



Highlights from the World Observatory

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Government Finance and Investment

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What does the World Observatory offer?



Database

Income Group	Country
High income	Europe
	Austria
	Belgium
	Germany
	Spain
	Switzerland
Asia Pacific	Australia
	Canada
North America	United States of America
	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Upper middle income	Europe
	Latin America
	Argentina
Lower middle income	Brazil
	Mexico
	South Africa
Africa	Malaysia
	Nigeria
Asia Pacific	India
	Nepal



Country Profiles

IRLAND

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2019	2020	2021	2022
20	19	19	19
100	100	100	100



Synthesis Report

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The WOFI has become truly global

Coverage of **135 countries** and **664 000 subnational governments** worldwide:



90% of world surface area

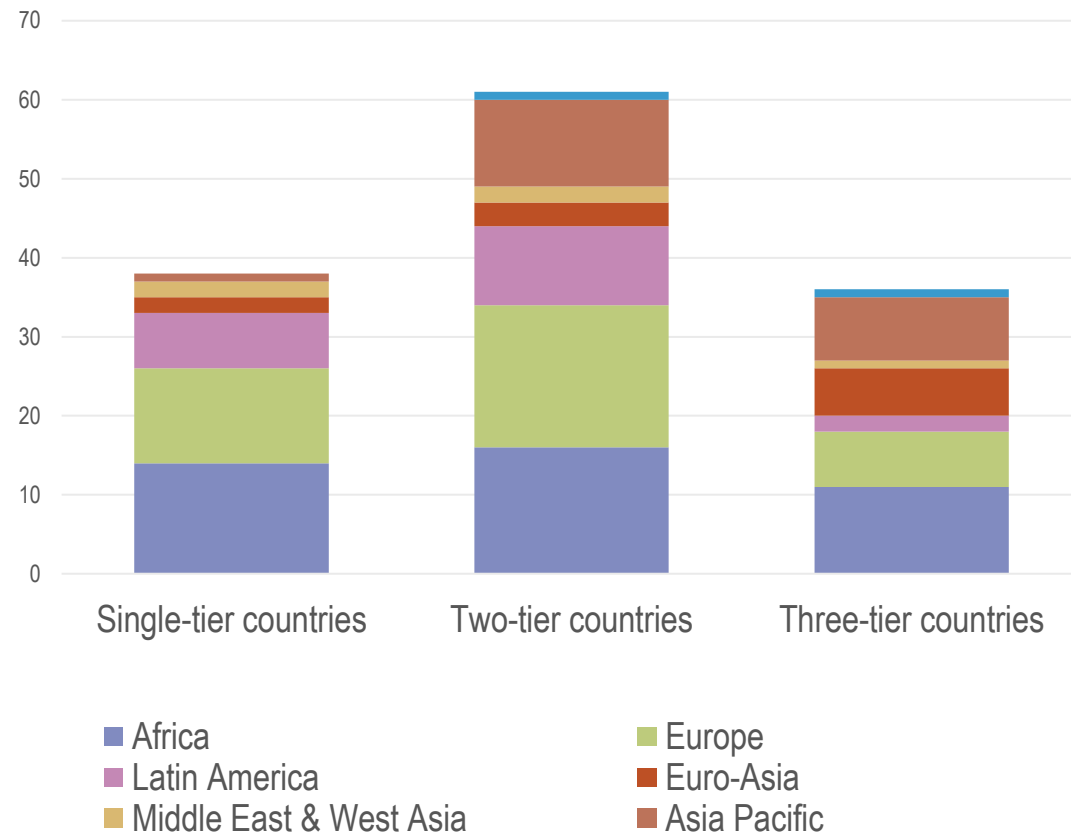


93% of world population



94% of global GDP

Subnational tiers of government by world region (2020)



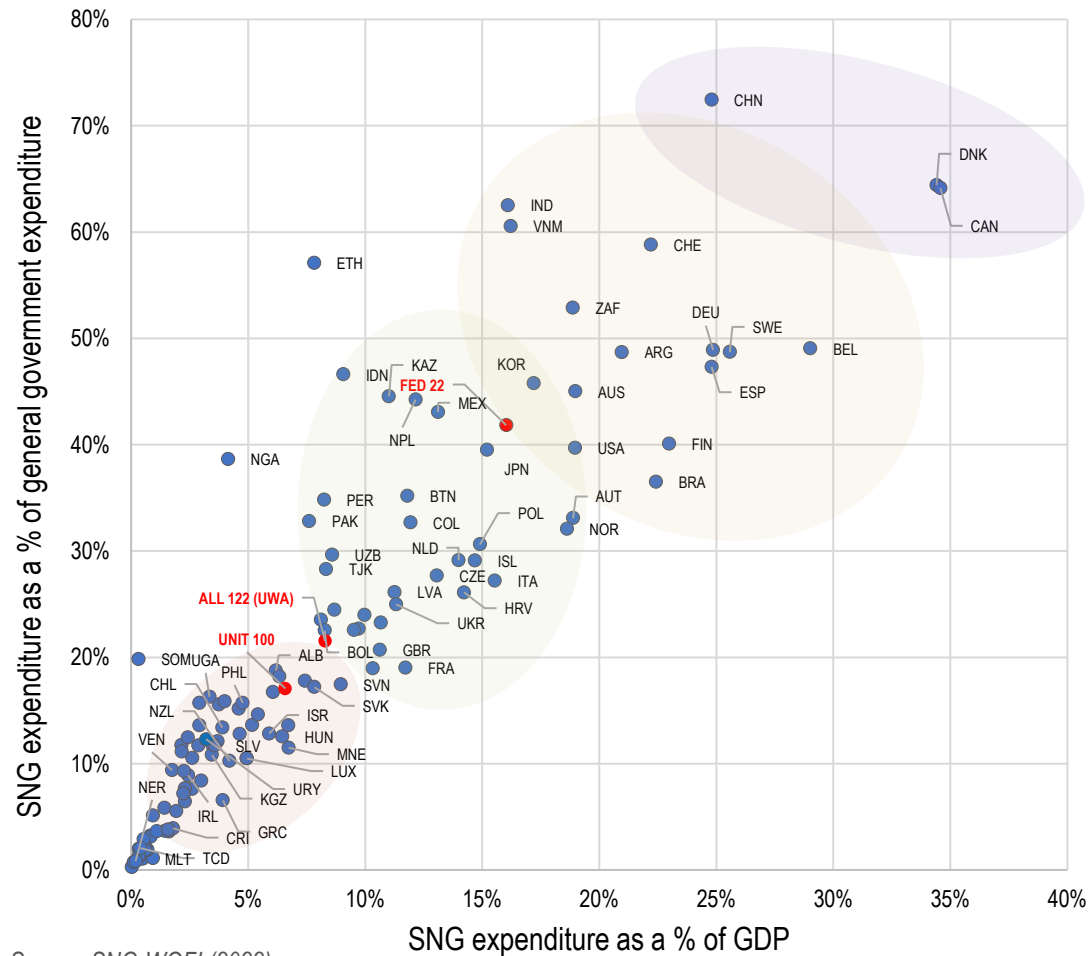
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SNGs account for a significant proportion of public spending...

...but with huge differences across countries

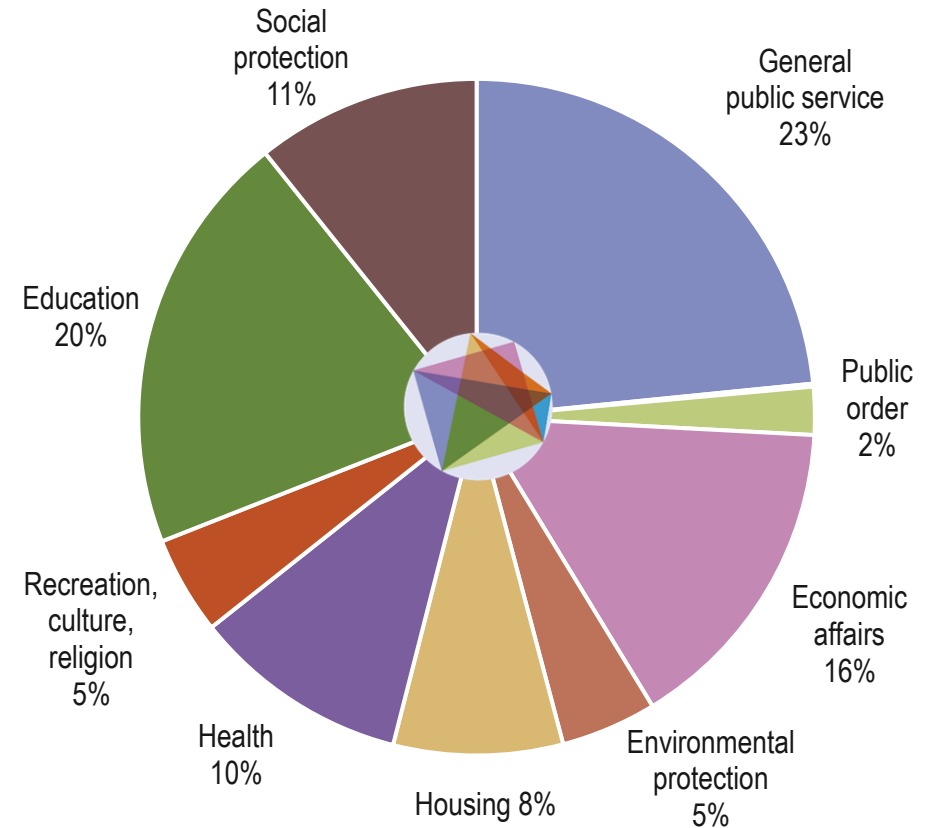
There is wide variation in levels of spending decentralisation



Source: SNG-WOFI (2022)

SNGs are responsible for critical services

Average subnational expenditure by function as a % of total subnational expenditure



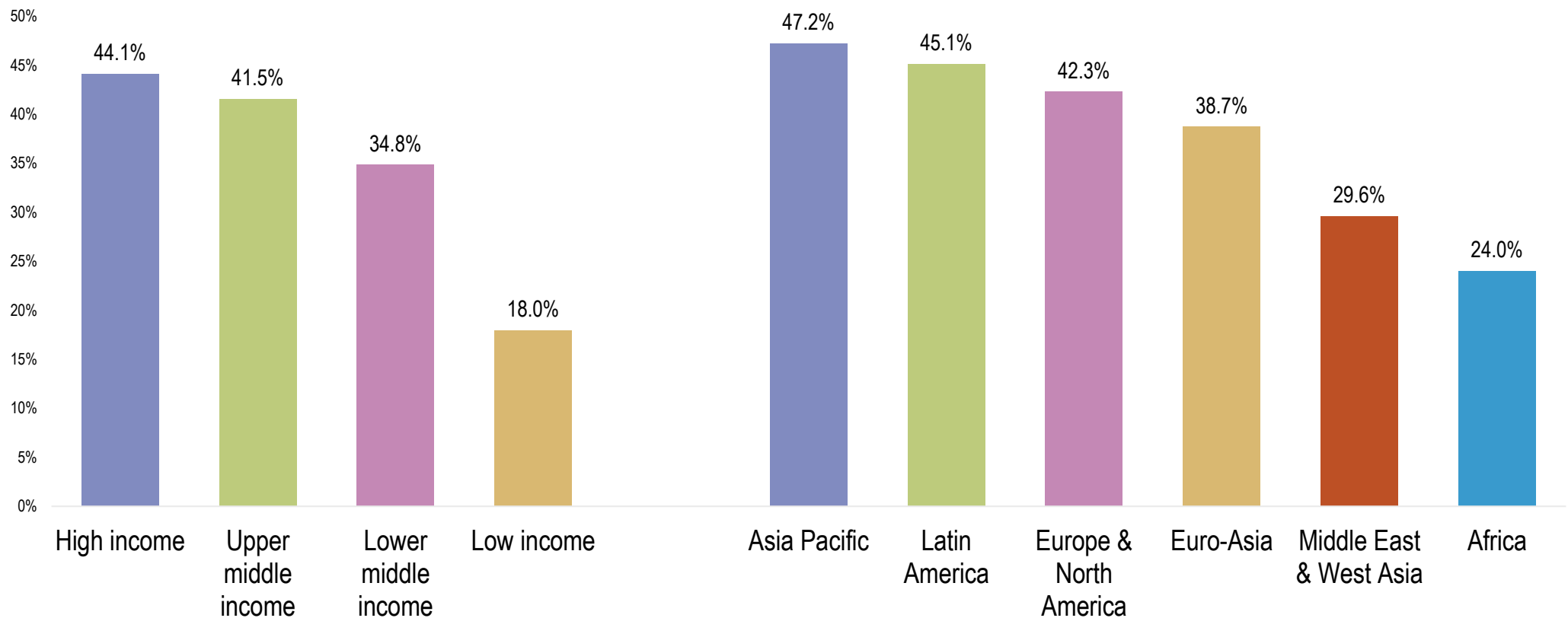
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Subnational governments provide critical investment...

...but there is scope for them to invest more in some regions

Subnational government investment as % of public investment by income groups and world regions (2020)

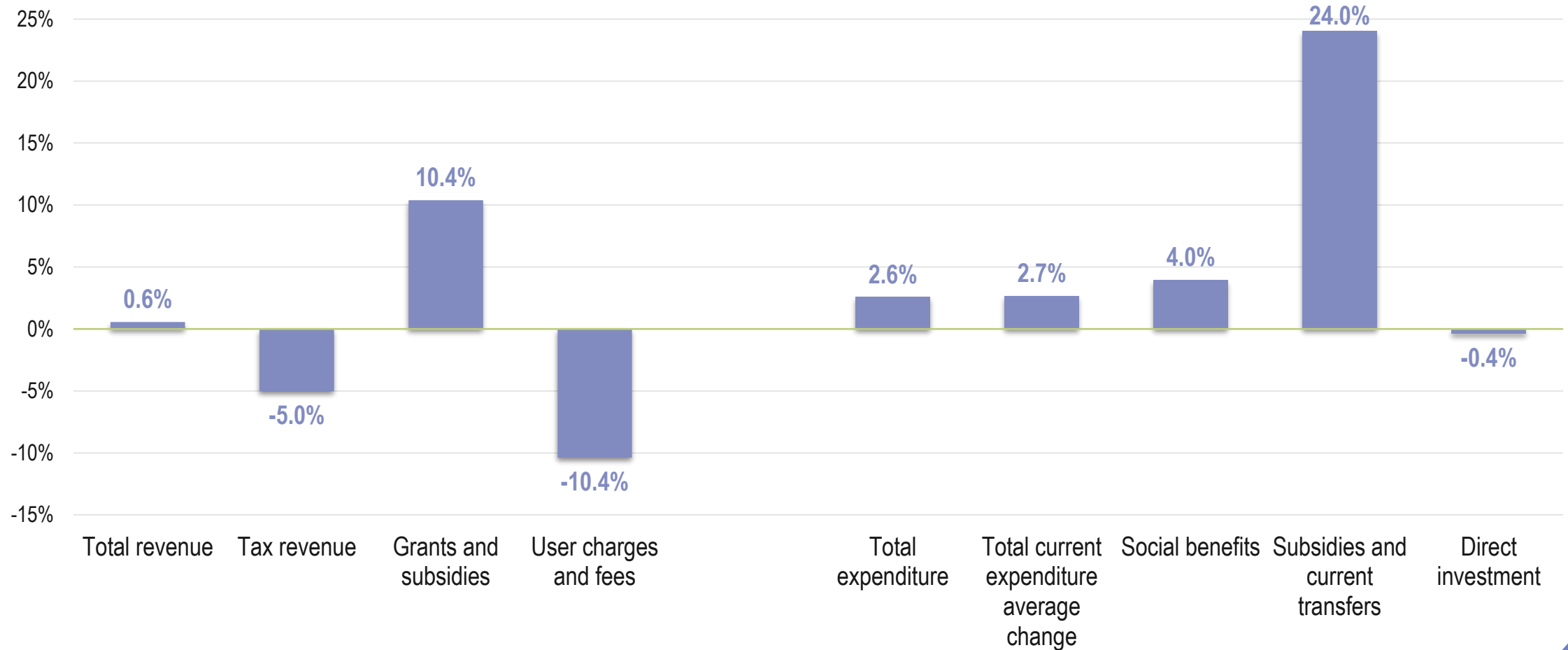


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COVID-19 has put additional pressure on subnational finances

Change between 2019-2020 in real terms (61 countries, unweighted average)

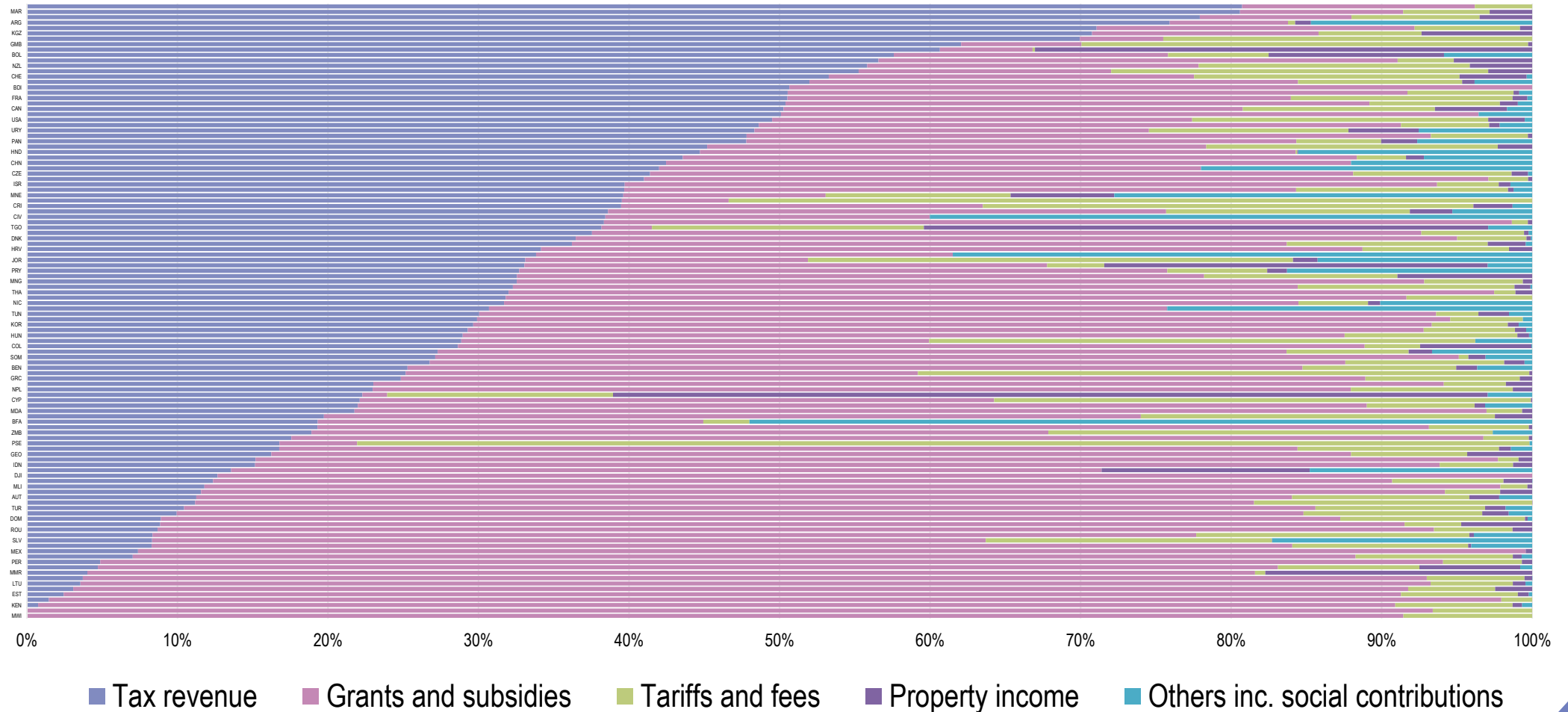


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There is a need to build more resilient subnational finances

Breakdown of subnational revenue sources (% subnational government revenue, 2020), 116 countries



Source: SNG-WOFI (2022)

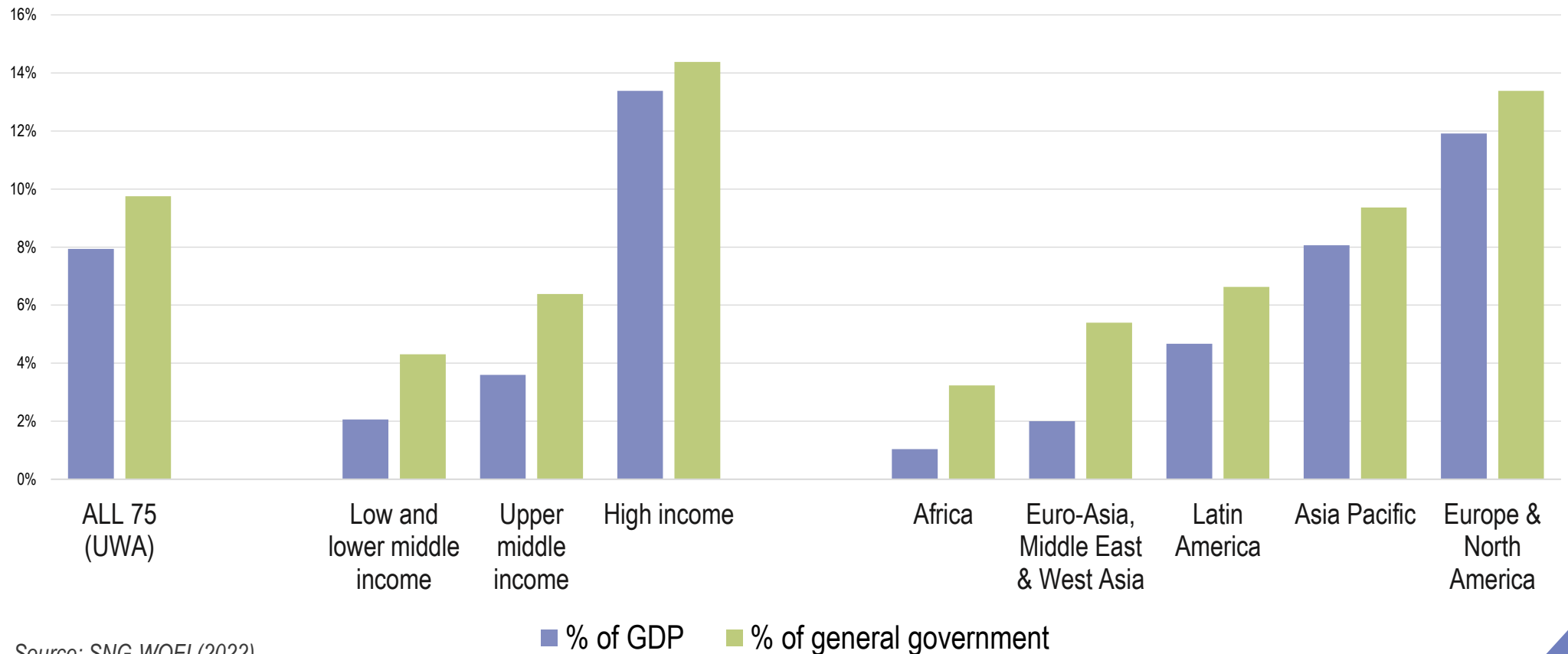


SNGs need greater fiscal flexibility to boost investment...

...alongside the right capacity, checks and balances

Subnational debt varies widely between countries, world regions and income groups

Subnational government debt by income country groups and world regions as % of GDP and general government debt (2020)



Source: SNG-WOFI (2022)



THANK YOU!



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