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Financing the UN Development System

Joint Responsibilities in a World of Disarray

Report Structure: Data + Experts' insights

PART ONE

United Nations resource flows



PART TWO

Financial flows, humanitarian funding and COVID-19



PART THREE A

Quality of UN funding



PART THREE B

Partnerships, leveraging and scaling up

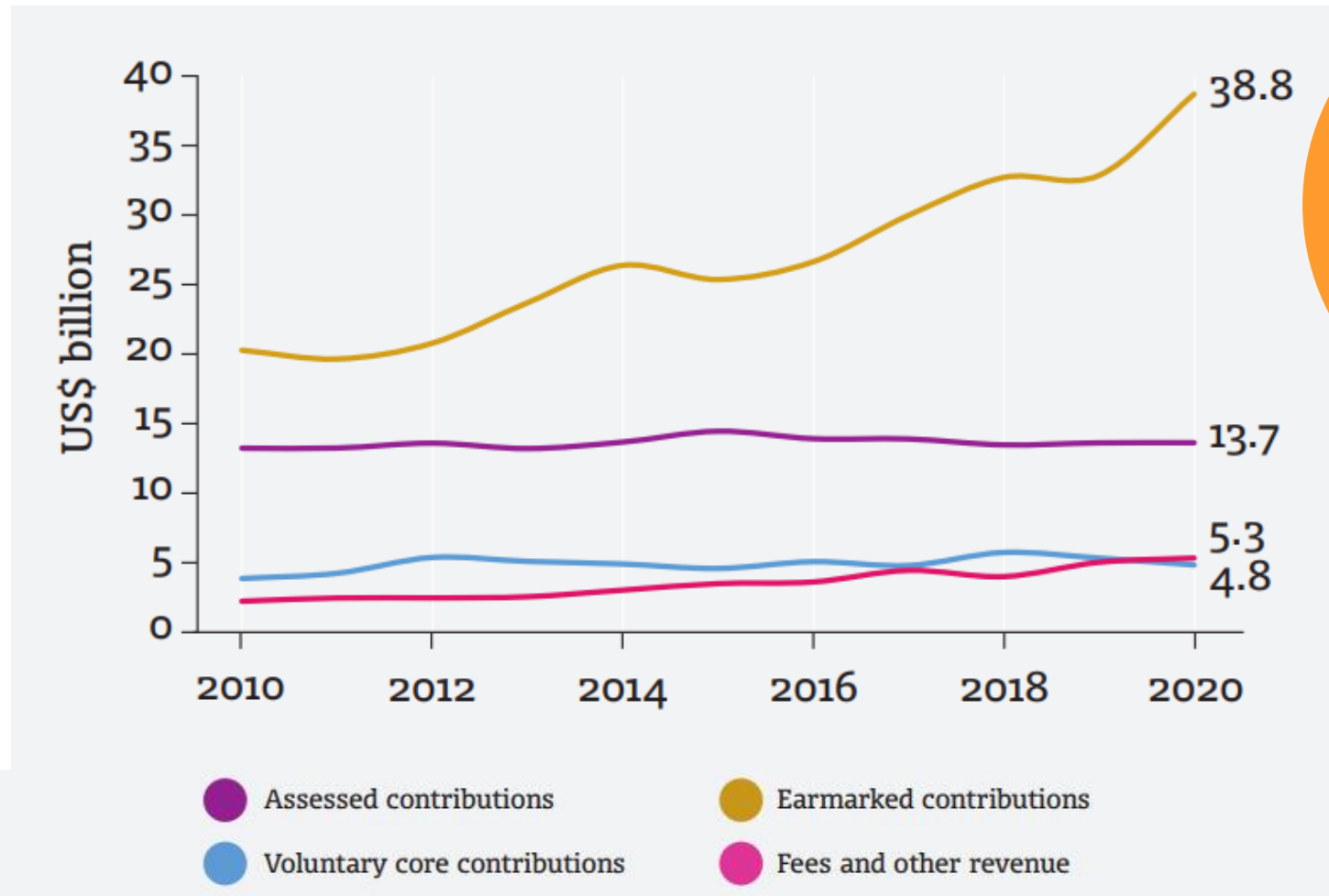




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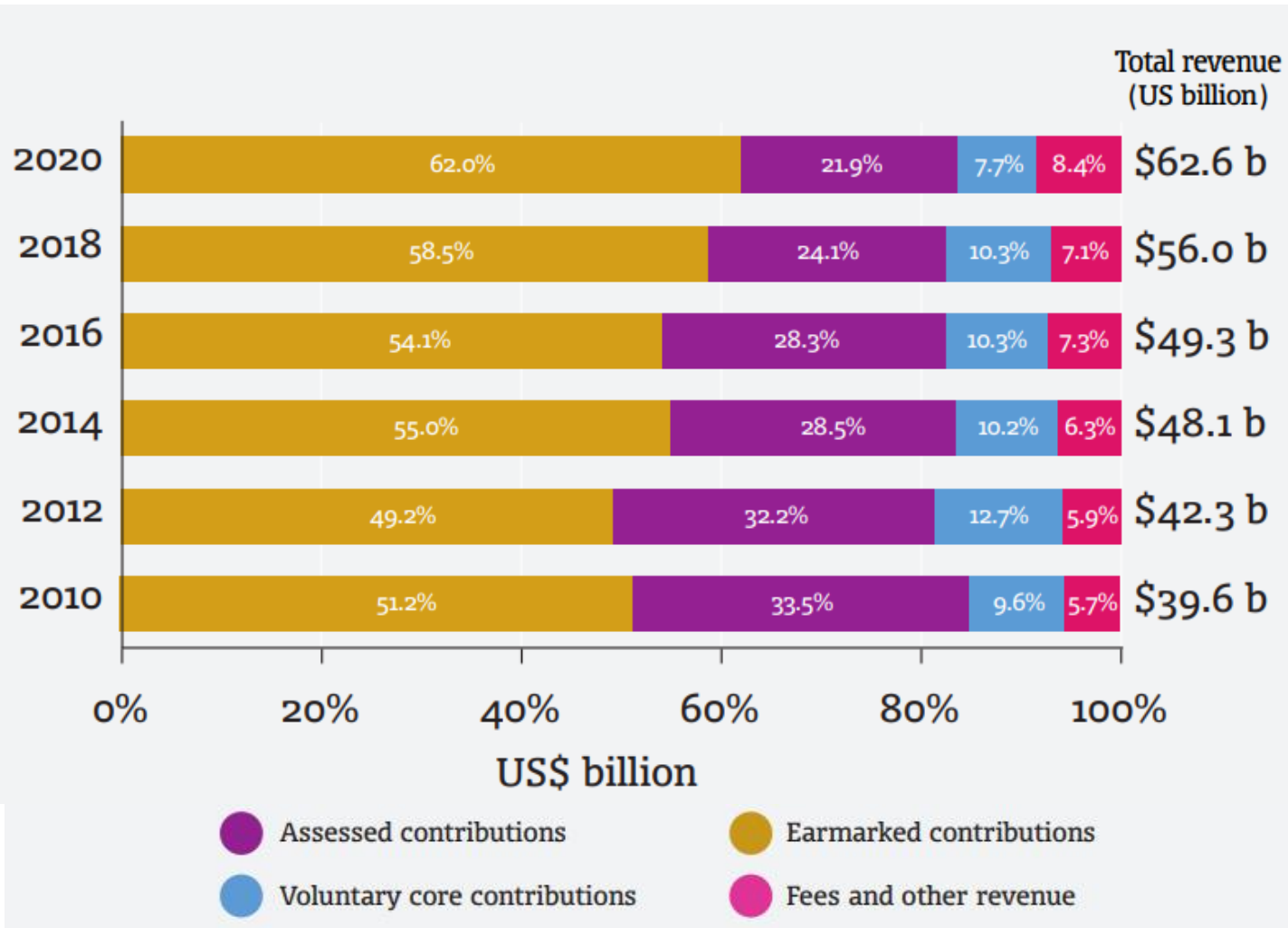
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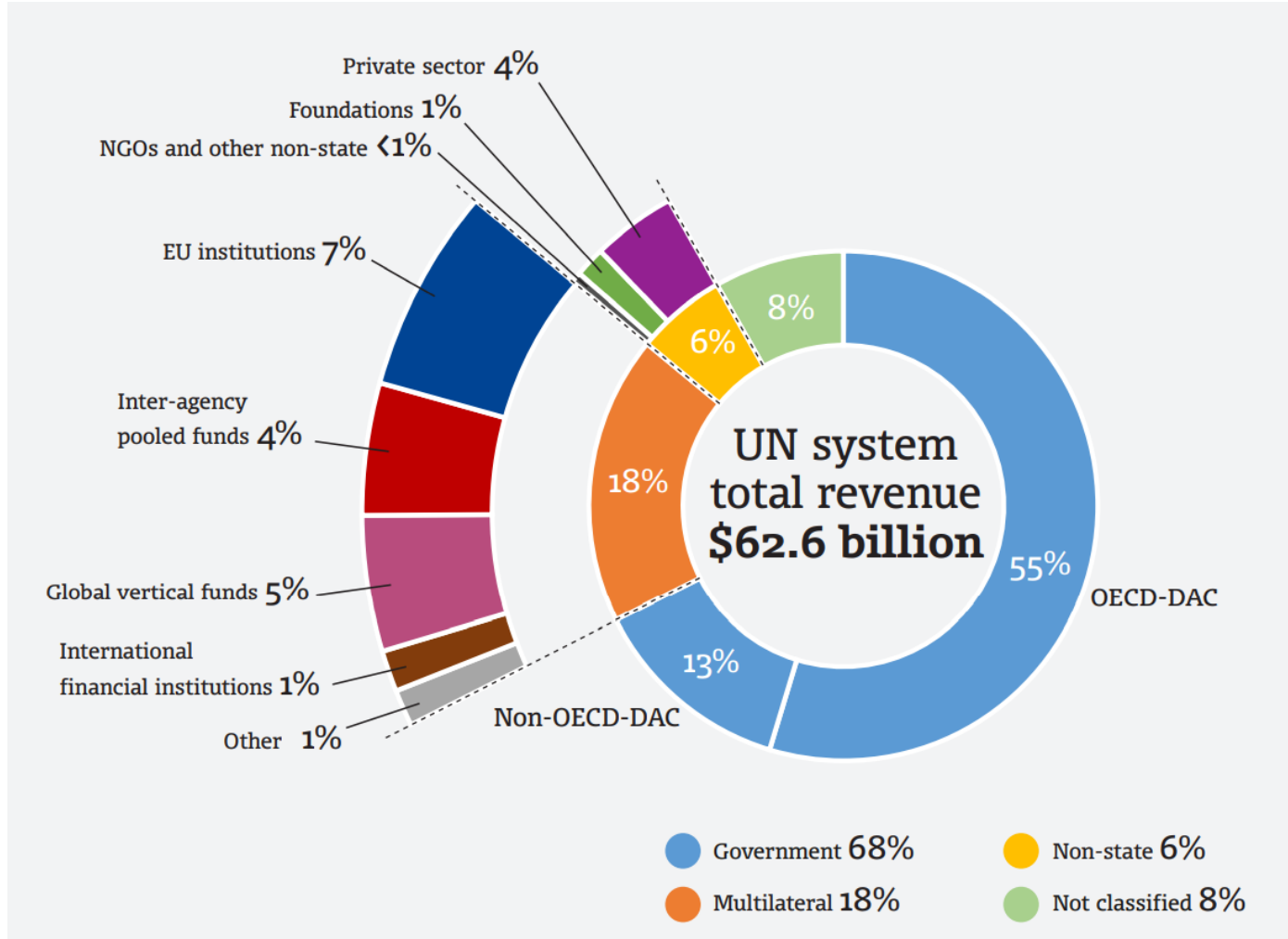
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Funding sources of the UN system, 2020

Around 85% of UN funding comes from Member States (68% directly); 6% from non-state actors

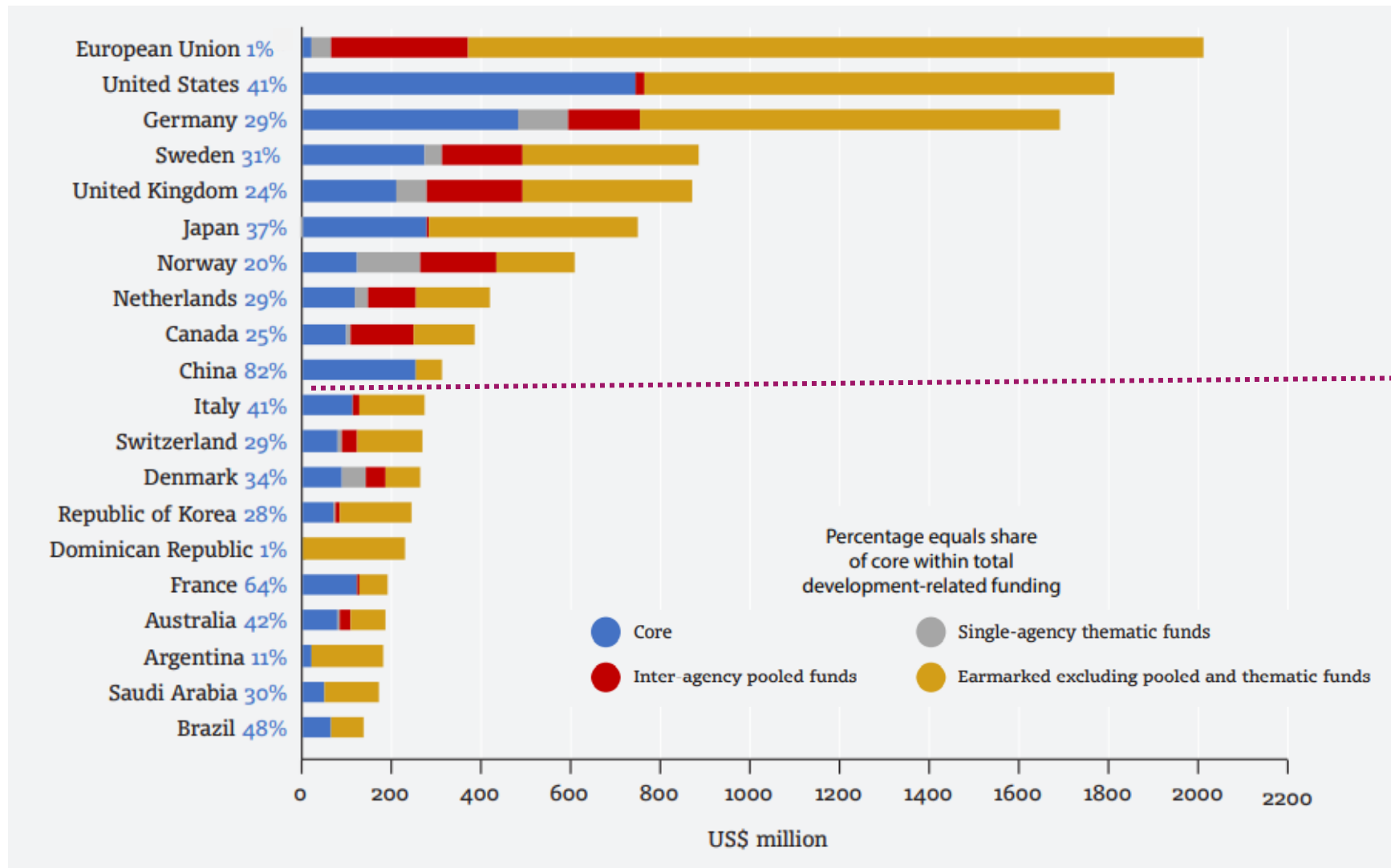
Funding sources



Development assistance funding mix top 20 contributors to the UNDS, 2020

Funding Compact indicators 2020 (2023 targets): pooled funds 11.7%, (10%), thematic funds 5.9% (6%), core funding 27% (30%)

Development funding mix



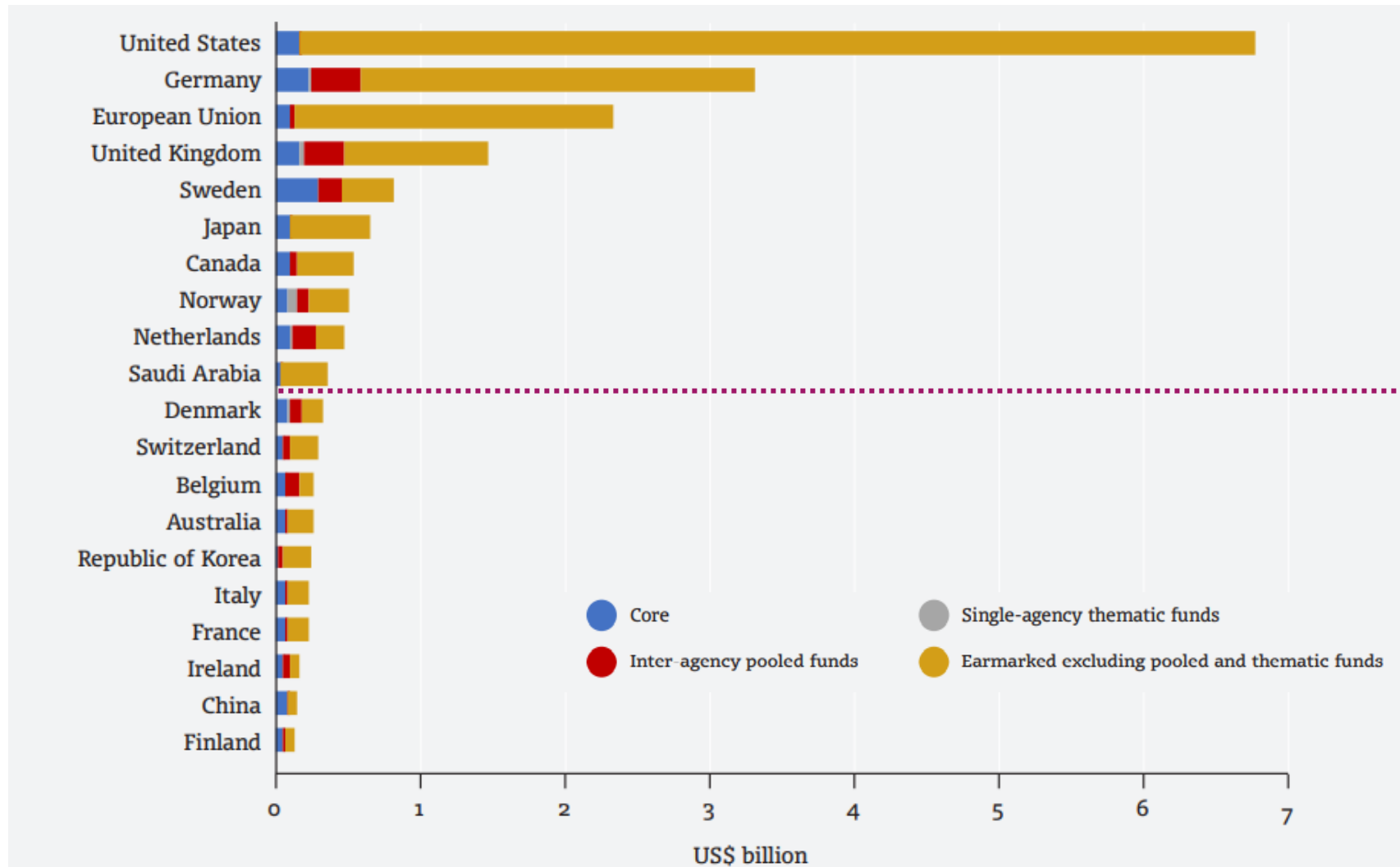
Top 10
55 %

Humanitarian assistance funding mix, top 20 contributors to the UNDS, 2020



Core funding is 11%, pooled and thematic funds 8%
Grand Bargain target of 30% for core and soft earmarking

Humanitarian funding mix



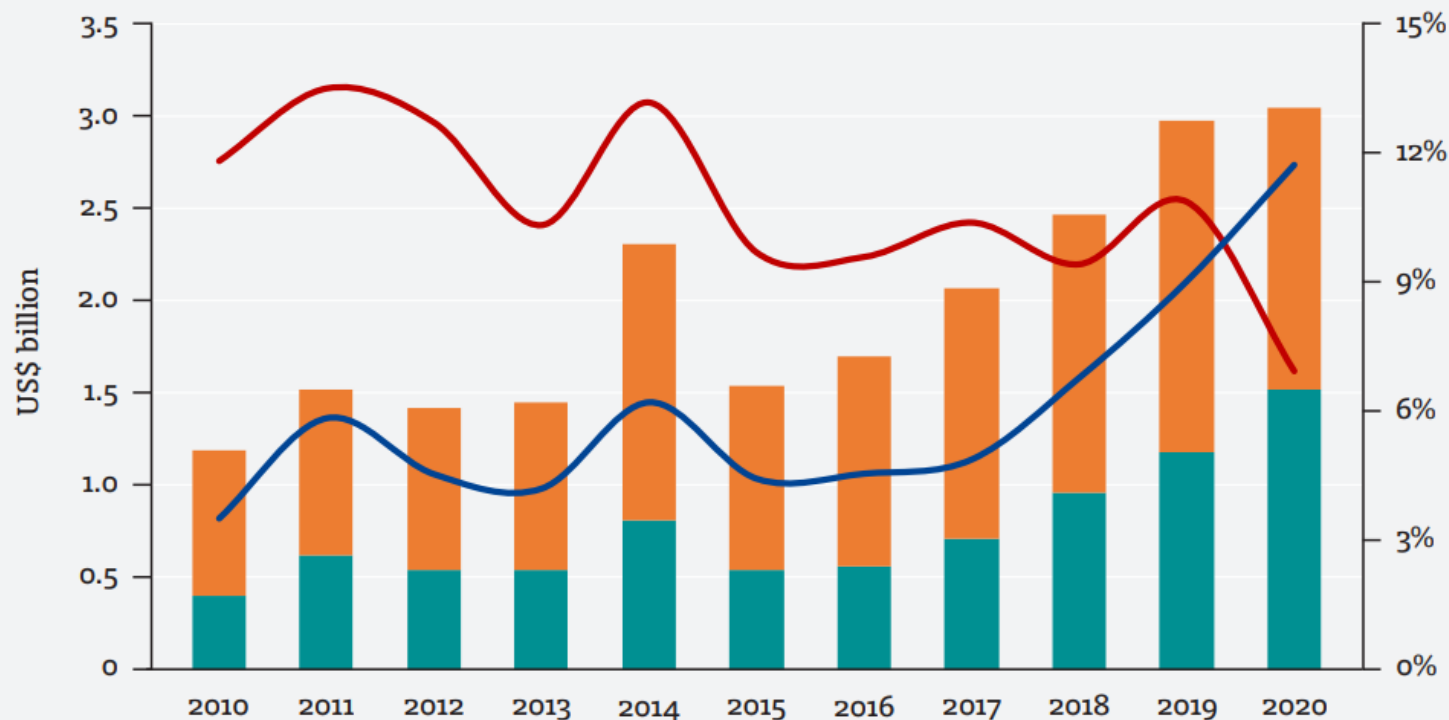
Top 10
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Deposits to UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2010–2020

Pooled
funding

Pooled funds grew to 11.7% of earmarked development funding
Inter-agency pooled funds surpassed US\$ 3 bn



● Development assistance ● Humanitarian assistance

— Pooled funds % of total earmarked – humanitarian assistance

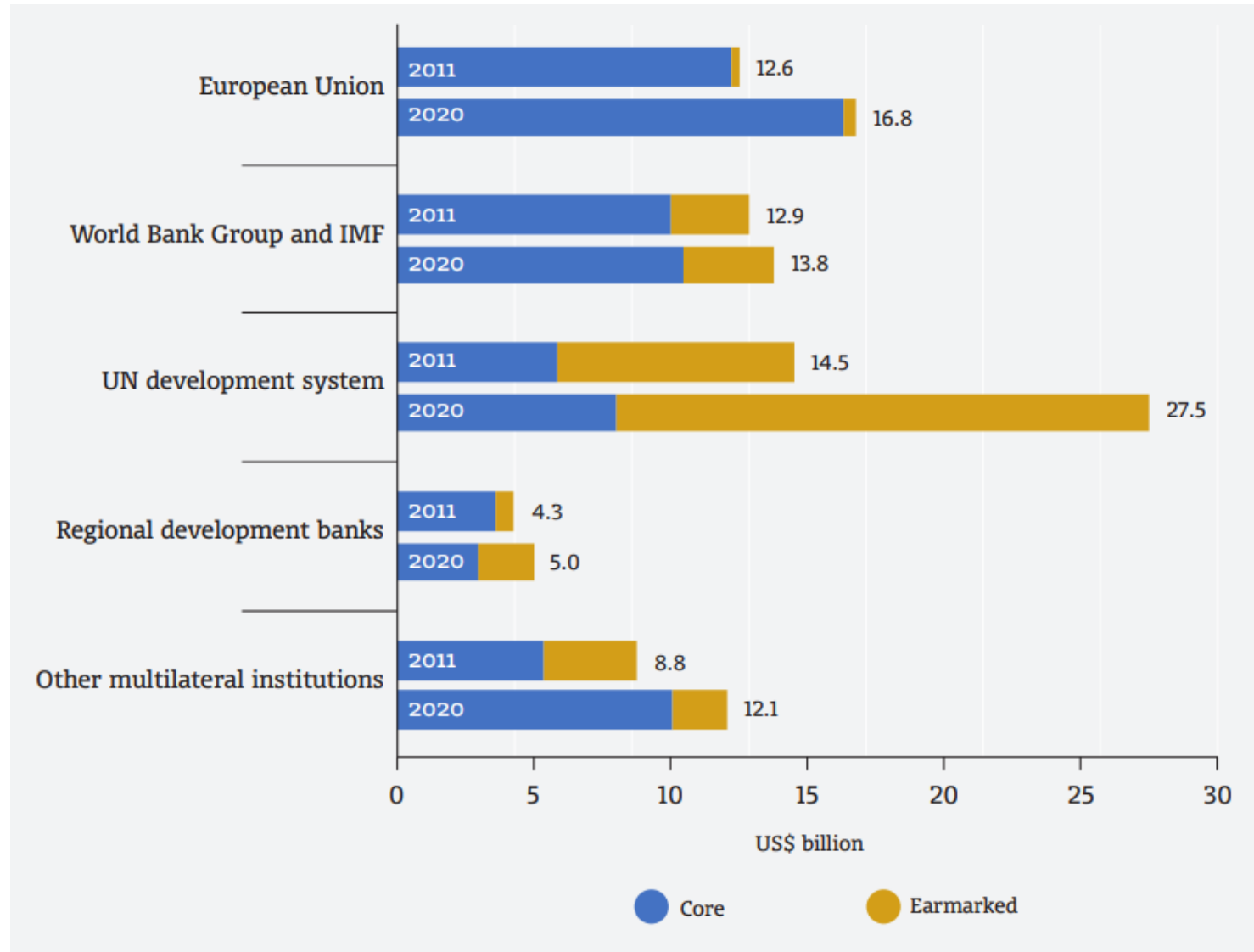
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Channels of ODA from OECD-DAC countries, 2011 and 2020

UNDS has the largest growth, mainly earmarked funding

Channels ODA



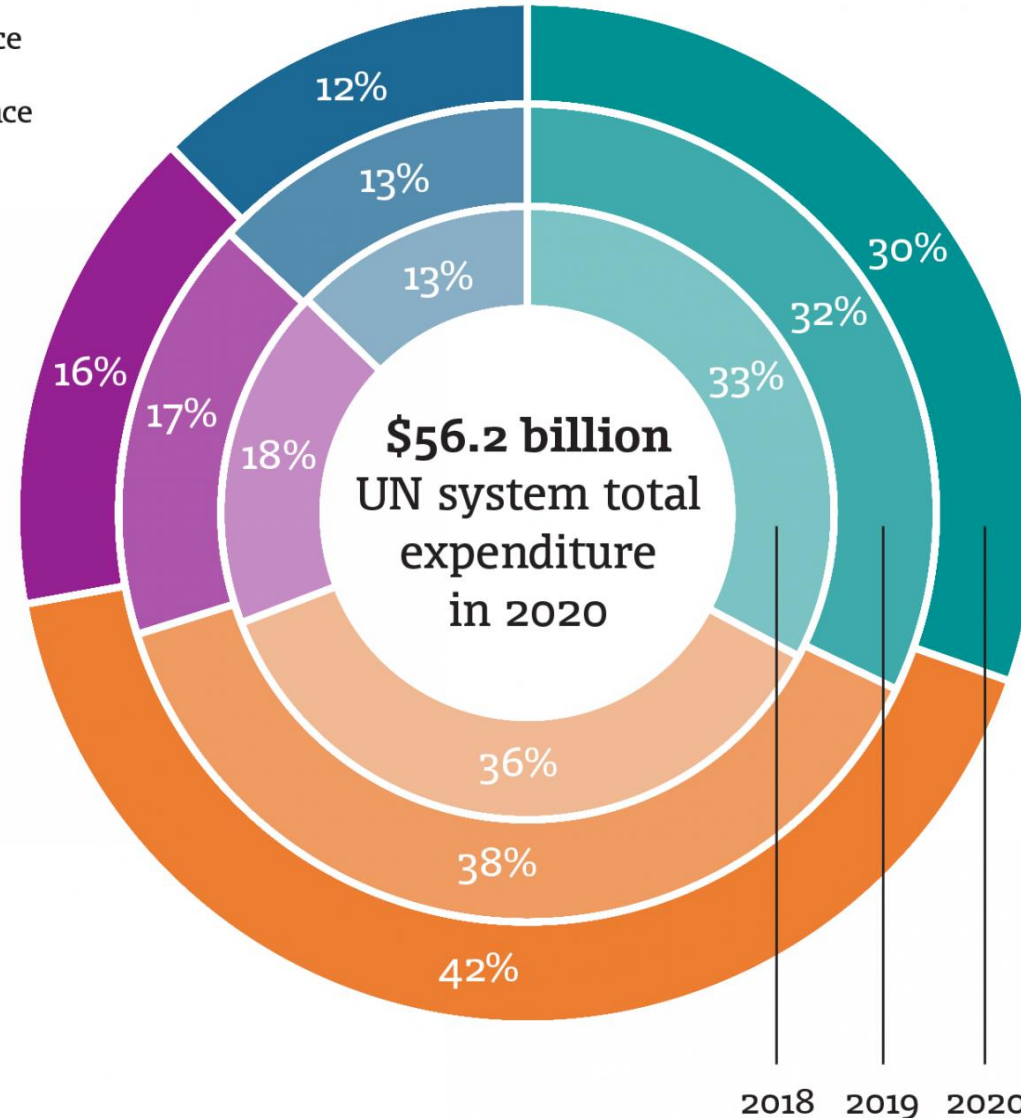


Expenditure of the UN system by function, 2018–2020

The share of humanitarian assistance has grown to 42% in 2020

How is the funding invested?

- Development assistance
- Humanitarian assistance
- Peace operations
- Global agenda and specialised assistance



56.2
\$US bn
(2020)

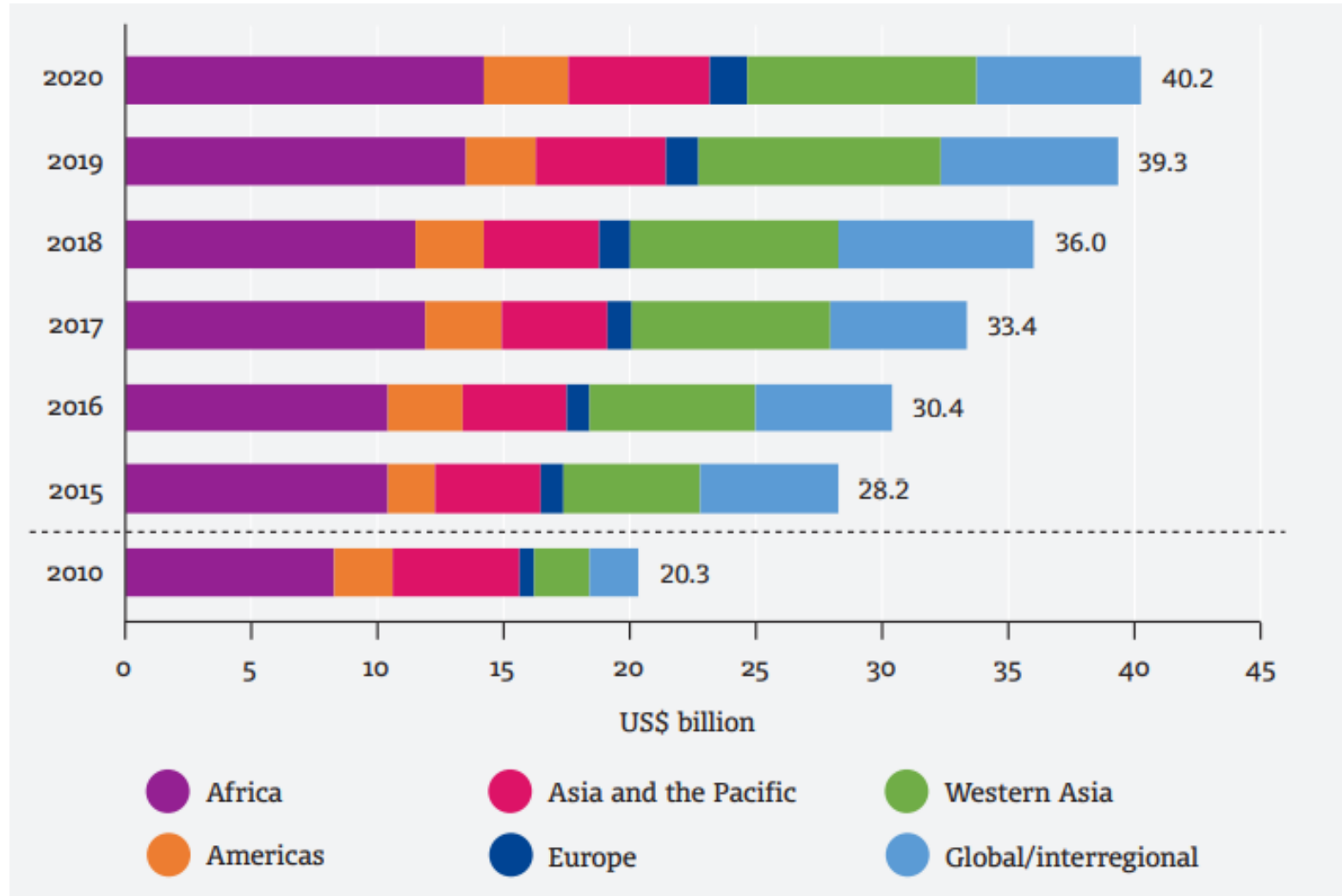
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Expenditure on UN operational activities by region, 2010-2020

Largest growth in Africa and Western Asia, connected to crisis-affected countries

Expenditures by region

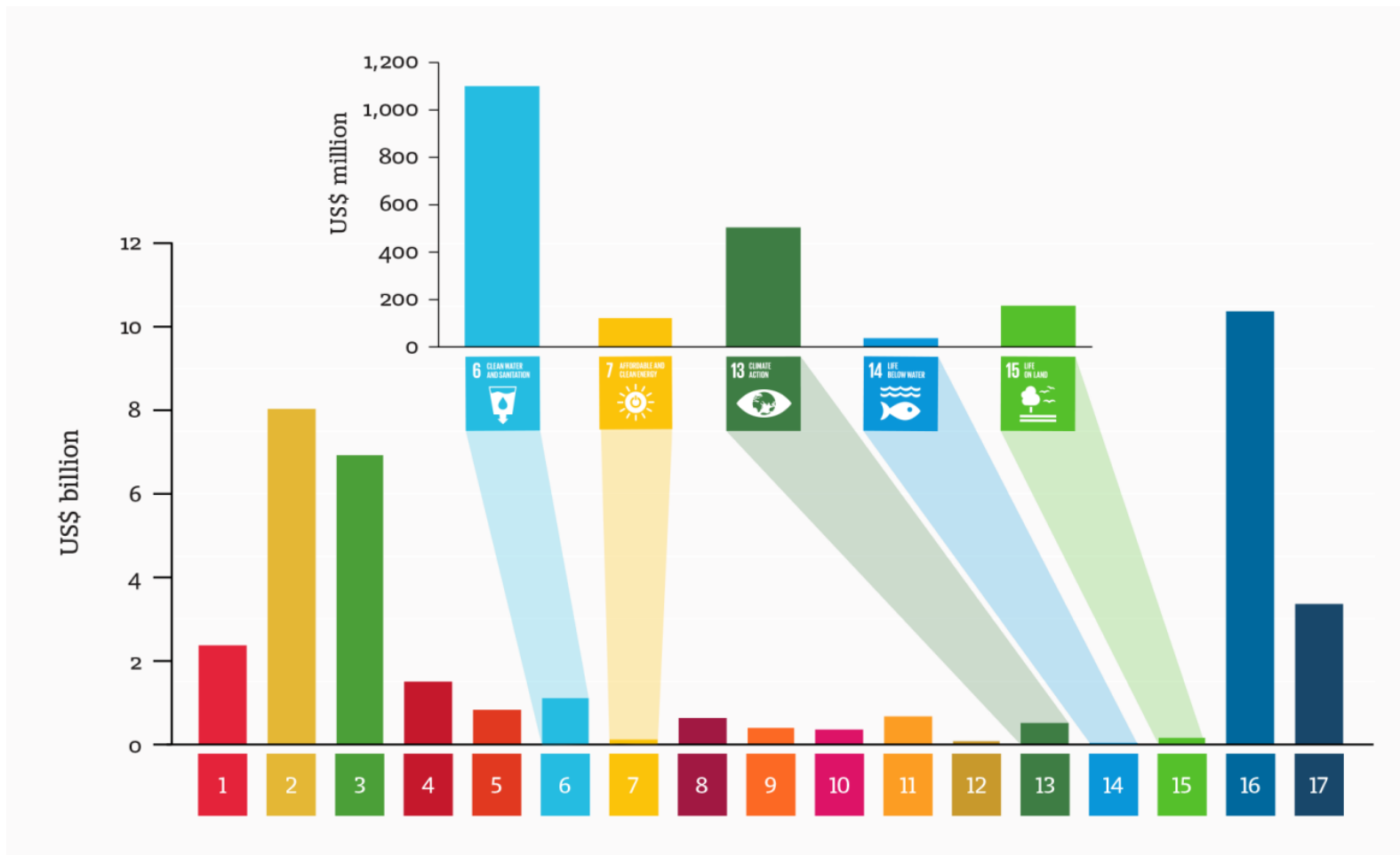




UN expenditure linked to the SDGs by 22 of 43 UN entities, 2020

67% of UN expenditure and around 73% of UN OAD
Complete reporting from 2022

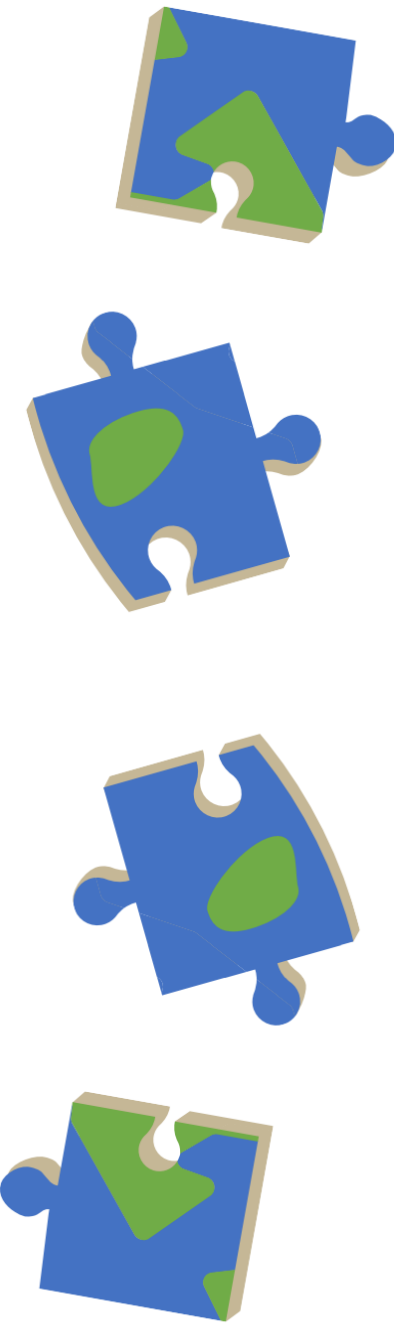
SDG linked
expenditure



Key takeaways

Joint Responsibilities in a World of Disarray

- Today's multiple global challenges – climate change, conflict, pandemics, economic pressures – demand more than ever a stepped-up effort in joint responsibility and quality financing.
- A resource-pressured environment makes the quality of UNDS funding critical. At best, there is a mixed picture of progress in the quality and flexibility funding targets adopted by UNGA. Achieving a better funding mix to meet global challenges will need sustained commitment and ambition.
- Sustainable financing of SDGs, supported through innovation, integrated financing and diversity of partnerships, continues to require more and better UN financial data tracked to SDG goals and outcomes – building a stronger evidence base of resources to SDG results.

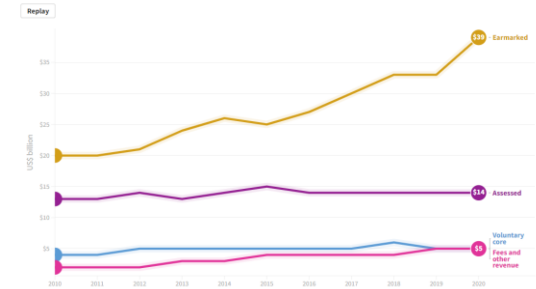


New interactive site

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with logos for the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the United Nations WFP Office. The main menu includes 'ABOUT US', 'UN FINANCING', 'MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS', 'OTHER RESOURCES', and 'THE LATEST'. The main banner features the title 'Financing the UN Development System' over a world map. A dark blue callout box contains the text: 'DID YOU KNOW? How is UN expenditure in crisis-affected countries? 20% of UN expenditure was allocated to 5 crisis-affected countries in 2020. LEARN MORE'.

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Data visualizations



Marketplace of ideas, since 2015

The screenshot displays the 'Marketplace of Ideas' section, which features several articles under the heading 'Climate Financing'. The articles include: 'Contribution from private, corporate, individual, and other sources', 'Time to stop paying nature's bill, and focus on reducing them', 'Strengthening weather and climate observations: A transitional global public good', and 'The Green Climate Fund's transformational approach to climate finance'. Each article has a brief summary and a 'LEARN MORE' link.

Download of figures and tables

The screenshot shows the 'Figures and Tables' section, which provides a list of downloadable data. The items listed are: 'FIGURE 1: Funding of the total UN system by financing instrument, 2020 (USD billion)', 'FIGURE 4: Contributions to select UN entities, 2015-2021 (USD billion)', and 'FIGURE 5: Funding sources for the UN system, 2020'. Each item includes a small thumbnail image and a 'LEARN MORE' link.

Access to other resources



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