

# **Africa, youth, employment**

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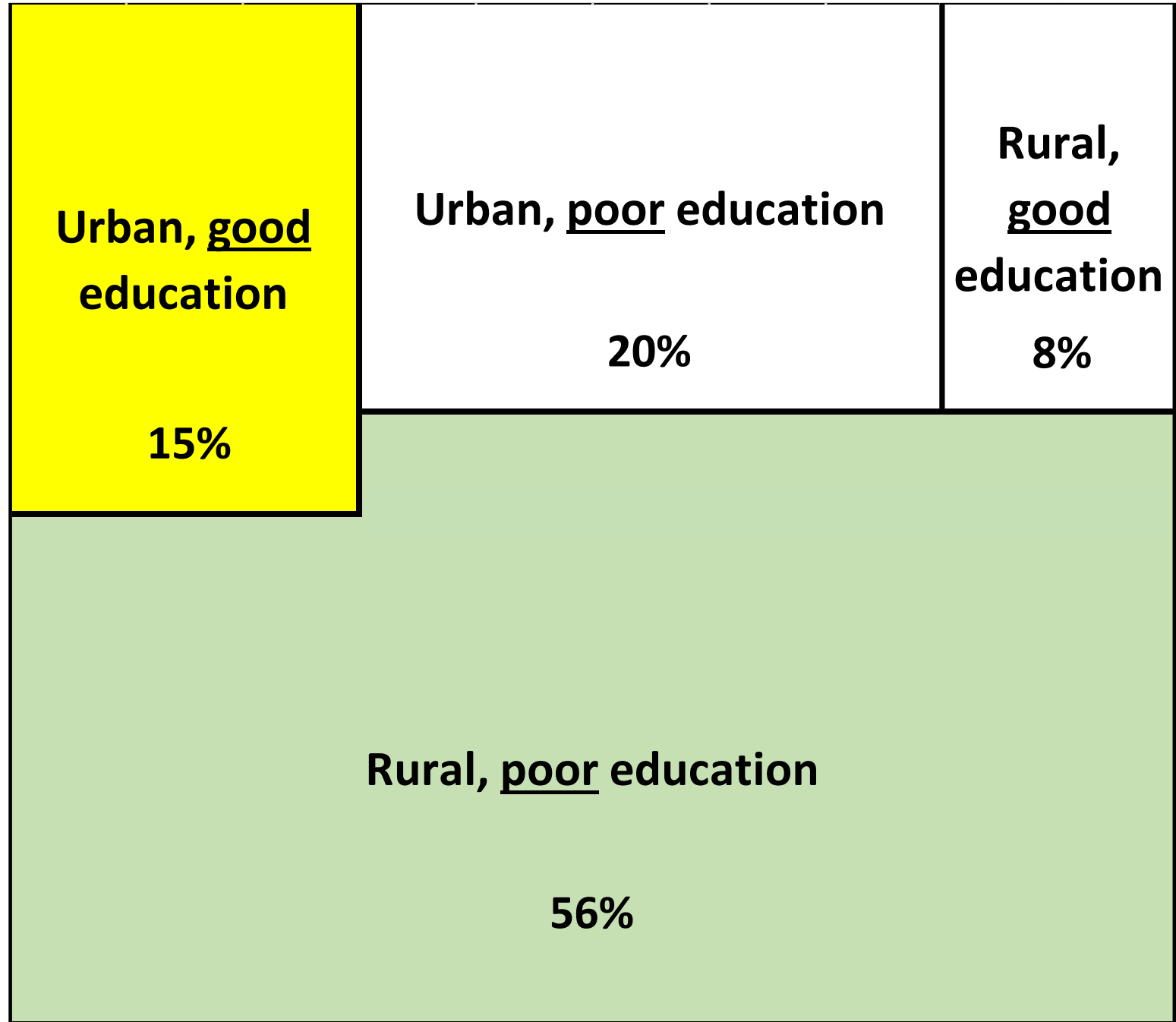
# Two framings

- A “youth employment” crisis: *it’s all about the youth*
- A “missing jobs” crisis: *it’s all about the economy*

# Four questions

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# Youth in SSA (15-24 years)



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- What is your time frame?
- How do you understand the role of the state?

# Why invest in youth?

- To reap the **demographic dividend**
- It's "**smart economics**" (it will lead to economic growth)

- To assure food security
- To increase agricultural productivity

- To reduce poverty (of youth & others)
- To increase well-being (of youth & others)

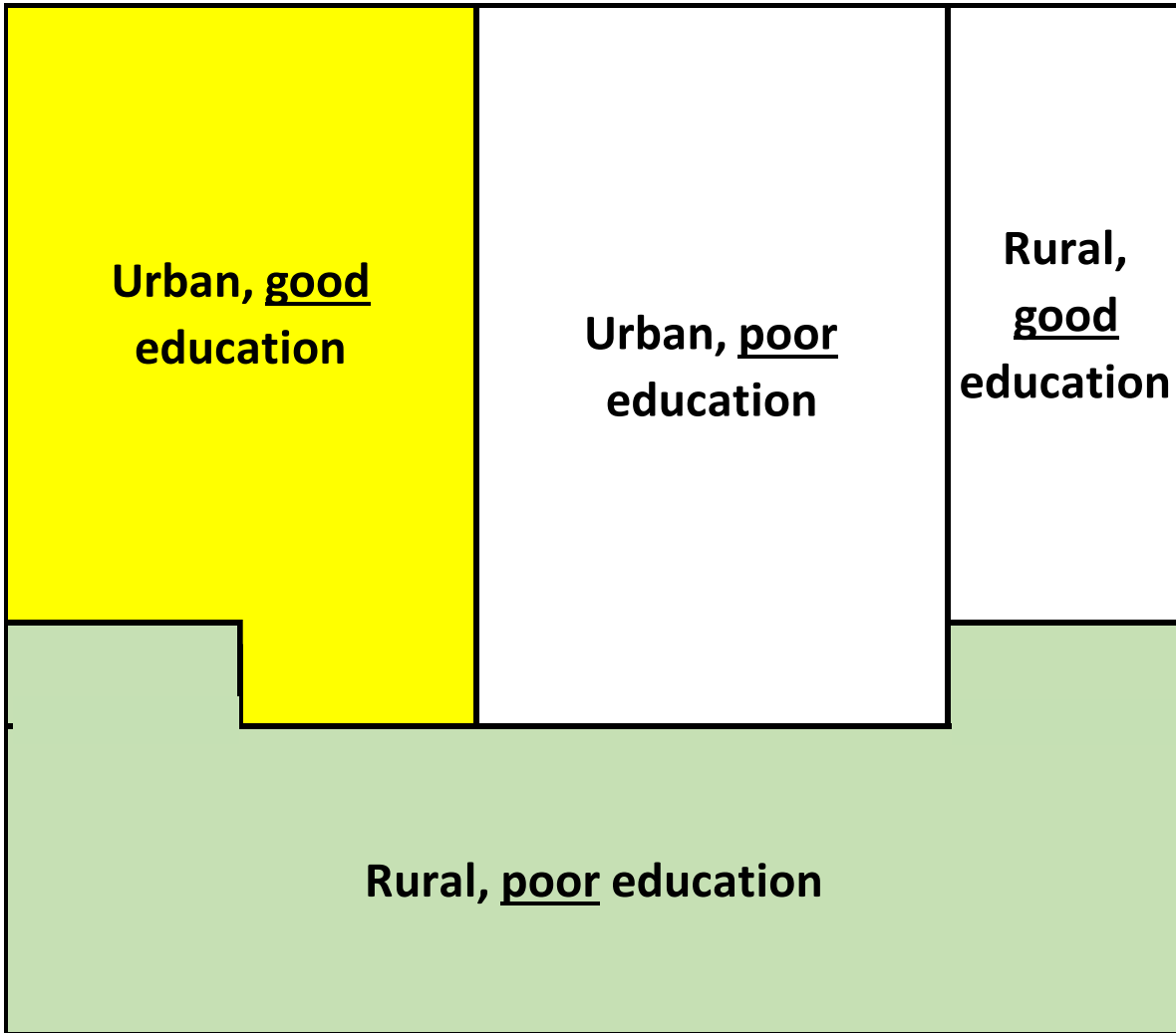
Because idle youth incite unrest & violence

To slow international migration

**Because it is their right**  
(and the state is the duty bearer)

# Ghana

(15-24 years)



# Mozambique

(15-24 years)

