

Inequality & Social protection in Asia and the Pacific

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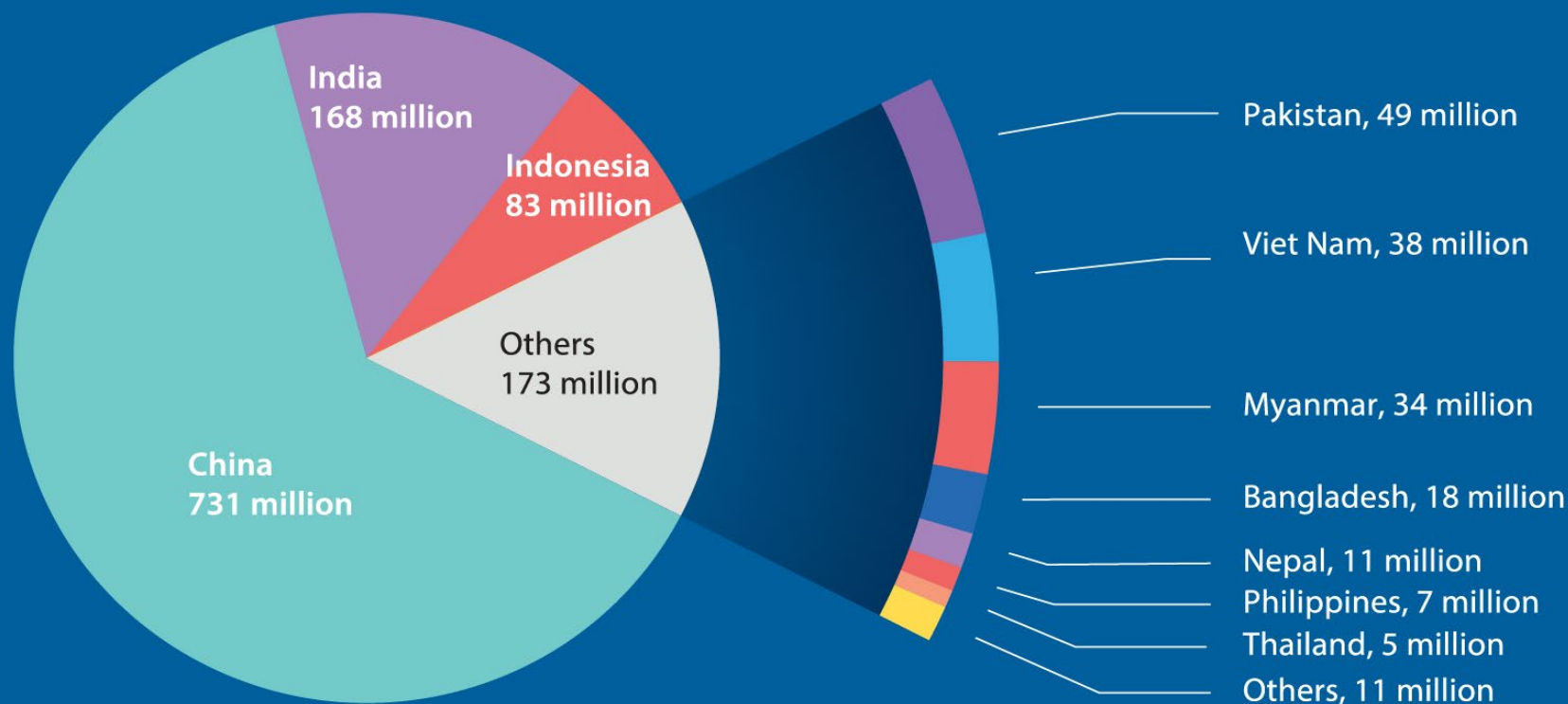
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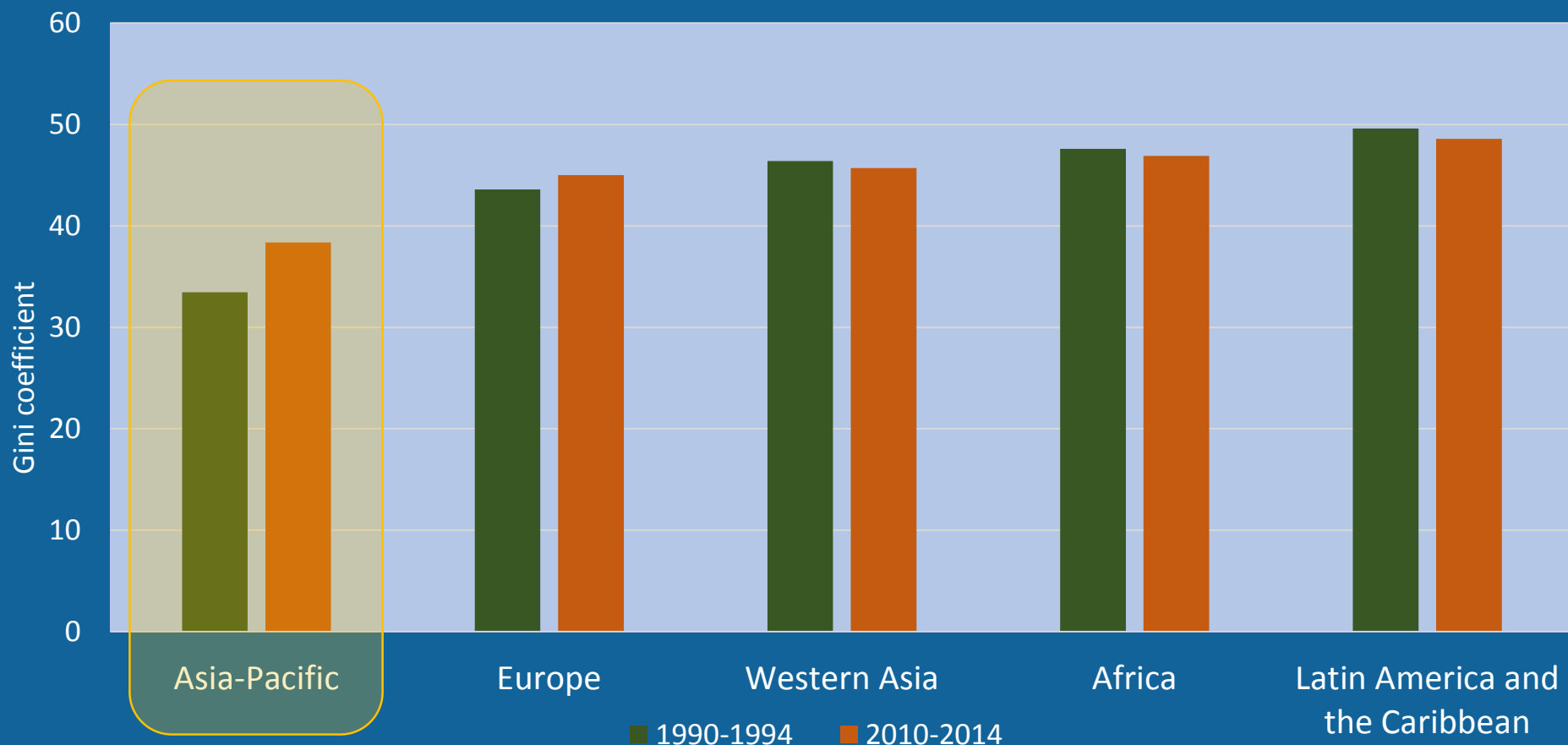


Progress & challenges in Asia-Pacific

Number of people lifted out of extreme poverty in the Asia-Pacific region between 1990 and 2013



Income inequality is on the rise

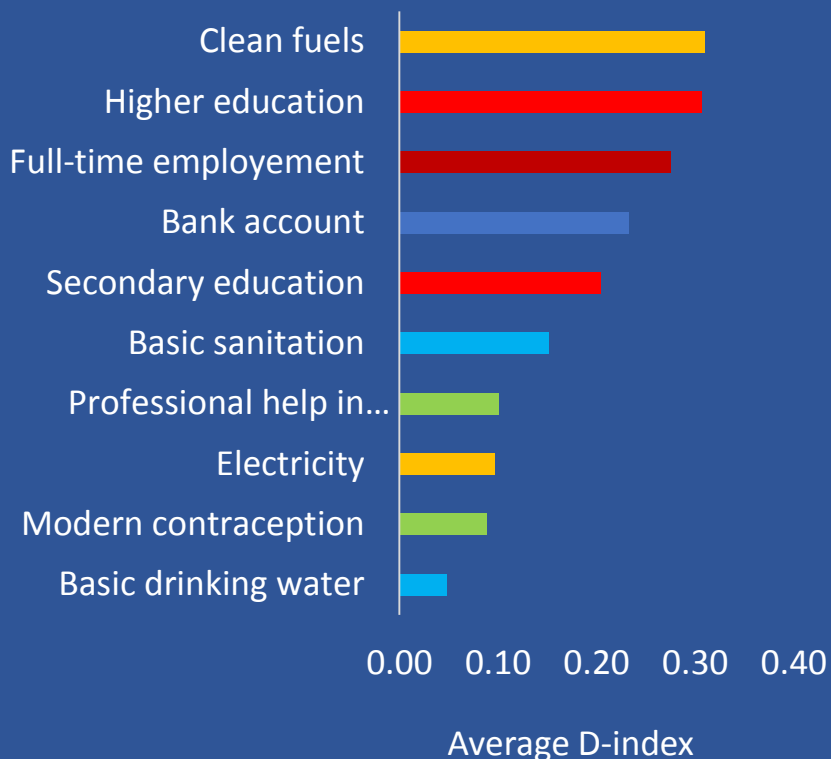


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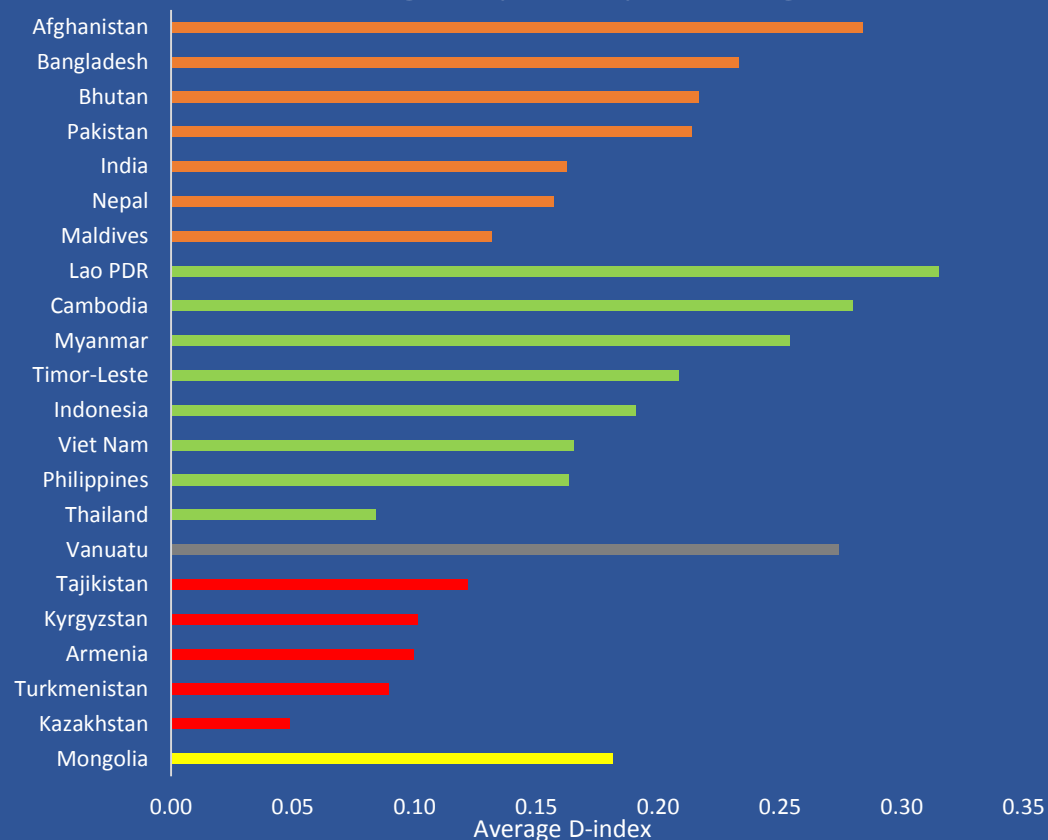


Inequality of opportunity also rising

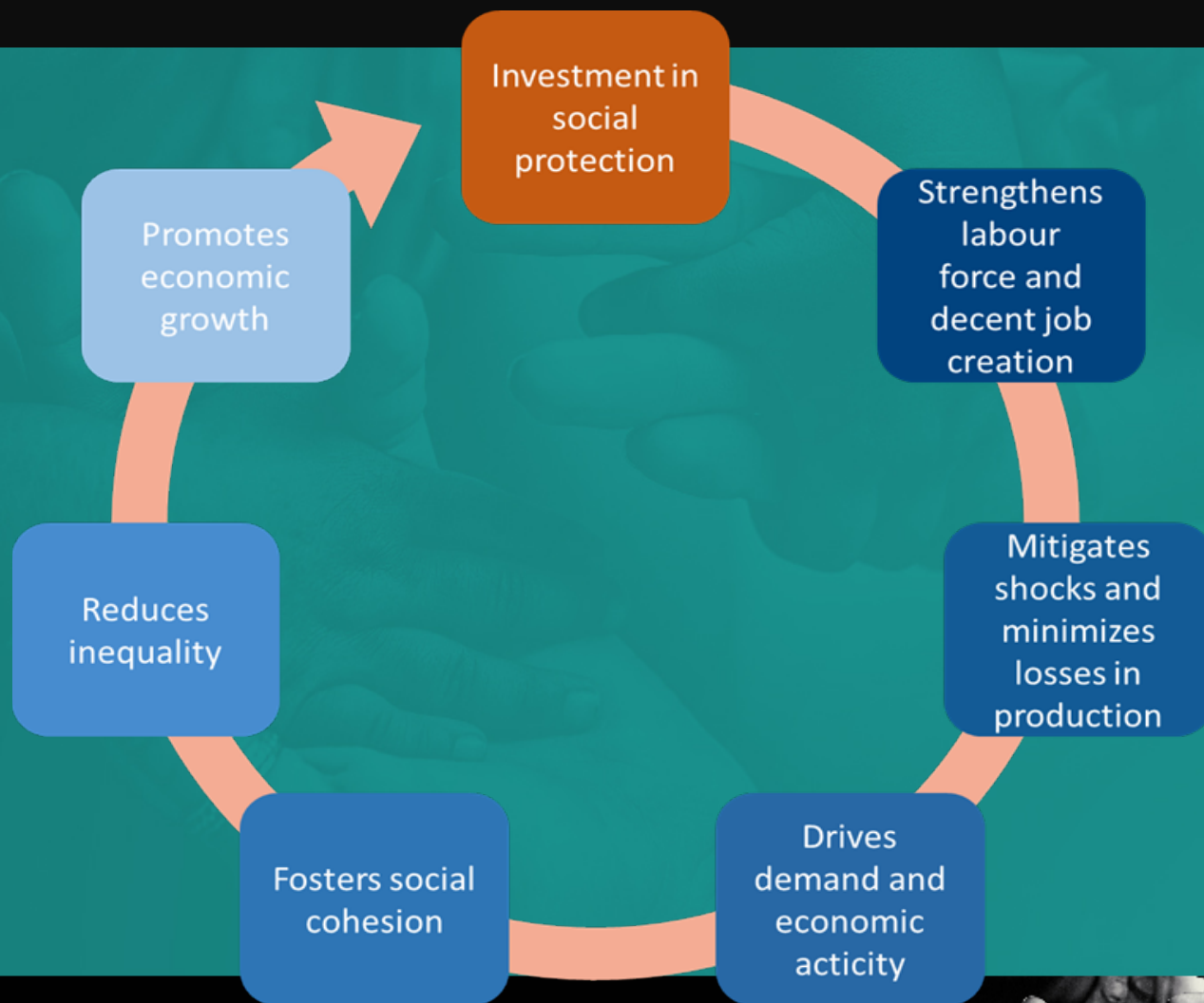
The most unequally distributed opportunities in Asia-Pacific are:



Average D-indices in Asia-Pacific countries, grouped by subregion:

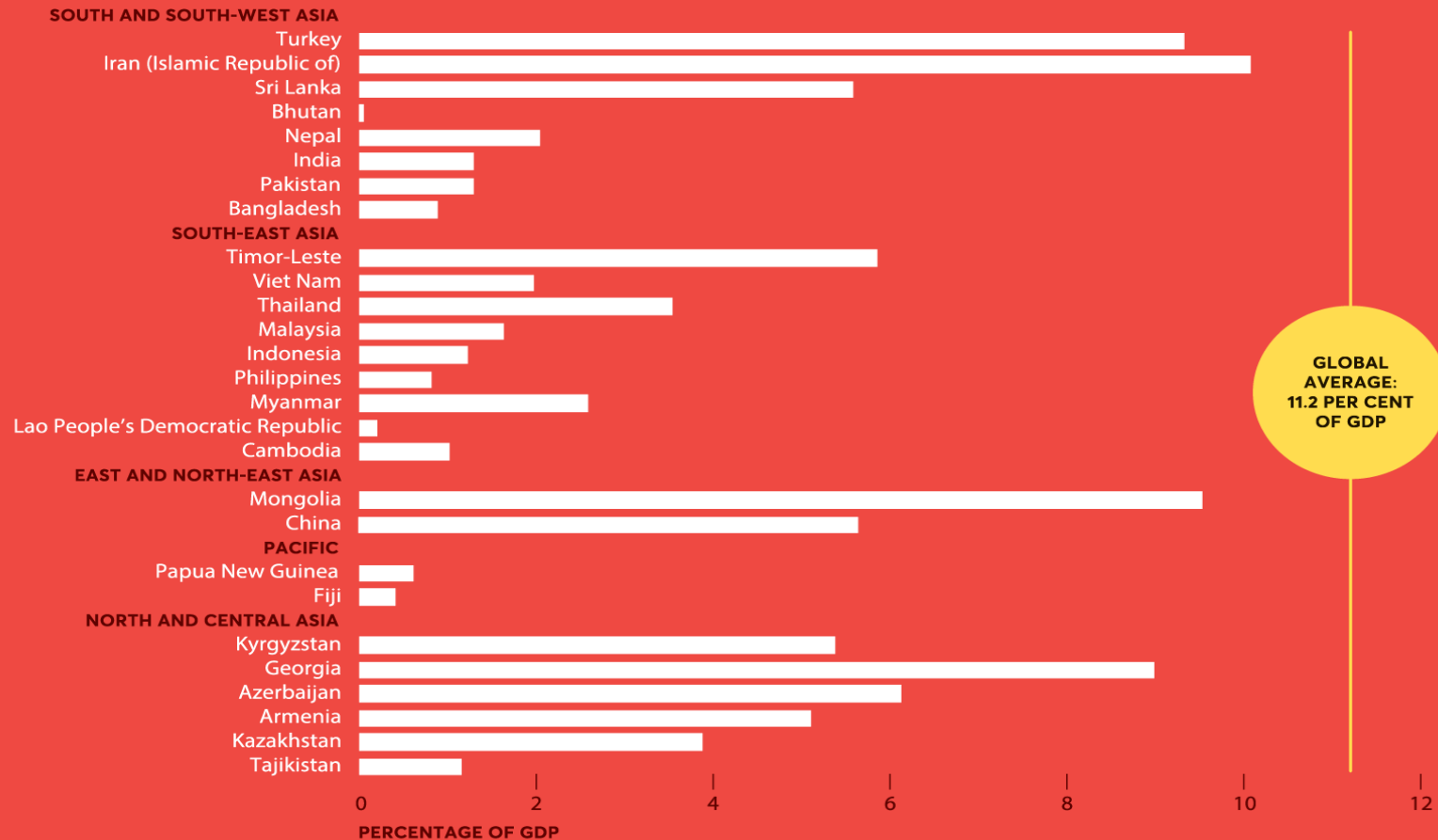


Social protection is an effective tool against poverty and inequality



Asia Pacific investment in social protection below global levels

Public spending on social protection as share of GDP

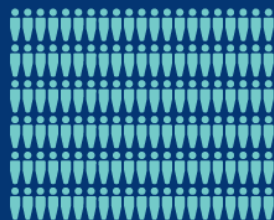


Many more people could be lifted out of poverty with increased social protection



2020

PEOPLE IN THE REGION
LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY



126 million

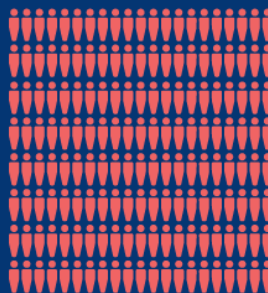
COUNTRIES ENDING POVERTY

- 1 Azerbaijan
- 2 Malaysia
- 3 Thailand



2025

PEOPLE IN THE REGION
LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY



167 million

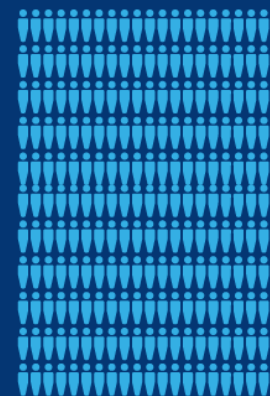
COUNTRIES ENDING POVERTY

- 1 China
- 2 Mongolia
- 3 Turkey



2030

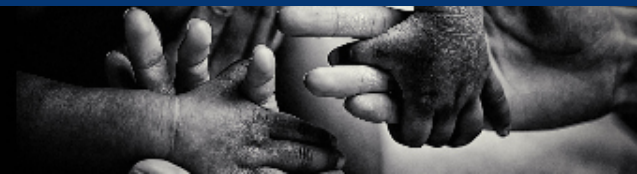
PEOPLE IN THE REGION
LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY



233 million

COUNTRIES ENDING POVERTY

- 1 Armenia
- 2 Fiji
- 3 Tajikistan
- 4 Viet Nam



ESCAP's three service lines aligned to support member States delivering on their social development ambitions



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