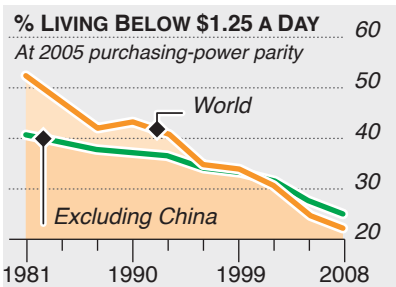


World poverty falling

For the first time, the number of people living in extreme poverty – defined as those living on less than \$1.25 a day – fell in every region of the world between 2005-08



NUMBERS LIVING BELOW \$1.25 A DAY

Billions 0 0.4 0.8

East Asia / Pacific

China

South Asia

Sub-Saharan Africa

Middle East / north Africa

Eastern Europe / Central Asia

2005

2008

Poor in developing countries
1981: 1.94bn
2008: 1.29bn