

# **BUILD BACK FAIRER**

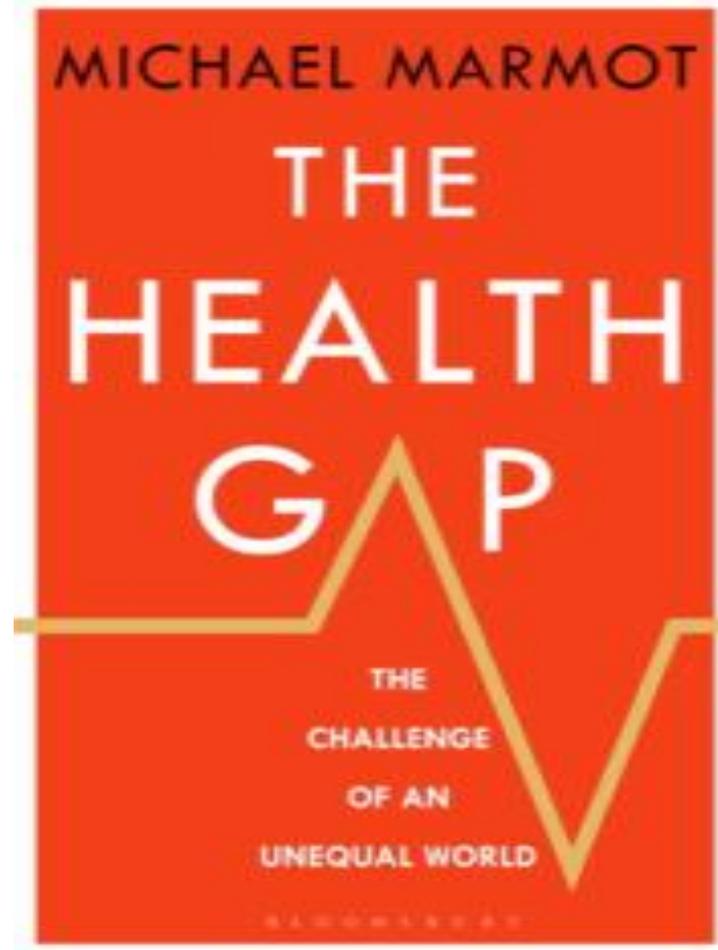
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**Glasgow Centre for Population Health**  
**May 2021**

Why treat people and send them back to the conditions that made them sick?



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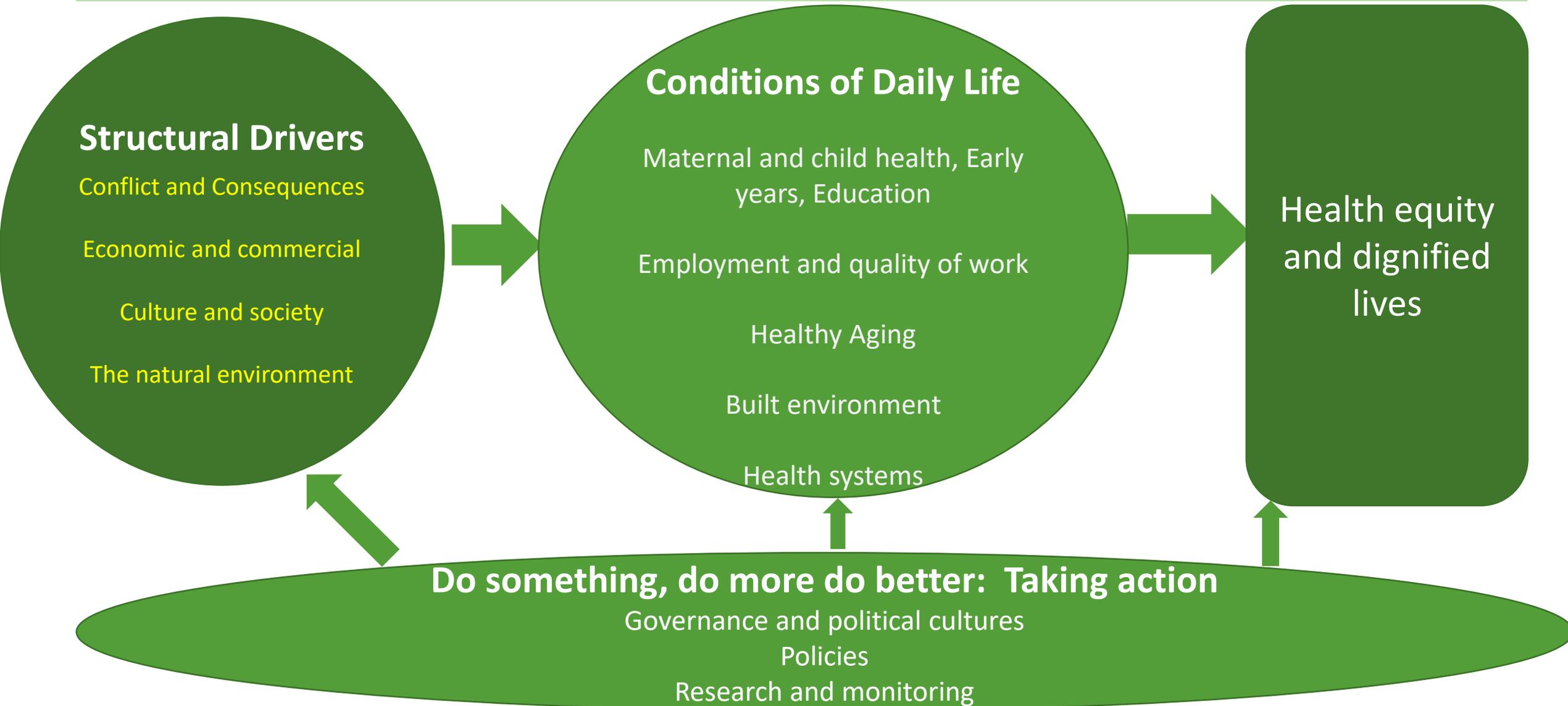
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# Framework for the social determinants of health

Stratifiers: Position of migrants, refugees and gender



**Do Something**

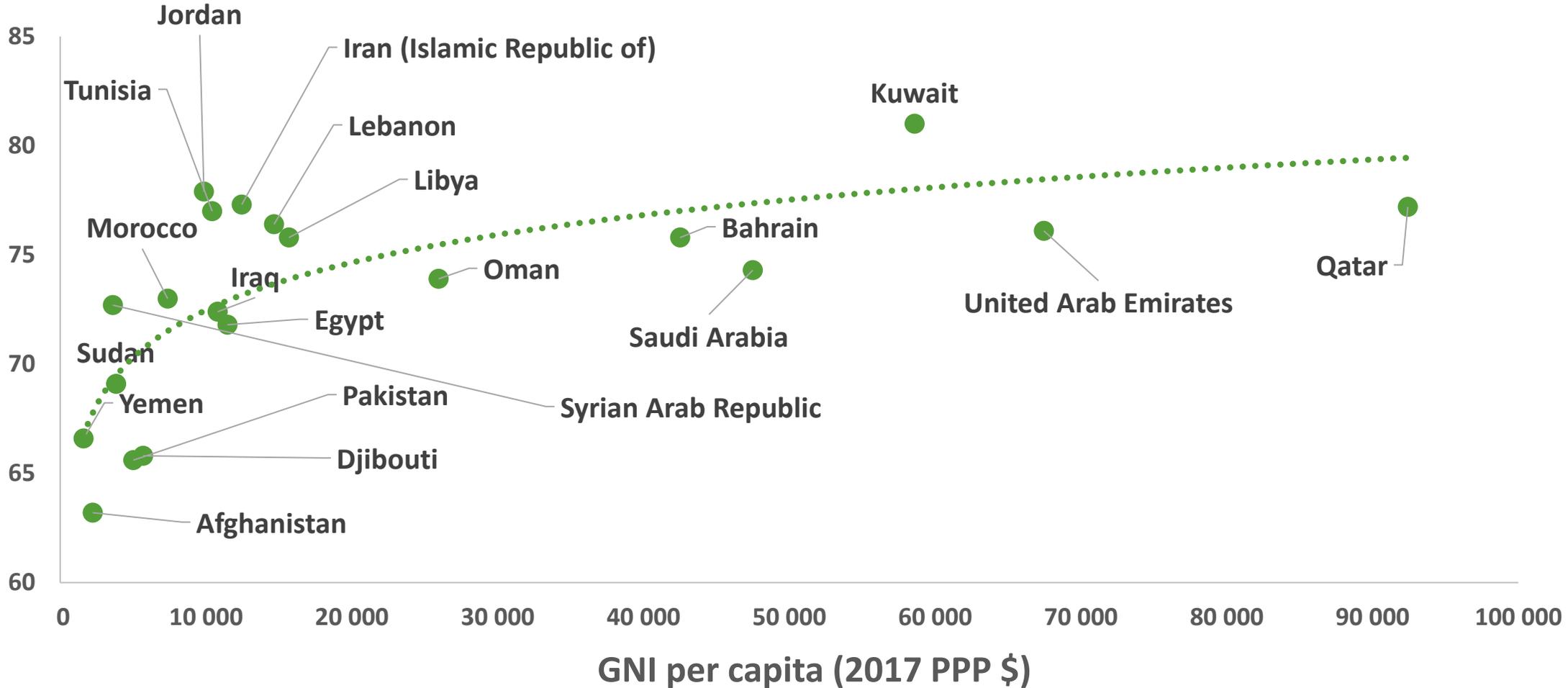
**Do More**

**Do Better**



# Life expectancy by Gross National Income (2019)

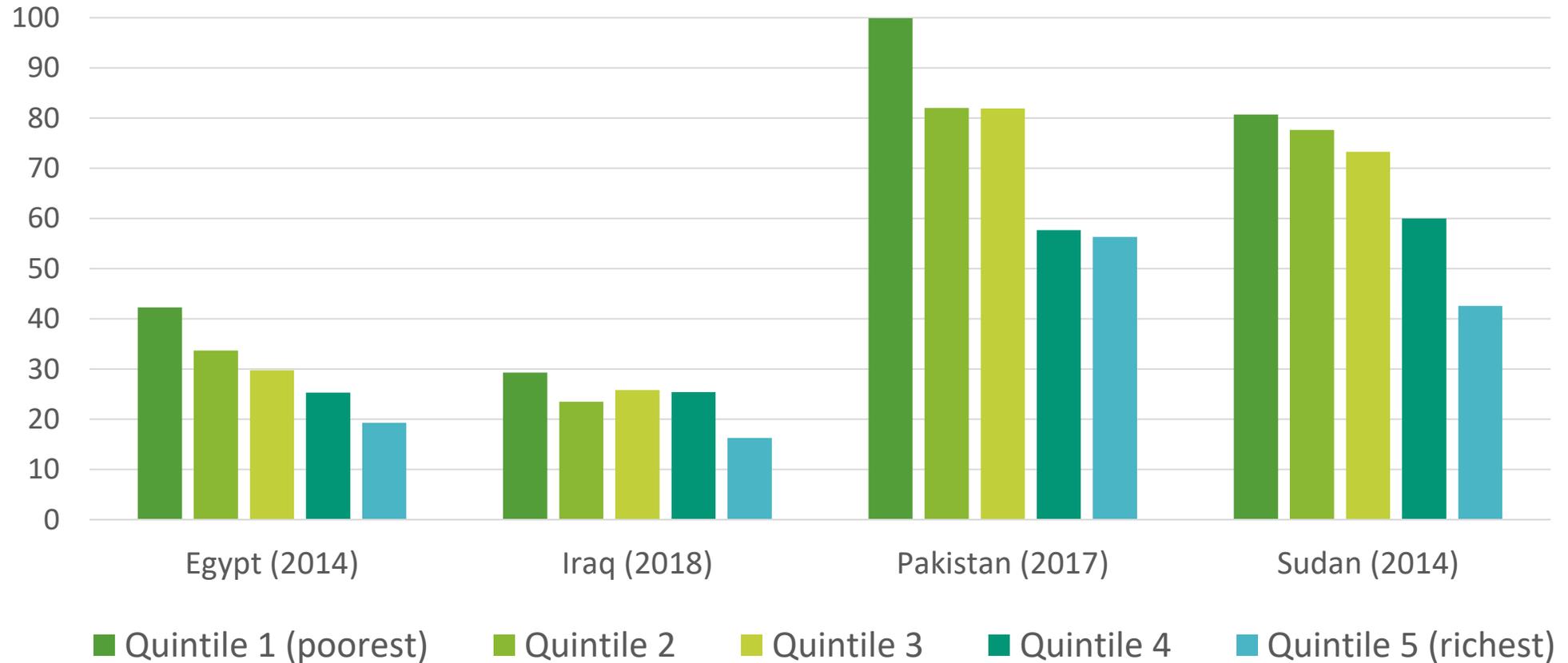
Life expectancy at birth (years)



Note: No GNI per capita data available for Somalia and occupied Palestinian territory  
Source: UNDP Human Development Report (2020) and WHO Global Health Observatory Data Repository (2020)

# Under-5 mortality rate in selected countries, by wealth quintile

Mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births)



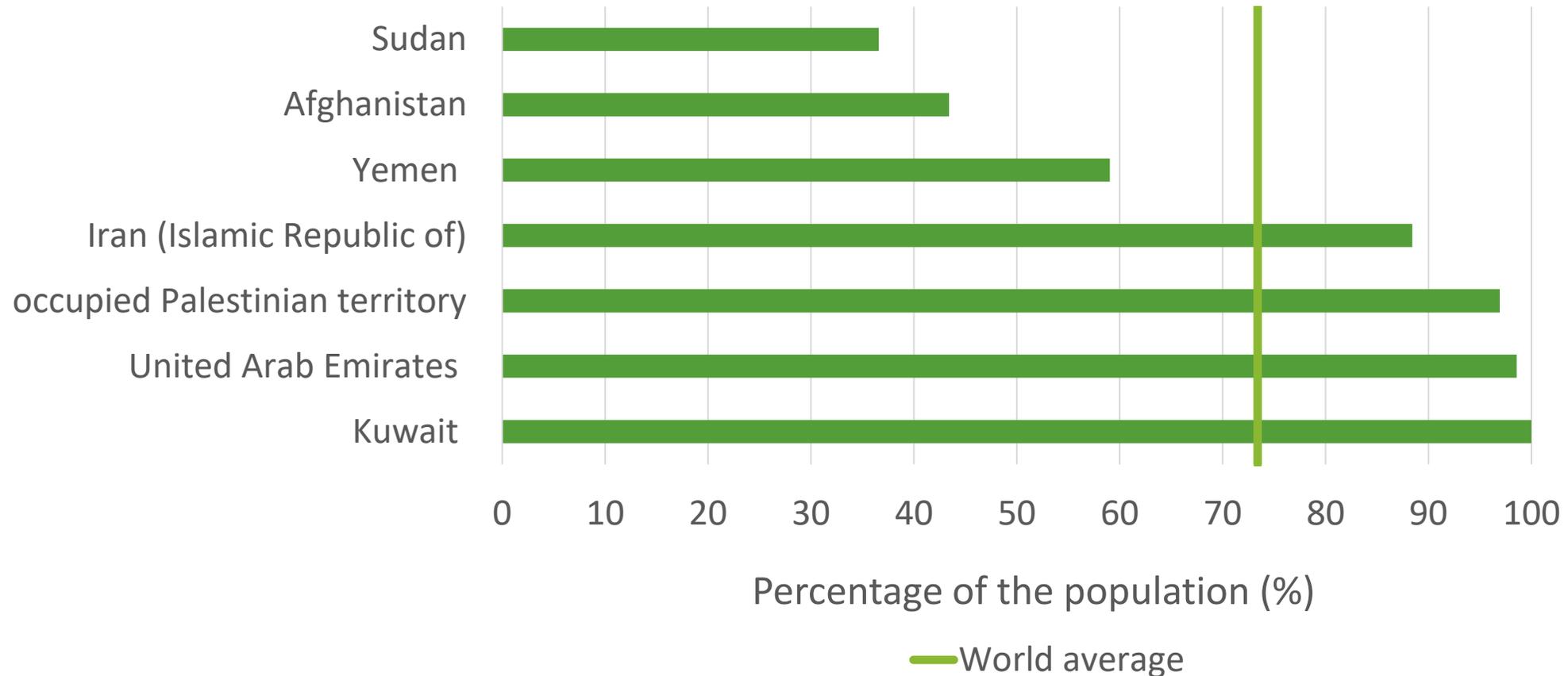
Source: WHO Global Health Observatory (2020)

**NEED FOR EVIDENCE  
on  
INEQUITIES  
in  
HEALTH  
and  
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS**

DO SOMETHING

# Do Something

## Proportion of the population with access to at least basic sanitation services in selected countries and territories (2017)



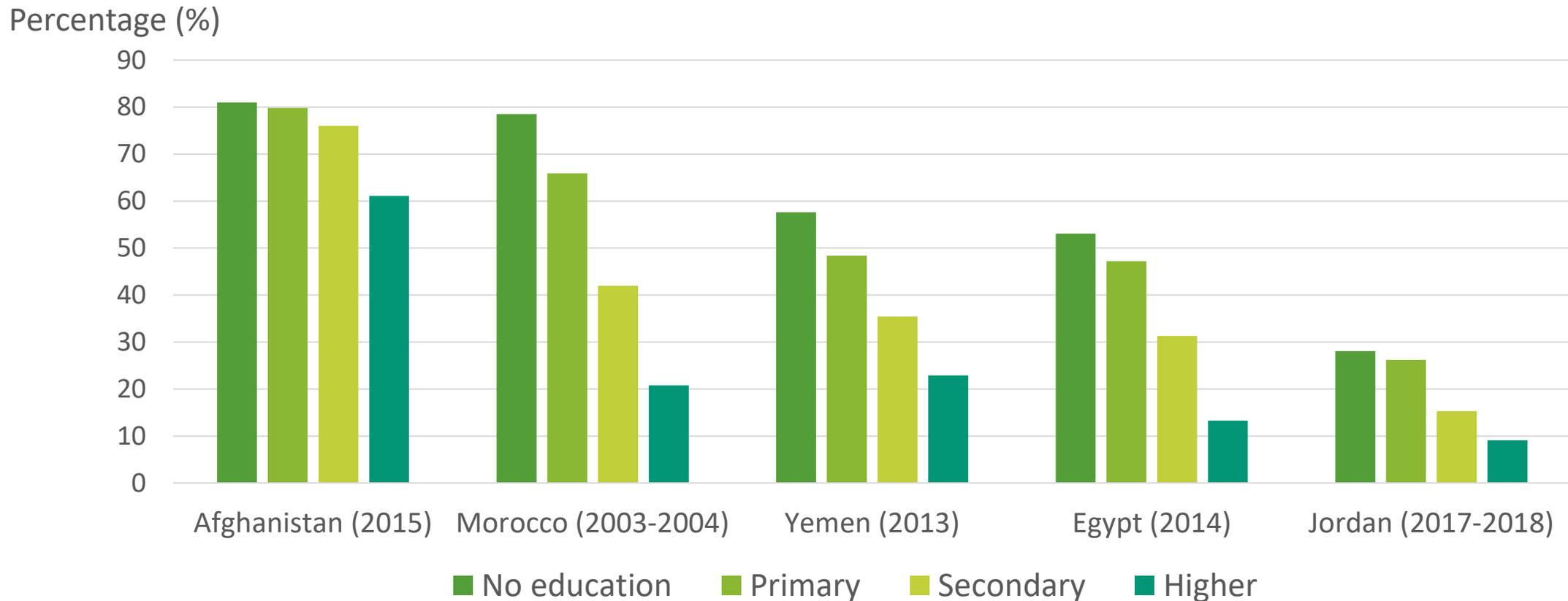
Note: Basic sanitation services refers to improved facilities which are not shared with other households

Source: The World Bank based on data from WHO and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene

DO MORE

# Do More

## Percentage of women who agree that a husband is justified in hitting his wife for at least one specific reason in selected countries, by education level



Source: USAID's DHS Program Gender Indicator Data

**DO BETTER**

# Do Better

## Tax lost to corporate tax abuse (US\$) annually by selected country (2020)

Country	Tax lost annually (US\$)
Egypt	2 123 000 000
Pakistan	2 495 000 000
Saudi Arabia	2 258 000 000
United Arab Emirates	1 022 000 000

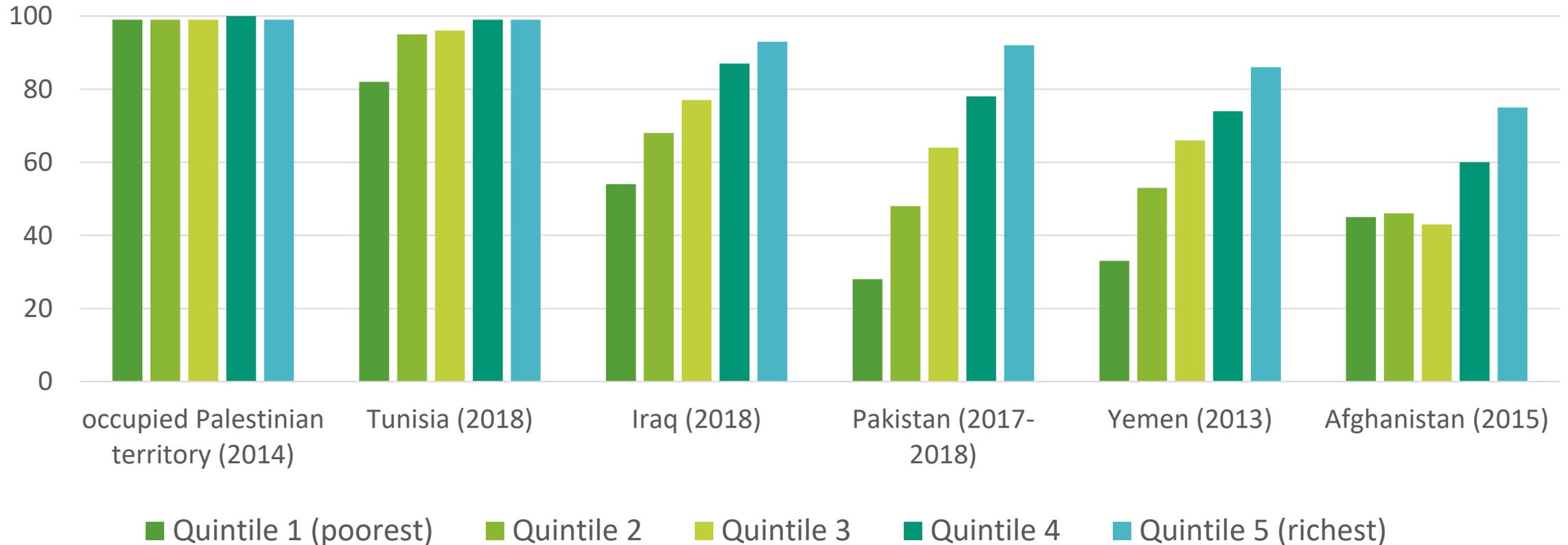
Source: Tax Justice Network (2020) The state of tax justice 2020: tax justice in the time of COVID-19

DO SOMETHING

# Do Something

## Primary school completion rate by wealth quintile in selected countries

Percentage (%)



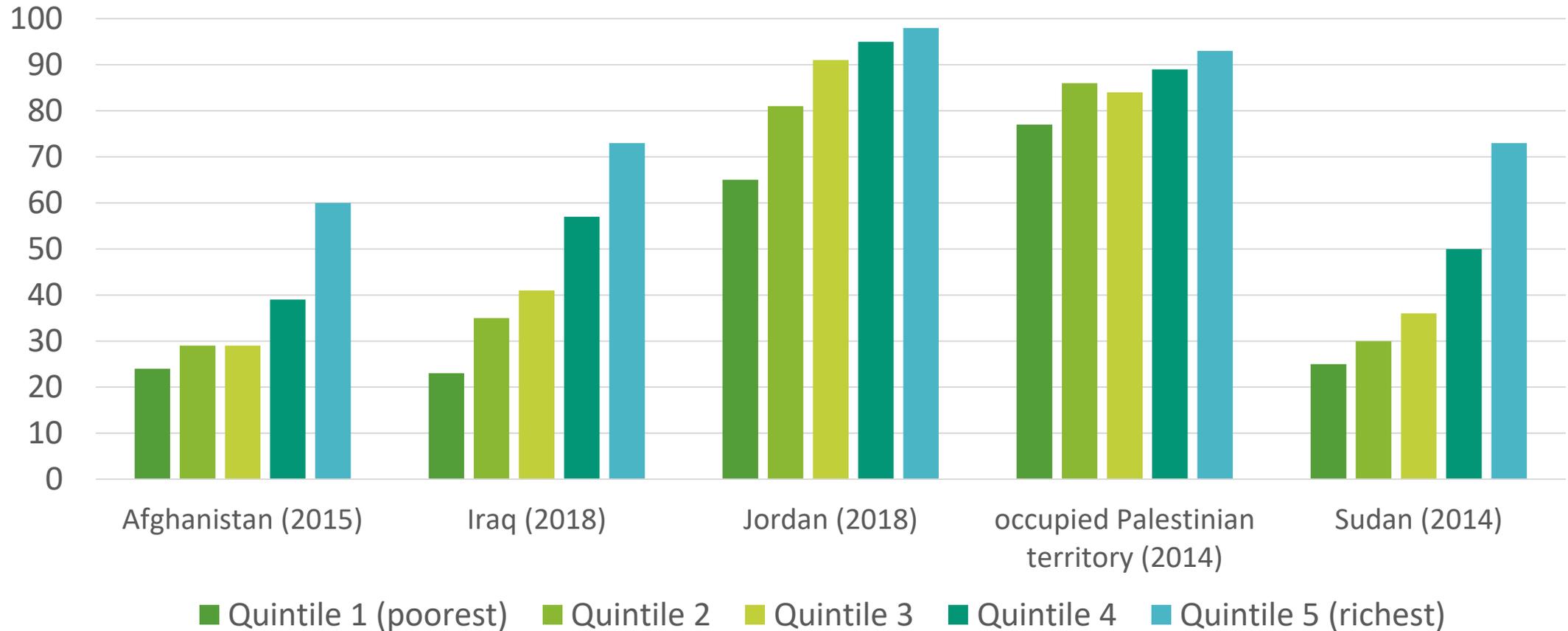
Source: UNICEF Education data

DO MORE

# Do More

## Lower secondary school completion rates by wealth quintile

Percentage (%)

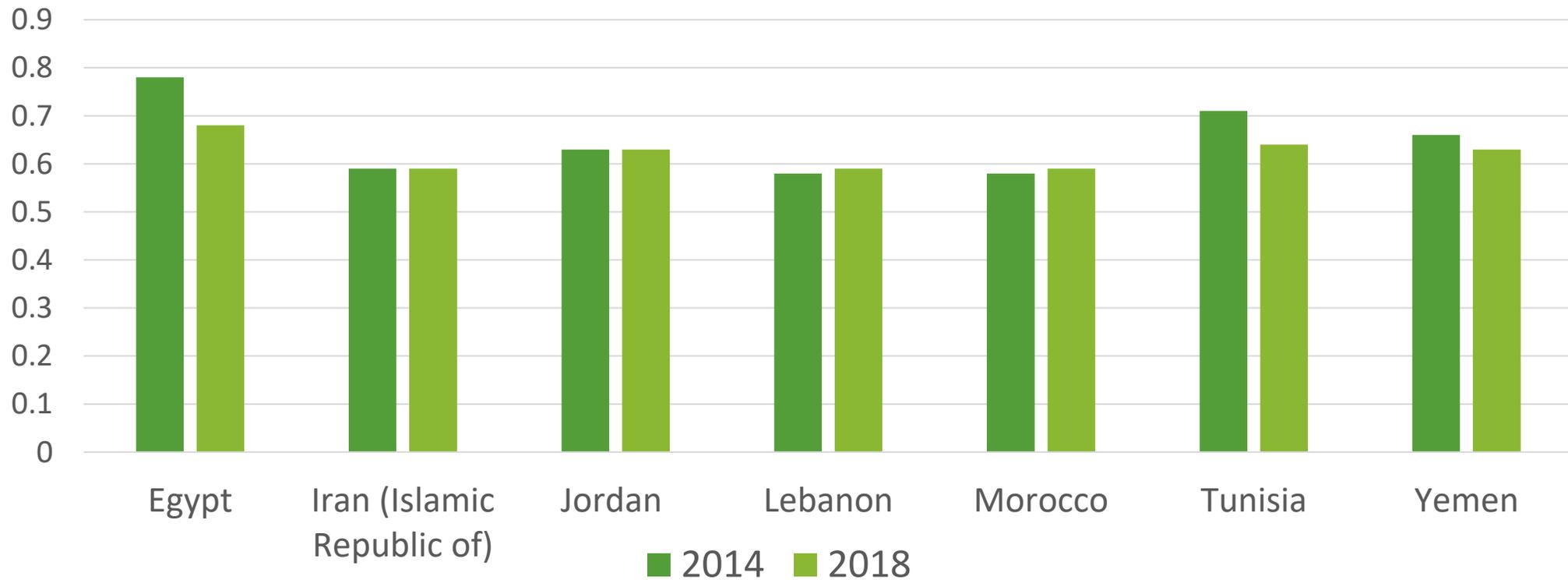


**DO BETTER**

# Do Better

## Wage equality for similar work (female to male ratio) in selected countries (2014 and 2018)

Wage equality ratio



Source: World Economic Forum (2014 and 2018)

## **Structural Drivers**

Conflict and Consequences

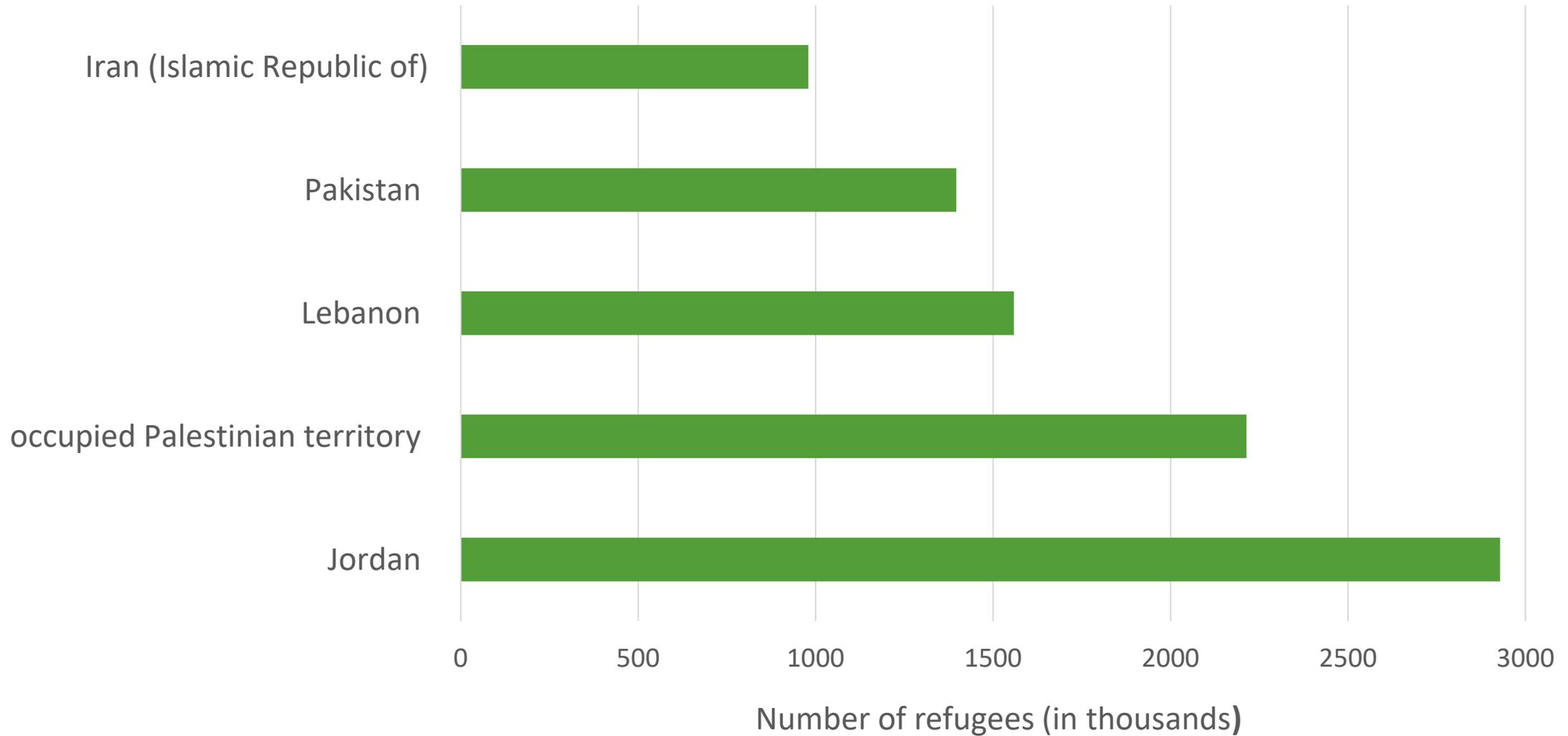
Economic and commercial

Culture and society

The natural environment

# Conflict and Consequences

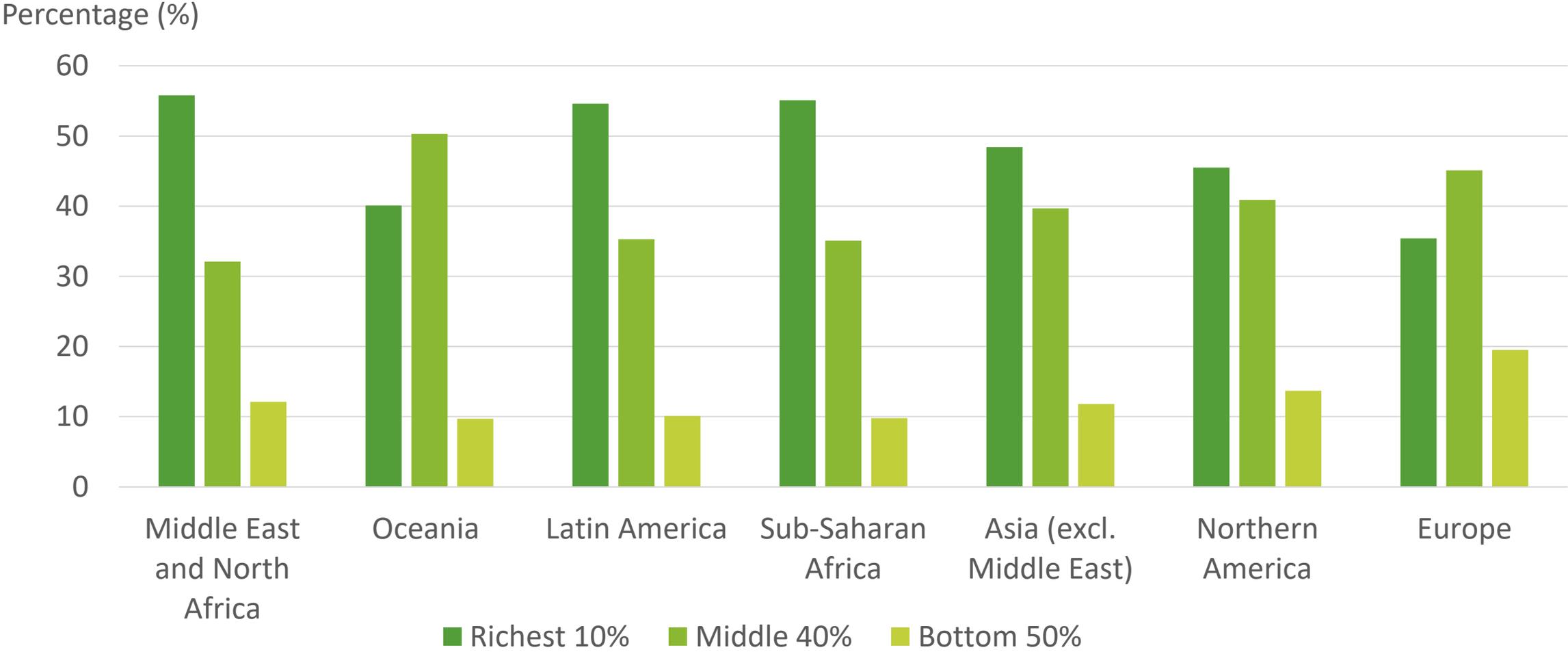
# Number of refugees in selected host countries and territories in the region (2019)



Source: UN International migrant stock data 2019

# Economic and Commercial

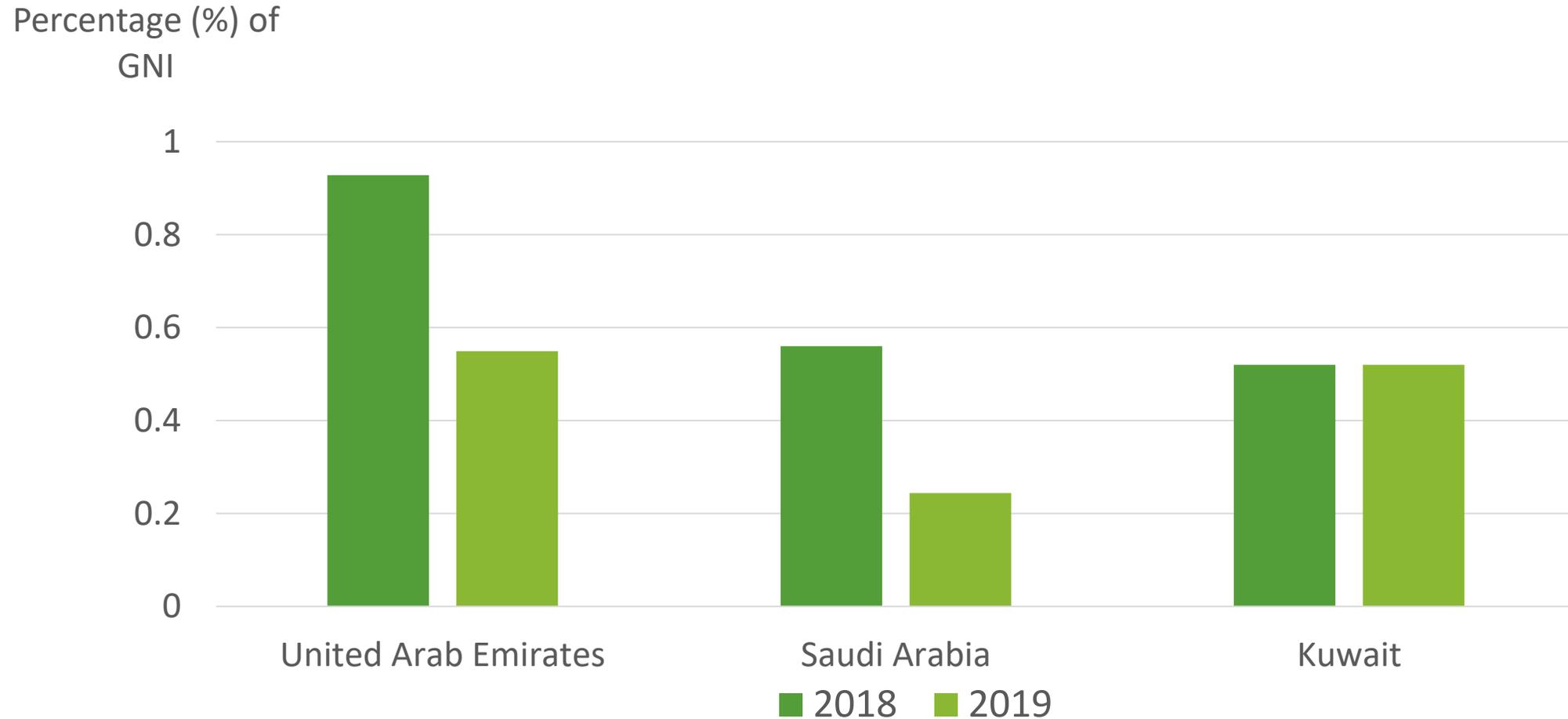
# Percentage of pre-tax national income amongst the richest 10%, middle 40% and poorest 50%, by region (2019)



Source: World Inequality Database

The target outlined by the United Nations is that developed countries should allocate 0.7% of their Gross National Income (GNI) to Official Development Assistance (ODA)

# Percentage of GNI (grant equivalent) allocated to ODA by selected countries (2018 and 2019)

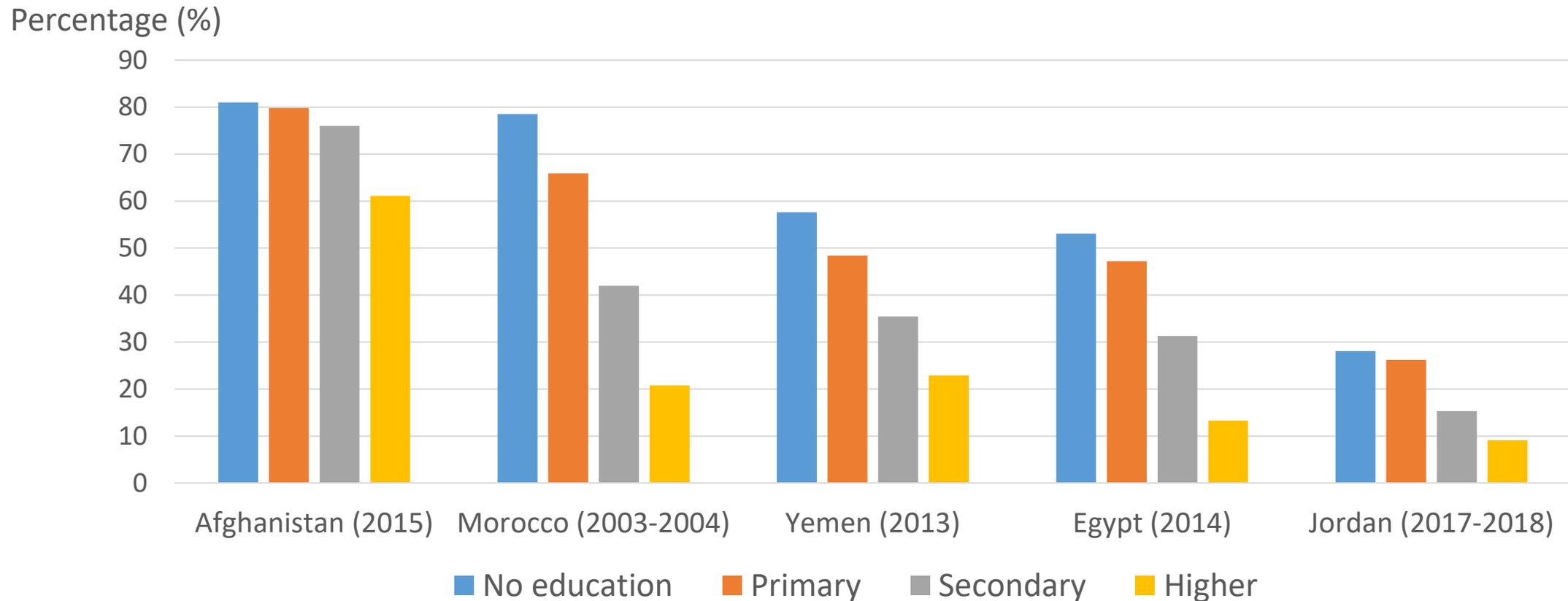


Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2021)

# Culture and Society

“Global evidence shows that religious practice is associated with good health and faith-based organizations in the Region provide essential services and funding to low-income and excluded communities”

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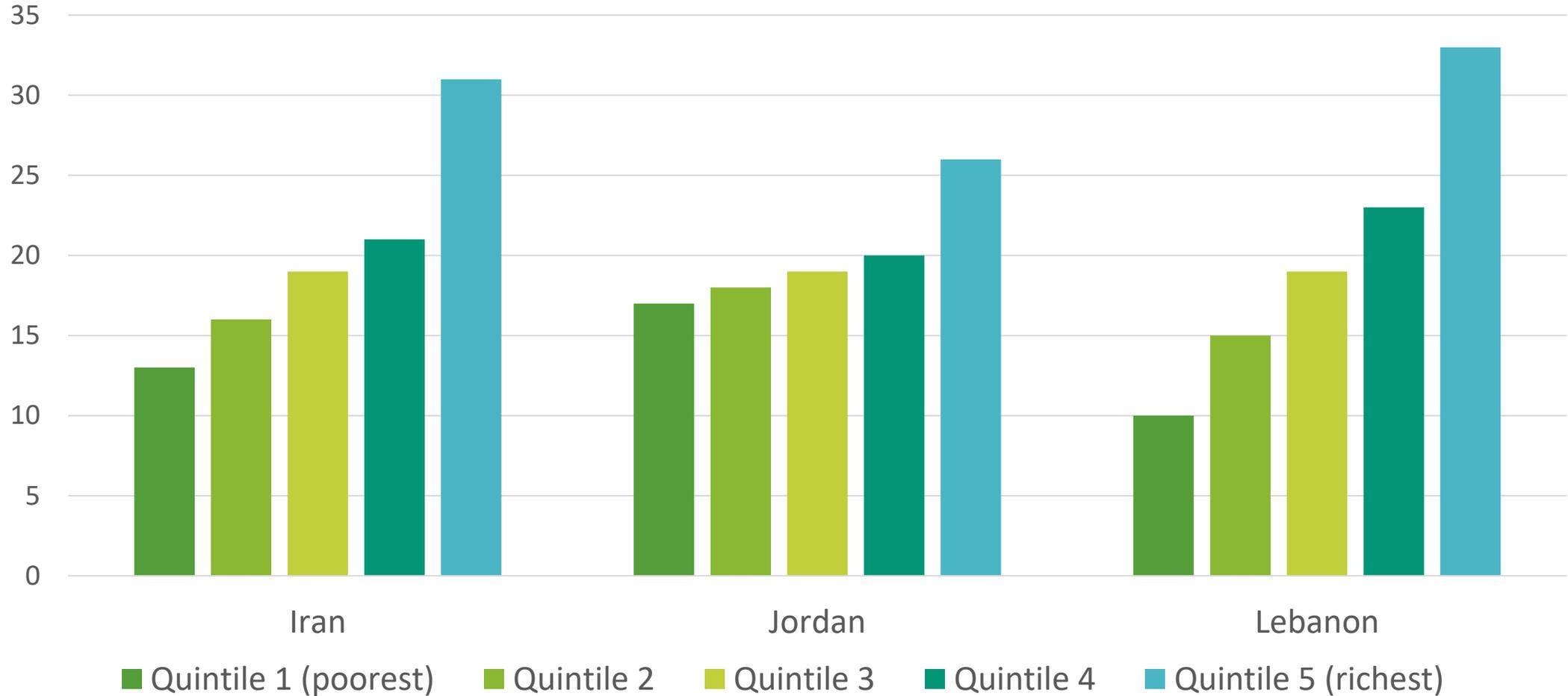


Source: USAID's DHS Program Gender Indicator Data

# Natural Environment

# Share of benefits from electricity subsidies in selected countries by income quintile (2014)

Percentage (%)



Source: International Monetary Fund (2014)

## Conditions of Daily Life

Maternal and child health, Early years, Education

Employment and quality of work

Healthy Aging

Built environment

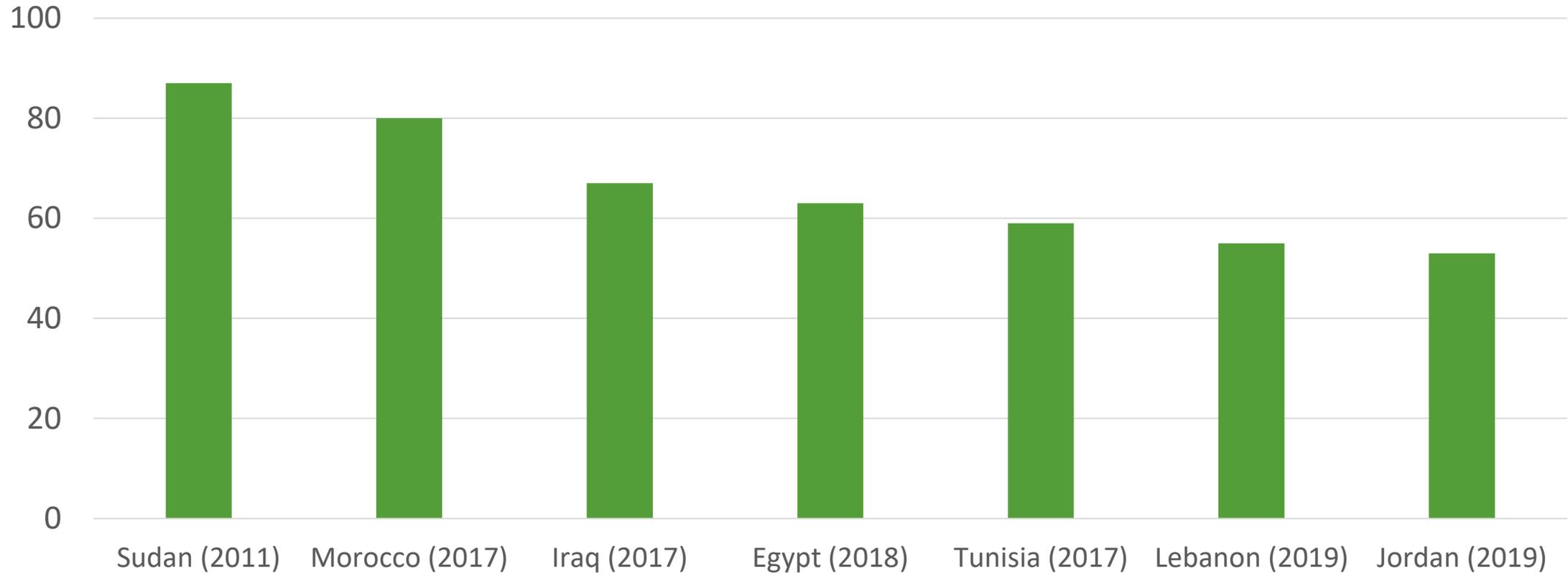
Health systems

# Maternal and child health, Early Years and Education

# Employment and quality work

# Informal employment as a percentage of total employment in selected countries

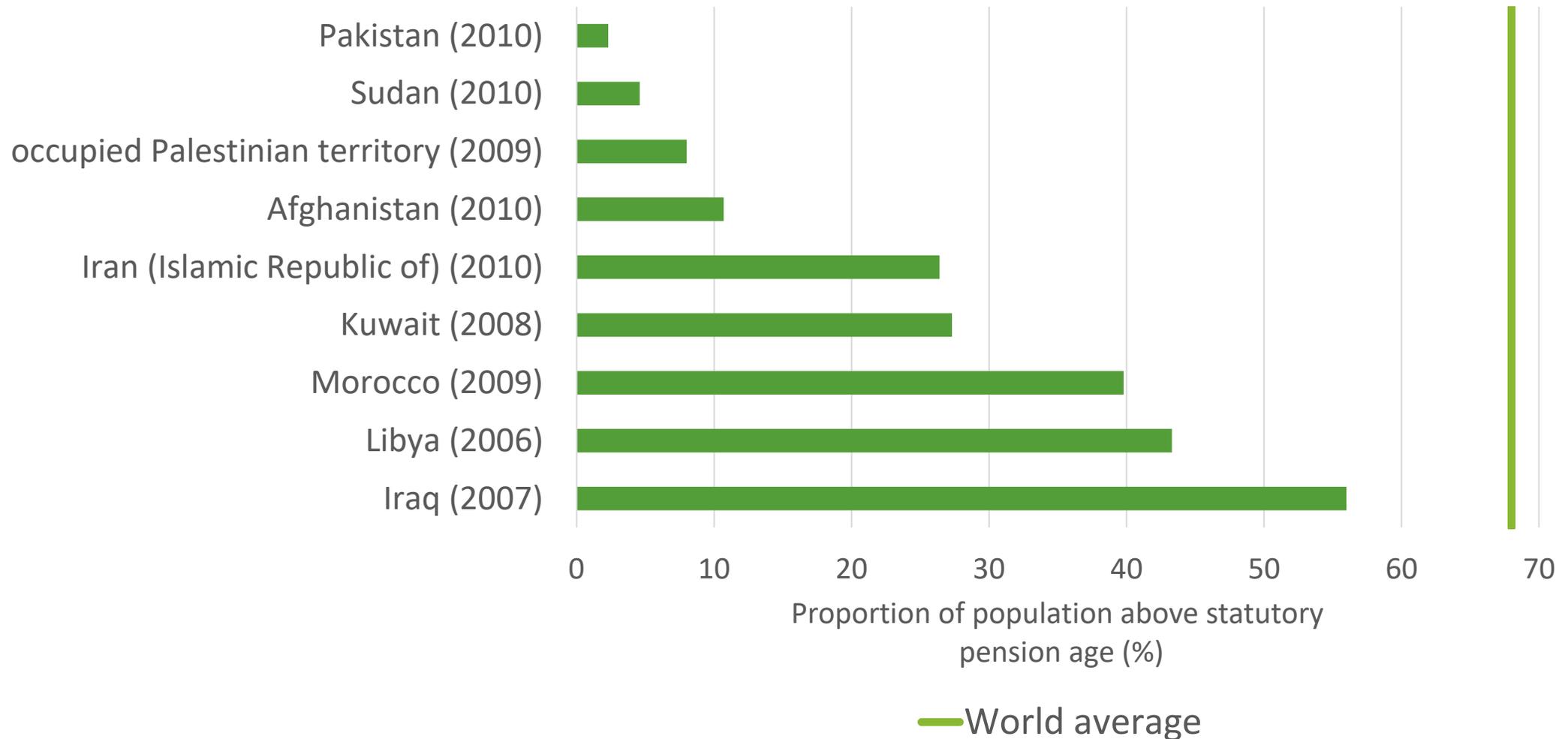
Percentage (%)



Source: International Labour Organization (2018 and 2020)

# Healthy Ageing

# Proportion of the population above the pension age who receive a pension in selected countries

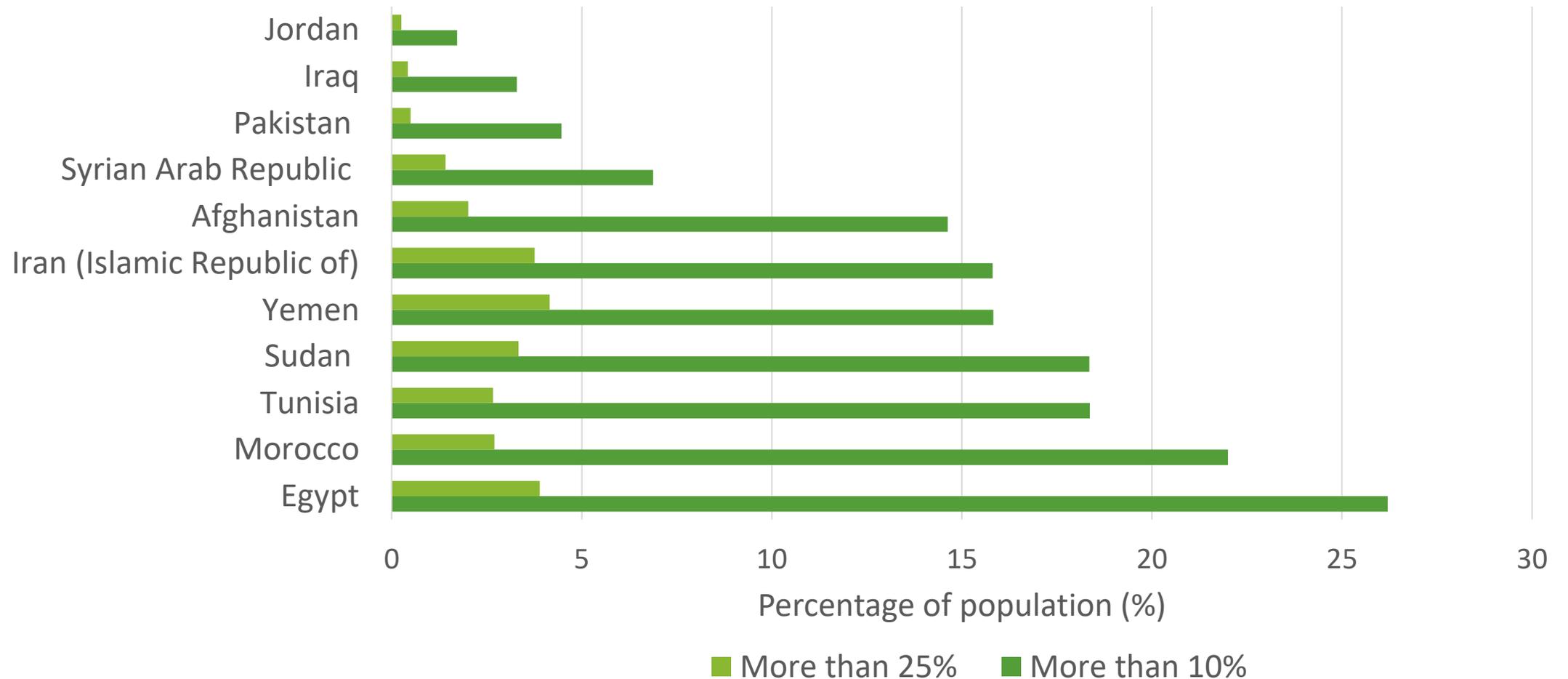


Source: International Labour Organization (2017)

# Built Environment

# Health Systems

# Percentage spending more than 10% or 25% of their household consumption or income on out-of-pocket health expenses in selected countries (2015 or latest available)

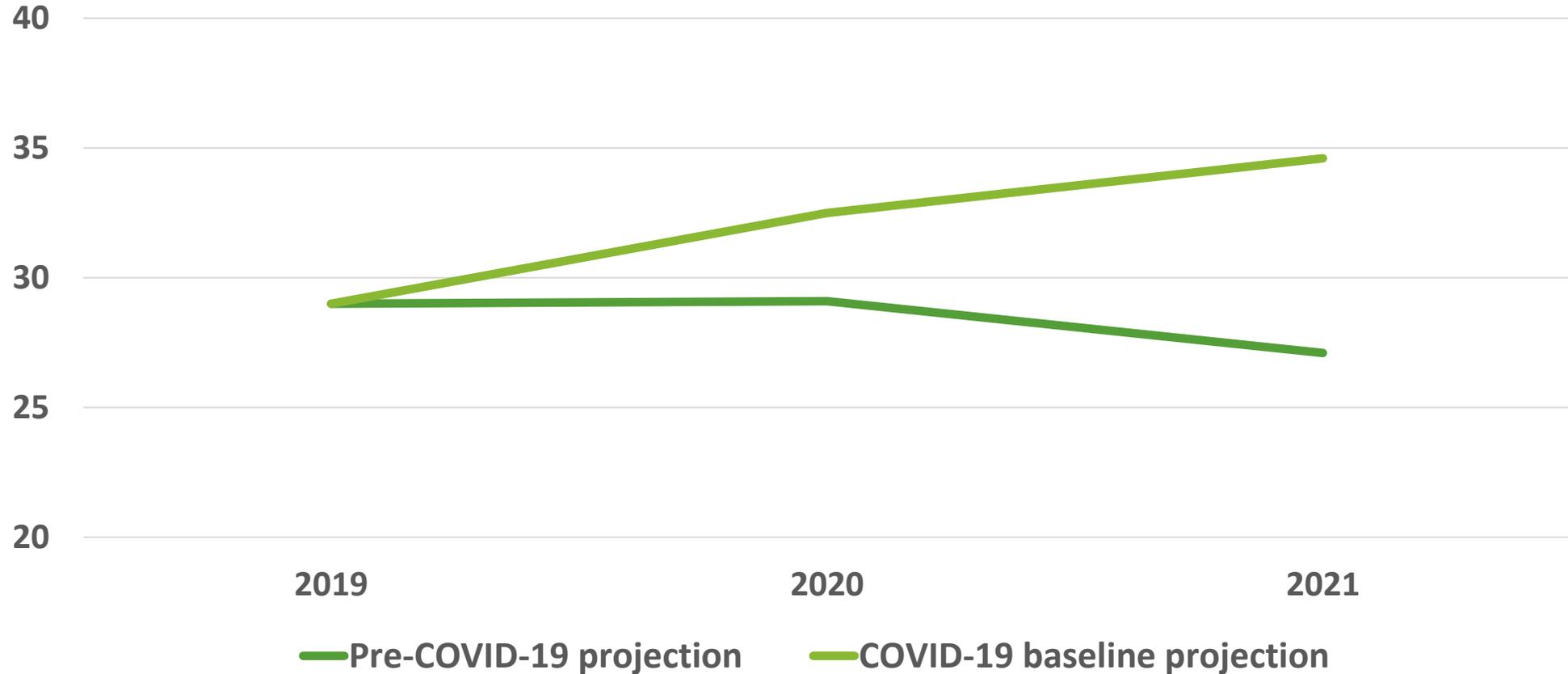


Source: World Bank Data

# COVID-19 and inequities in the Region

# Forecast of extreme poverty in the Middle East and North African region (2019-2021)

Millions of poor

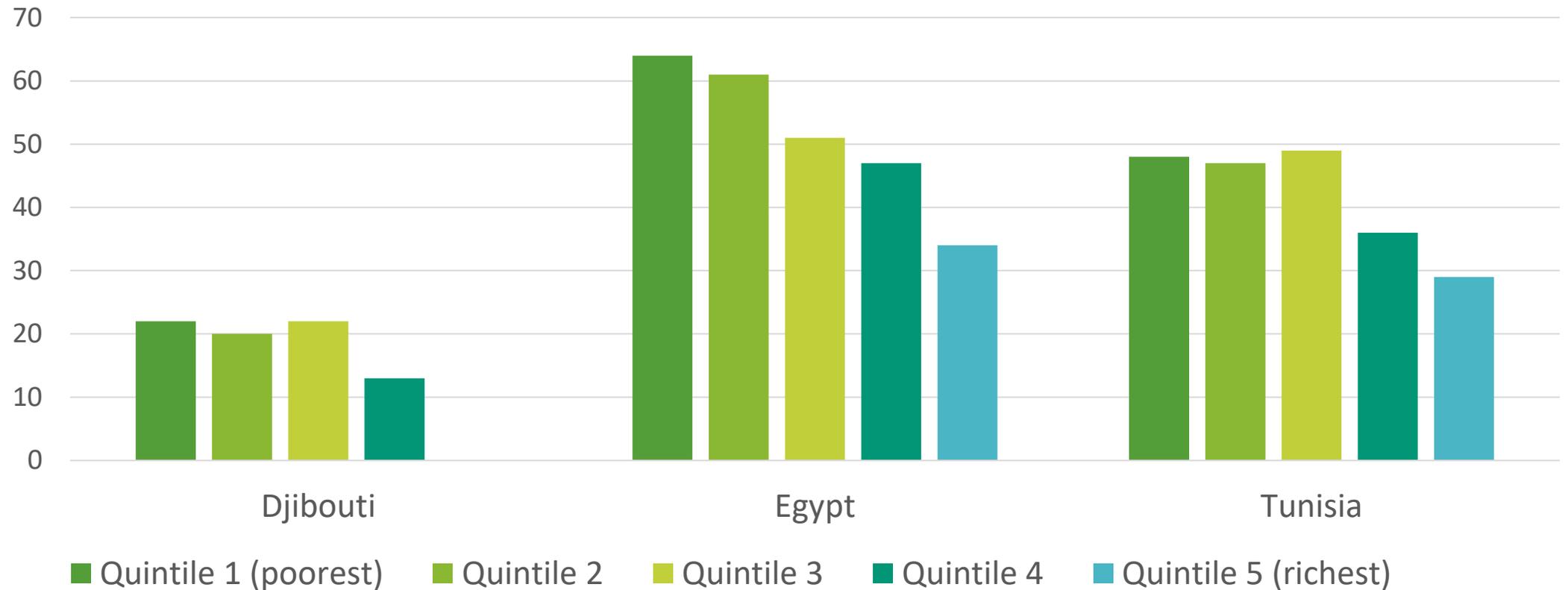


Note: Extreme poverty refers to less than \$1.90 per day

Source: Lakner et al. (2021) Updated estimates of the impact of COVID-19 on global poverty: Looking back at 2020 and the outlook for 2021

# Percentage of workers who stopped working as a result of COVID-19 in selected countries (2020), by wealth quintile

Percentage (%)



Source: Arezki et al. (2020) "Trading Together: Reviving Middle East and North Africa Regional Integration in the Post-Covid Era" Middle East and North Africa Economic Update (October)

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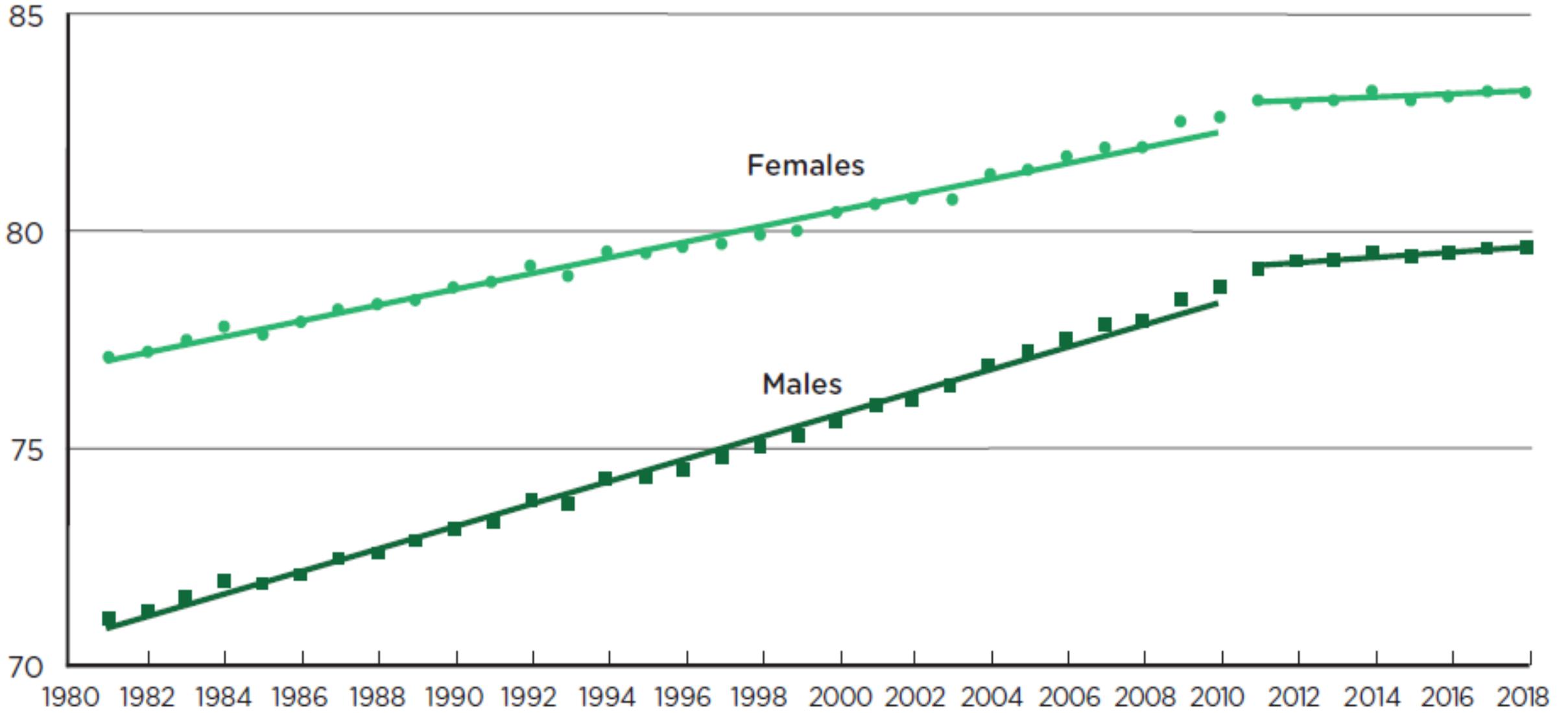


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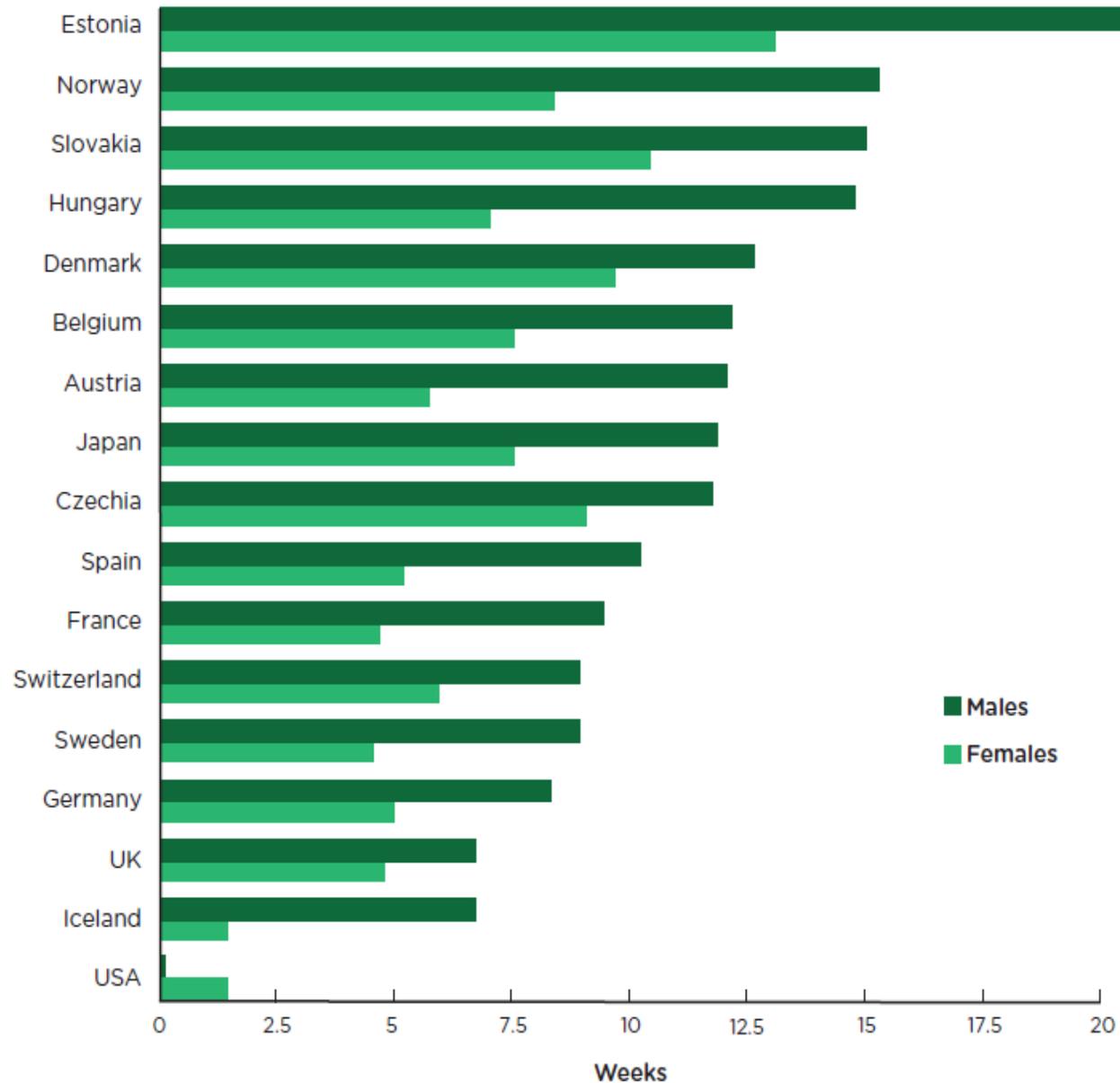
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“We have lost a decade. And it shows.”

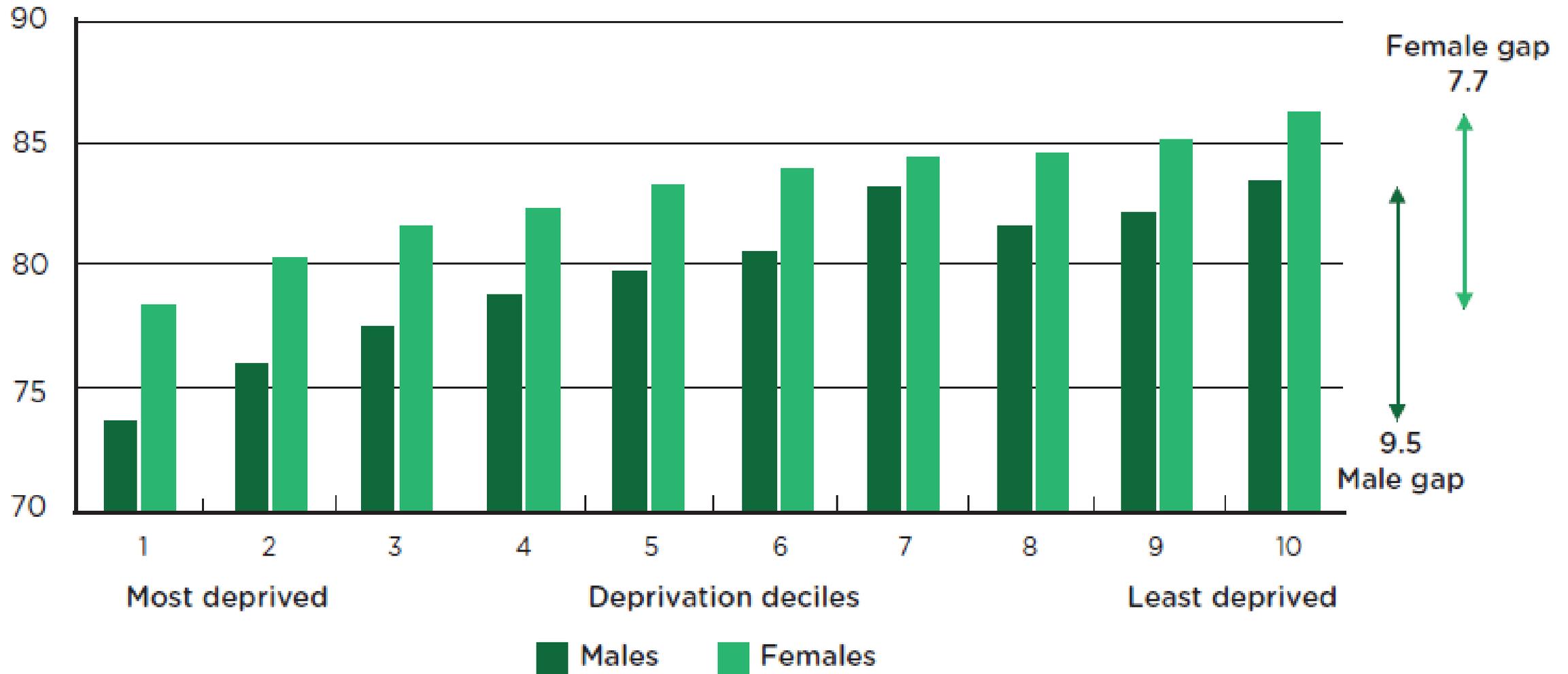
# Increases in life expectancy at birth stalling in England



# Annual life expectancy improvement in weeks, 2011 to 2017

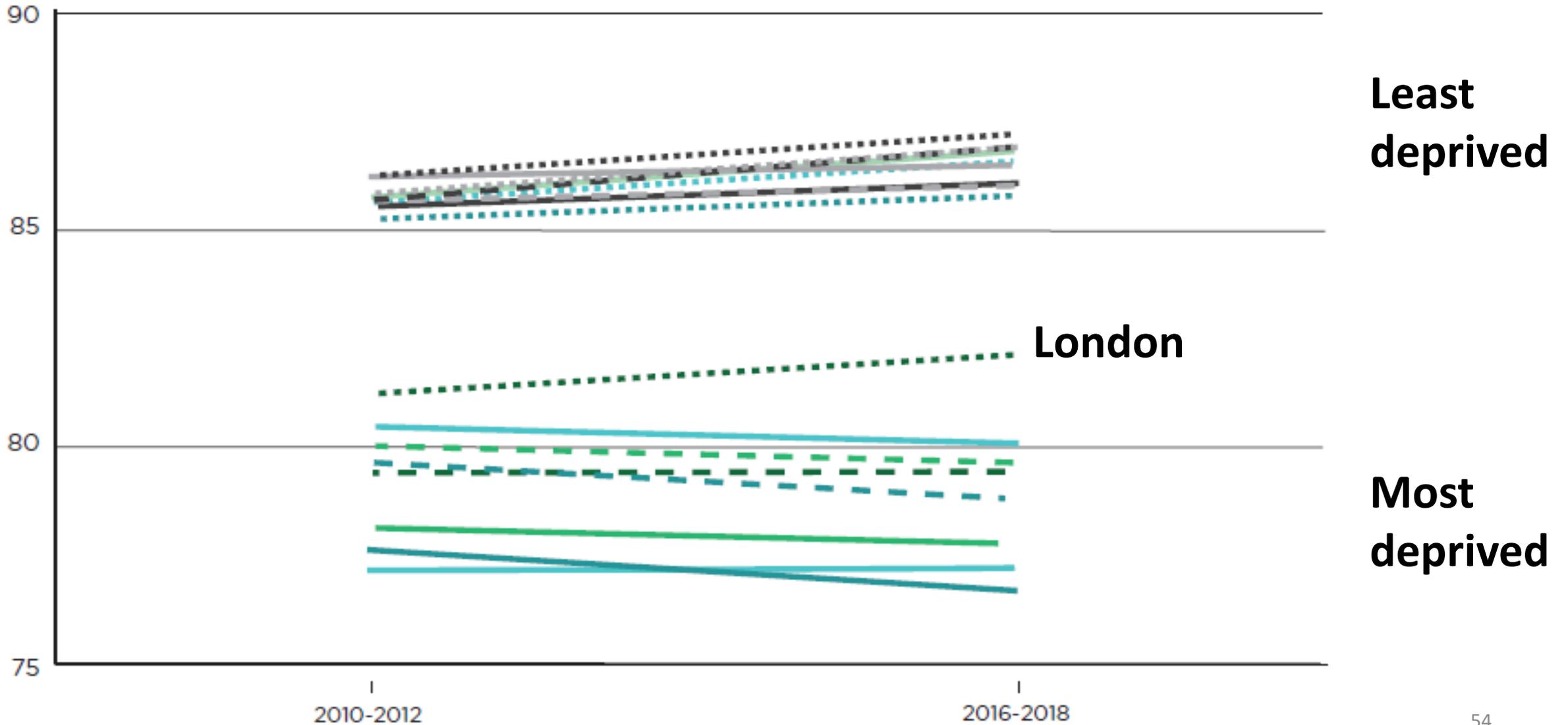


# There are large differences in life expectancy by area deprivation in England



# Differences in life expectancy by deprivation widen in England's regions

Women

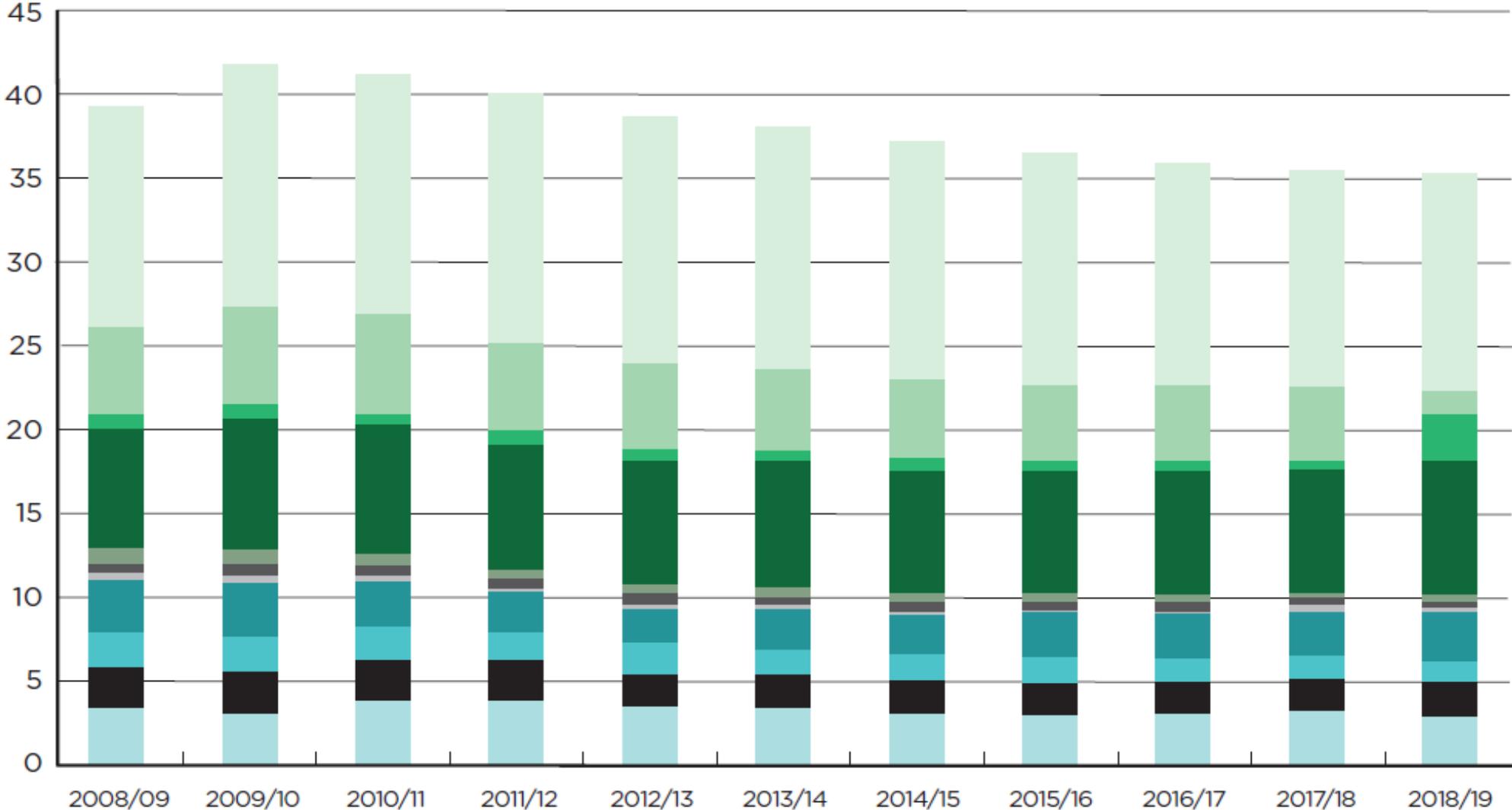


## *Fair Society, Healthy Lives:* 6 Policy Objectives

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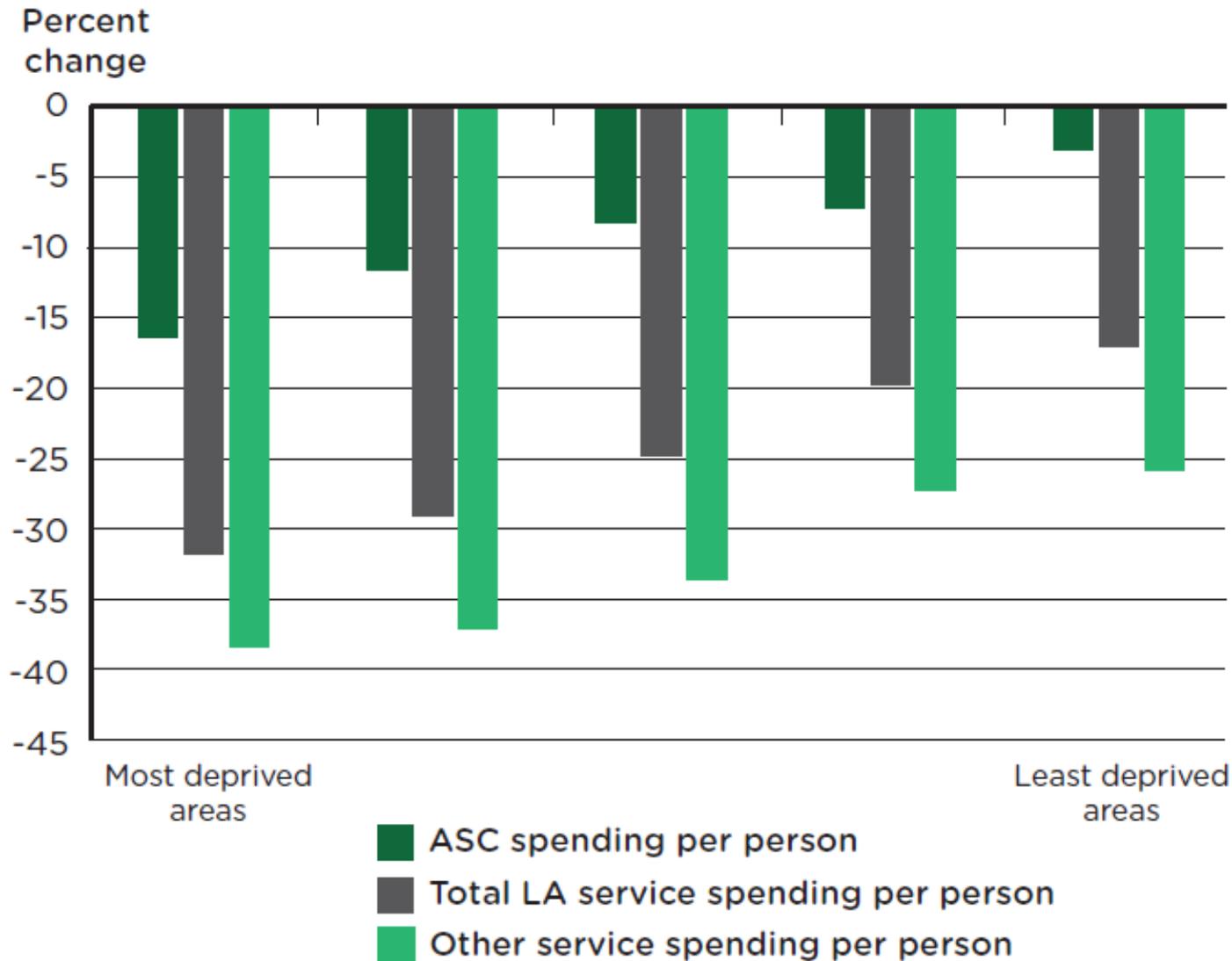


# Public sector expenditure (% of GDP) declined in the UK



**Expenditure  
by service**

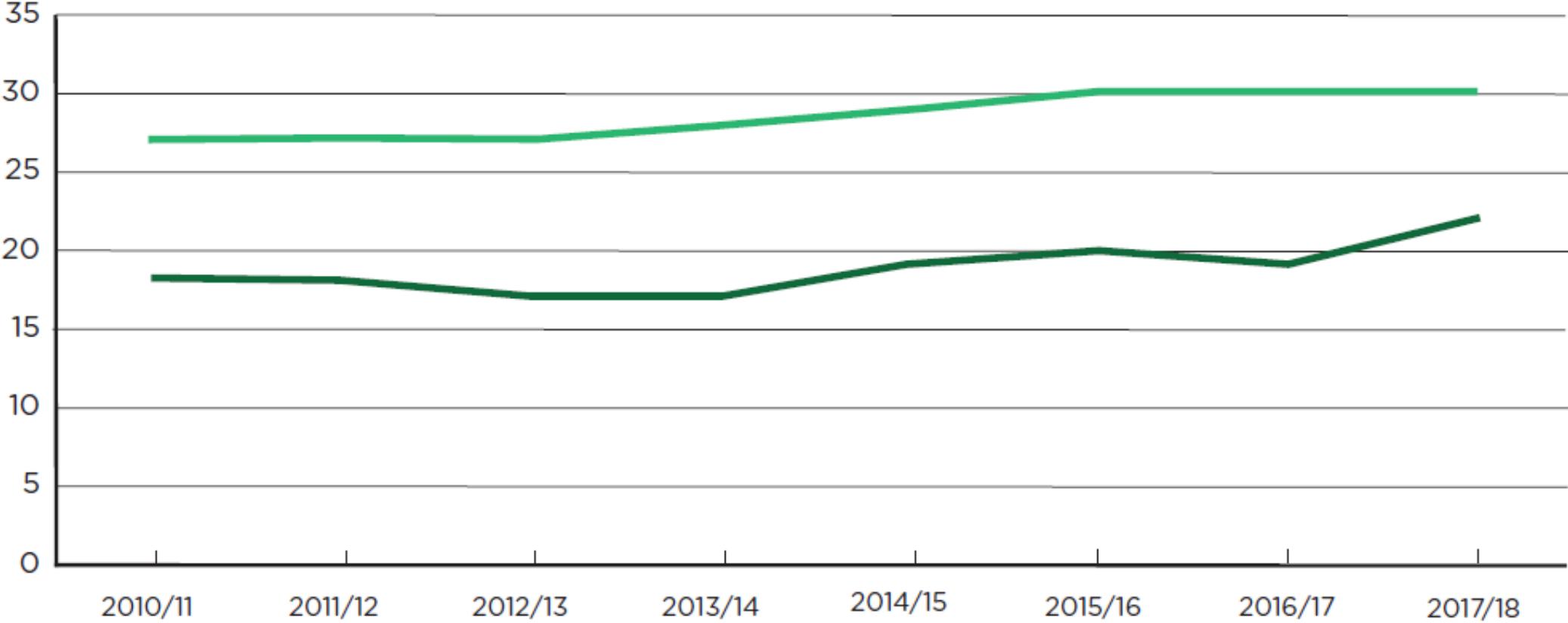
# Council spending per person decreased the most in more deprived areas





# Children living in poverty before and after housing costs in England

Percent of children



Years

— After housing costs      — Before housing costs

# More deprived families with children experienced the negative impact of tax and welfare policies the most

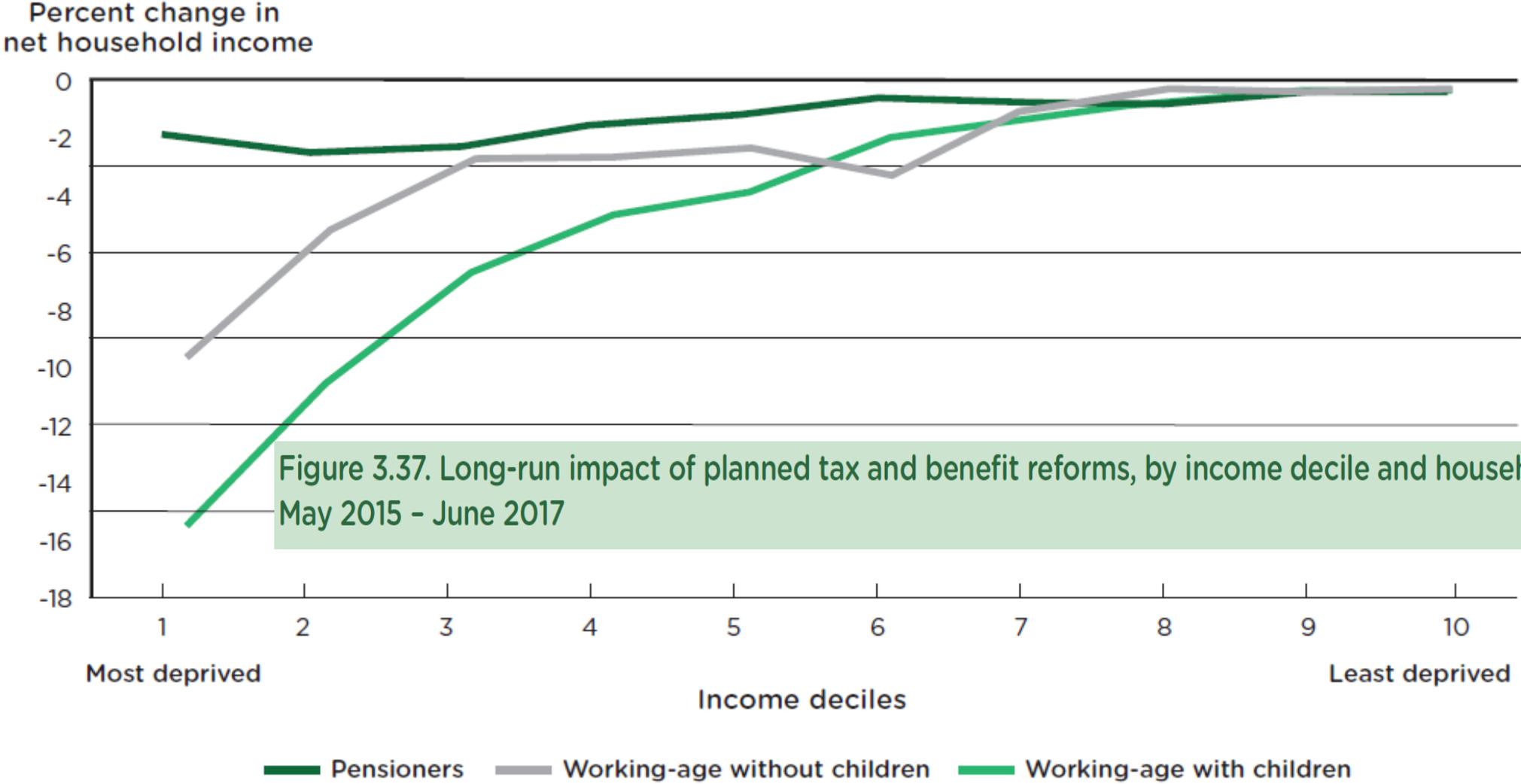


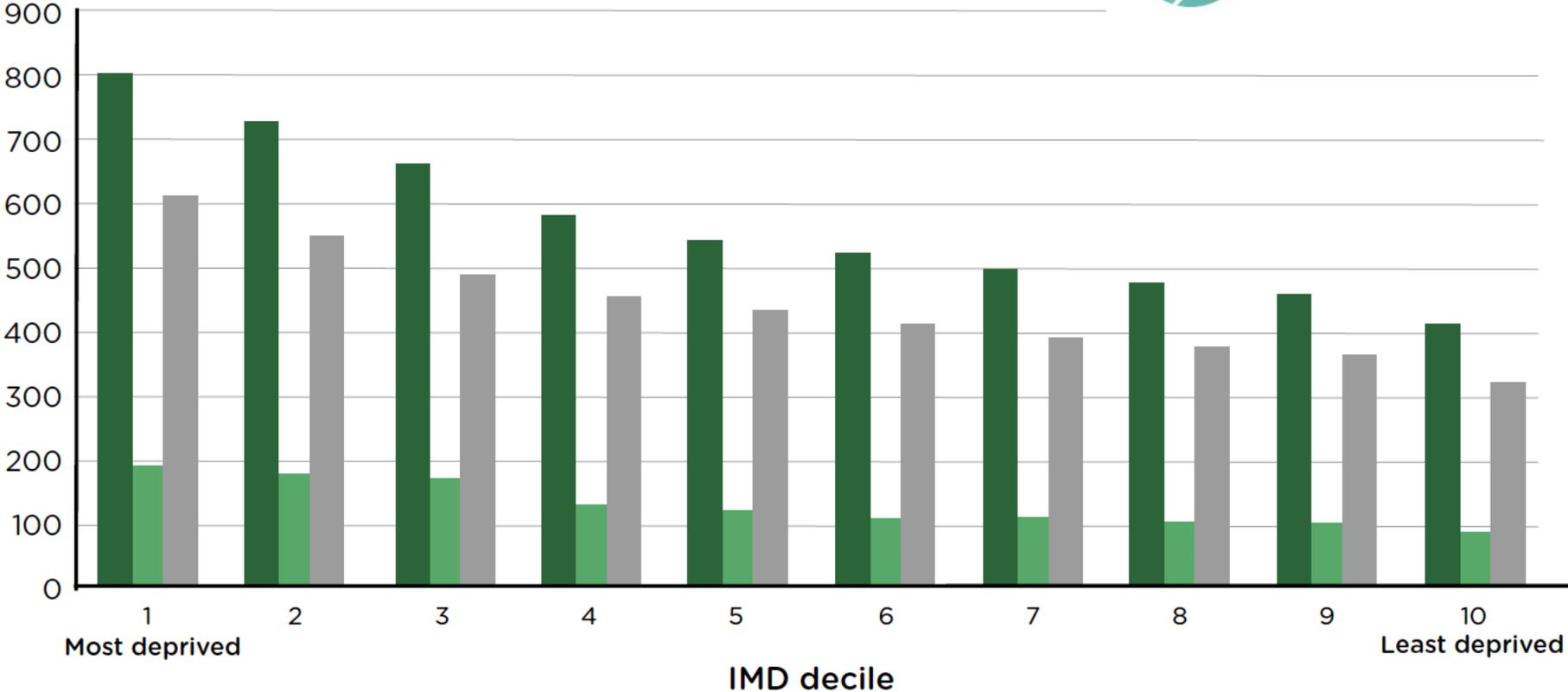
Figure 3.37. Long-run impact of planned tax and benefit reforms, by income decile and household type, UK, May 2015 - June 2017

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# Male age-standardised mortality rates from all causes, COVID-19 and other causes (per 100,000), by deprivation deciles in England



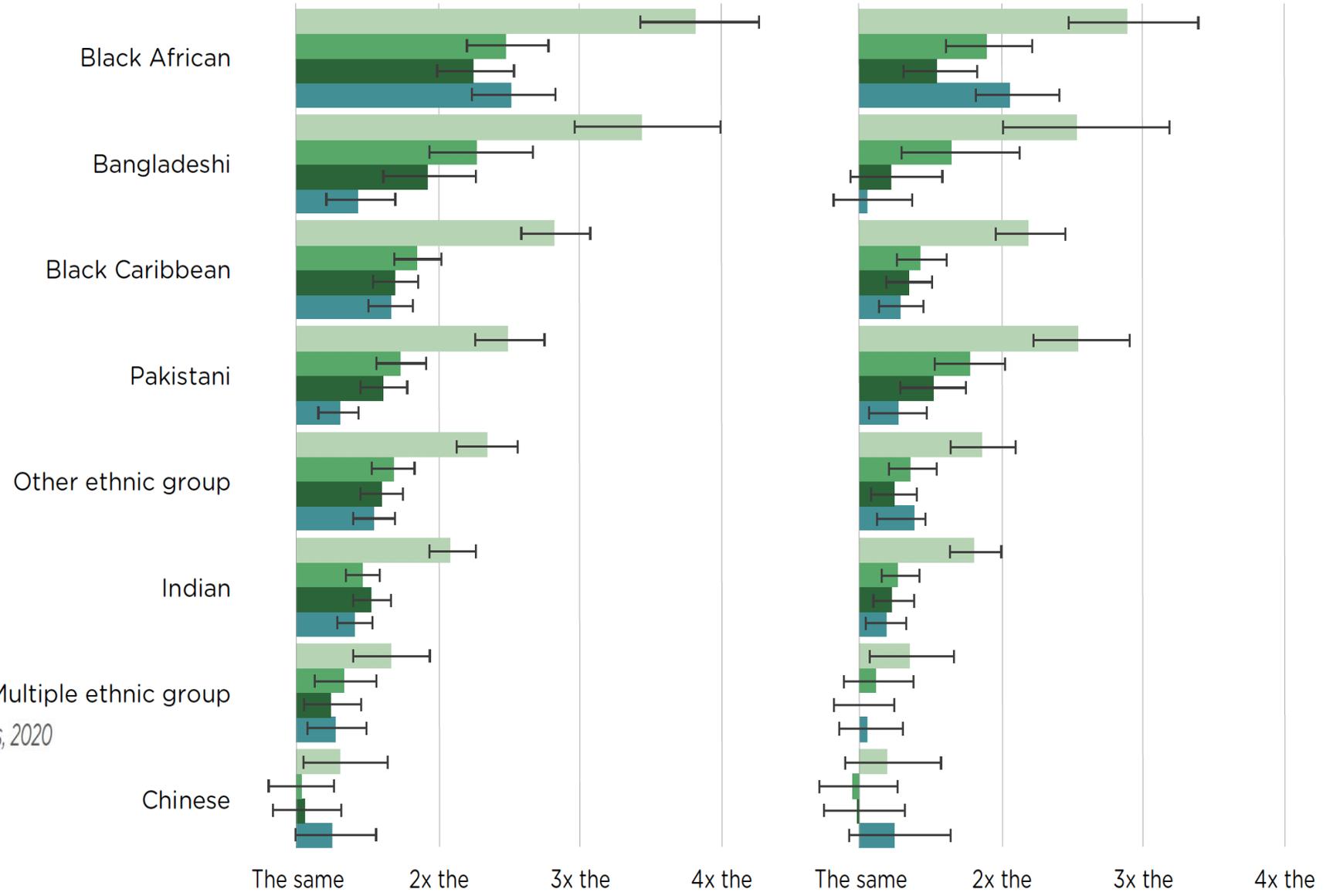
ONS. Deaths involving COVID-19 by local area and socioeconomic deprivation, 2020

■ All causes   
 ■ COVID-19   
 ■ Non-COVID-19

# Death rates at ages 9 and over involving COVID-19 by ethnic group and sex relative to the White population, England

**Males**  
Comparison group: White

**Females**  
Comparison group: White



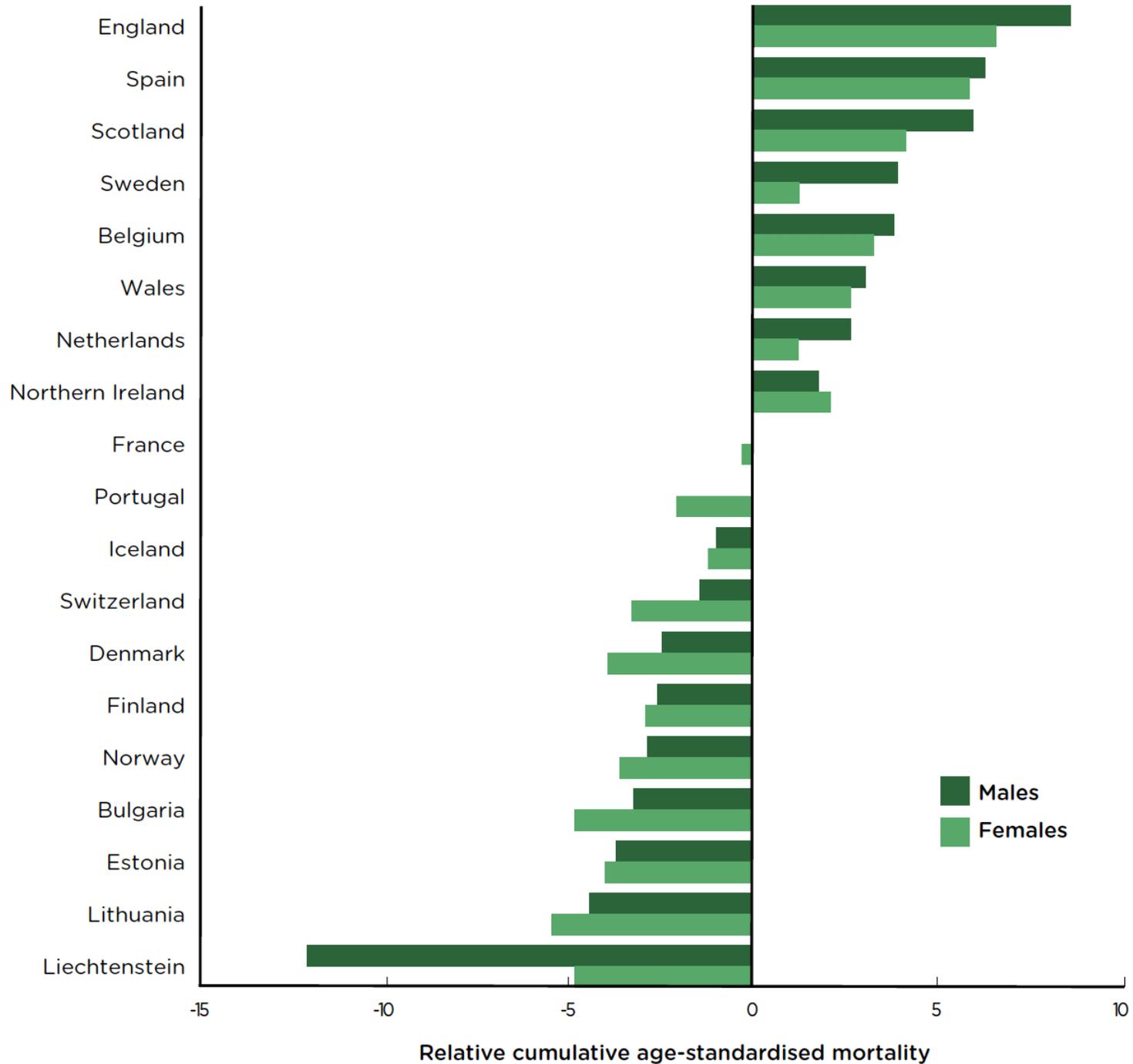
ONS, COVID-19 related deaths by ethnic group, England and Wales, 2020

Adjusted for age

+ Geography

+ Socio-economics

+ Health status



# Relative cumulative age-standardised all-cause mortality rates by sex, Jan- June 2020 European countries

ONS (2020) Comparisons of all-cause mortality between European countries and regions

## HEALTH AS A MEASURE OF SOCIETAL SUCCESS

Pre-Pandemic. LE stalling, inequalities increasing, LE for poorest people falling

Slow down in LE nearly slowest of rich countries.

Pandemic. Highest excess mortality

### Link?

- Poor governance and political culture
- Social and economic inequalities increasing
- Reduction in spending on public services – we are ill-prepared
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BUILD BACK FAIRER is a Beveridge for our Time

Peter Hennessy

“...WANT IS ONE ONLY OF FIVE GIANTS ON THE ROAD OF  
RECONSTRUCTION AND  
IN SOME WAYS THE EASIEST TO ATTACK.

THE OTHERS ARE

- DISEASE,
- IGNORANCE,
- SQUALOR AND
- IDLENESS.”

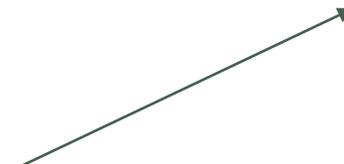
Beveridge Report

**WANT**

**SQUALOR**

**IGNORANCE**

**IDLENESS**



**DISEASE**

# Recommendations

## HEALTH AS A MEASURE OF SOCIETAL SUCCESS

- See Executive Summary for Specific recommendations

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PUT FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF HEALTH AND WELL BEING AT THE HEART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

“Social injustice is killing people on a  
grand scale”

## **BUILD BACK FAIRER**

Put equity of health and wellbeing at the heart of  
all government policies