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New figures from Rwanda's ministry of finance show a wider-thananticipated fiscal deficit in 2013 and 2014, but this shortfall will narrow in 2015. Economic growth will gradually reduce the country's dependence on foreign grants. Surging population growth, low base effects and a government committed to market-friendly structural reforms will see Rwanda's economy expand rapidly over the coming years. The country's difficult relationship with its neighbours poses the gravest threat to this forecast; a major international crisis could derail Rwanda's development hopes.



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