

High Level Debate: Strategies for recovery and resilience in the SDGs Decade of Action

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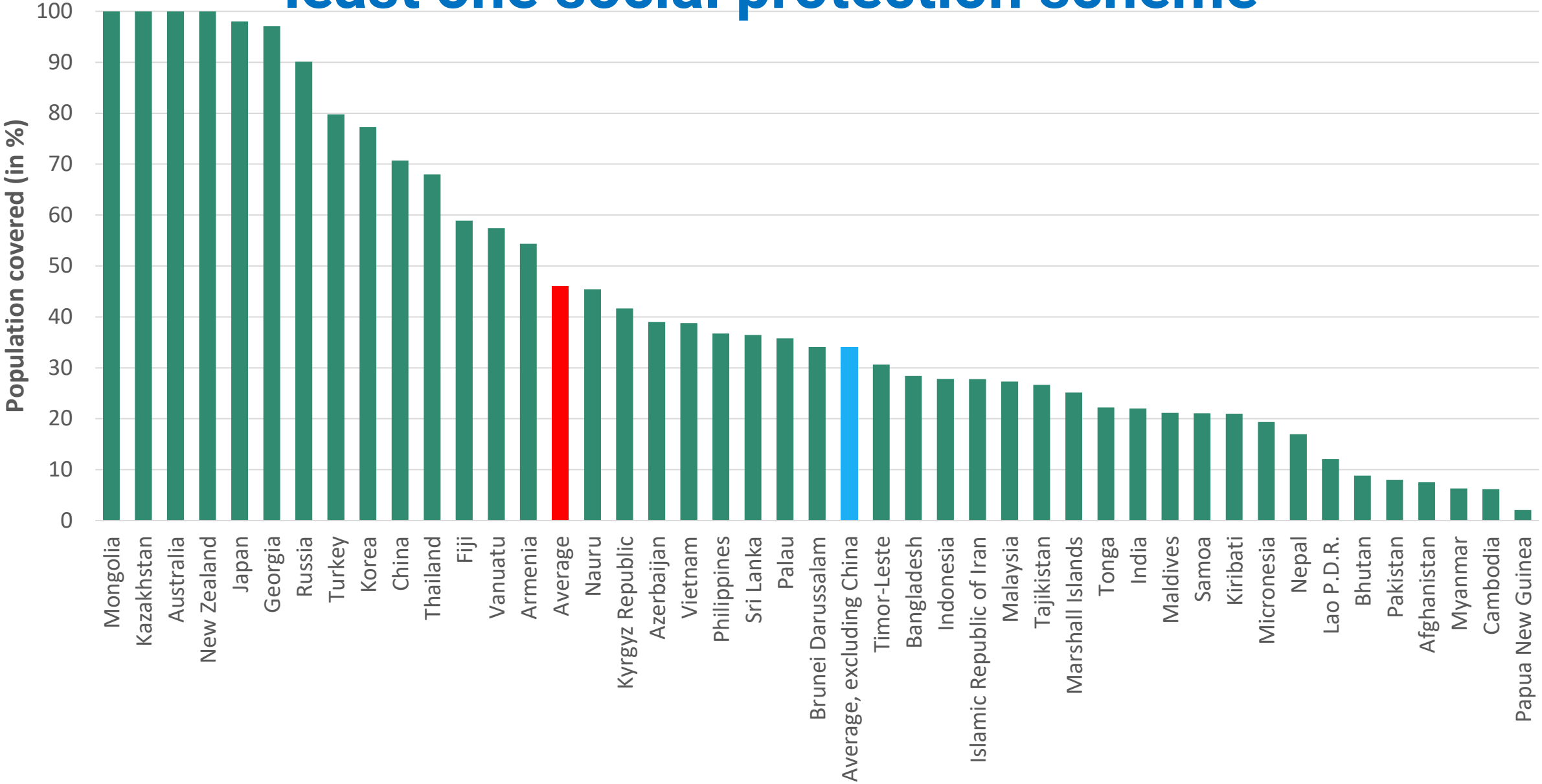
Highlight 1

The urgent need for expanding social protection

Too many workers are trapped in informal jobs



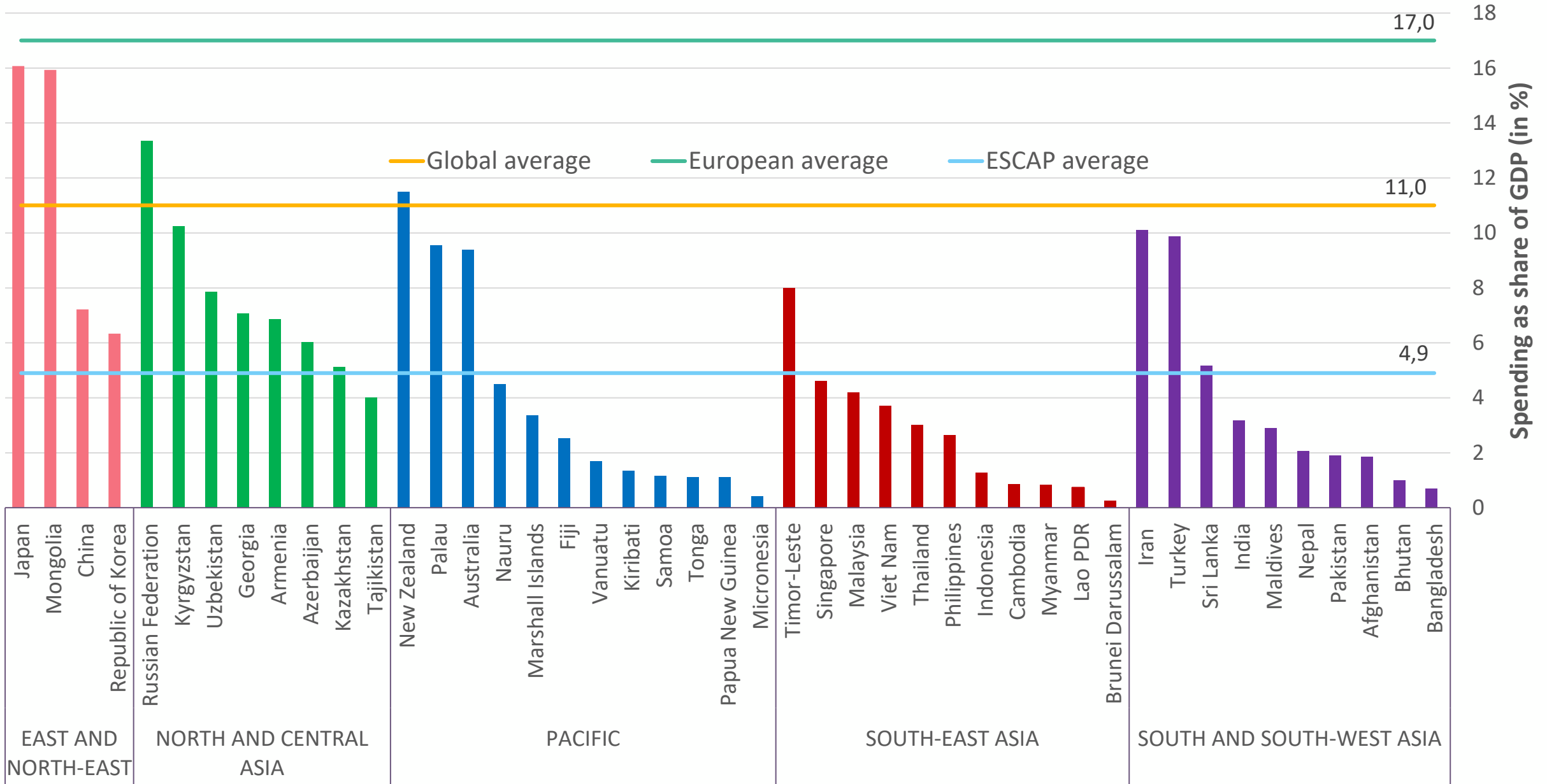
Less than half of the region's population is covered by at least one social protection scheme



Highlight 2

Insufficient investment in social protection and people

Low investments in social protection in Asia-Pacific



Highlight 3

Important social protection measures have been taken to mitigate impacts of COVID-19

Examples of measures to mitigate COVID-19

➤ *Job retention & Unemployment schemes*

- (e.g. Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam)

➤ *Sickness benefits*

- (e.g. China, Fiji, Philippines, Russia)

➤ *Benefits to informal workers*

- (e.g. India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka)

➤ *Increased resources to health sectors*

- (e.g. China, Iran, Malaysia New Zealand, Japan)

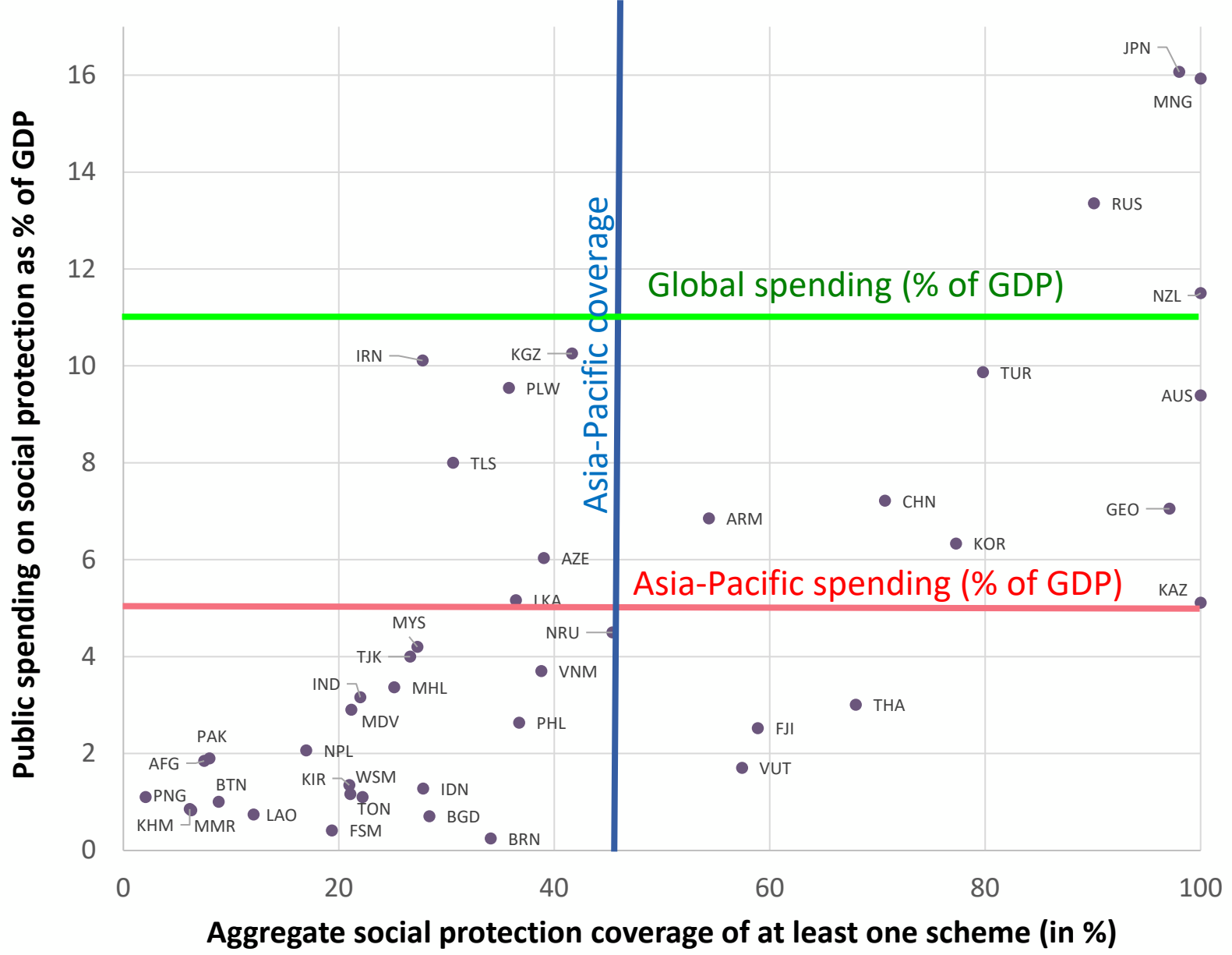
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More needs to be done

What should countries do to build back better?

- **Embed social protection in national development agendas**
- **Allocate more resources**
- **Build universal social protection systems**
- **Provide adequate social protection to women**
- **Expand social protection to informal workers**
- **Cover the "missing middle"**
- **Improve efficiency by using emerging technologies**

Specific national actions are needed





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