

TUDCN ASIA-PACIFIC MEETING

High Level Debate

Accelerating the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia-Pacific: the role of decent work and just transition

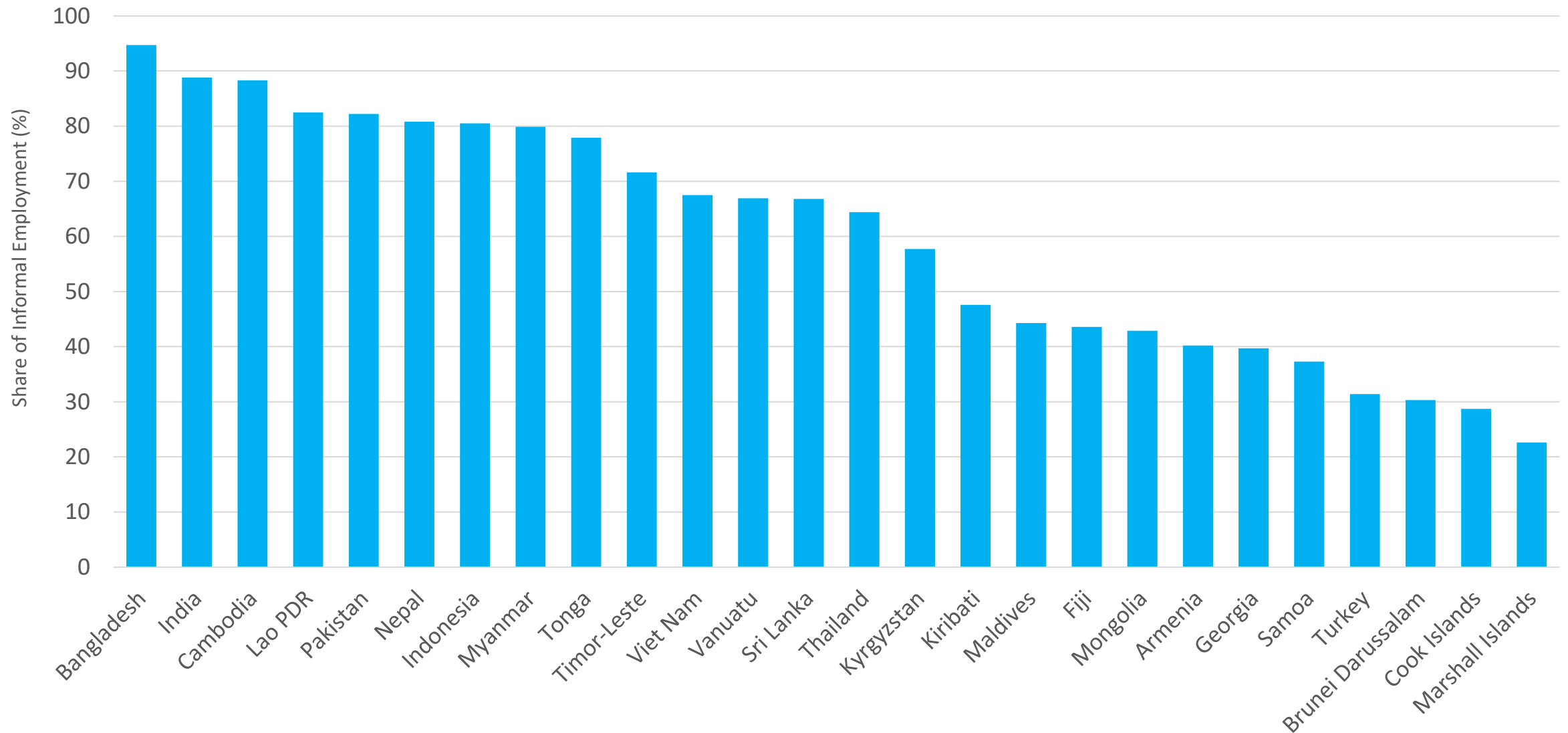
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8 March 2023, Bangkok

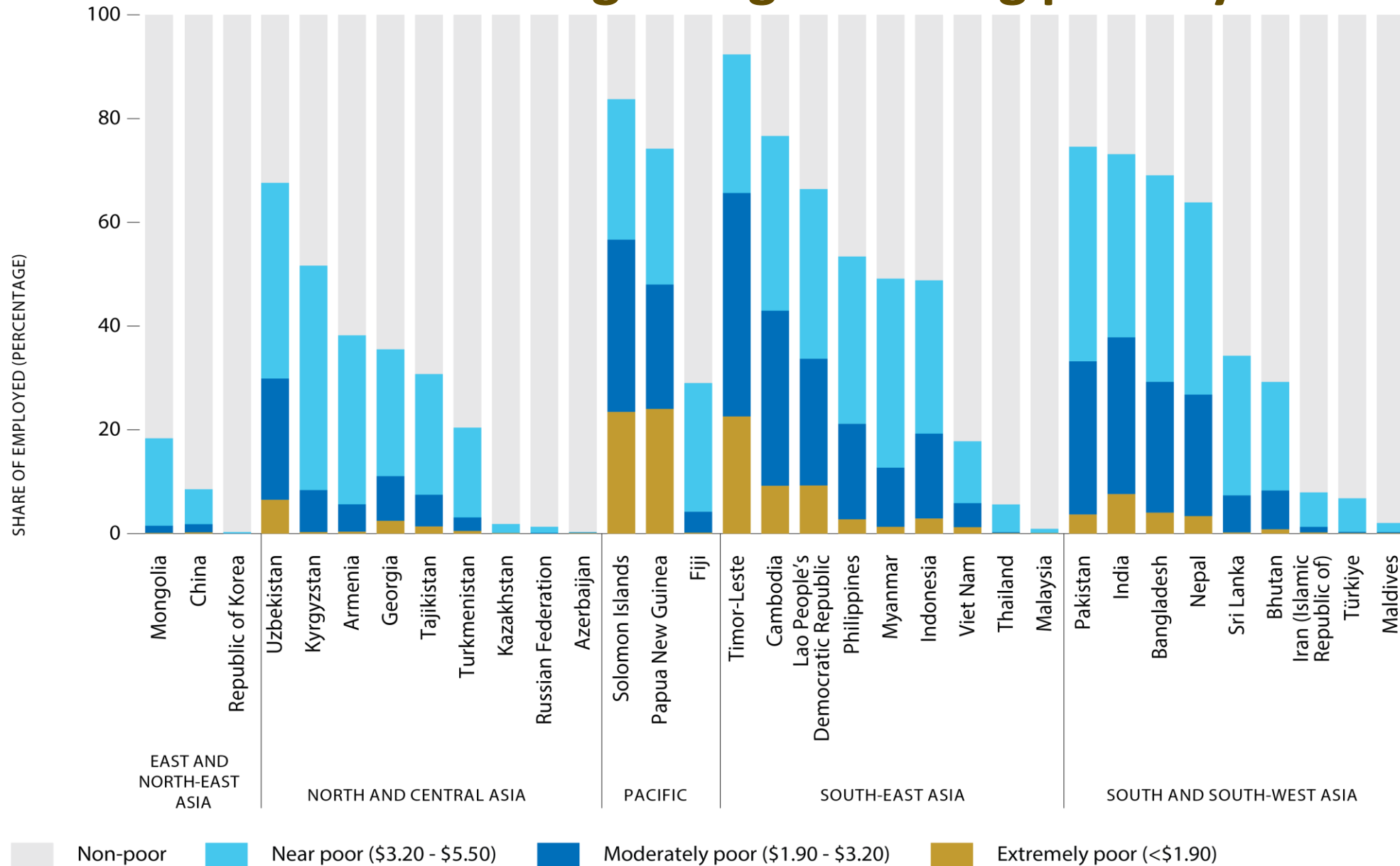
The Harsh Situation of workers



Informal employment is high in Asia-Pacific ...



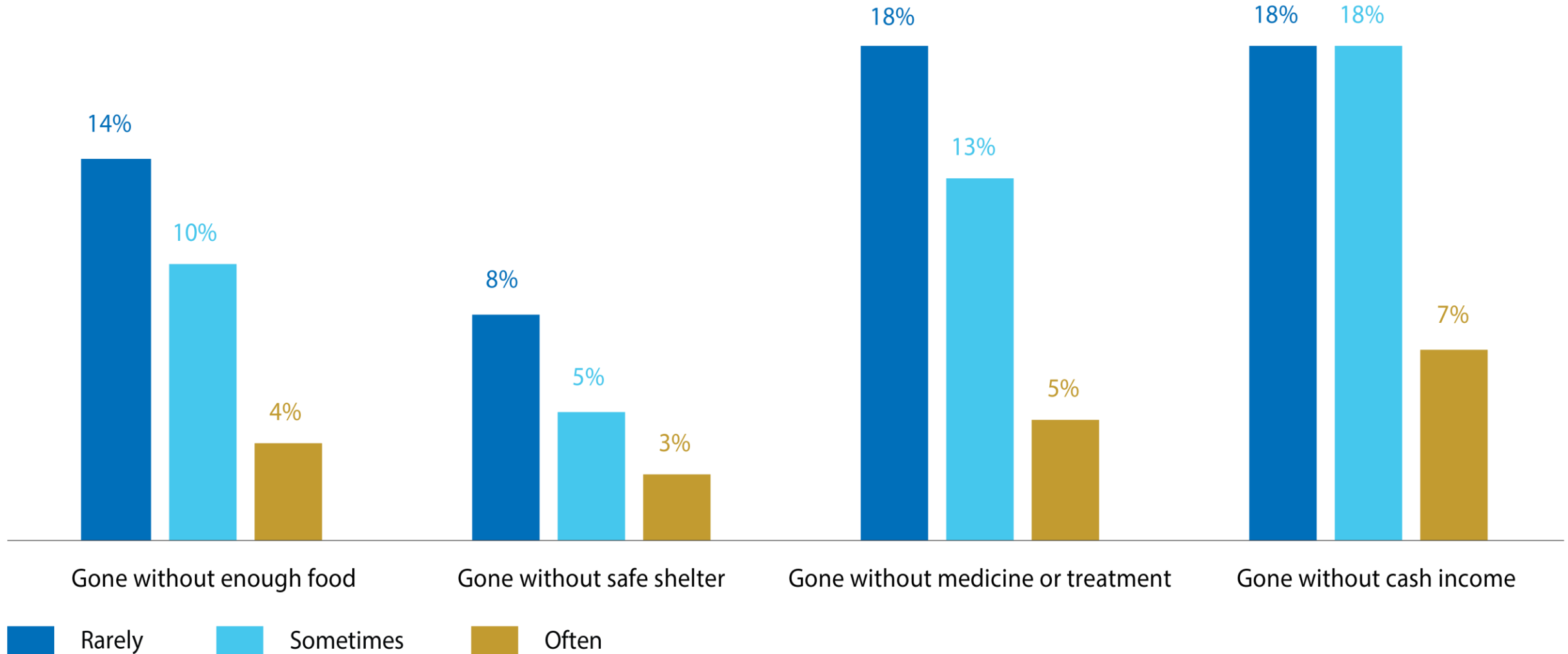
... leading to high working poverty



Source: ILO (2022), ILOSTAT. Available at www.ilo.org/ilostat (accessed on 17 March 2022).

... and widespread vulnerability

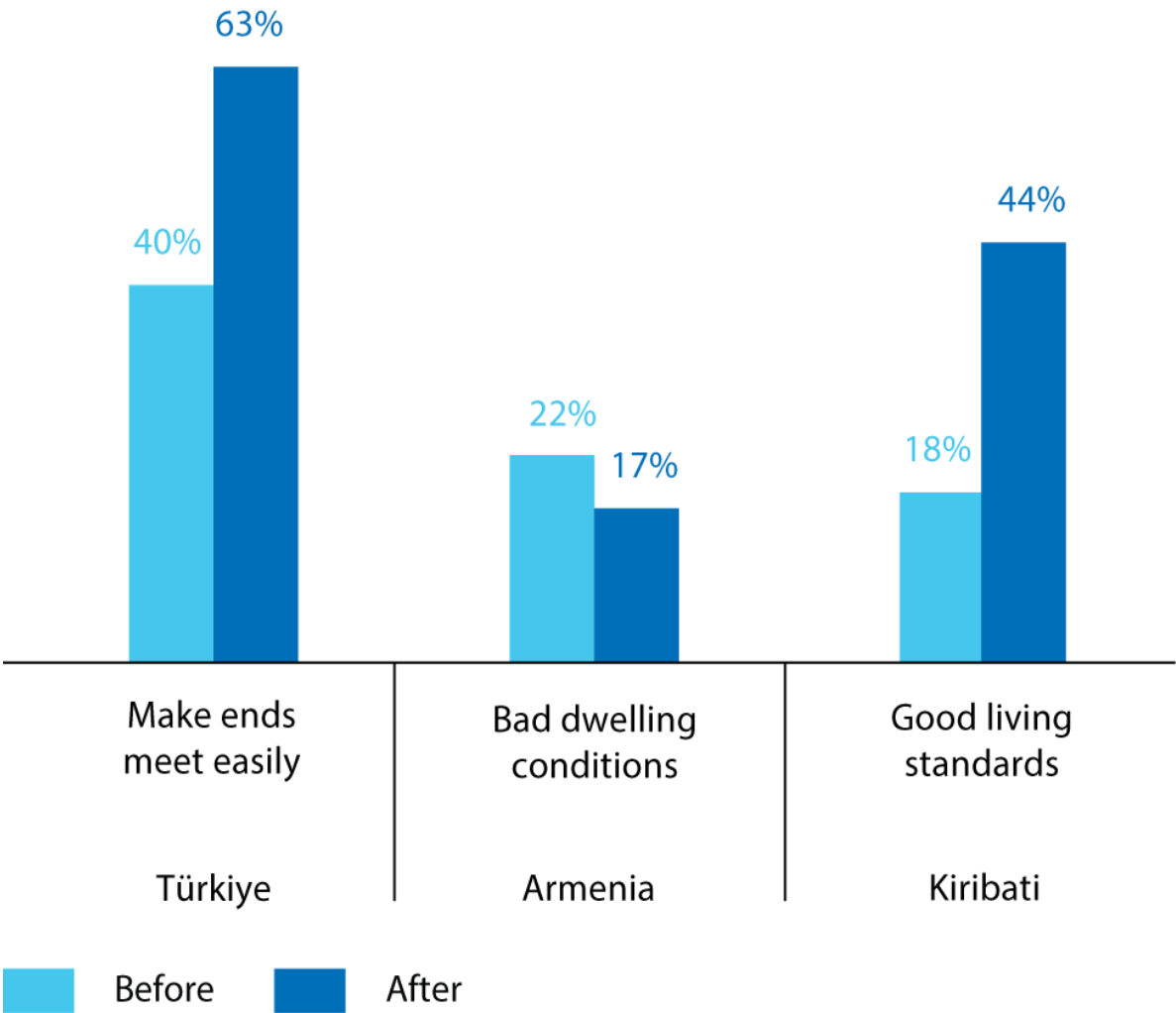
Share of total population in the Asia-Pacific region having gone without basic needs in the past 12 months (2017–2020)



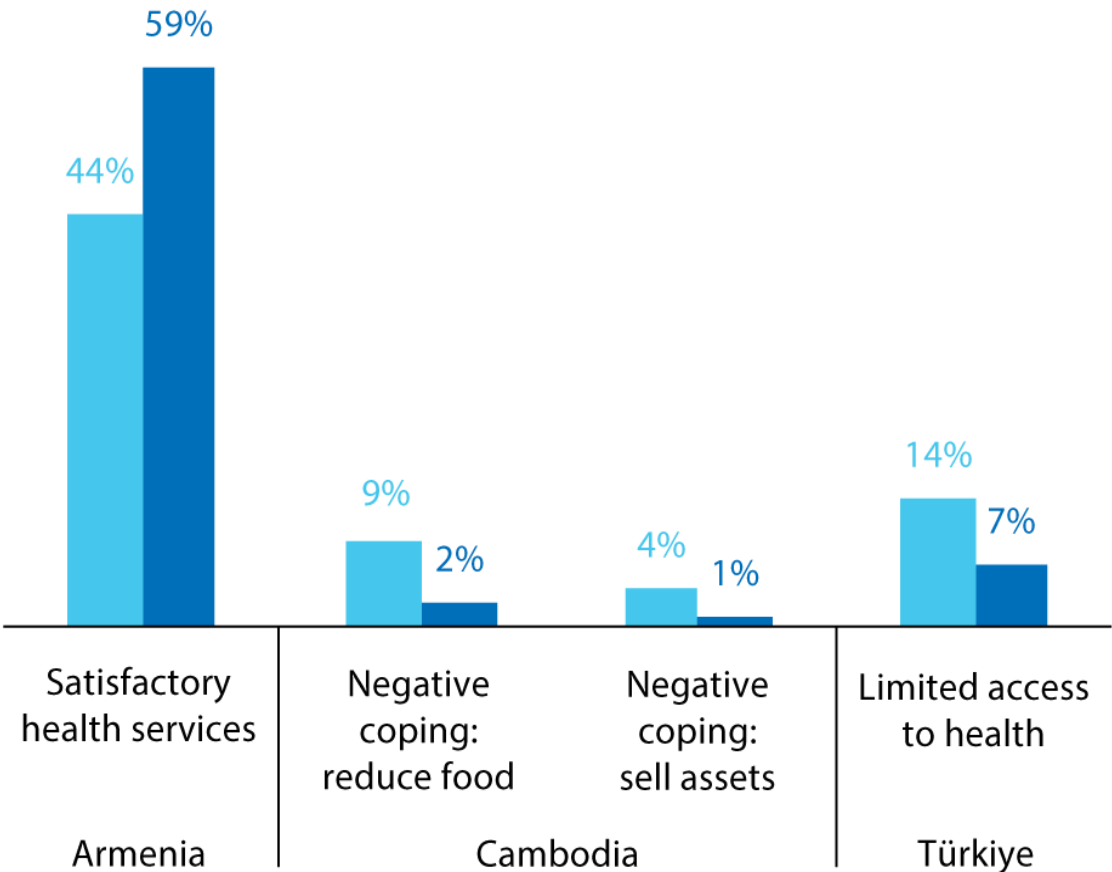
The impact of policies

A 10% increase in income improves welfare among the furthest behind

A: LIVING CONDITIONS



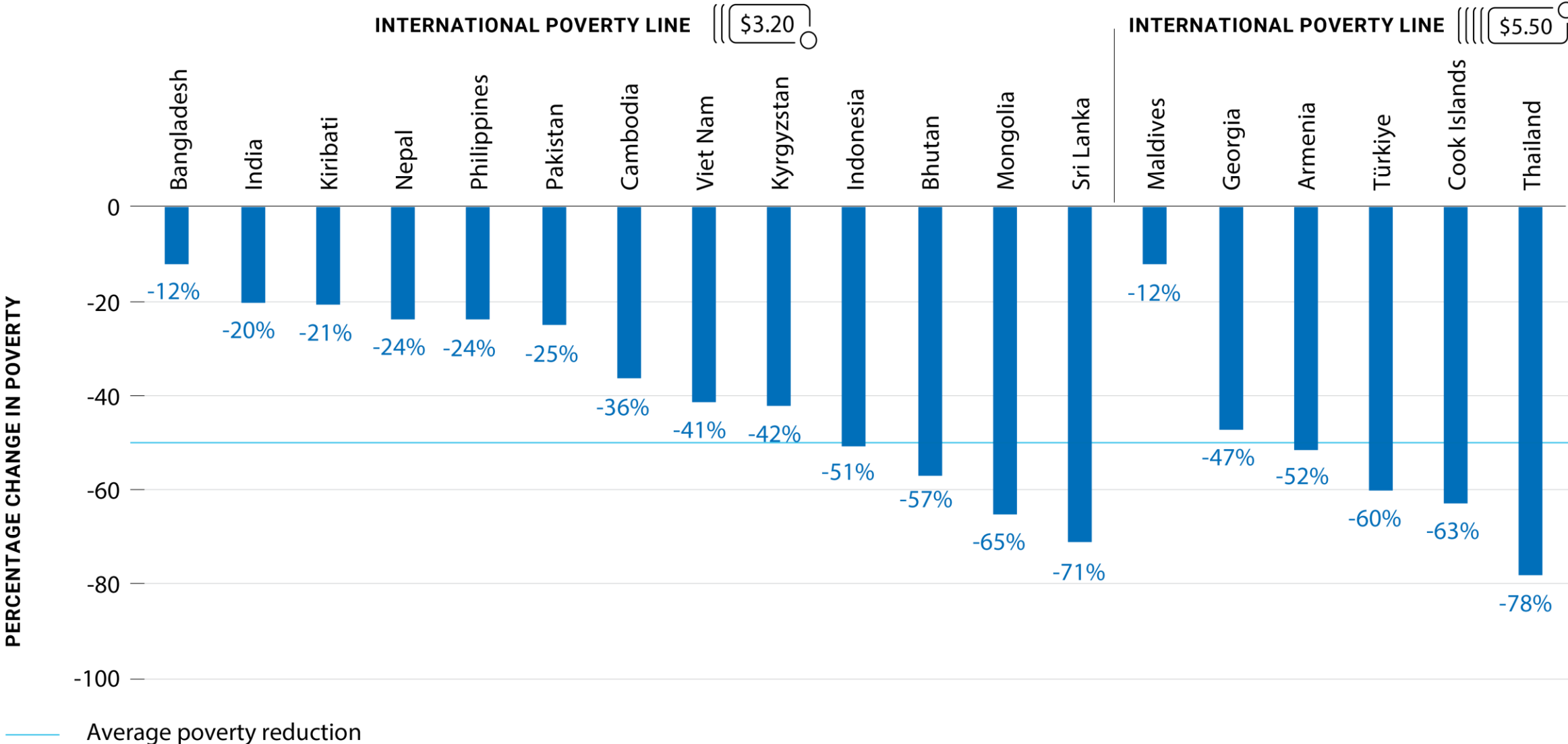
B: HEALTH AND NUTRITION



Before After

Source: ESCAP elaborations based on selected HIES (2018–2020).

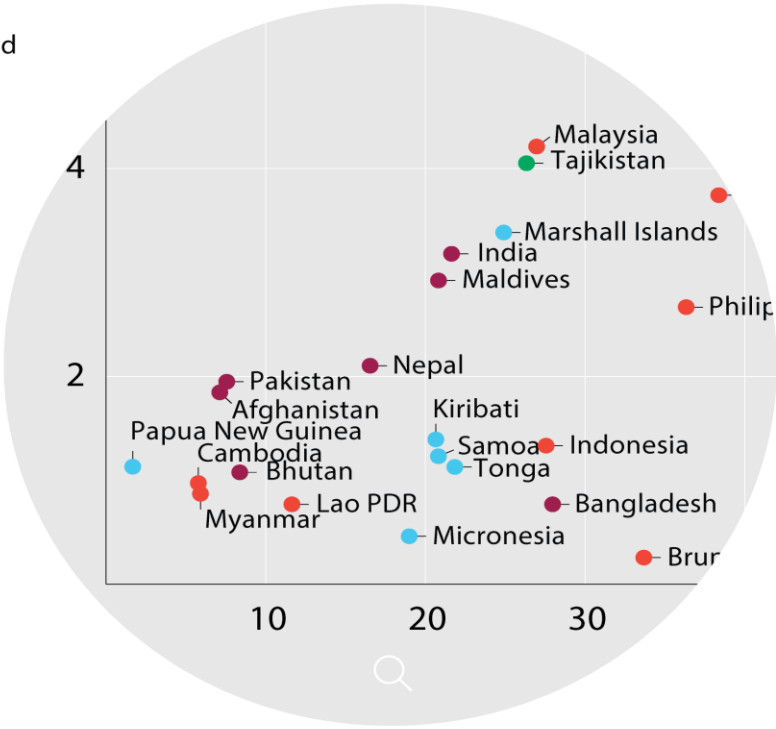
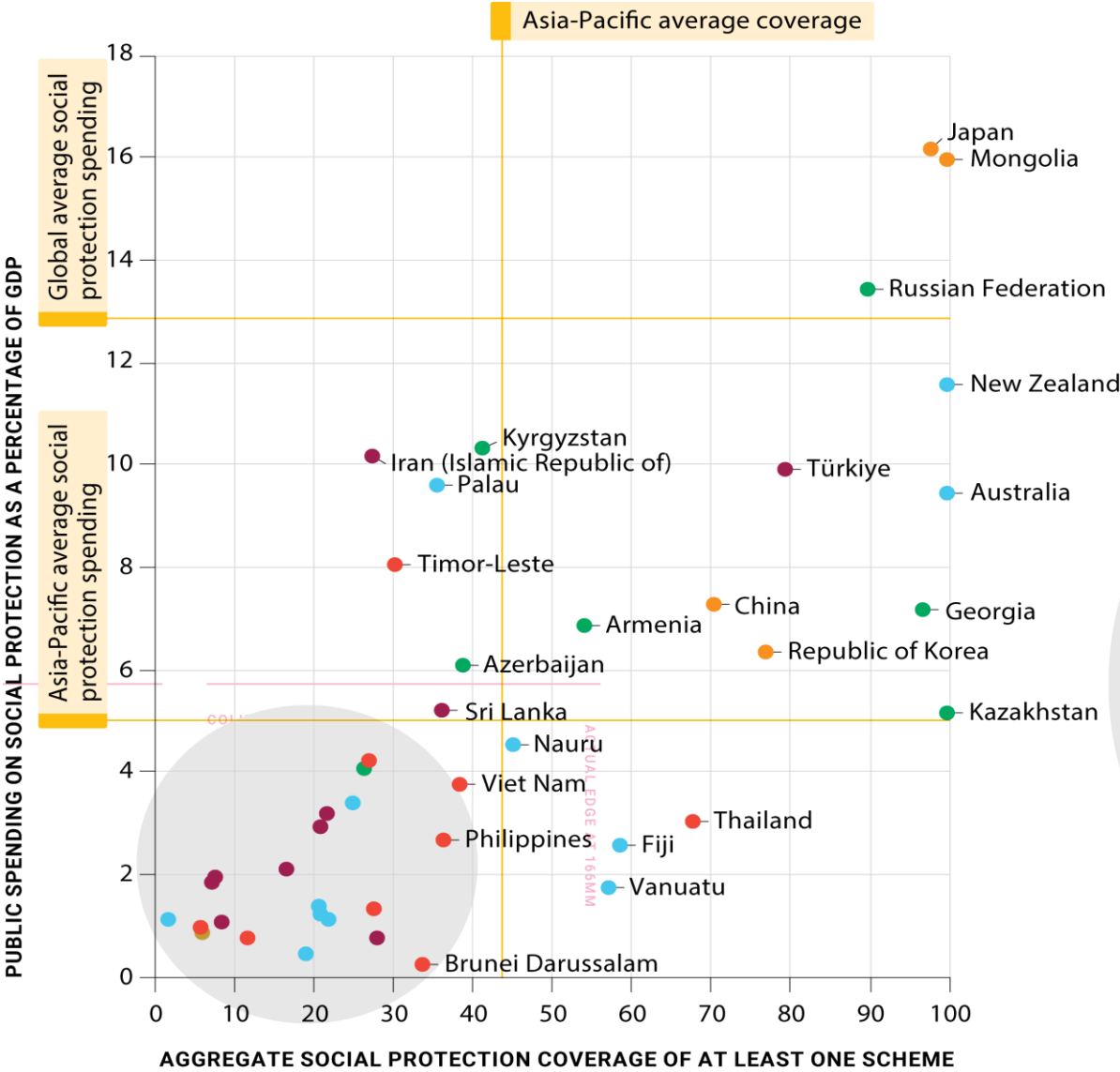
... and a basic universal social protection could slash poverty



Source: ESCAP elaboration using Social Protection Simulator available online at <http://spot.unescap.org>.

Policy reforms needed

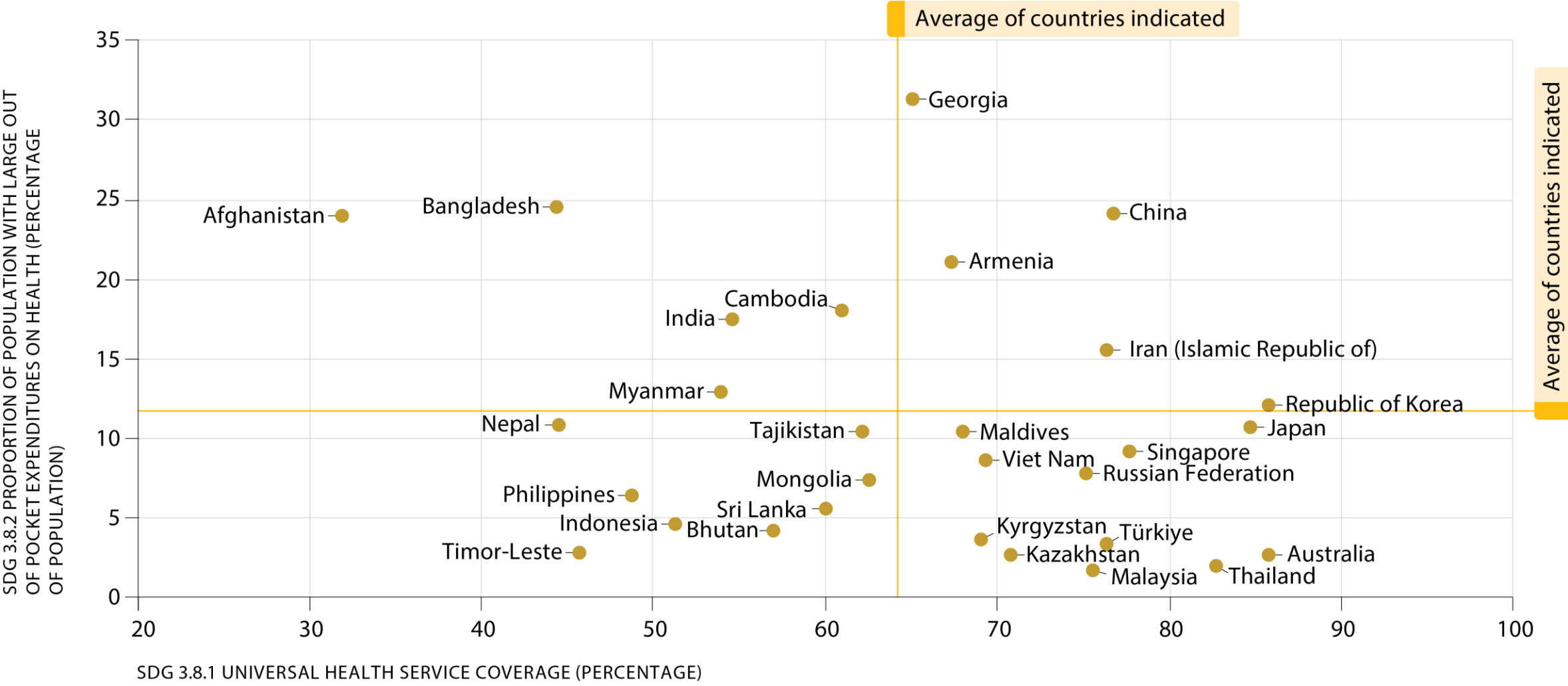
Coverage and spending on social protection need to be increased



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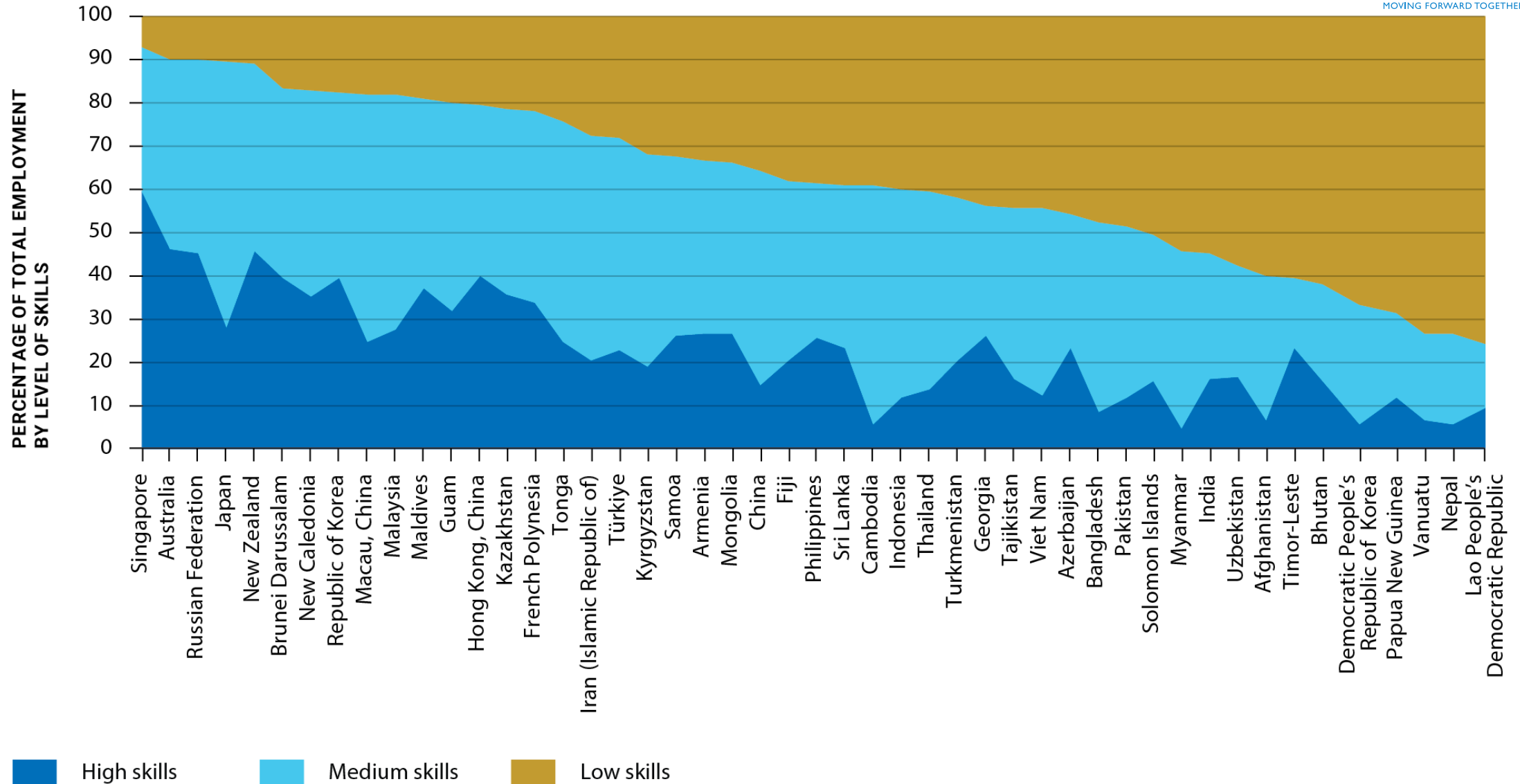
Source: ILO (2022), World Social Protection Database.

Out-of-pocket expenditures must decrease en route UHC ...



Source: WHO (2022), The Global Health Observatory. Available at <https://www.who.int/data/gho> (accessed on 29 March 2022).

... and skill levels of the workforce need to be upgraded



Source: ESCAP elaboration based on ILO modelled estimates from 2020. Available at www.ilo.org/istat (accessed in May 2022).

Thank you!

