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In all these countries, there are many signs of development: new farm projects, new ports and roads, new clinics and schools. But there is much poverty, too, and people are moving to the cities and towns in the hope of finding work.

The population of this area is growing fast. It has doubled in less than 25 years. Some of these countries have the world's highest population growth rates, and more than half the population is young.



▲ Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Africa's highest mountain is the beautiful cone of an old volcano. It is near the Equator, but high enough to have snow all year.

