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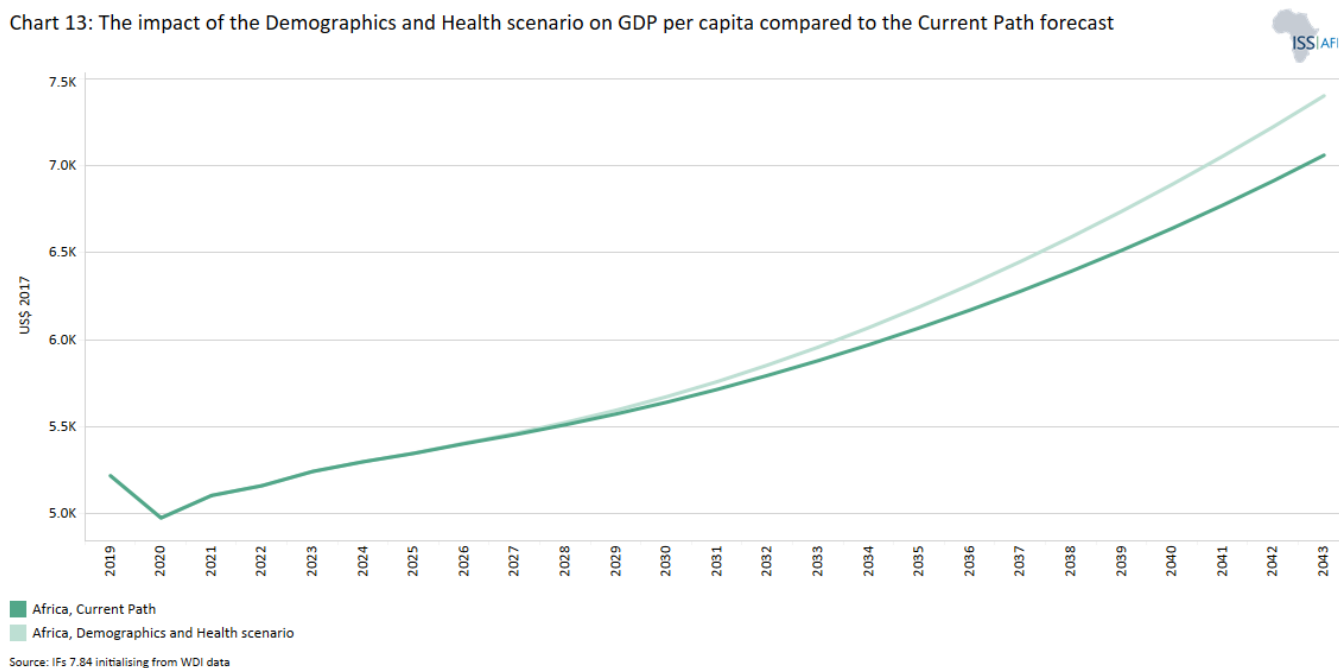
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Chart 13 presents the impact of the Demographics and Health scenario on the GDP per capita compared to the Current Path forecast. In absolute terms, Mauritius gains the most by 2043, with its GDP per capita improving by US\$1 081, followed by Egypt by US\$1 047—improvements of 6% and 4% above the Current Path forecast, respectively. However, it is always more reasonable to calculate the per cent improvement, according to which Morocco, Cape Verde, Libya, Tunisia and Seychelles gain less than a 1% improvement in the GDP per capita by 2043, while Madagascar, Malawi, Lesotho and Zimbabwe all gain more than 8%.

Chart 13: The impact of the Demographics and Health scenario on GDP per capita compared to the Current Path forecast



The average improvement for Africa is US\$441 in 2043, or more than 6% above the Current Path forecast.

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