

Inequality in Asia and the Pacific

Inter-regional Expert Group Meeting Placing Equality at the Centre of Agenda 2030

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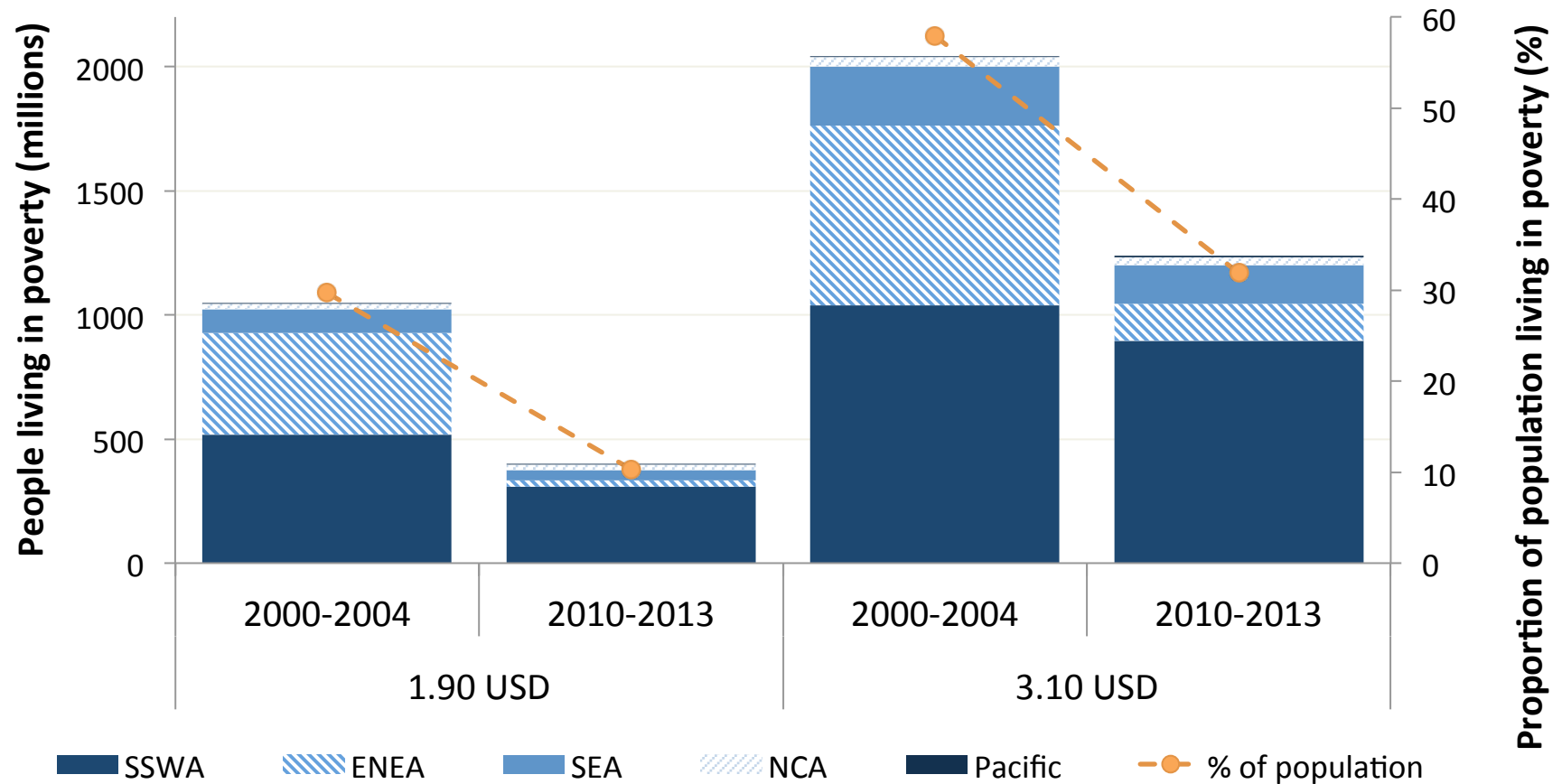
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Key Findings from Asia-Pacific

Fastest growing region & impressive reduction of poverty

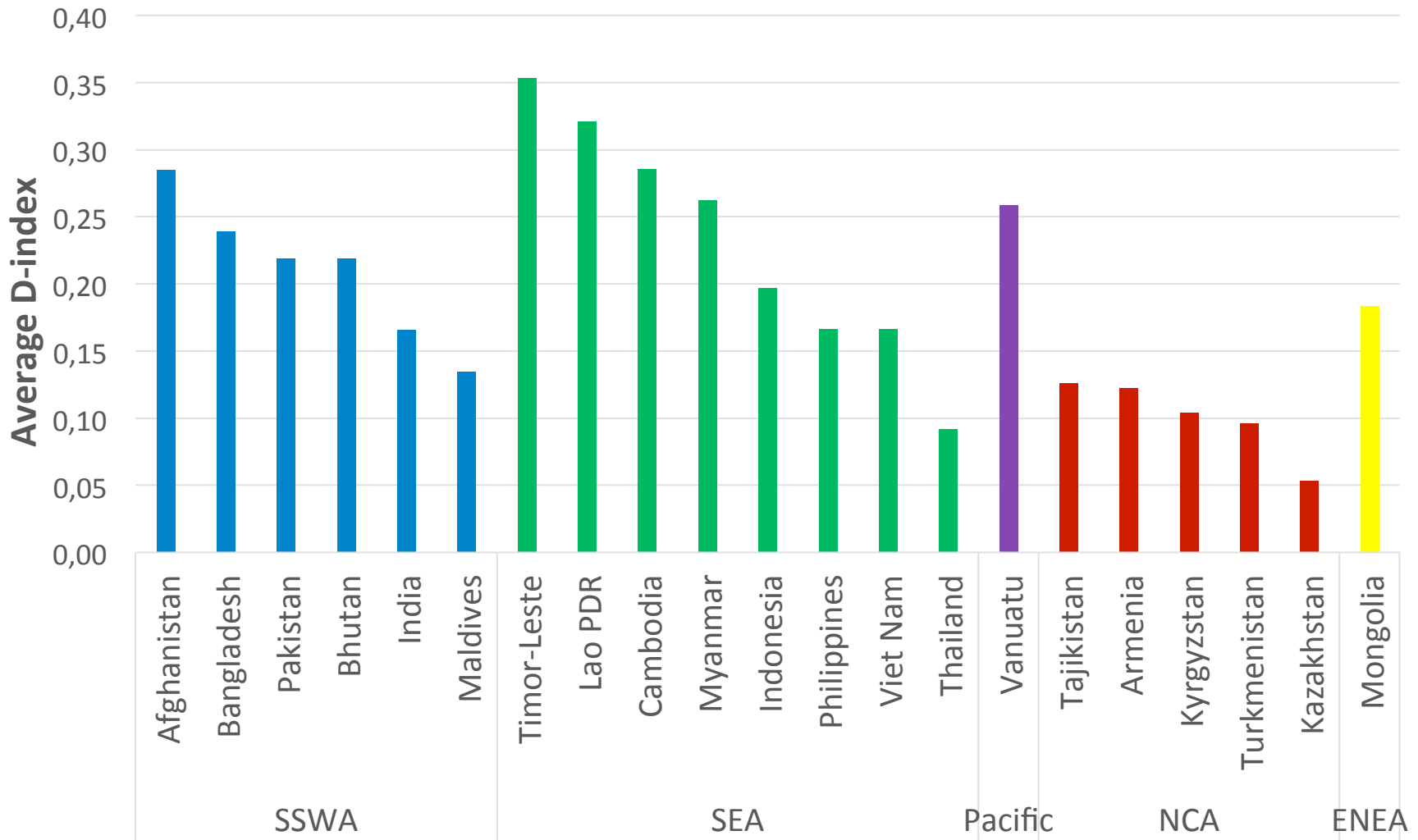
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Population in poverty in Asia and the Pacific, 2000 and 2013

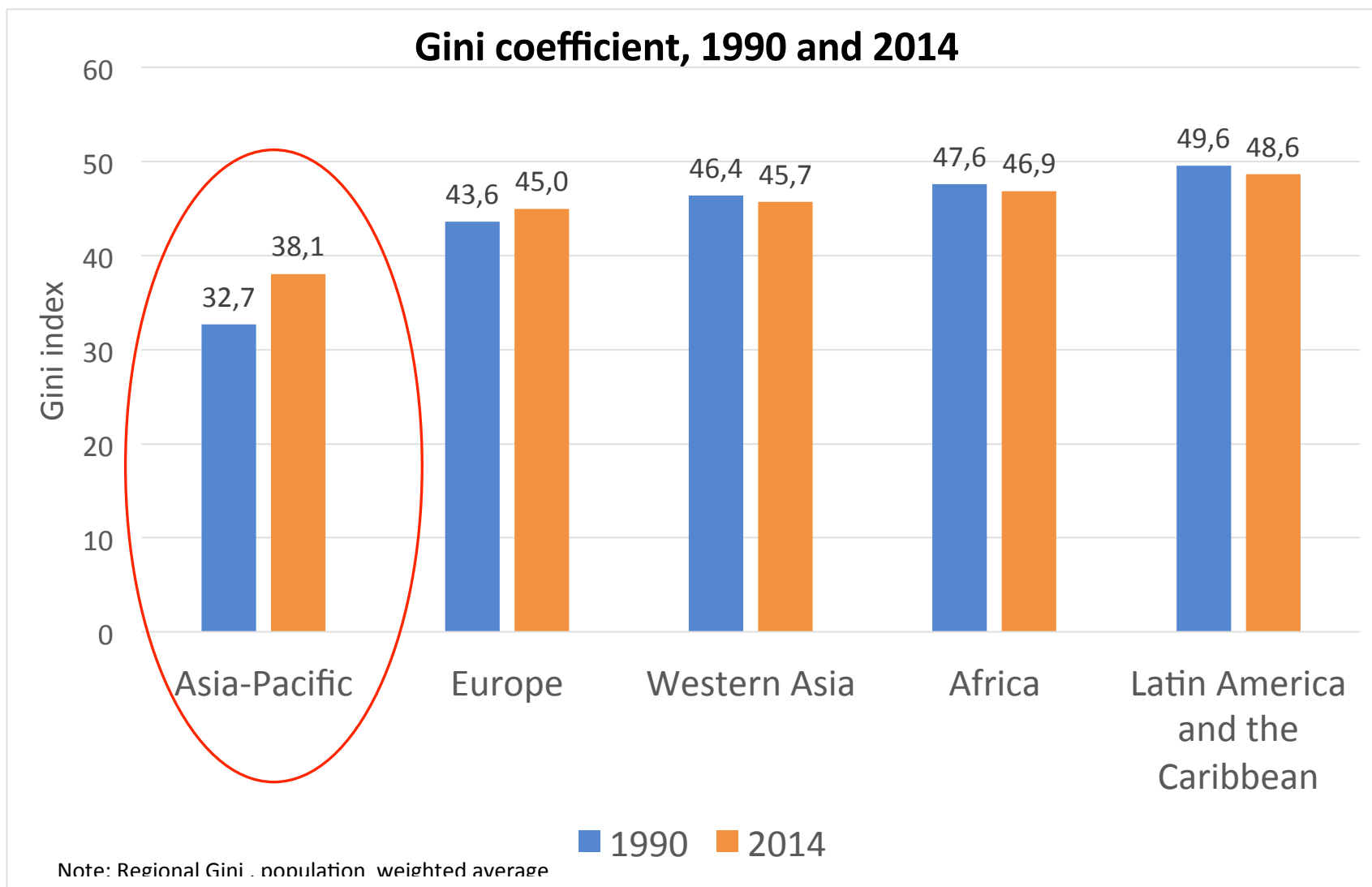


Source: United Nations ESCAP Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2015.

... With Large Gaps in Access to Basic Opportunities ...

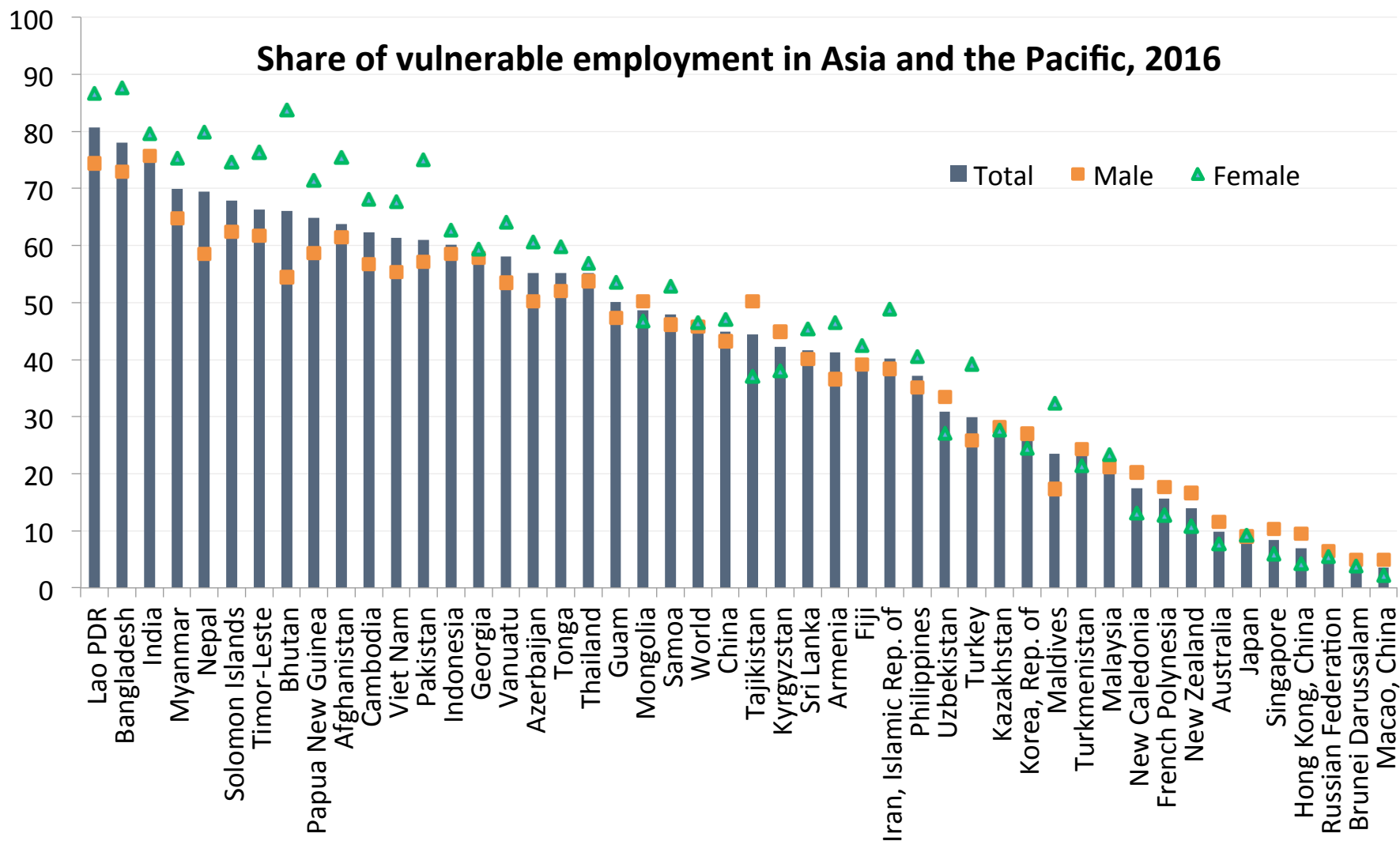


... and Increasing Income Inequality ...



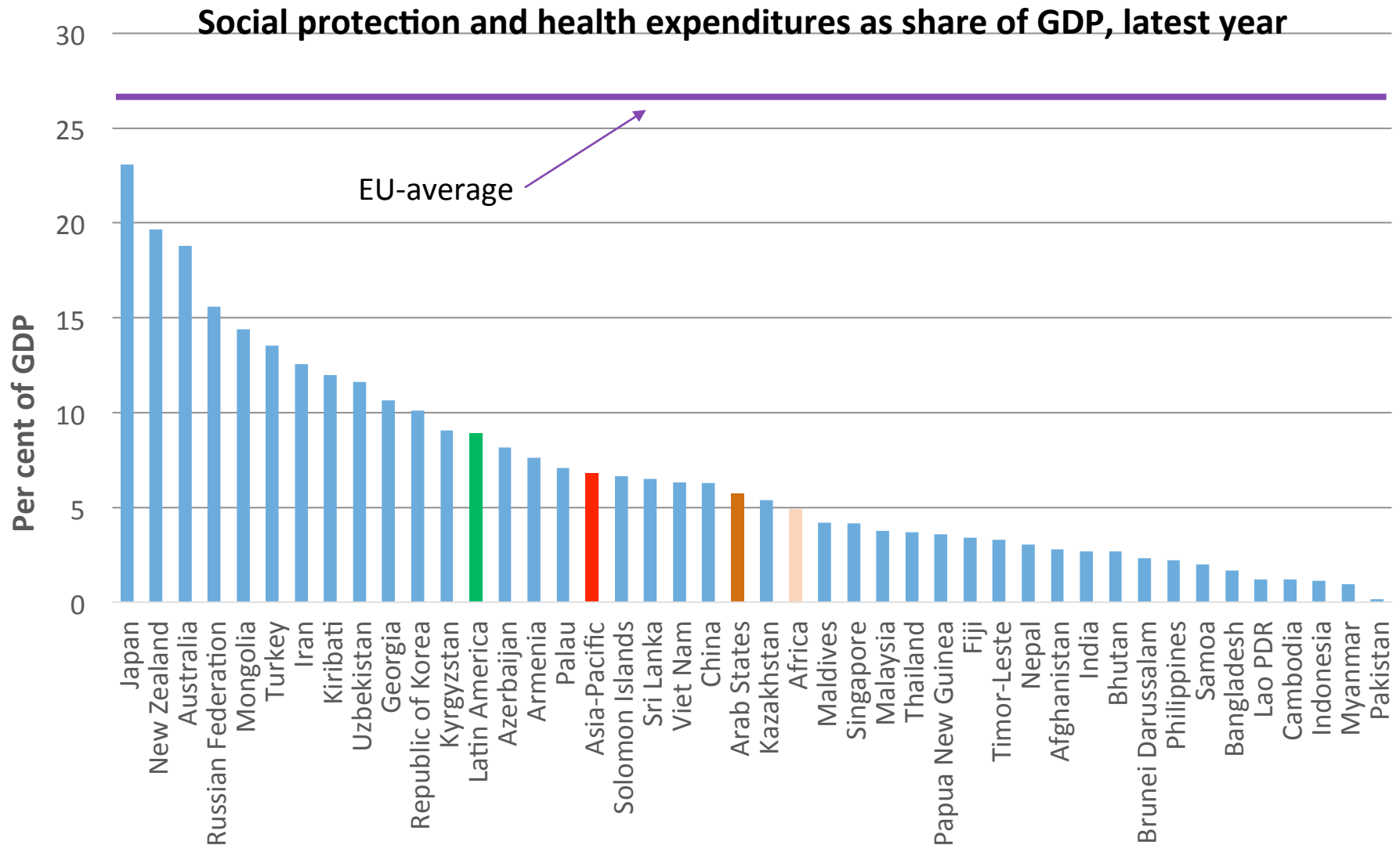
Main Reasons for this Development

Stubbornly High Levels of Vulnerable Employment ...

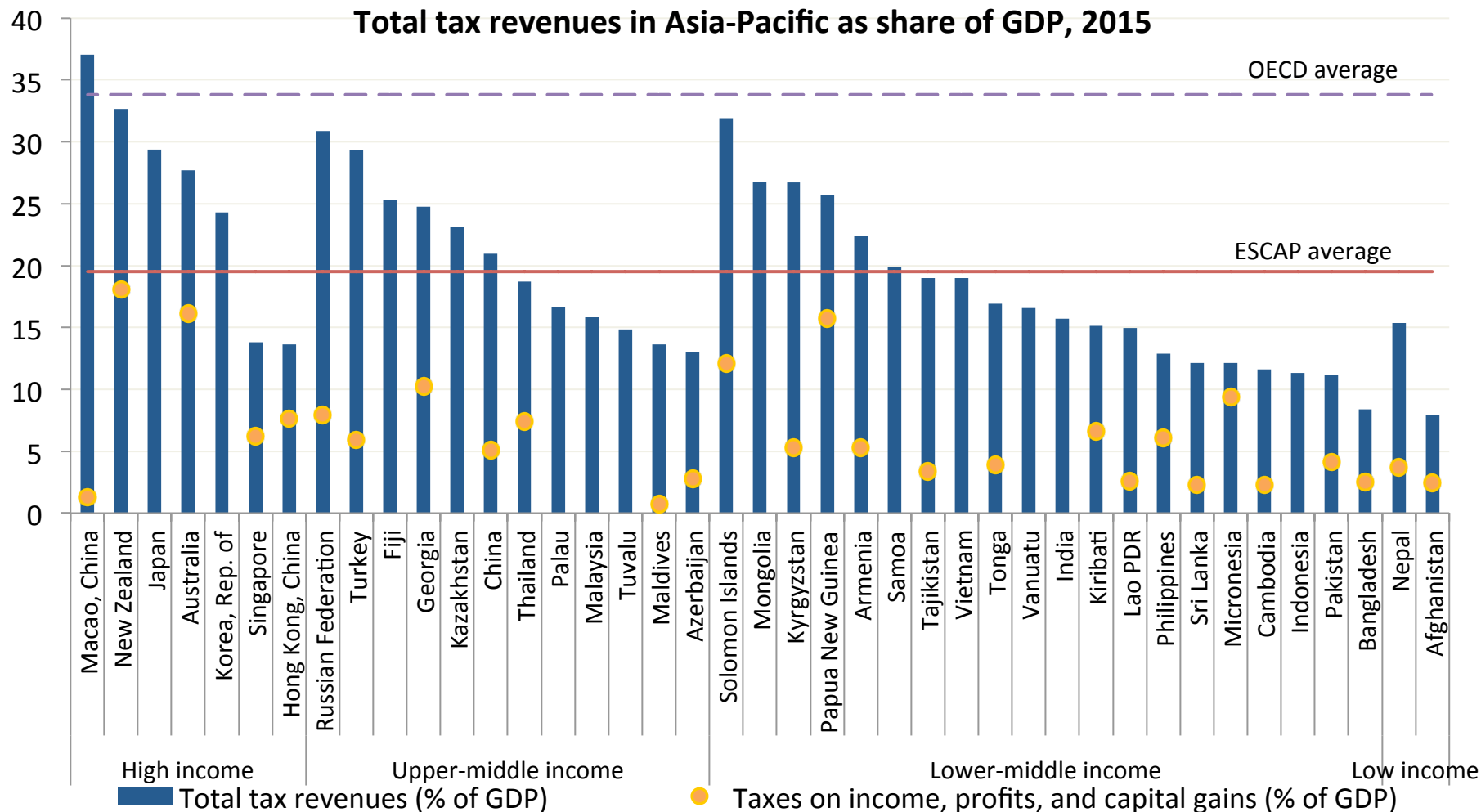


Source: ILO (2015) Trends Econometric Models.

... and Low Coverage of Social Protection & Healthcare



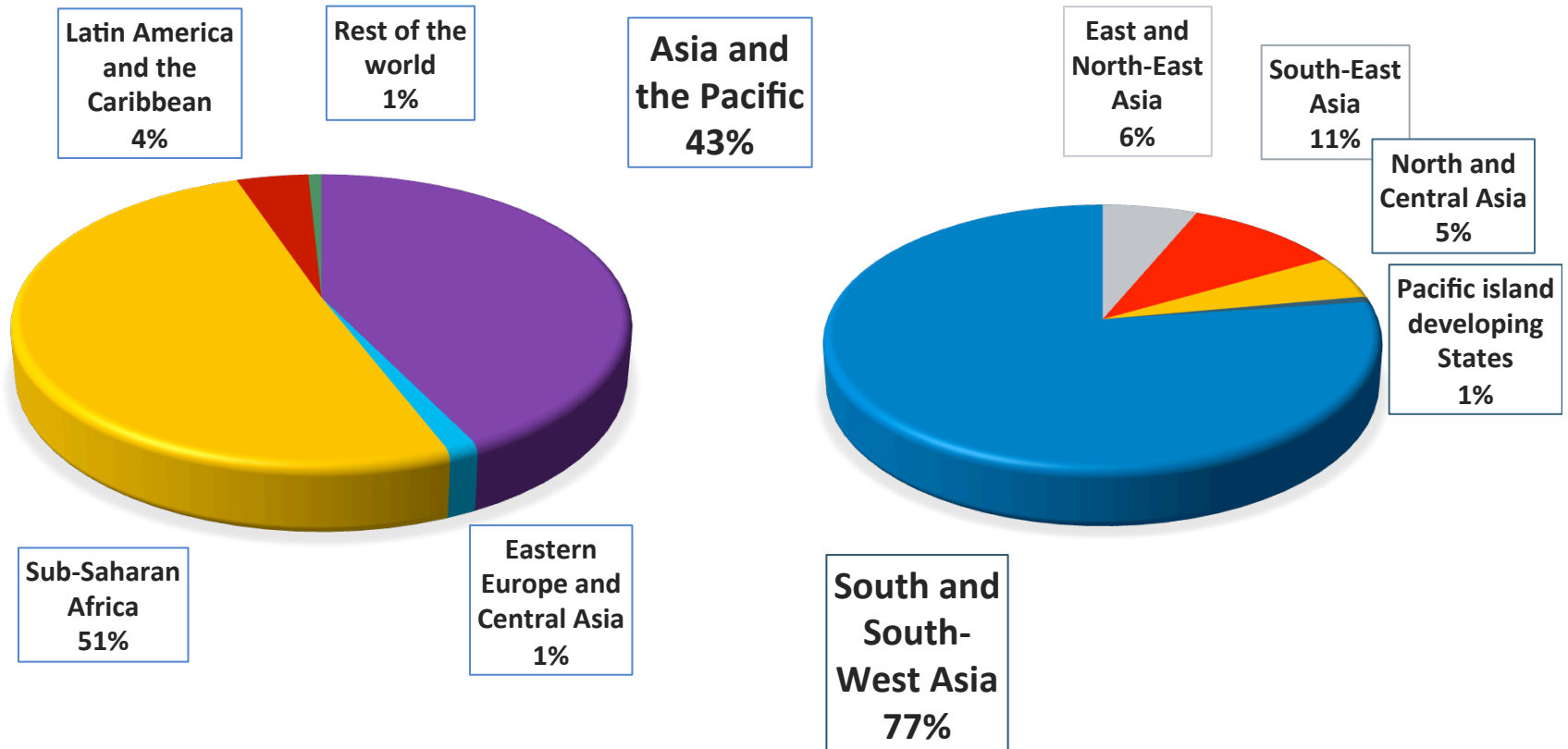
Also, taxes are mainly Collected on Consumption



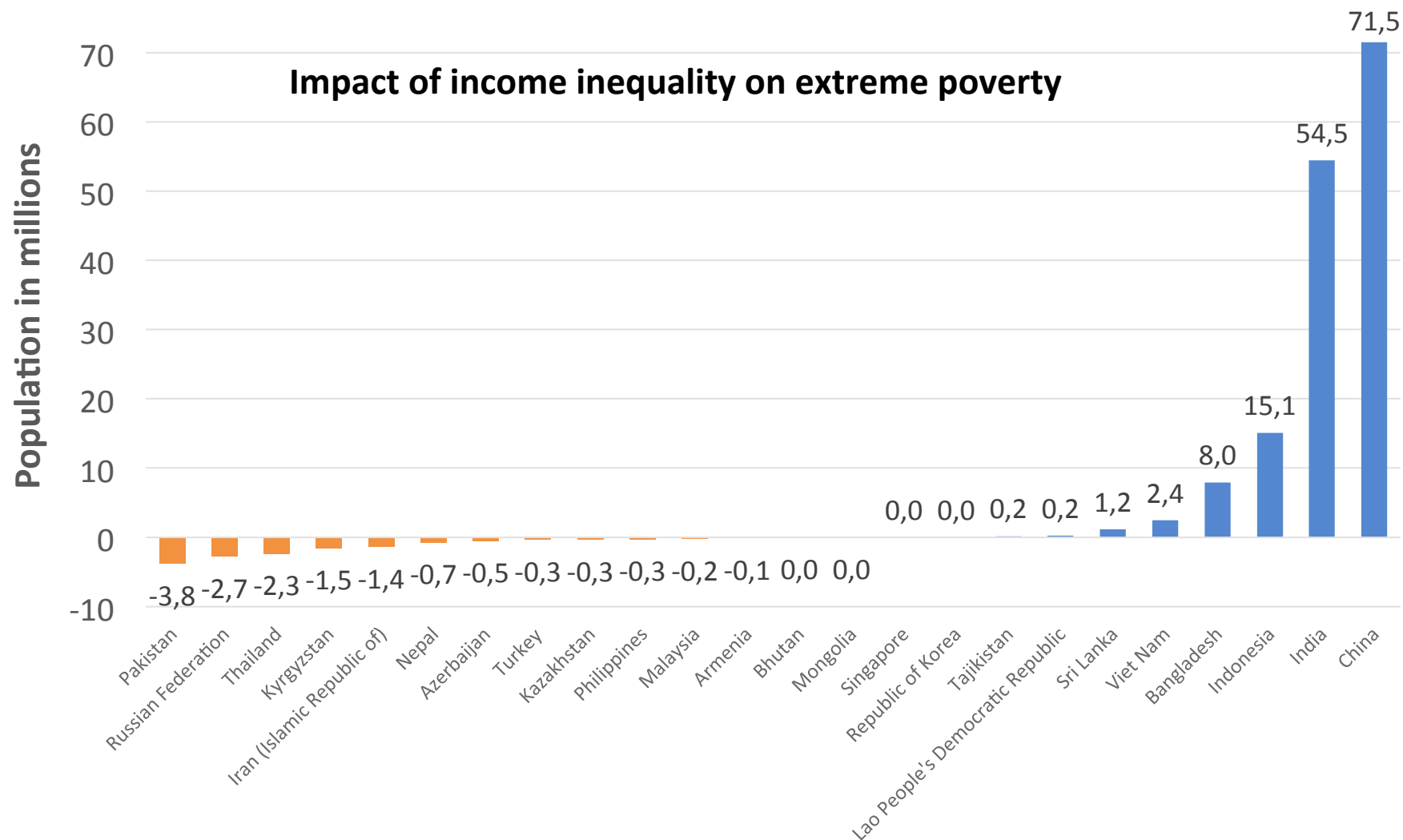
Source: International Center for Tax and Development (2016) and OECD (2013) revenue statistics. For all countries, the most recent data entries between 2011 and 2013 were reported.

So, What's the Impact ?

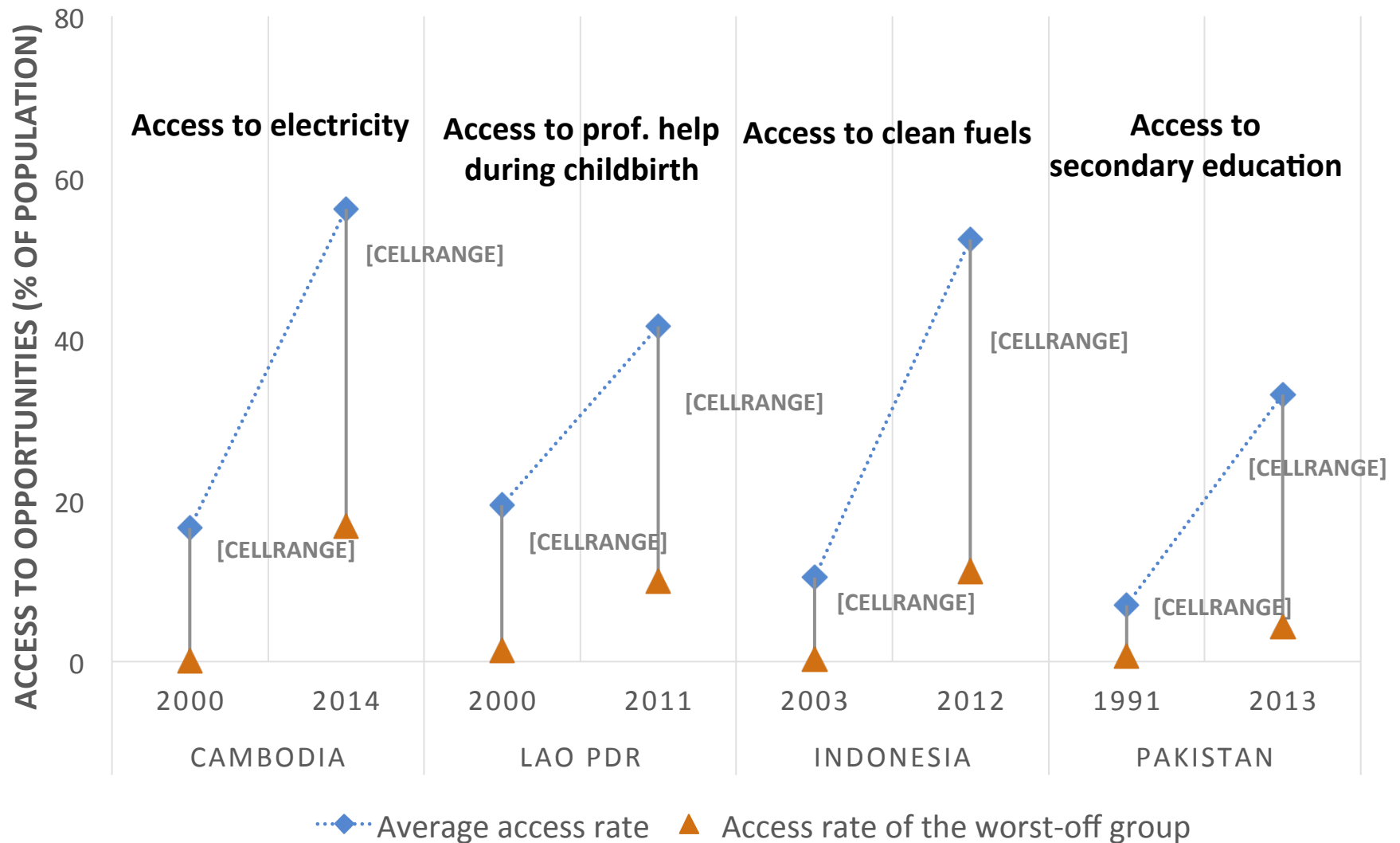
Asia-Pacific is still Home to Almost Half of the World's Poor



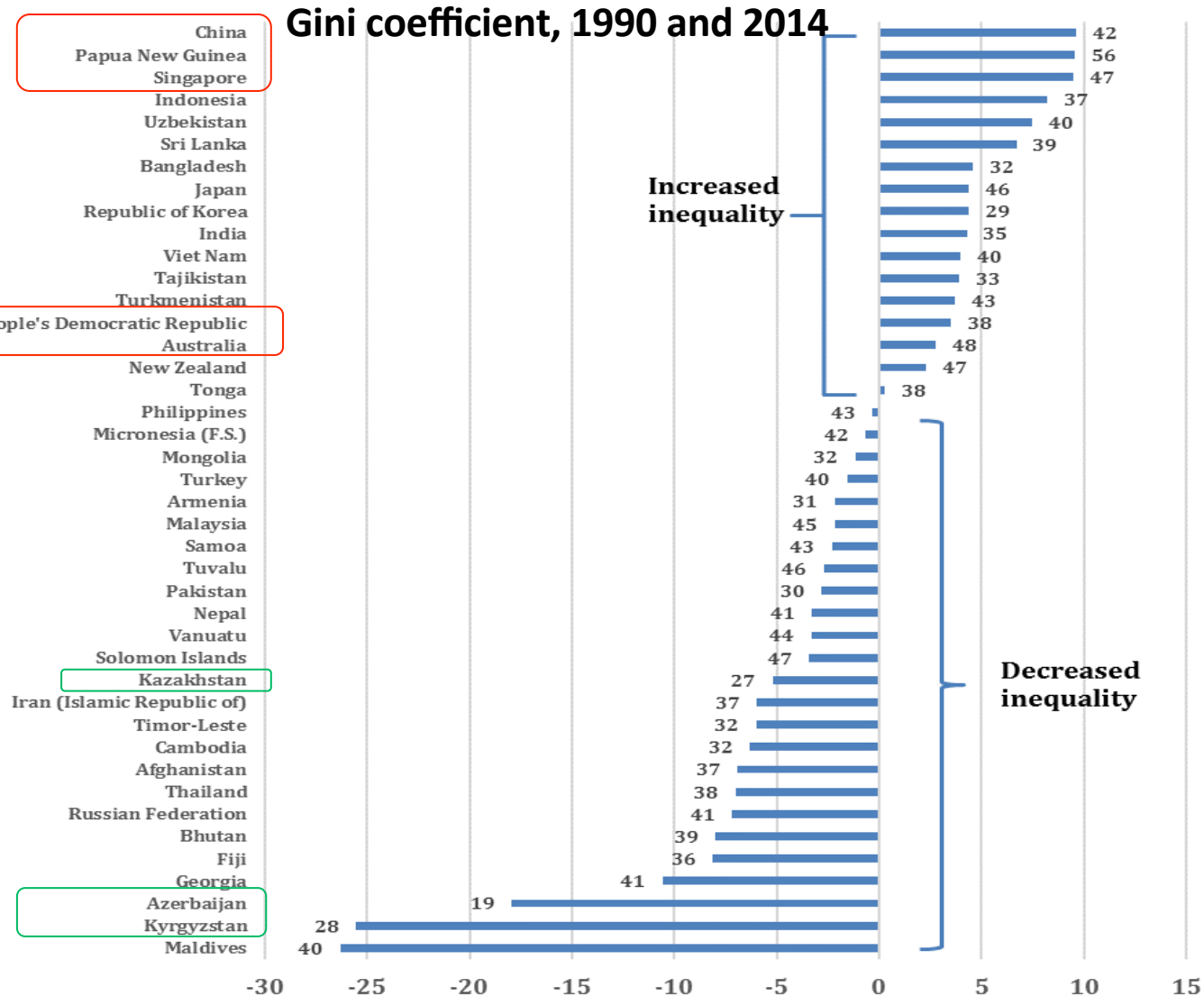
Missed opportunity to Lift Another 140 Million People from Poverty



Progress has been Uneven



Income Inequality Remains High in Most of Countries

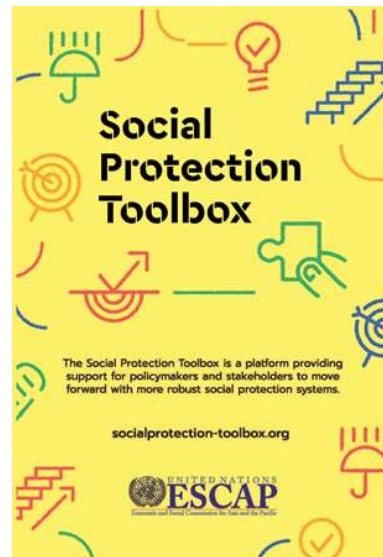


Key recommendations from Asia-Pacific

- **Harness the potential of economic growth to create decent jobs**
- **Broaden social protection coverage**
- **Provide universal access to basic services**
- **Promote gender equality and women's economic empowerment**
- **Enhance financial inclusion**
- **Ensure social inclusion of vulnerable groups**

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Thank you!

www.unescap.org/our-work/social-development

www.socialprotection-toolbox.org