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This interim report was prepared as a collaborative effort of the Millennium Project Task Force on Poverty and Economic Development. It draws upon contributions from across the Task Force membership and from background work conducted in preparation for the Human Development Report 2003. The report aims to serve as a basis for broad consultation and public comment, explicitly highlighting numerous areas that the Task Force aims to consider in more detail over before its final report is completed in the end of 2004. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
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