

Latest Trends & Key Issues in system-wide funding of the UNDS

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Funding versus Financing

FUNDING

Financial resources that *flow through* the UN

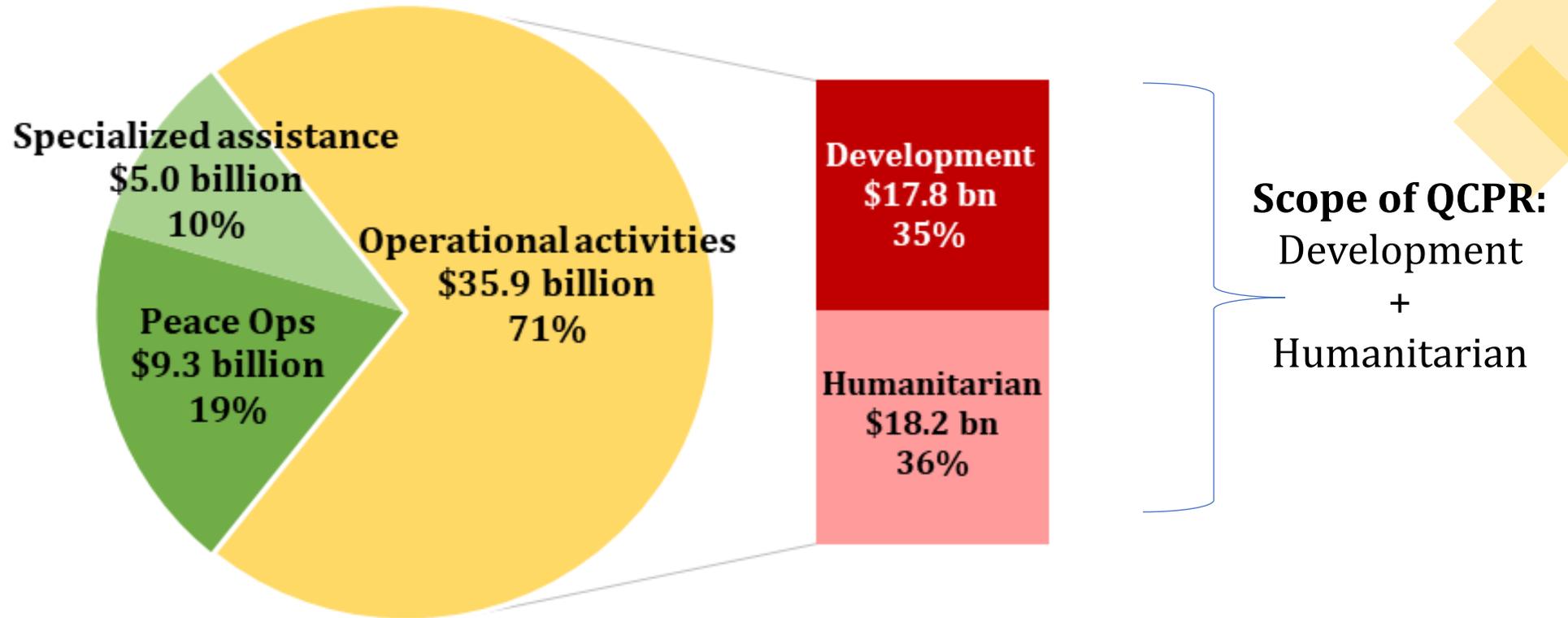
Funding strategy = *fundraising for a UN activity* that supports the SDGs

FINANCING

Financial resources that mostly *do NOT flow through* the UN

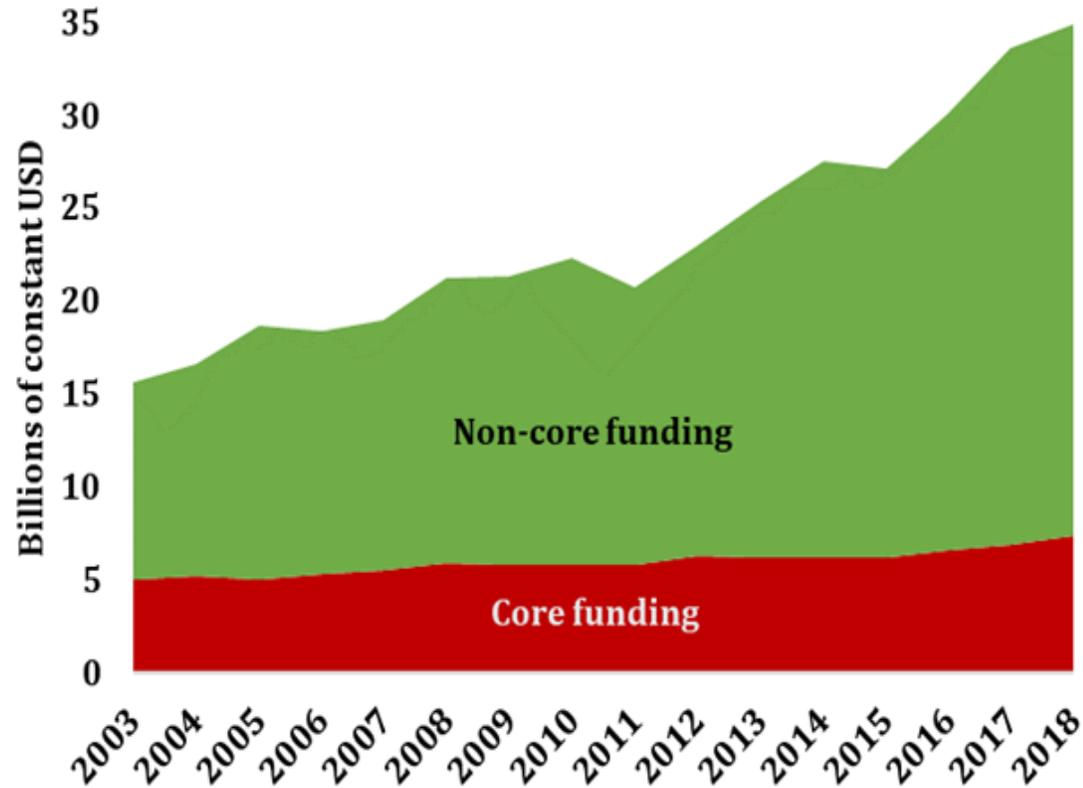
Financing strategy = *leveraging financial flows* in the direction of the SDGs/national development priorities

Funding of United Nations system-wide activities: 2018

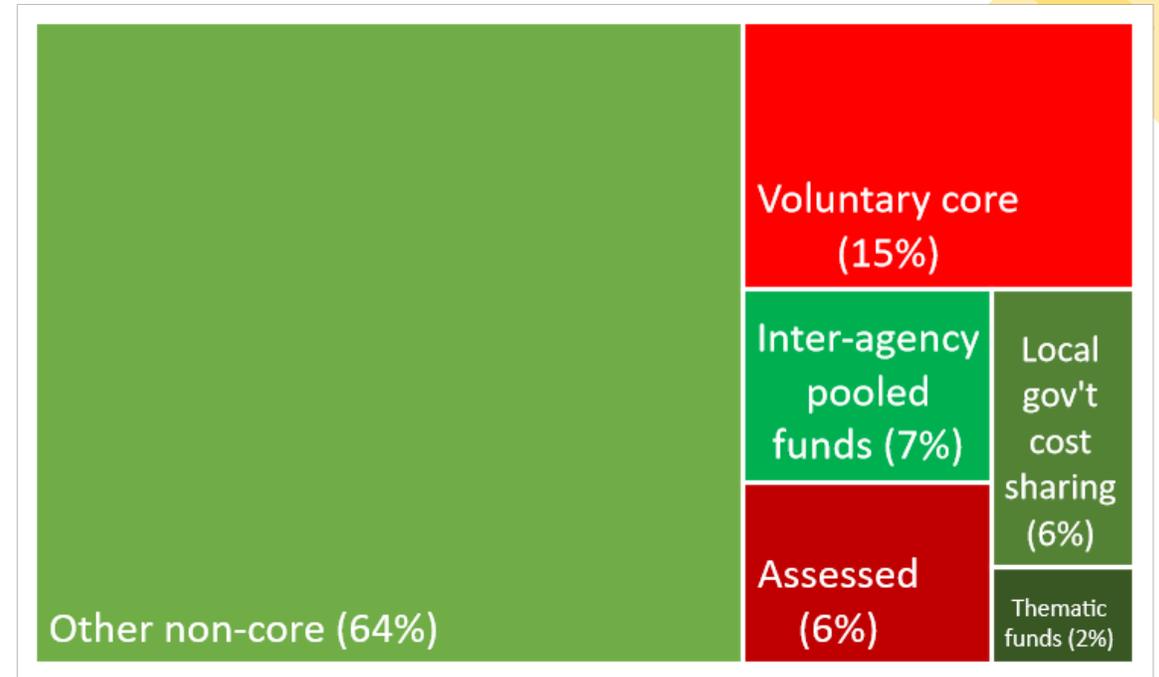


Core and non-core funding

Trend (2003-2018)

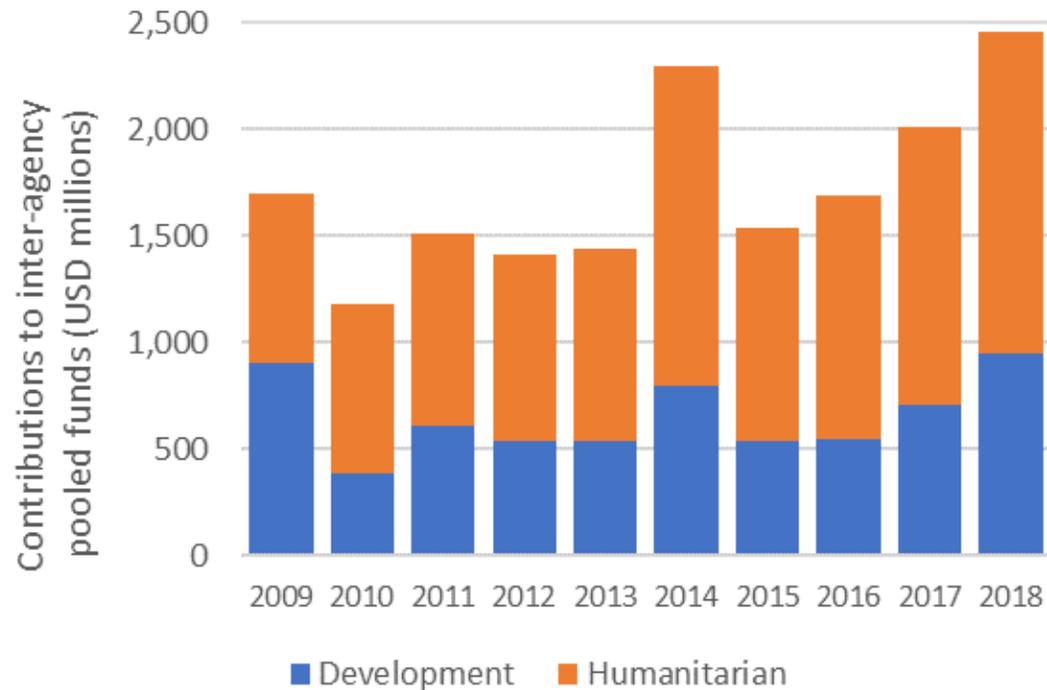


2018 (\$36.4 billion)

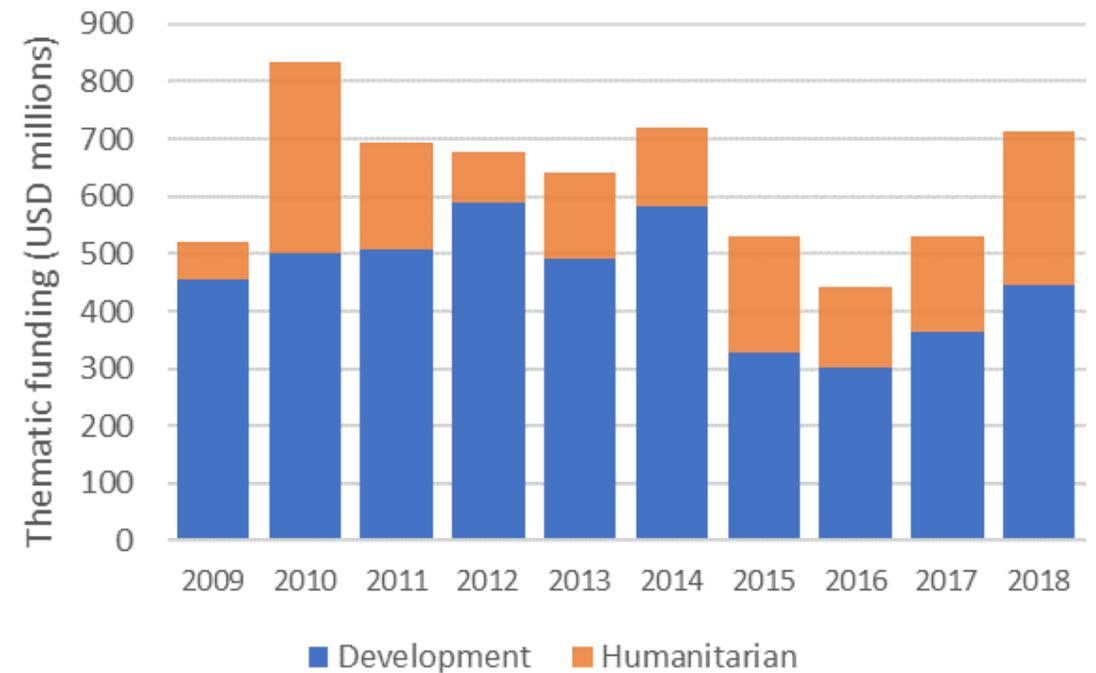


Quality of non-core funding: Pooled funds

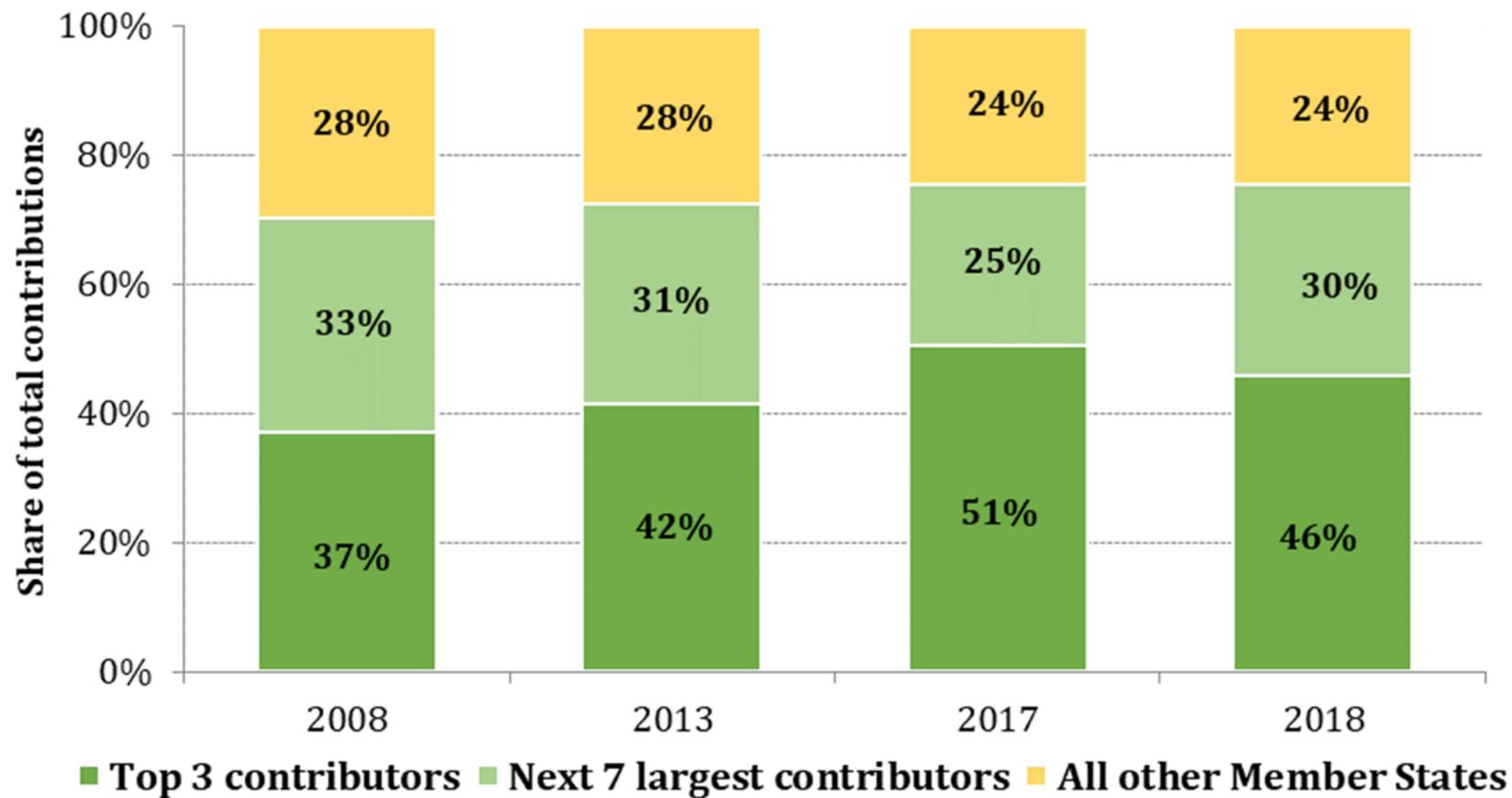
Inter-agency pooled funds



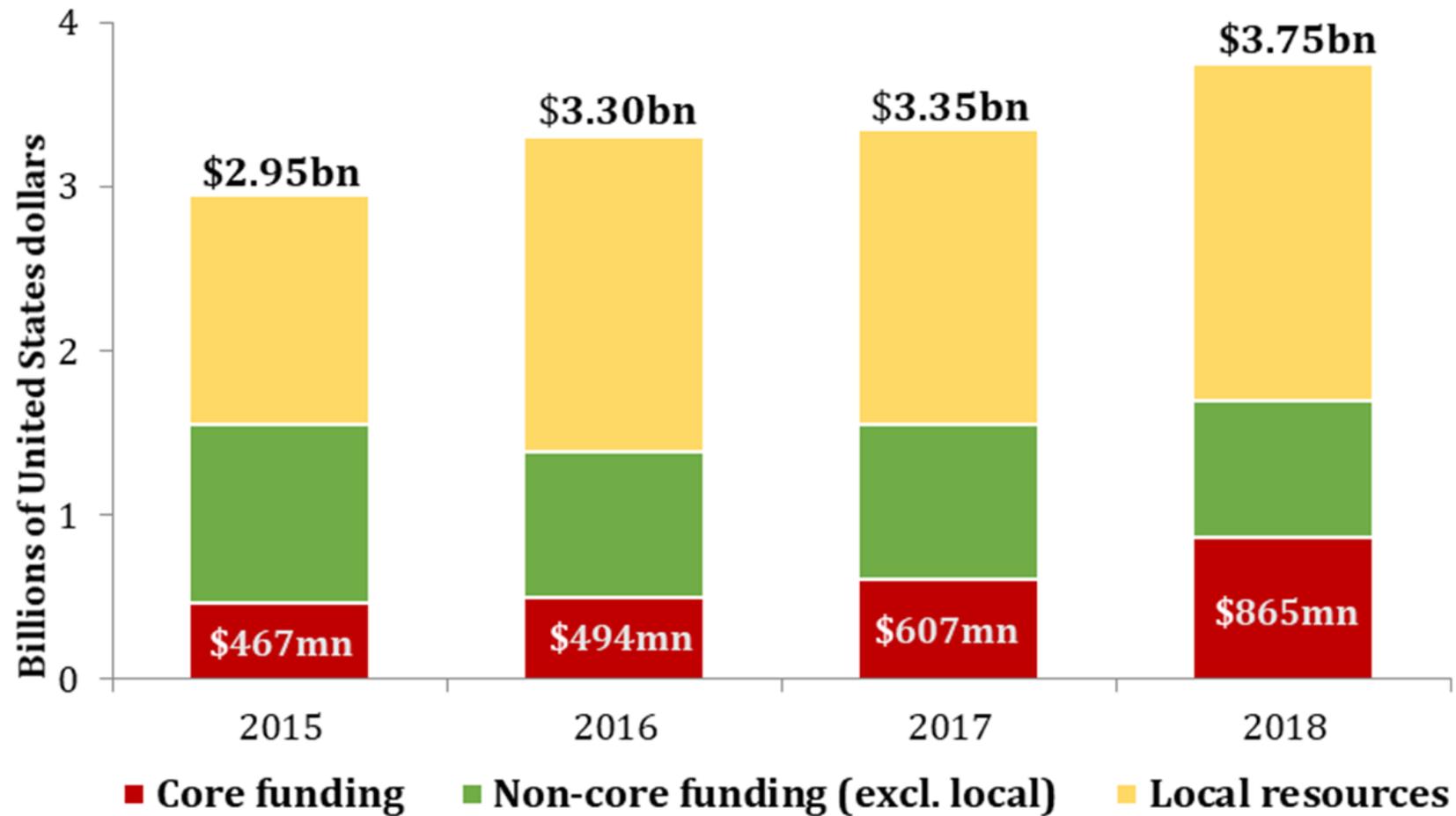
Thematic funds



Funding Base of the UNDS: Reliance on top contributors [2008-2018]

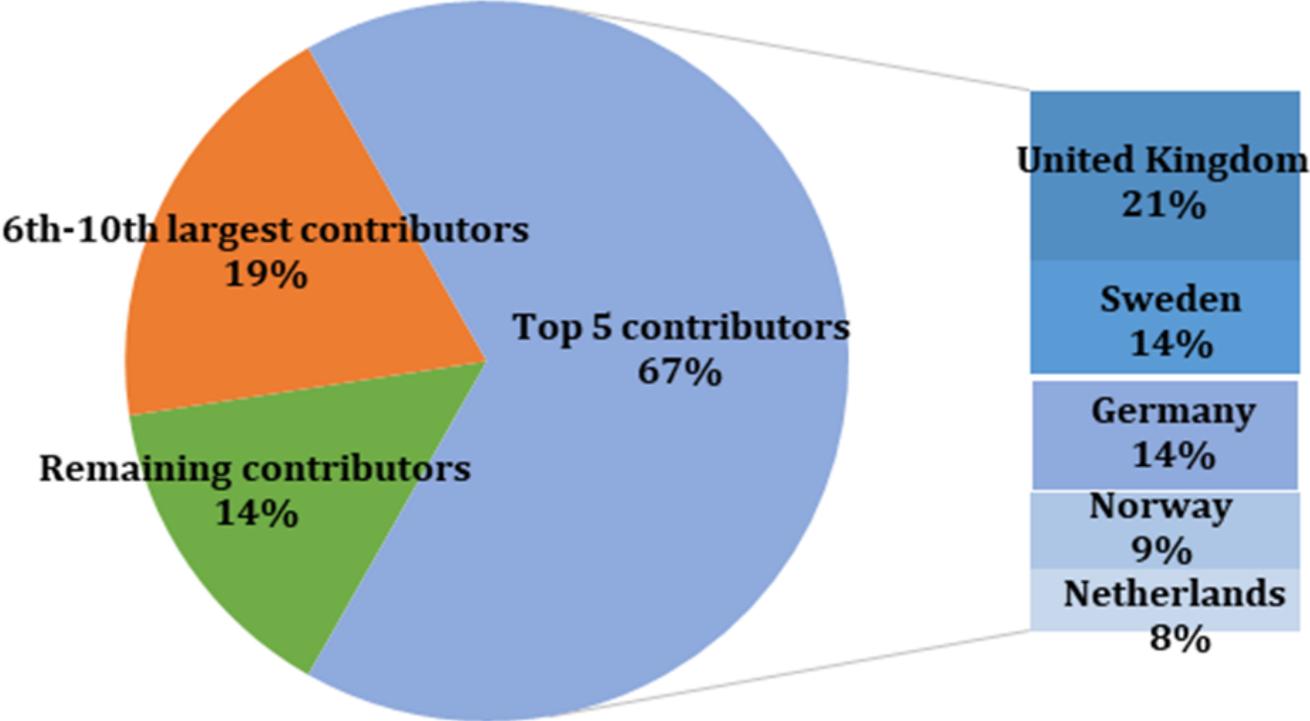


Funding Base of the UNDS: Funding from Programme Countries [2015-2018]



Funding base of inter-agency pooled funds: 2018

(\$2.5 billion)

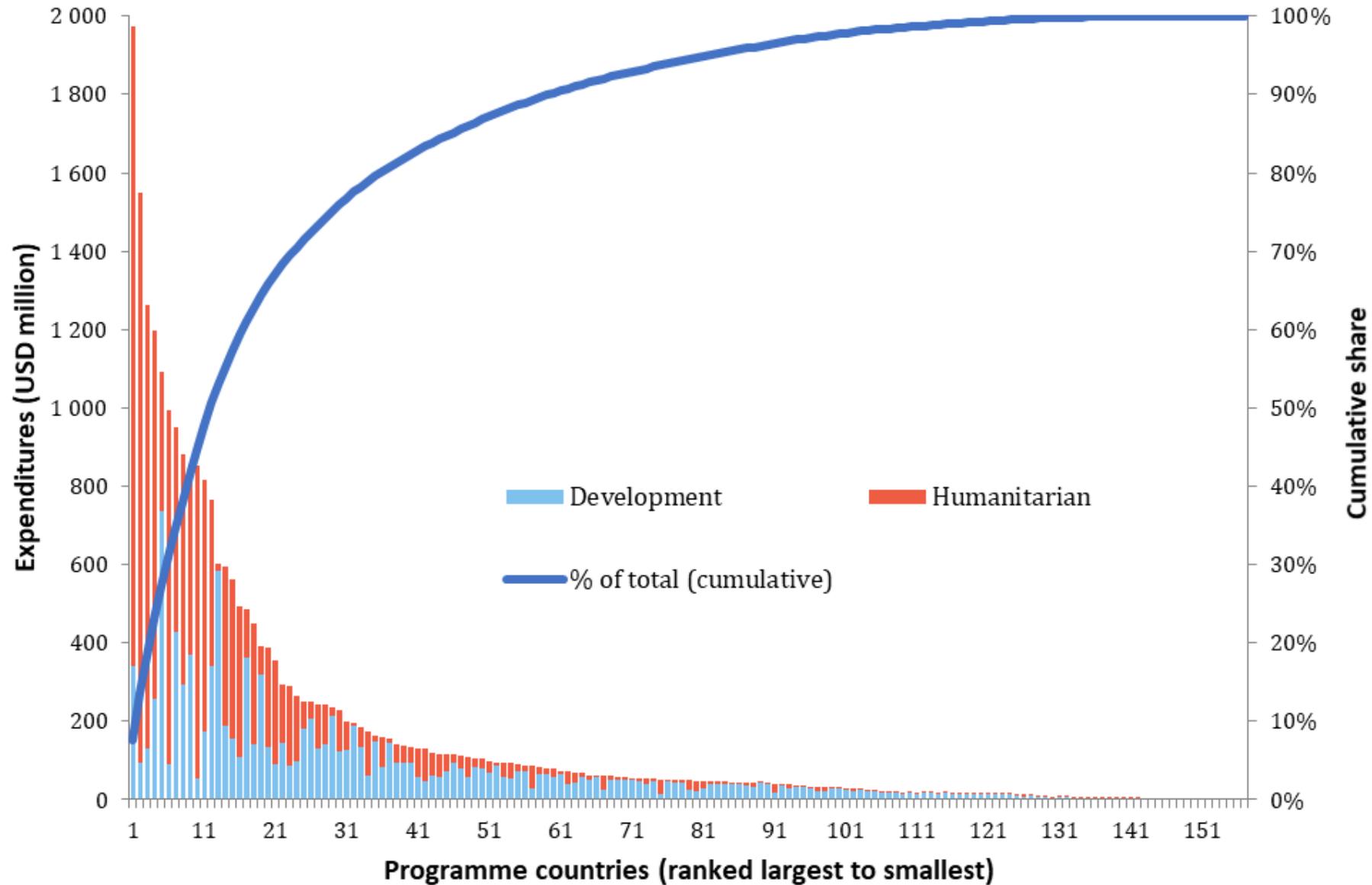


UNDS spending across different country groups: 2018 (\$26.1 billion*)

Group	Number of countries	Share of total population	Share of total expenditures	Total expenditure	Average expenditures per country (million USD)		5-year expenditure trend	Expenditures per capita
	#	%	%	USD million	2018	2013	%	\$
LLDCs	32	7.9%	24.9%	\$6,591	\$206	\$163	+26%	\$12.95
LDCs	47	15.7%	47.6%	\$12,621	\$269	\$192	+40%	\$12.54
SIDS	39	0.9%	2.7%	\$719	\$18	\$12	+54%	\$12.12
Africa	55	19.7%	41.4%	\$10,975	\$200	\$153	+30%	\$8.64
MICs	105	87.5%	54.0%	\$14,082	\$134	\$94	+40%	\$2.56
All programme countries	157	100%	100%	\$26,061	\$166	\$120	+40%	\$4.12

* Country groups are not mutually exclusive

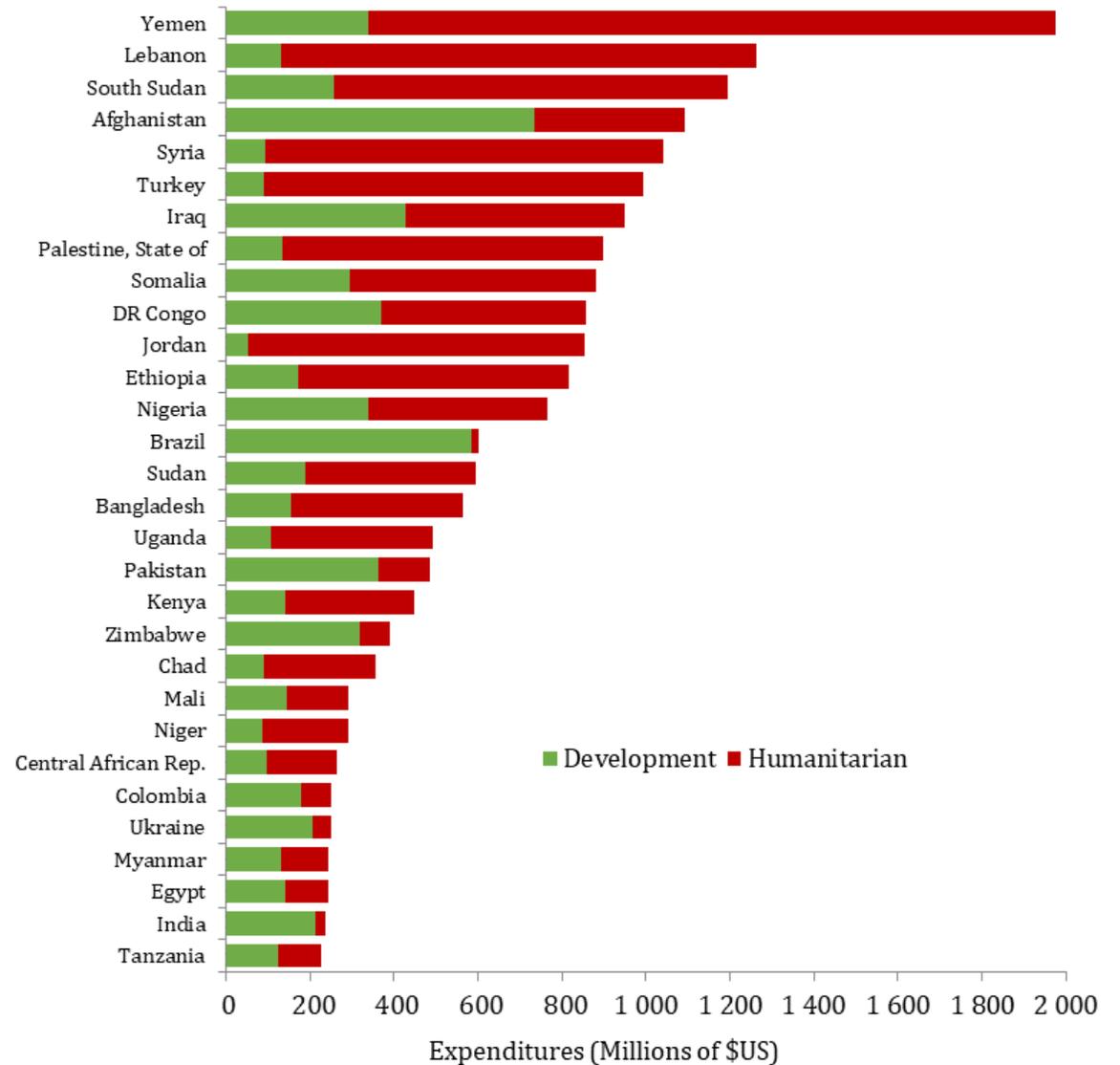
UNDS spending across programme countries



UNDS country-level spending

*Group 1: >\$200 million
[30/157 countries]*

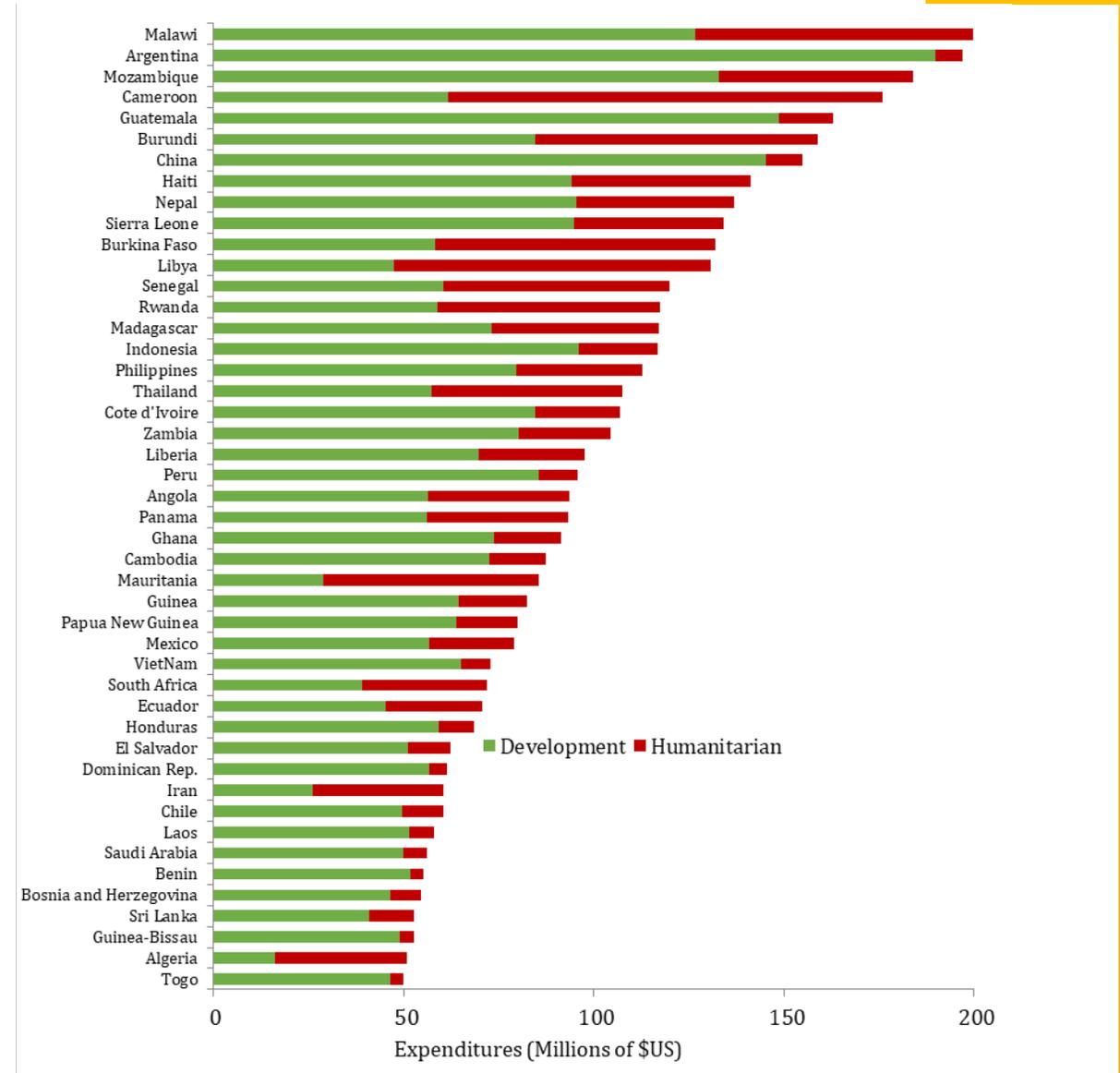
- ❑ **Three-quarters** of all UNDS country-level spending are in these **30 countries**
- ❑ **Humanitarian assistance** dominates in countries with highest expenditures



UNDS country-level spending

*Group 2: btw \$50 -200 million
[46/157 countries]*

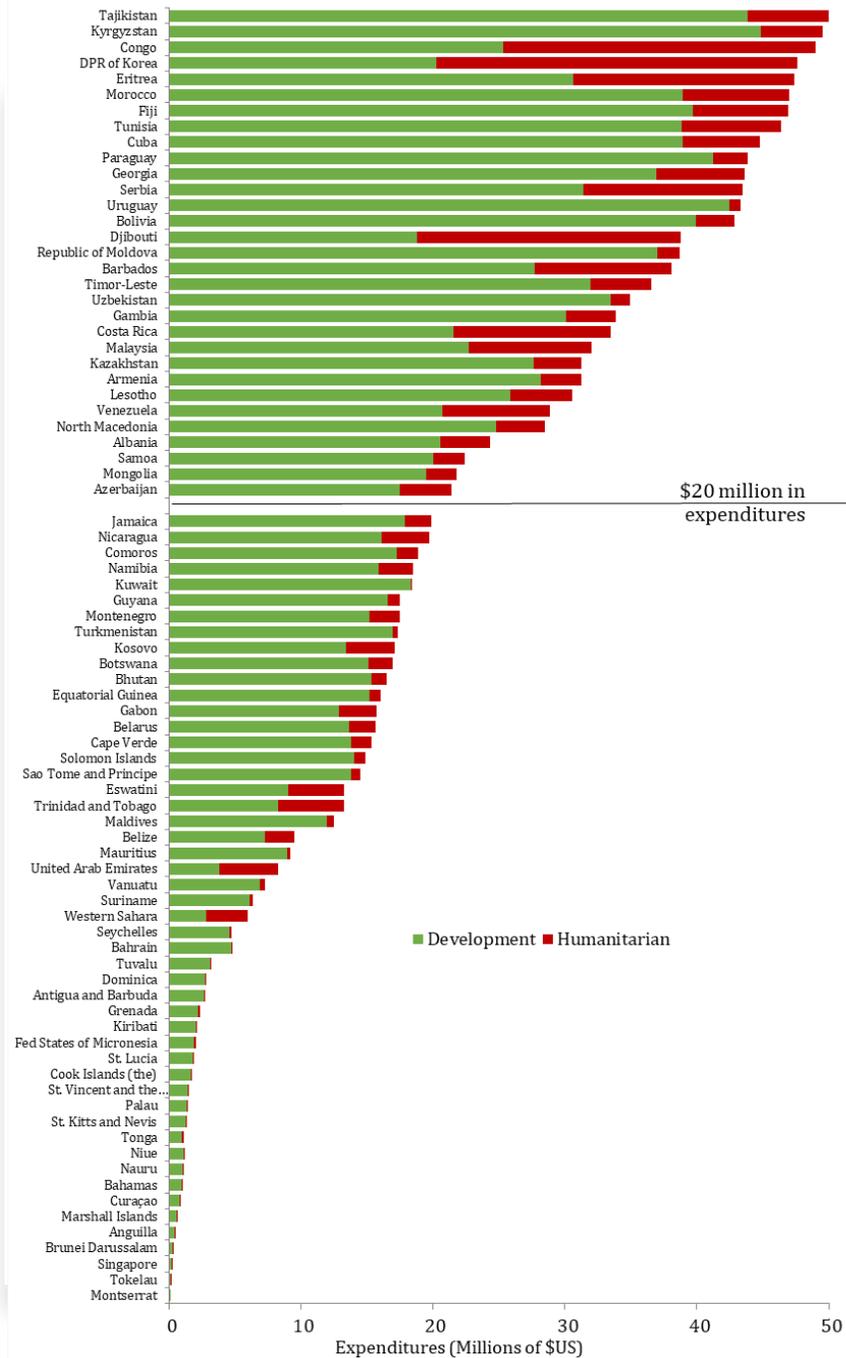
- ❑ **46 countries** have expenditures between \$50-200 million
- ❑ together, they have **17% share** of total country level expenditure



UNDS country-level spending

*Group 3: < \$50 million
[81/157 countries]*

- ❑ in **81 countries**, annual UNDS expenditures are **under \$50 million**.
- ❑ in **50 countries** out of those 81, expenditures are **under \$20 million**
- ❑ combined, these 81 countries make up **6% of total UN country-level expenditures**.



Need for differentiated business models for UN support

- ❑ **Business Operations:** efficiencies expected from new business models for operations [*common premises & back-office functions, BOS*]
- ❑ **Presence vs Support:** important to not conflate programme support by UNDS entities and physical presence in-country
- ❑ **Functions/Offer:** which functions & offer where?

the relevance of the UNDS offer will ultimately be determined around which drives the other, the supply or the demand

UNDS repositioning impact depends significantly on addressing problems the system's funding architecture

- FUNDING COMPACT:** a shift towards higher quality funding by building trust in the system's effectiveness & efficiency through:
- increased transparency and accountability,
 - better reporting on spending and results, especially those using core resources,
 - demonstrating coherence, coordination and minimal duplication.

Additional information

- Addendum to 2020 SG's report on the QCPR
- Set of data tables showing funding flows
- QCPR monitoring framework

<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/content/qcpr-2020>