

# Income and Expenditure in Middle East and Africa

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Uneven growth across economic sectors to exacerbate income inequality

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