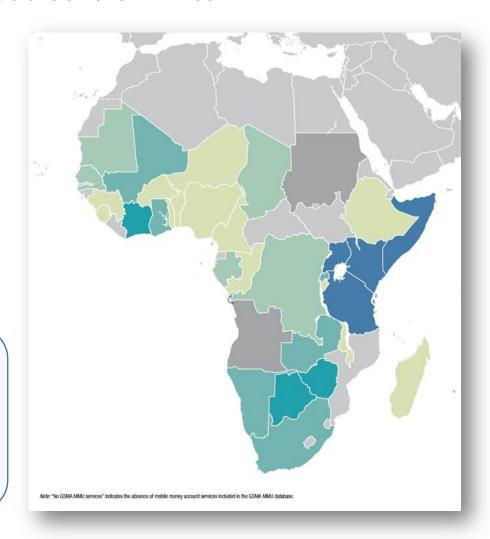
While just one percent of adults globally say
they use a mobile account and nothing else, an
estimated 10 percent of adults in East Africa
report using only a mobile account

### Mobile Account Penetration: Sub-Saharan Africa

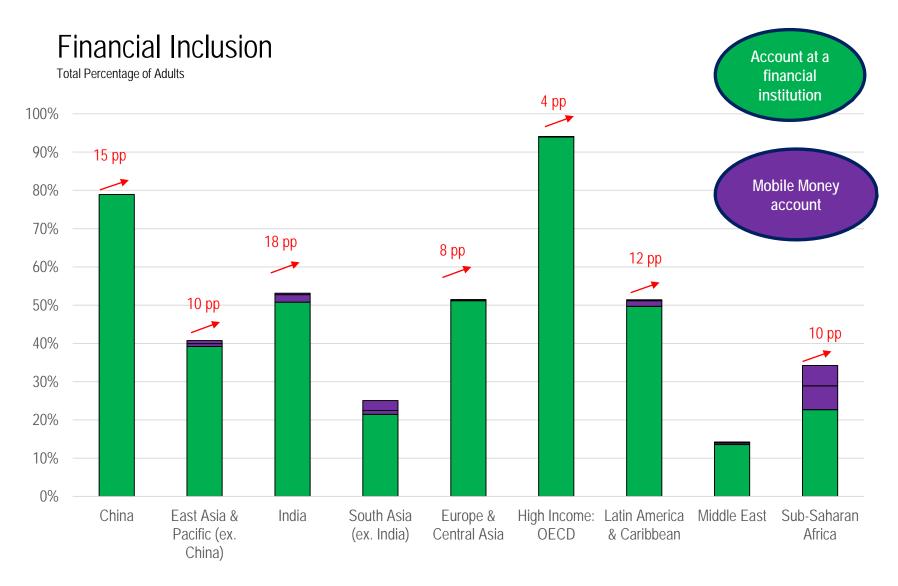
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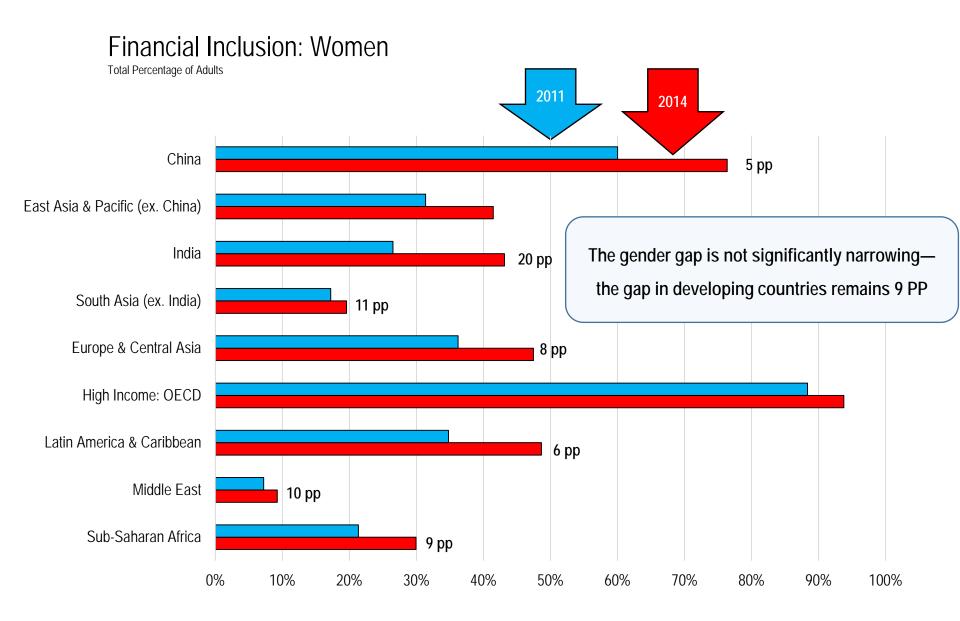
Data point to the powerful role that new technology – such as mobile money accounts – can play in rapidly moving many adults into the financial system, especially in Africa





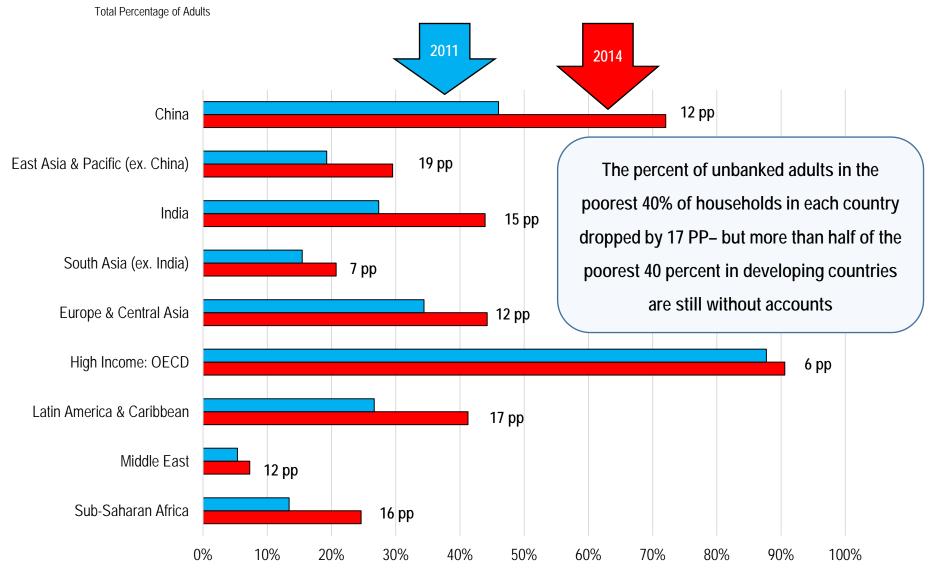


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Note: The gender gap between women and men is shown in black.

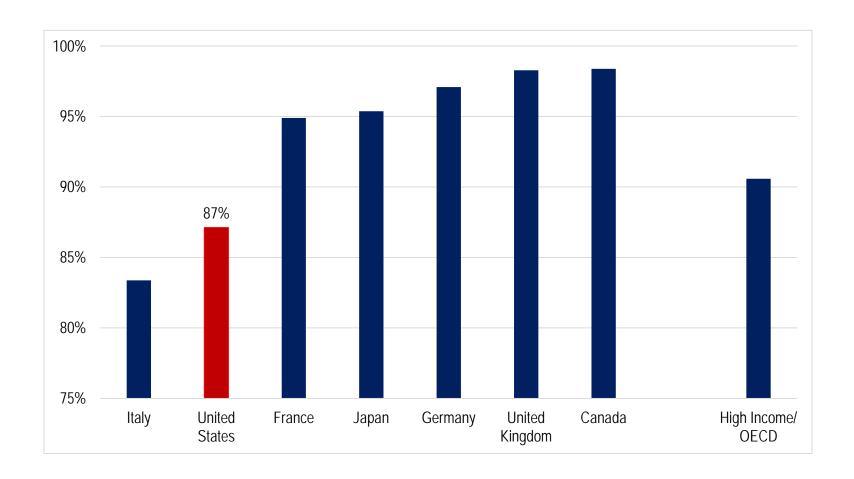
#### Financial Inclusion: Poorest 40%



Note: The income gap between the richest 60% and poorest 40% is shown in black.

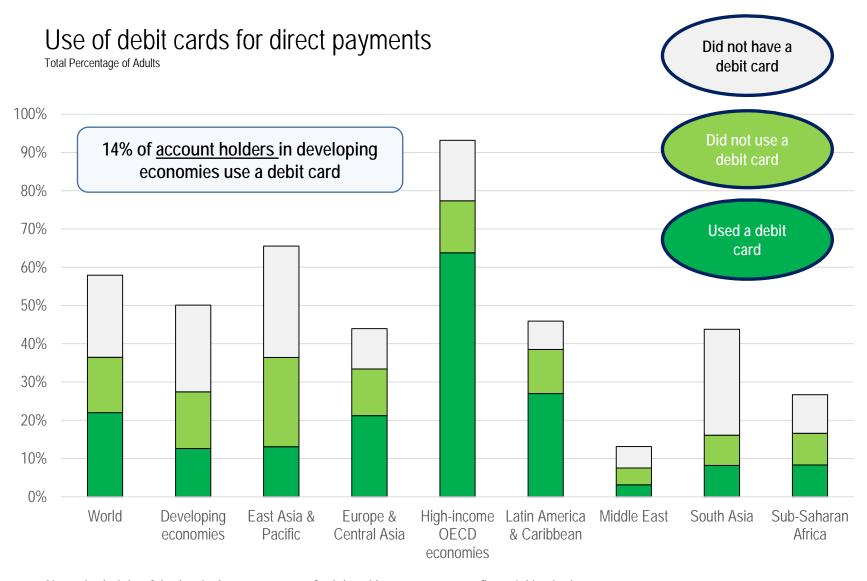
# Financial Inclusion in G7 Countries: Poorest 40%

Total Percentage of Adults



# What is the impact on financial inclusion of moving from cash-based to digital payments?

- Providing a first entry point into the formal financial system (Allen et al., 2013; Li et al., 2014; Aportela, 1999; Prina, 2012; Masino and Nino-Zarazua, 2014; Batista and Vicente, 2013)
- Making payments more efficient by lowering the cost of disbursing and receiving payments (Aker et al., 2013; CGAP, 2011b; Babatz, 2013; Lindert, et al., 2007)
- Increasing the transparency of the payment and thus making it less likely for there to be leakage between the sender and receiver (Muralidharan et al., 2014)
- Increasing individuals' risk management capacity (Jack and Suri, 2011; Blumenstock et al., 2012)
- *Increasing women's economic empowerment* (Docquier, Lowell and Marfouk, 2009; Dupas and Robinson, 2009; Morawcynski and Pickens, 2009; Duflo, 2012)
- Increasing the security, privacy and control over the funds received, especially for women (McKenzie and Yang, 2014; Ashraf, et al., 2014; Wright et al., 2014)

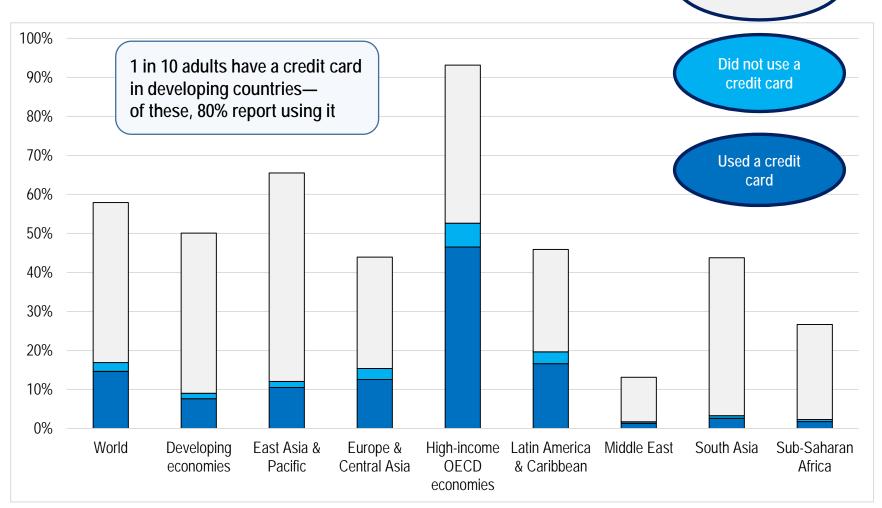


Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults with an account at a financial institution

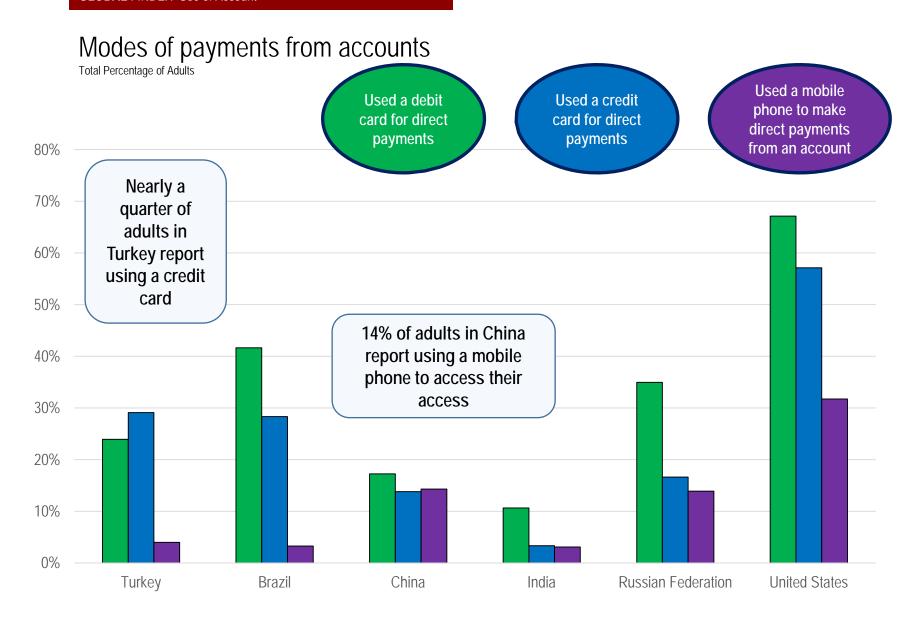
#### Use of credit cards

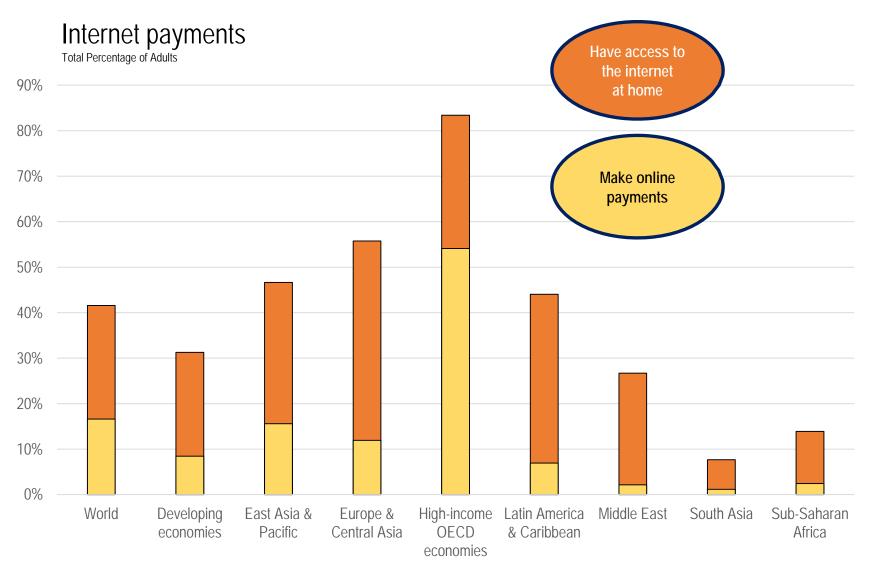
**Total Percentage of Adults** 

Did not have a credit card



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Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults with access to internet.

### What is the impact of moving to digital payments on entrepreneurship?

- Speeds-up business registration & payments for business licenses and permits (Klapper et al., 2007; Daye, Serna et al, 2014)
- Increases participation in e-commerce and improves interaction with clients, vendors and financial institutions (Hejazi, 2014; Adractas et al. 2015, Denecker et al. 2014)
- Improves operational efficiency by improving supply chain management and risk management (Rai, Patnayakuni, Seth, 2006., Manfre & Nordehn, 2013)
- Provide ways to reduce gender gap in business ownership by improving access to formal financial products, market place (Salma, 2014; Malhotra, Kanesathasan & Patel, 2012)
- For medium-to large sized businesses, digital applications like e-filing and e-payment of taxes can help reduce the cost of tax compliance (Che Azmi et al, 2012; Handbook for Tax Simplification, IFC, 2009; Yilmaz and Coolidge, 2013)
- Can help build credit history

Africa

economies

Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults receiving wage payments.

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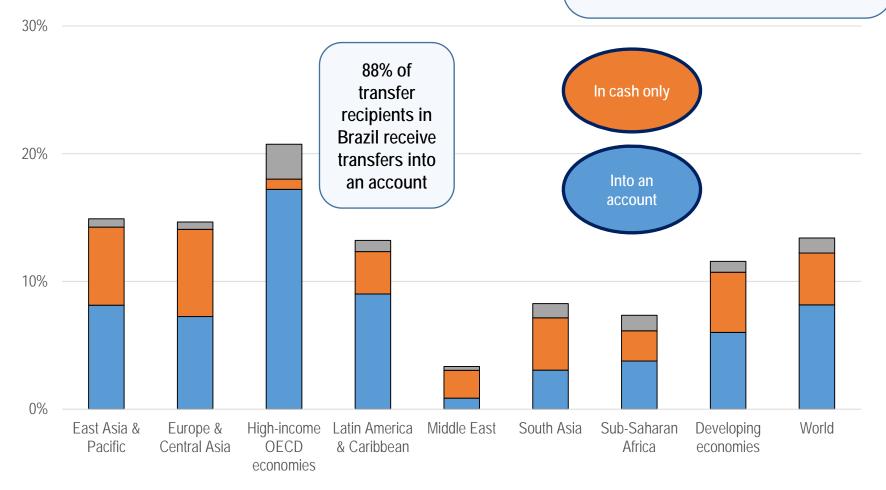
Central Asia

Pacific

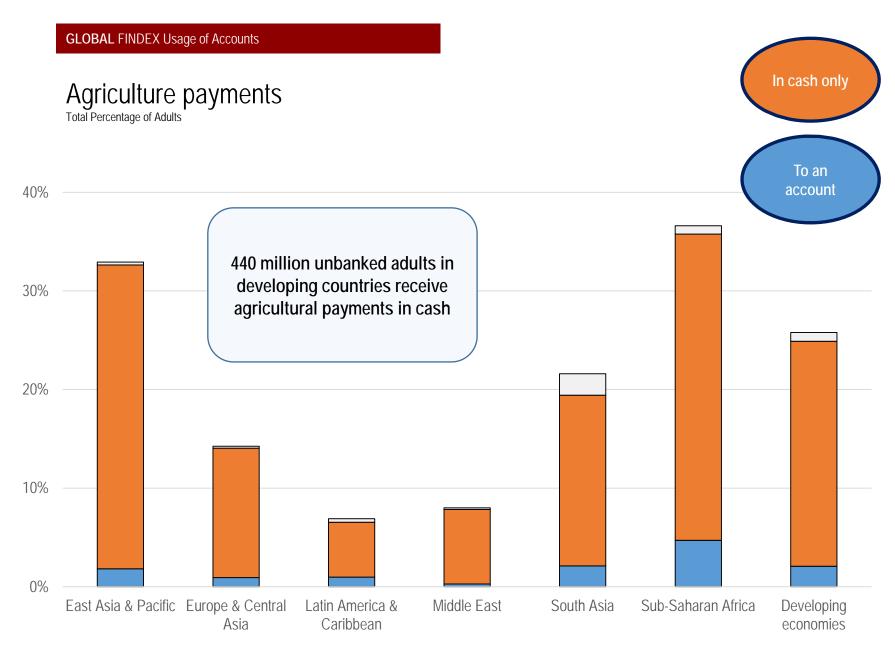
# **Government Transfer Payments**

Total Percentage of Adults

Globally, government transfers through accounts can increase the number of adults with an account by up to 130 million



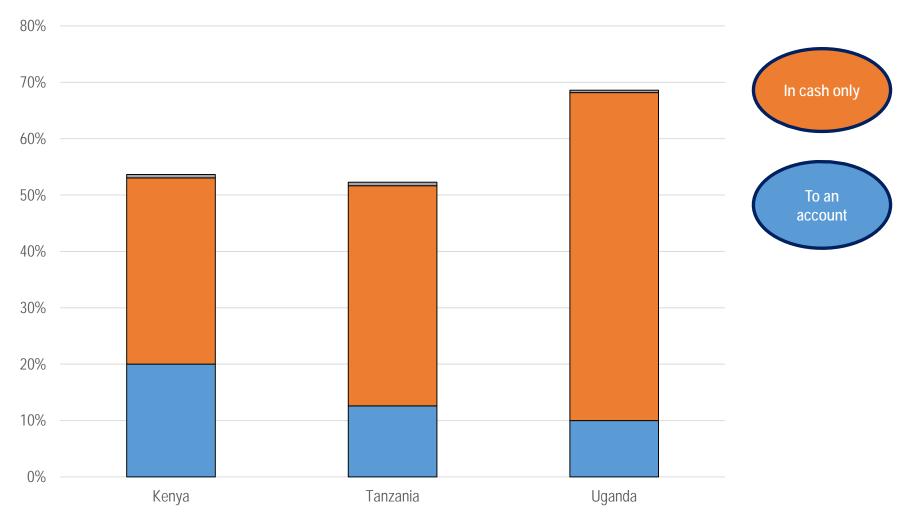
Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults receiving government transfer payments.



Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults receiving agriculture payments

#### **GLOBAL** FINDEX Usage of Accounts

# Agriculture payments Total Percentage of Adults



Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults receiving agriculture payments

Middle East

Sub-Saharan

Africa

Developing

economies

South Asia

Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults paying school fees.

Asia

Latin America &

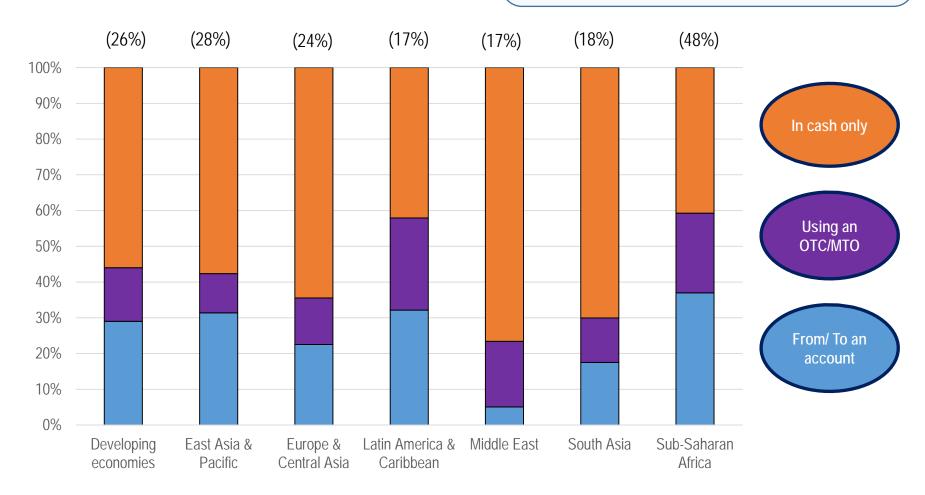
Caribbean

East Asia & Pacific Europe & Central

#### **Domestic Remittances**

Share of Adults sending or receiving domestic remittances, normalized

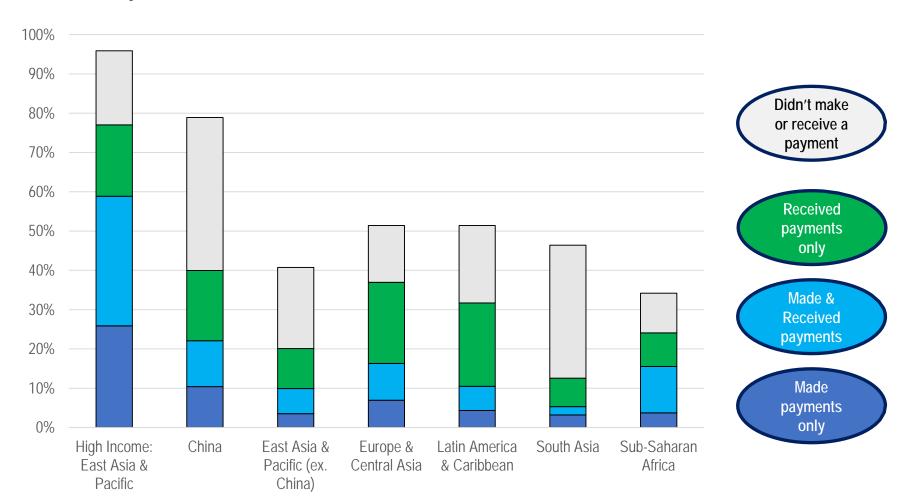
In Sub-Saharan Africa, 11% of unbanked adults report sending or receiving domestic remittance payments in cash/OTC



Note: the percentage of adults that report sending or receiving domestic remittances is shown in parentheses.

# Make and Receive Payments

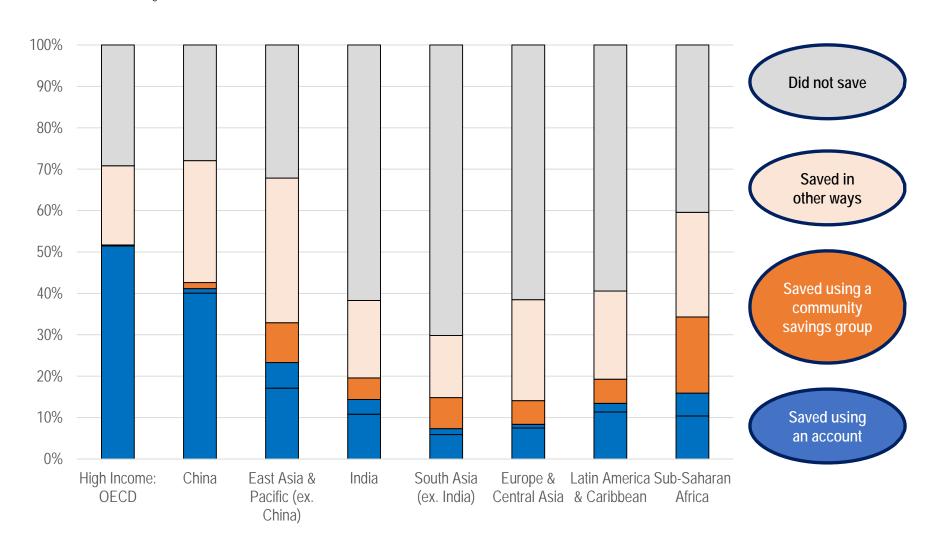
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Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults with an account

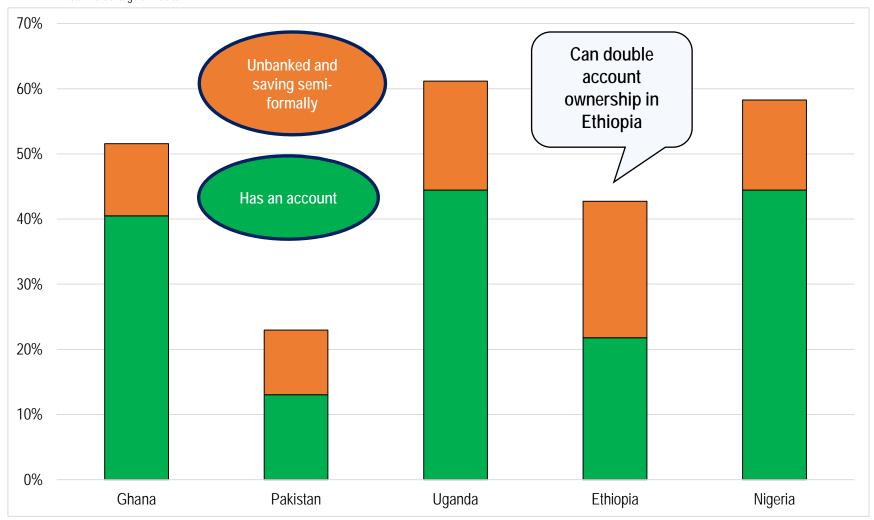
#### GLOBAL FINDEX Savings

# Savings behavior Total Percentage of Adults



# Financial Inclusion: Semi formal savings

Total Percentage of Adults

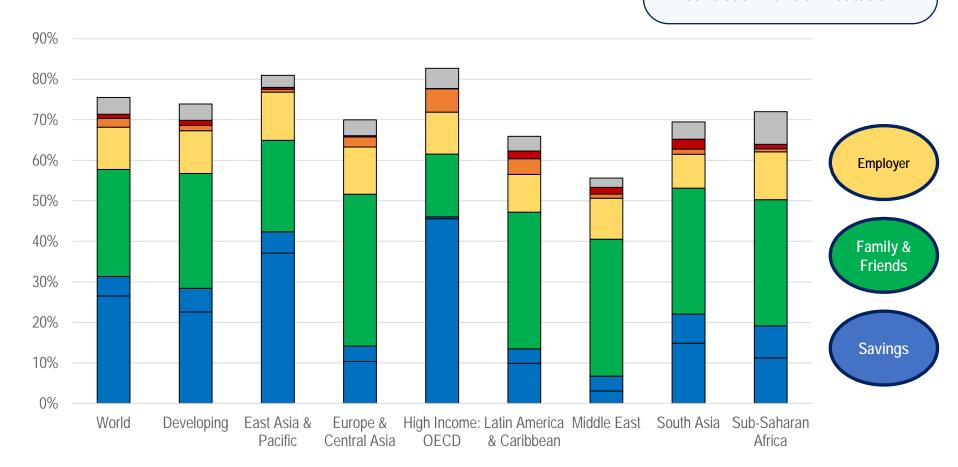


#### GLOBAL FINDEX Financial Resilience

# Financial Resilience: Source of emergency funds

Total Percentage of Adults

1.2 billion adults in developing countries say they would use savings in case of an emergency—but 56% of these adults do not save at a financial institution



Note: the height of the bar is the percentage of adults that report being able to come up the equivalent of 1/20th of GNI in a month.

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