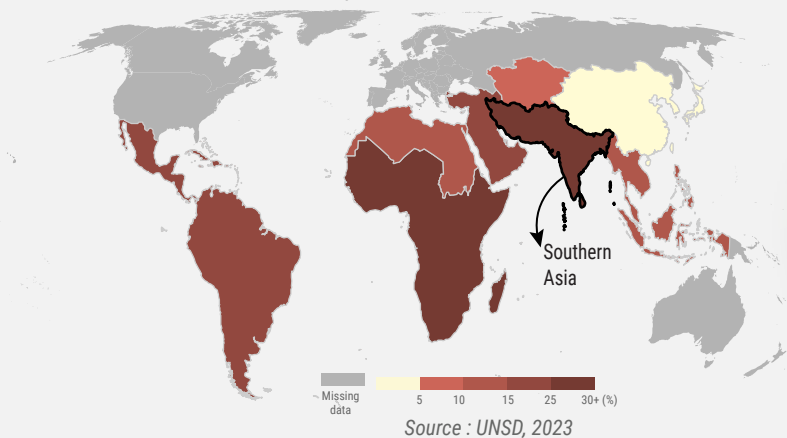




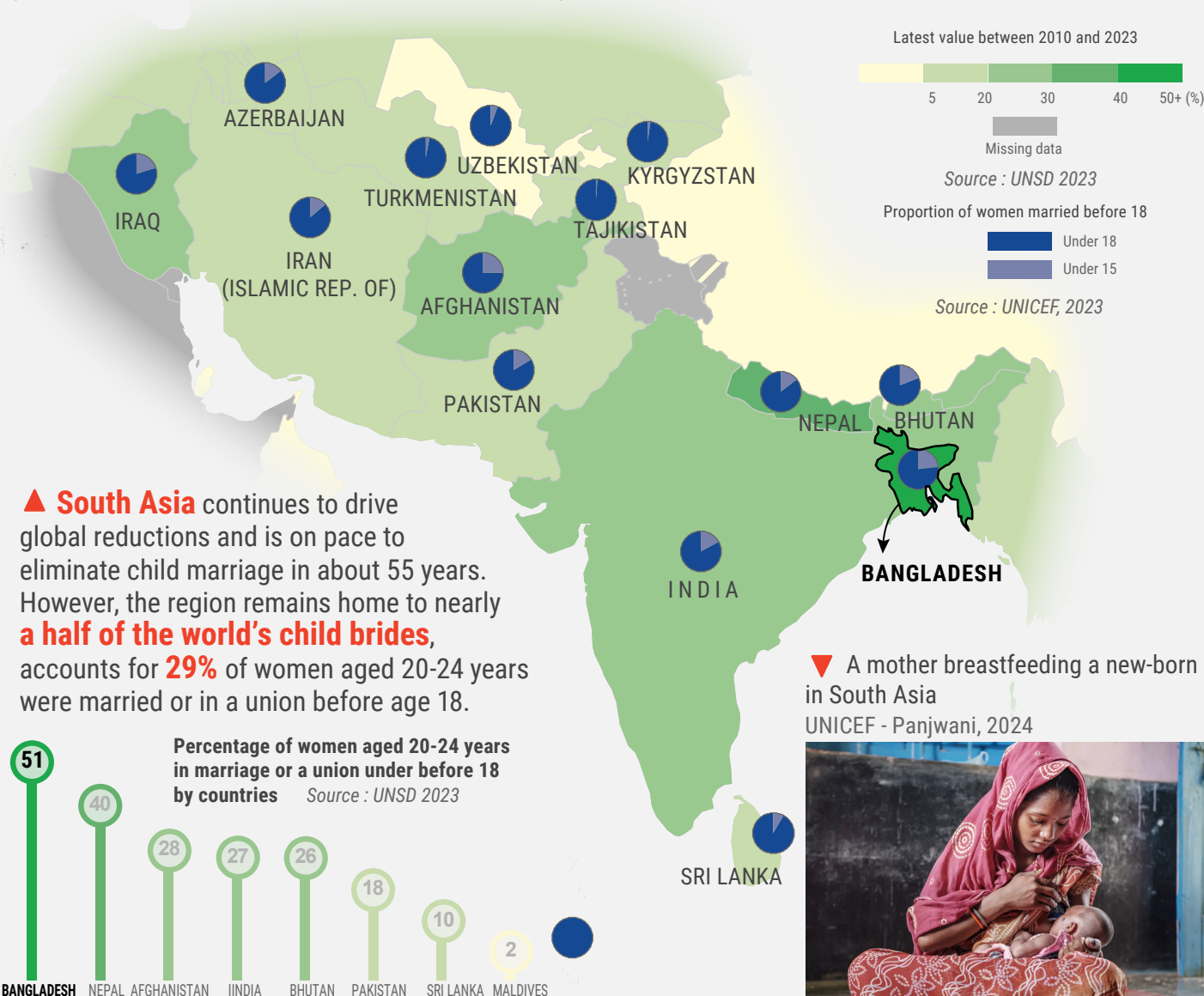
Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 18 (%)

Percentage of women aged 20-24 years in marriage or a union under before 18 by sub-regions



Percentage of women aged 20-24 years in marriage or a union under before 18 in Southern Asia



▲ Marriage before the age of 18 is a fundamental violation of Human Rights. Worldwide, an estimated **640million girls and women** alive today were married in childhood, or **12 million girls** per year.



Bangladesh is home to **38 million** child brides, of which **13 million** married before age 15



Child brides are somewhat more likely to reside in **rural areas** and to live in **poorer households**.



Married girls are over **4 times** more likely to be **out of school** than unmarried girls.



Nearly **50%** child brides gave birth before age 18, and **80%** gave birth before age 20

Source : UNICEF, 2023

▲ **South Asia** continues to drive global reductions and is on pace to eliminate child marriage in about 55 years. However, the region remains home to nearly **a half of the world's child brides**, accounts for **29%** of women aged 20-24 years were married or in a union before age 18.

▼ A mother breastfeeding a new-born in South Asia
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