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Corrigendum

Replace paragraph 20 with the following:

Update of the situation of children and women. Ethiopia has achieved significant and sustained growth and improved access to social services over the past 10 years. Still, 15 million Ethiopians are estimated to be living on a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) of less than \$100. While the disparity gap between rural and urban areas has narrowed, income inequality in urban areas has increased in the last five years. As the livelihoods of over 80 per cent of the population depend on subsistence agriculture, the country remains vulnerable to shocks, including the impact of droughts and other natural disasters.

Replace paragraph 21 with the following:

With an estimated under-five mortality rate of 109 per 1,000 live births, Ethiopia is on track to reach Goal 4. Despite overall improvements in underweight rates, Ethiopia is not currently on track to achieve the nutrition target for Millennium Development Goal 1. The nutritional situation of children in the south-eastern region of Ethiopia deteriorated in 2008 due to the combined effects of unprecedented price increases of essential food commodities and crop failure following poor rains, and necessitated concerted response measures. Since then, the Government has taken the lead in addressing the situation of severe acute malnutrition through community treatment of severe acute malnutrition, using the Health Extension Programme infrastructure. The gender parity index and access to basic education has improved since 2006-2007, with the gross enrolment rate reaching 94.2 per cent. However, from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009, the gross enrolment rate dropped by 1.4 per cent, meaning renewed efforts are required to reach the Goal 2 targets.

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