

Social Justice and Health Equity

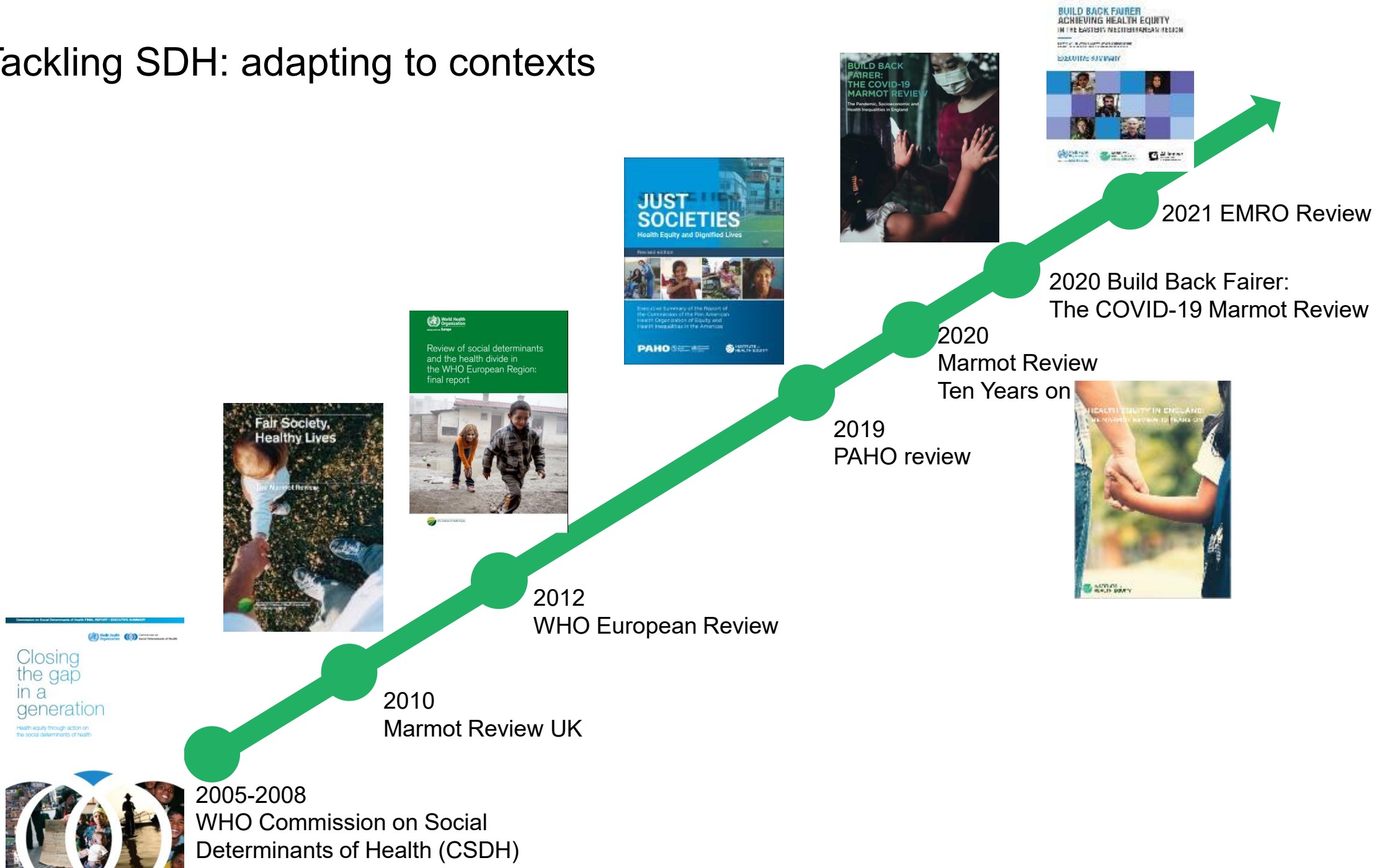
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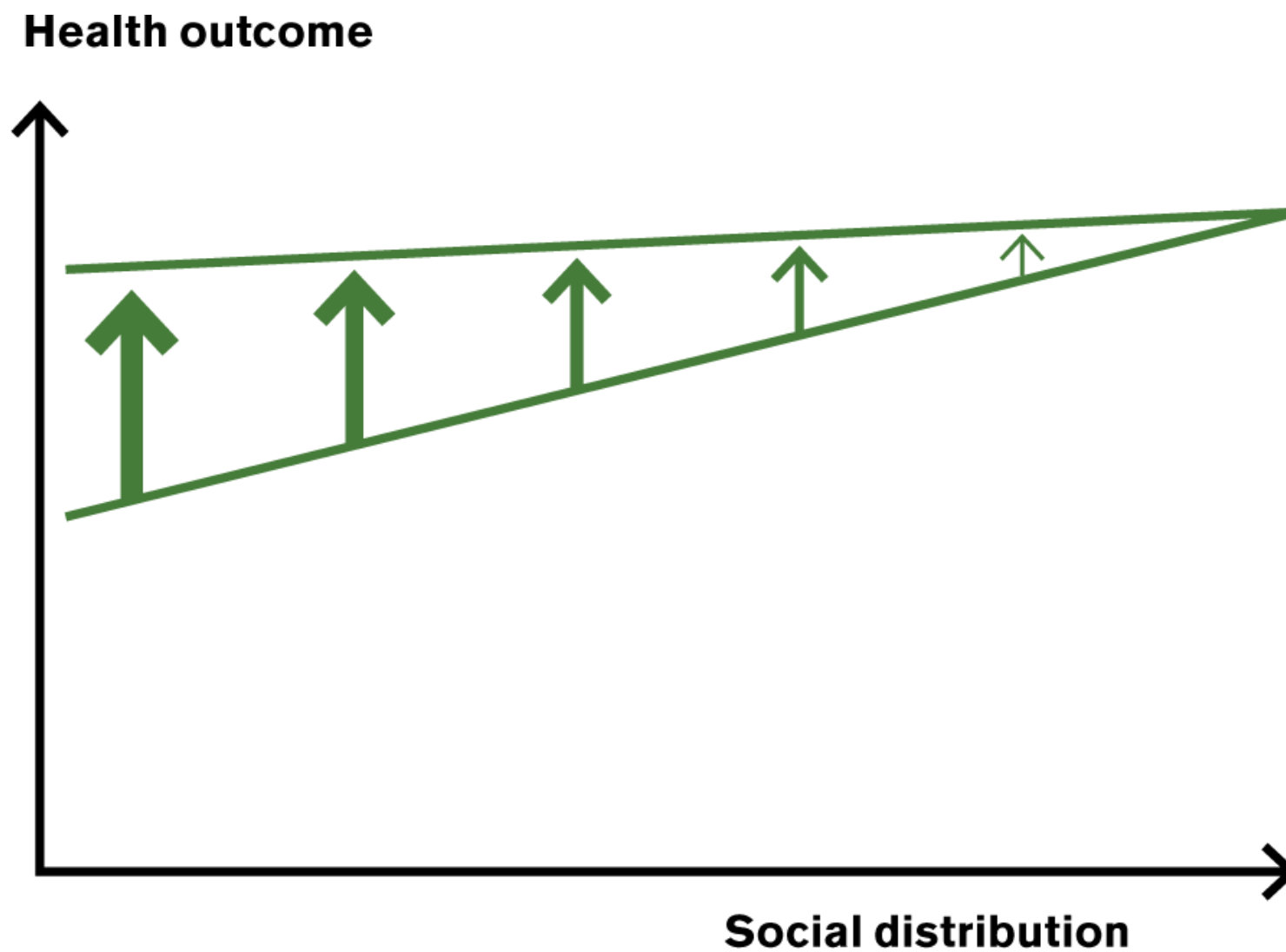
**“Social injustice is killing people on a
grand scale”**

Tackling SDH: adapting to contexts

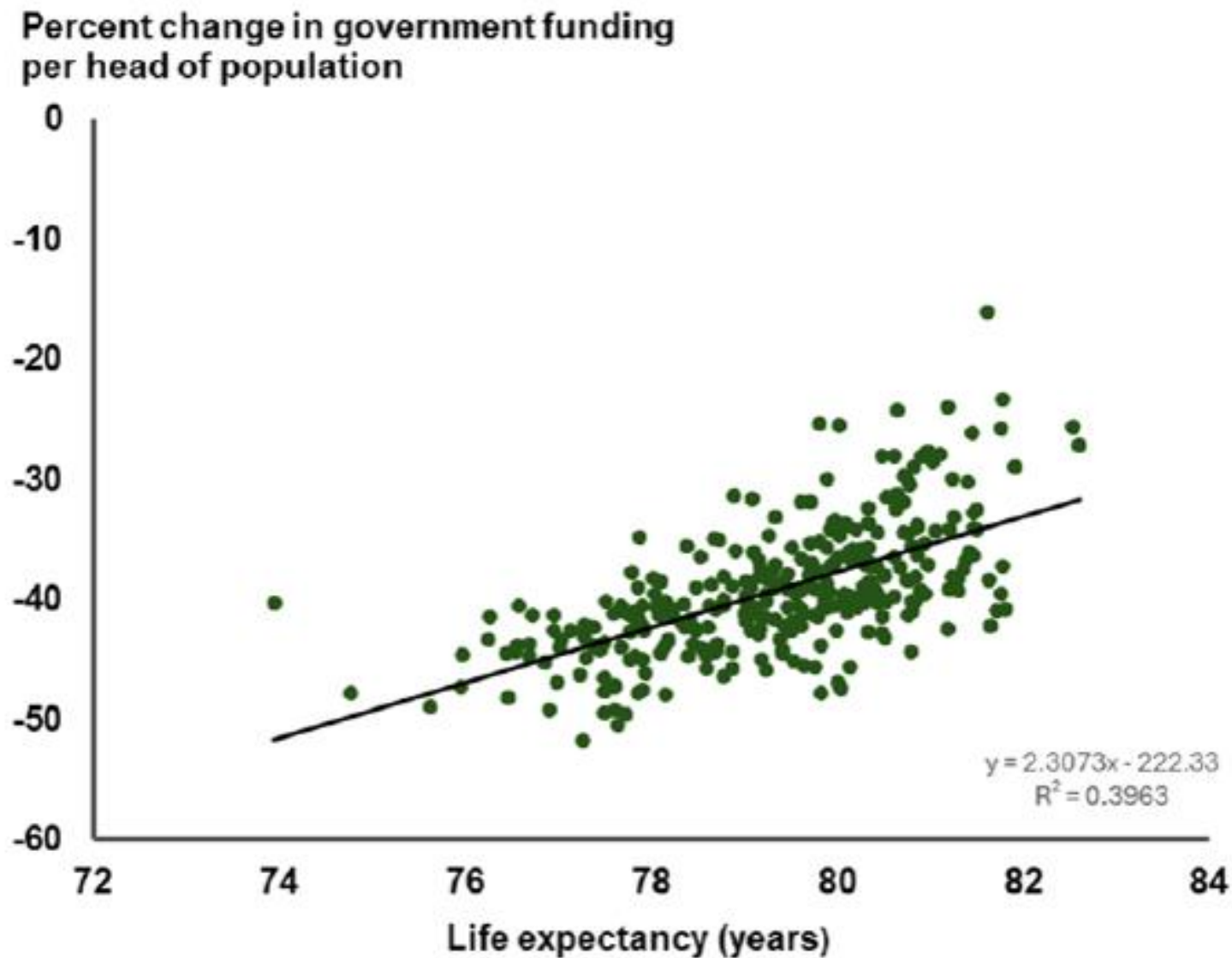


Proportionate Universalism

Levelling-up the social gradient in health

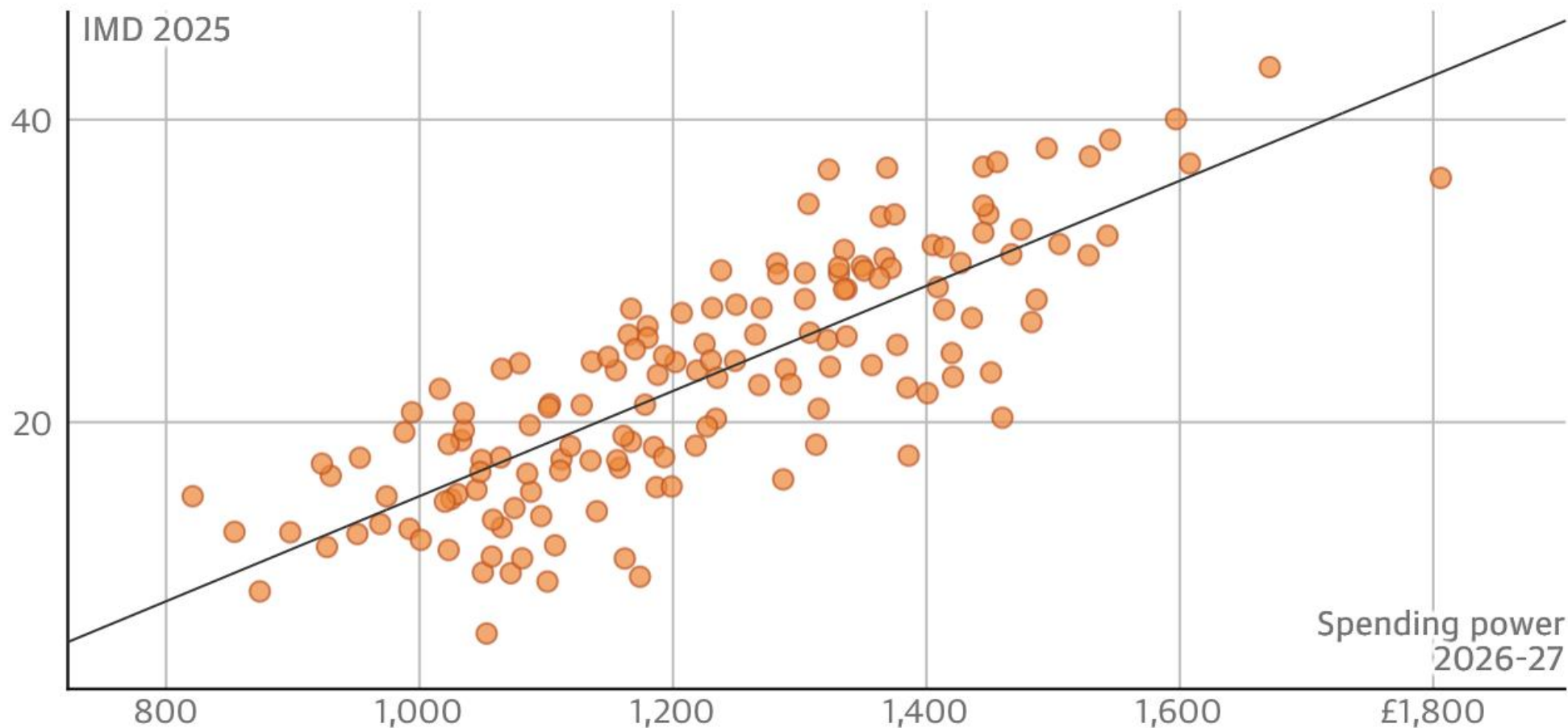


Change in government funding per head of population by 2019/20 by male life expectancy in 2010-12, local authorities in England



New local authority funding is closely tied to deprivation levels

Core spending power per capita versus index of multiple deprivation (IMD) score, by upper tier local authority. Higher score = more deprived



Guardian graphic. Source: MHCLG. Notes: 2025 IMD score, upper tier local authorities refers to county councils and unitary authorities



Global action

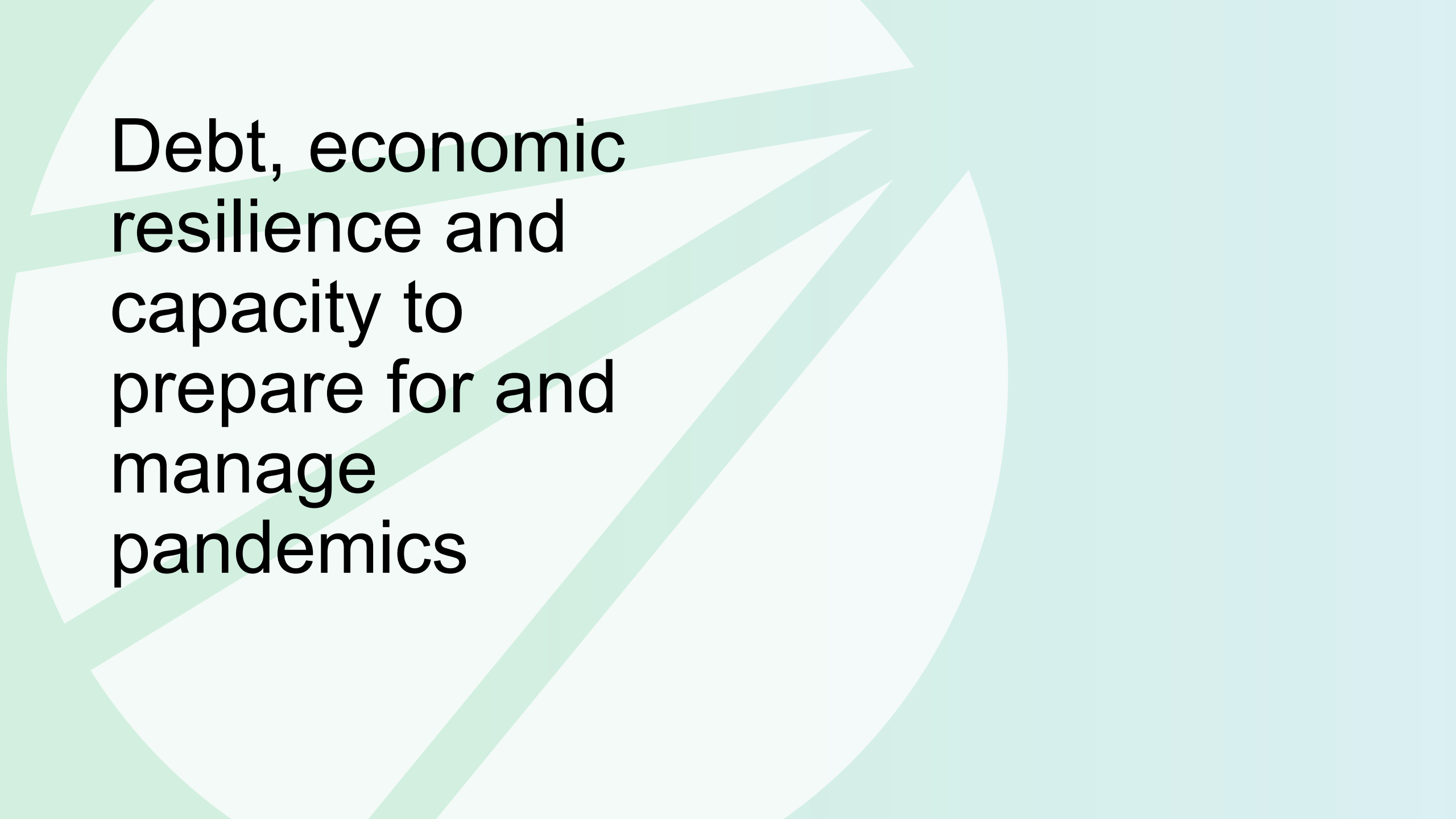
Global Council on Inequality, AIDS and Pandemics

- **“Expert council co-chaired by UCL’s Sir Michael Marmot persuades G20 to commit to tackling the social determinants of pandemics**
- A major step forward was taken for global public health when the G20 group of countries for the first time committed to tackling the “social determinants of pandemics”.



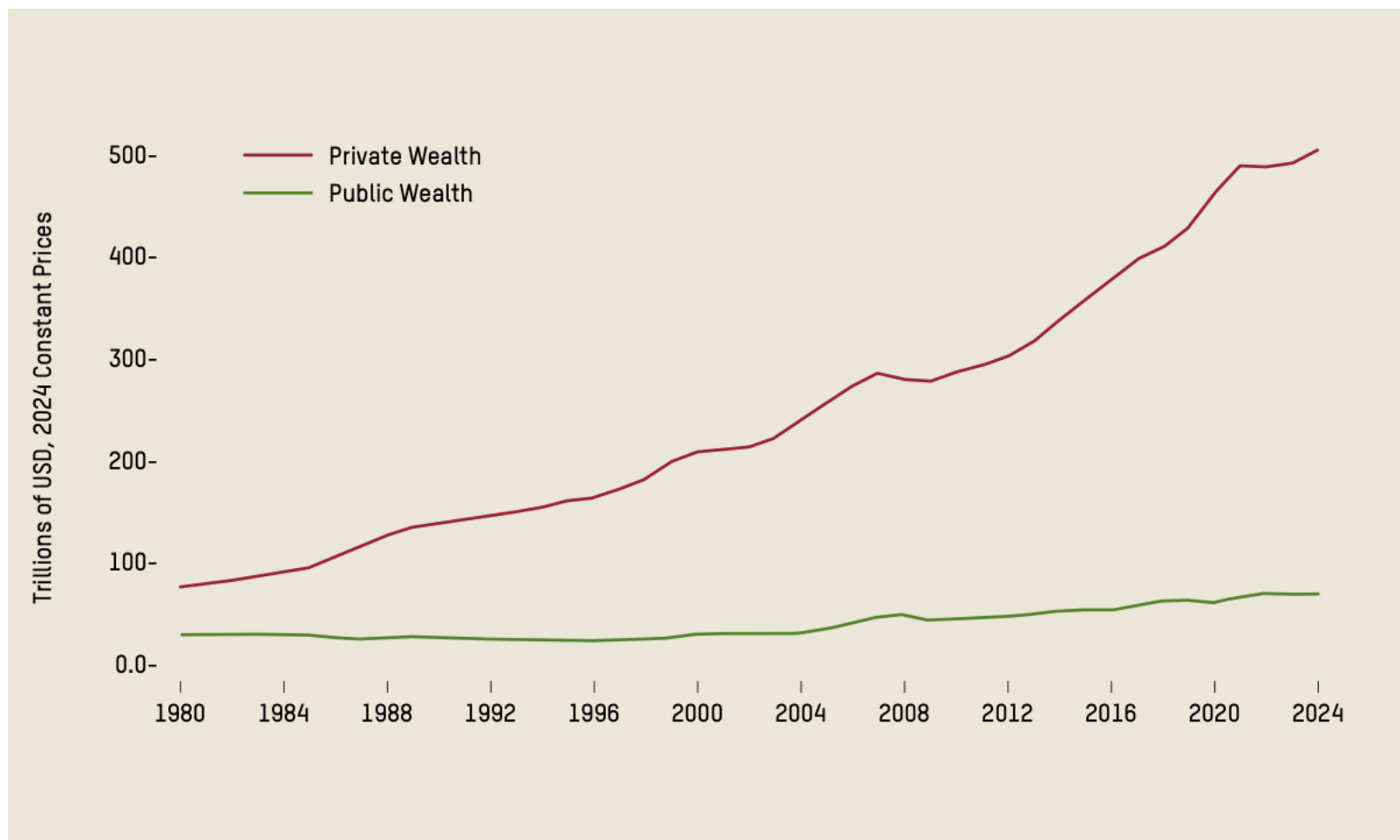
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1. **Remove the financial barriers in the global architecture** to allow *all* countries sufficient fiscal capacity
2. **Invest in the social determinants of pandemics.**
3. **Build local and regional production** alongside a new governance of research & development
4. Build greater trust, equality, and efficiency - multi-sectoral response and **community-led pandemic infrastructure.**

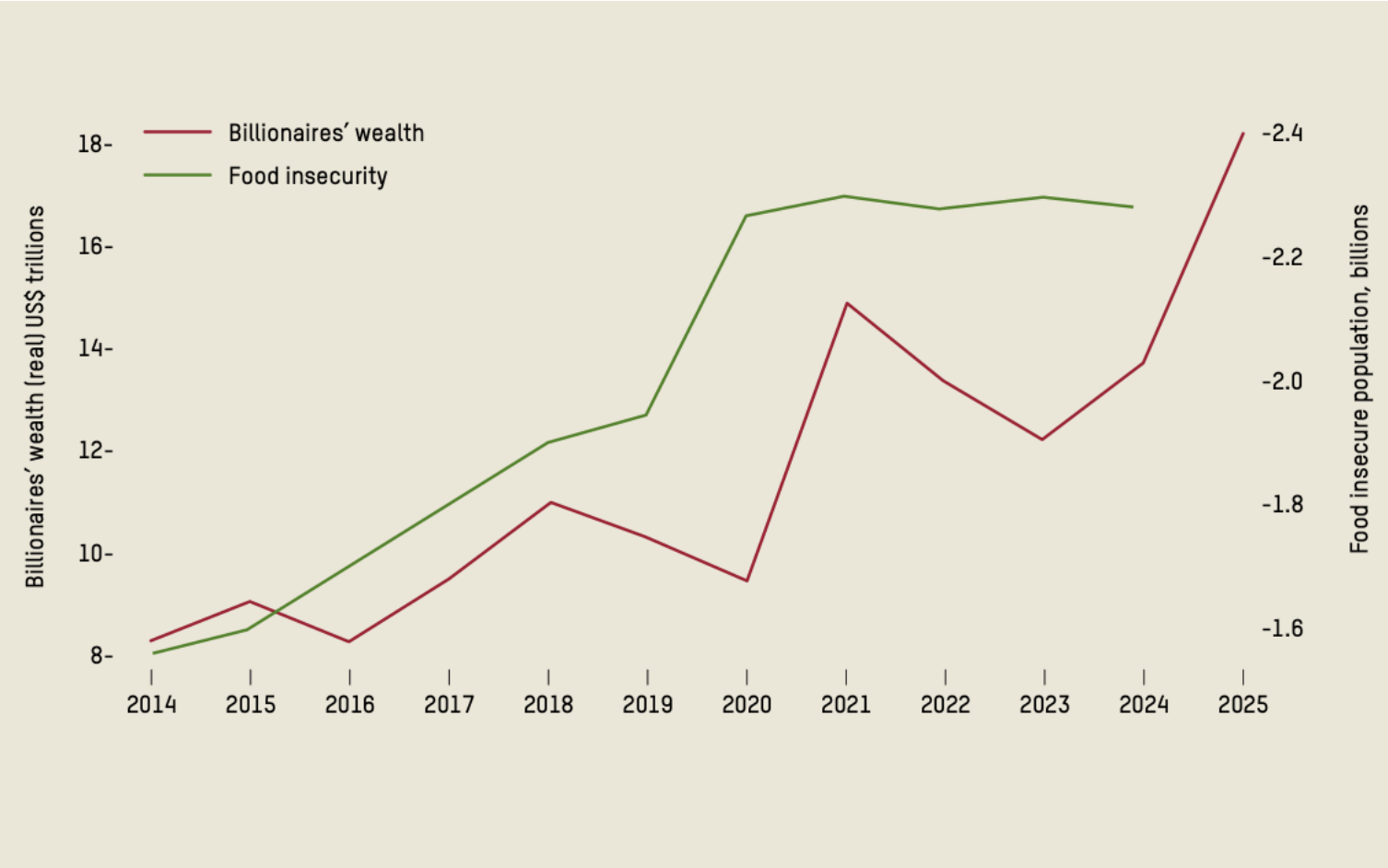


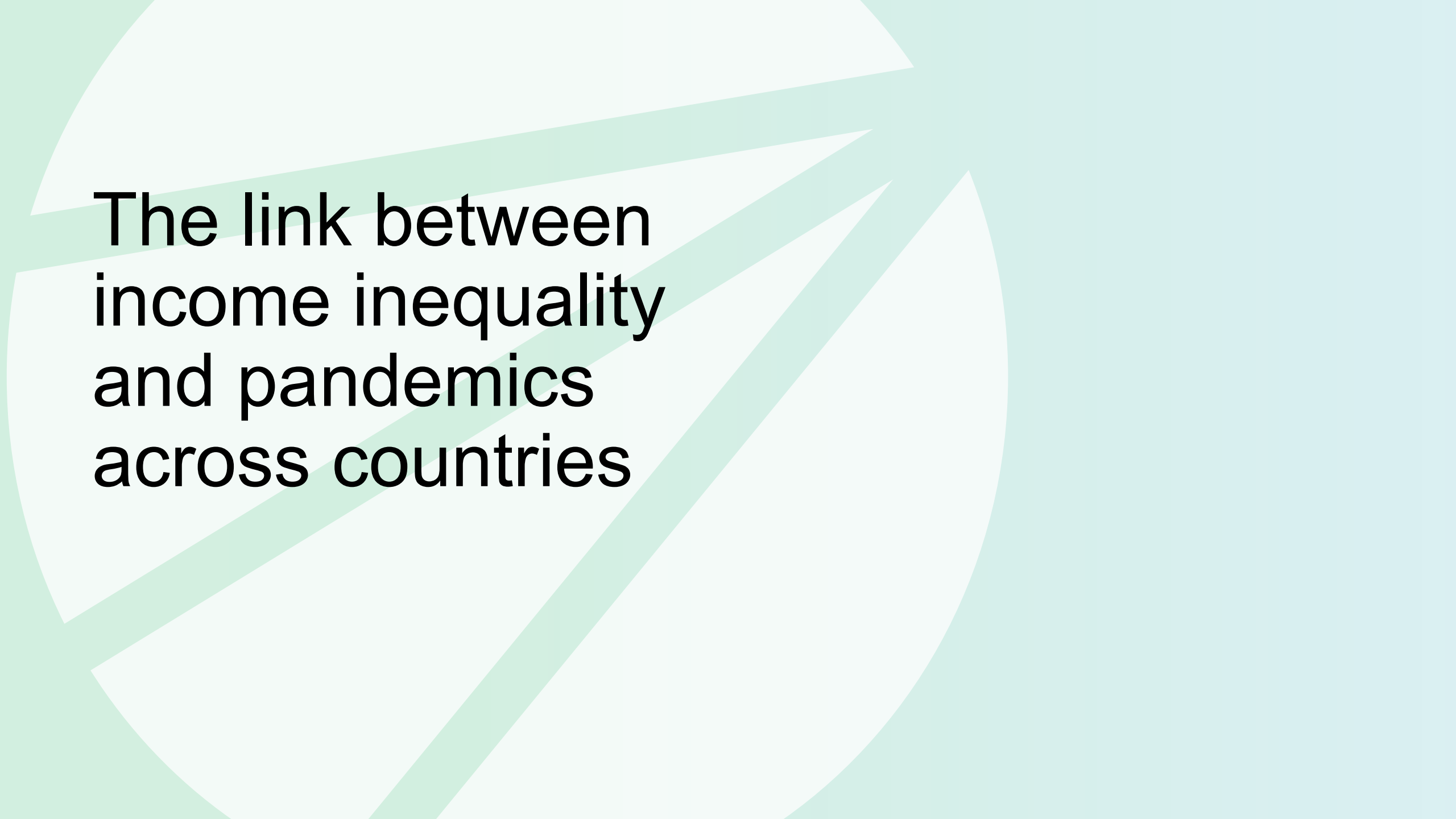
Debt, economic
resilience and
capacity to
prepare for and
manage
pandemics

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WEALTH, 1980–2024



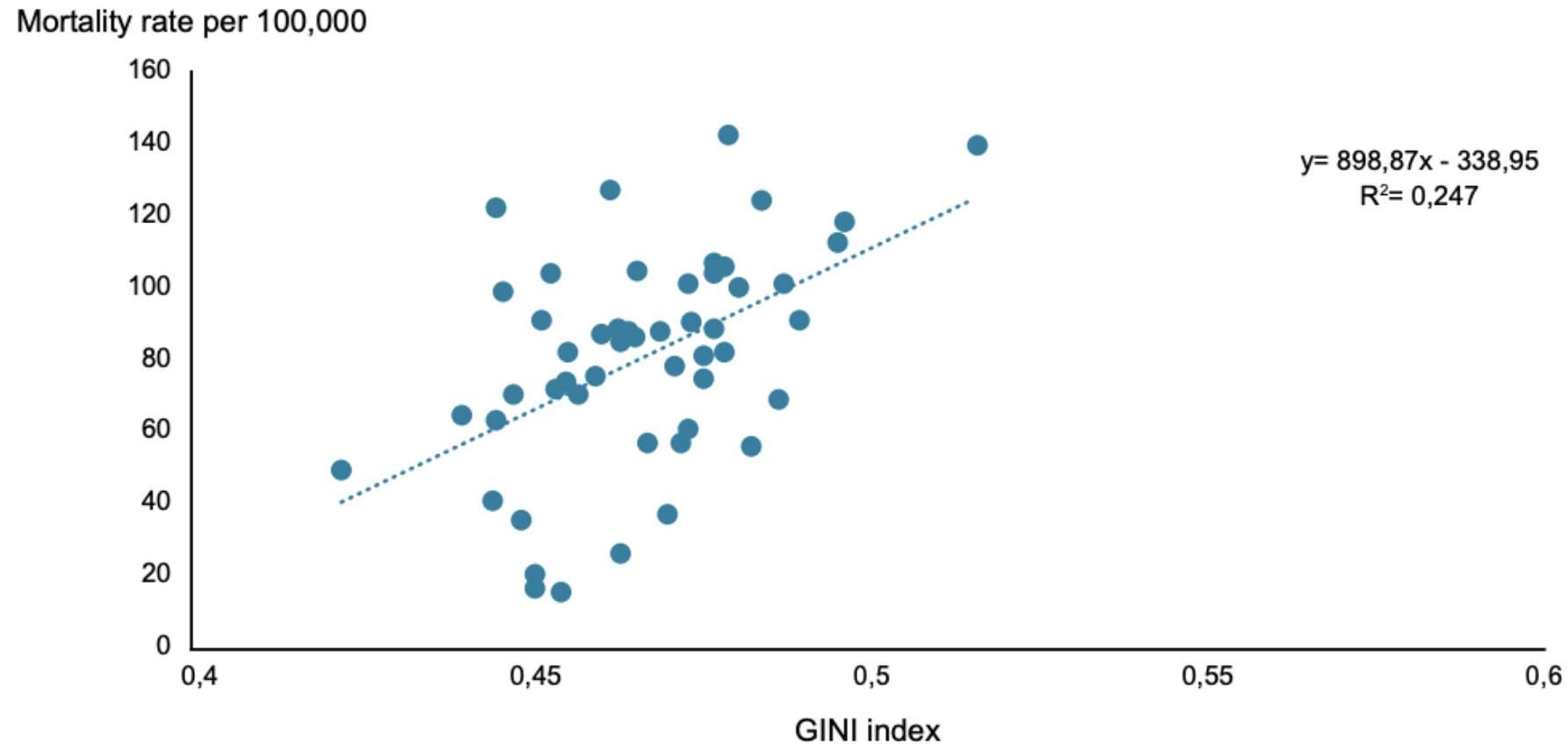
BILLIONAIRES' WEALTH AND FOOD INSECURITY, 2014–25



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The link between income inequality and pandemics across countries

COVID-19 mortality and income inequality (GINI index), US states, 2020

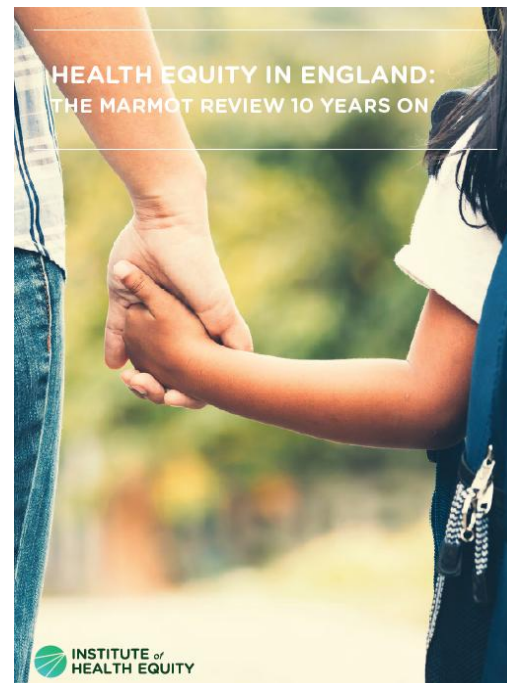
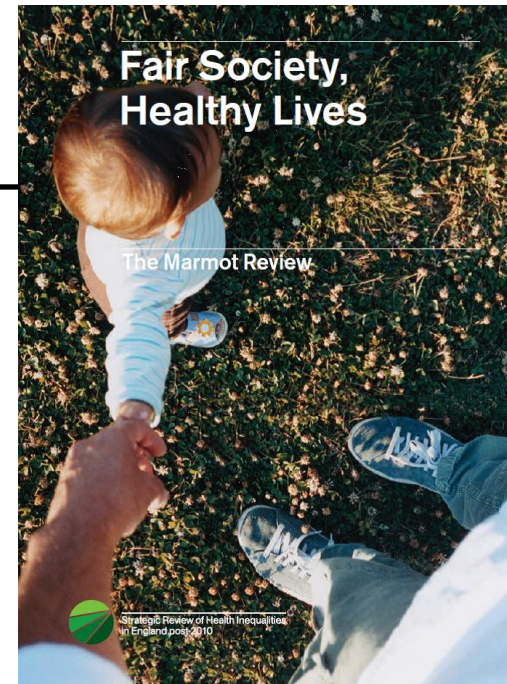


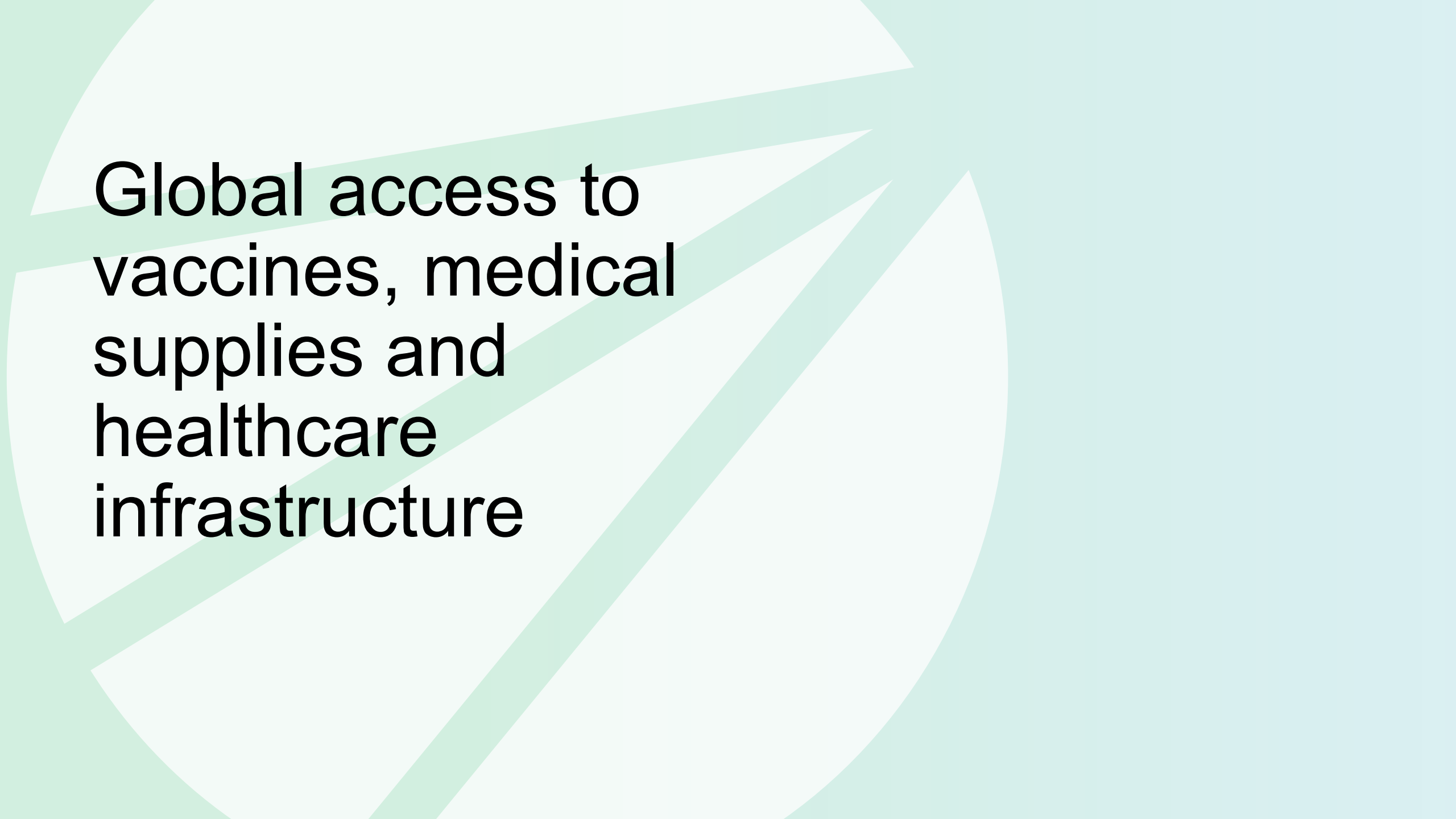


Invest in the social
determinants of
health

Marmot principles

- Give every child the best start in life
- Enable all children, young people & adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention
- Tackle discrimination, racism and their outcomes
- Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together





Global access to
vaccines, medical
supplies and
healthcare
infrastructure

Before aid cuts, the US funded 70 percent of the global HIV/AIDS response

The US also paid for the majority of HIV treatments in developing countries.

■ US contribution ■ Non-US contribution ■ Not receiving care



Funding contributions are for 2023.

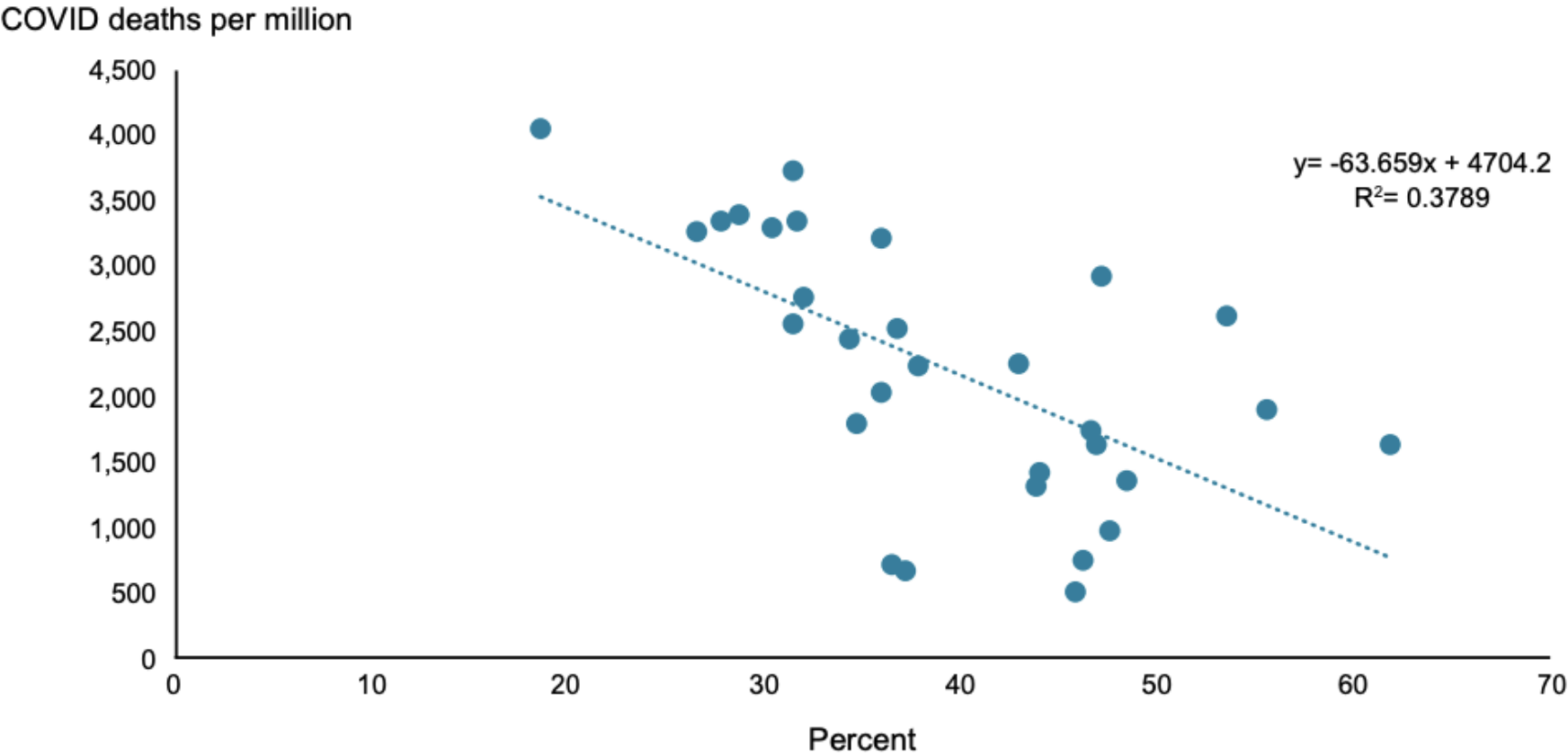
Chart: Jess Craig • Source: UN, UNAIDS

Vox

The background features a series of overlapping, curved, and straight geometric shapes in various shades of green and white, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The shapes vary in opacity, with some appearing more solid and others more translucent, giving a sense of depth and movement.

Trust and social cohesion

COVID-19 deaths per million (up to 8th March 2023) and percent with high or moderately high trust in national government (2023), 31 OECD countries



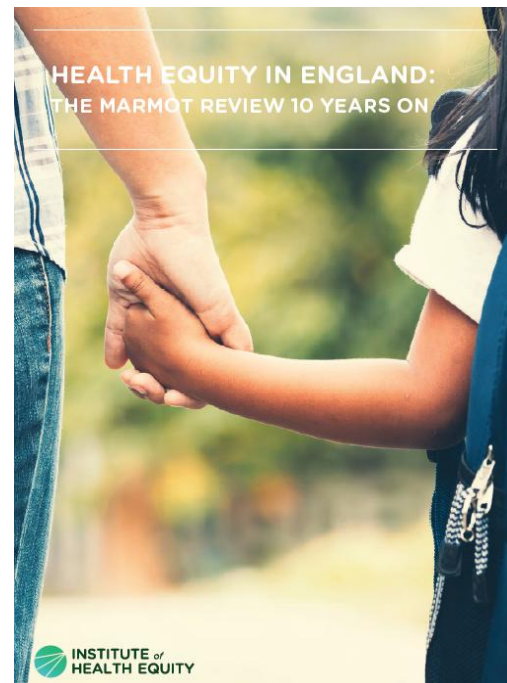
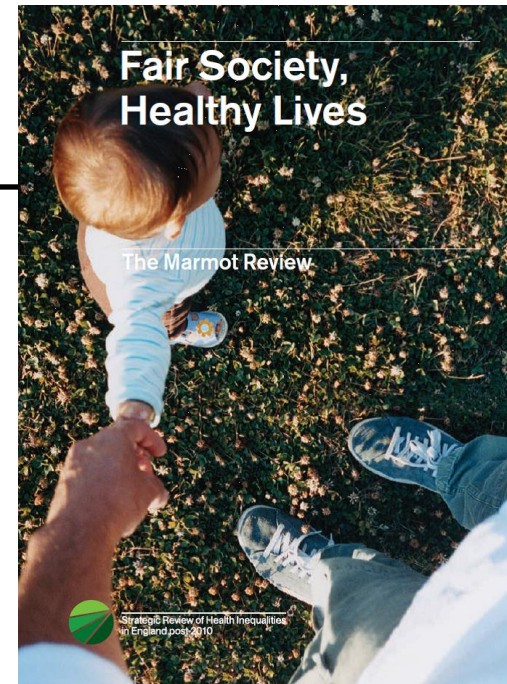
Source: OECD, 2024 & Our World in Data, 2023



Local Action

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Health Equity 'Marmot' Places – 60 + local authorities covering 43 percent of UK population

- Coventry
- Greater Manchester
- Cheshire and Merseyside
- Lancashire and Cumbria
- Luton
- Waltham Forest
- Gwent
- Leeds
- Southwest region
- Wokingham
- Medway
- Northumberland

2024

- Scotland national
 - Aberdeen City
 - North Ayrshire
 - South Lanarkshire
- Kent
- Oxfordshire

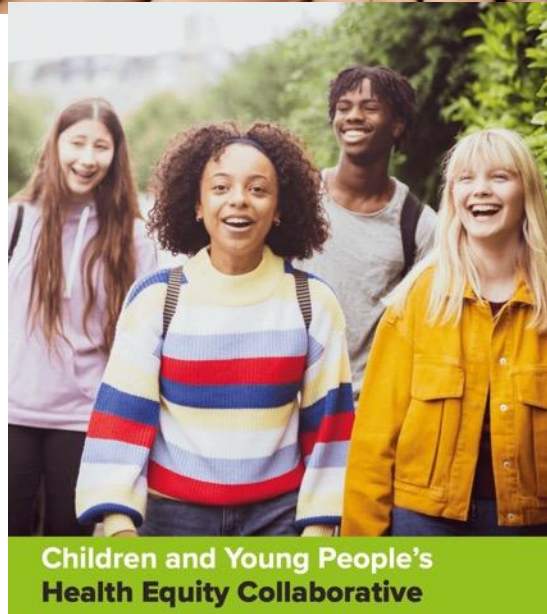
2025

- Newcastle
- Kings Lynn and West Norfolk
- Isle of Man
- East Suffolk

2026

- North East Lincs
- North Tyneside
- Birmingham
- Wales national and local areas.
- Mid West Ireland
- Spain

Partnerships



**Children and Young People's
Health Equity Collaborative**



**THE BUSINESS OF HEALTH EQUITY:
THE MARMOT REVIEW FOR
INDUSTRY**



Working well:

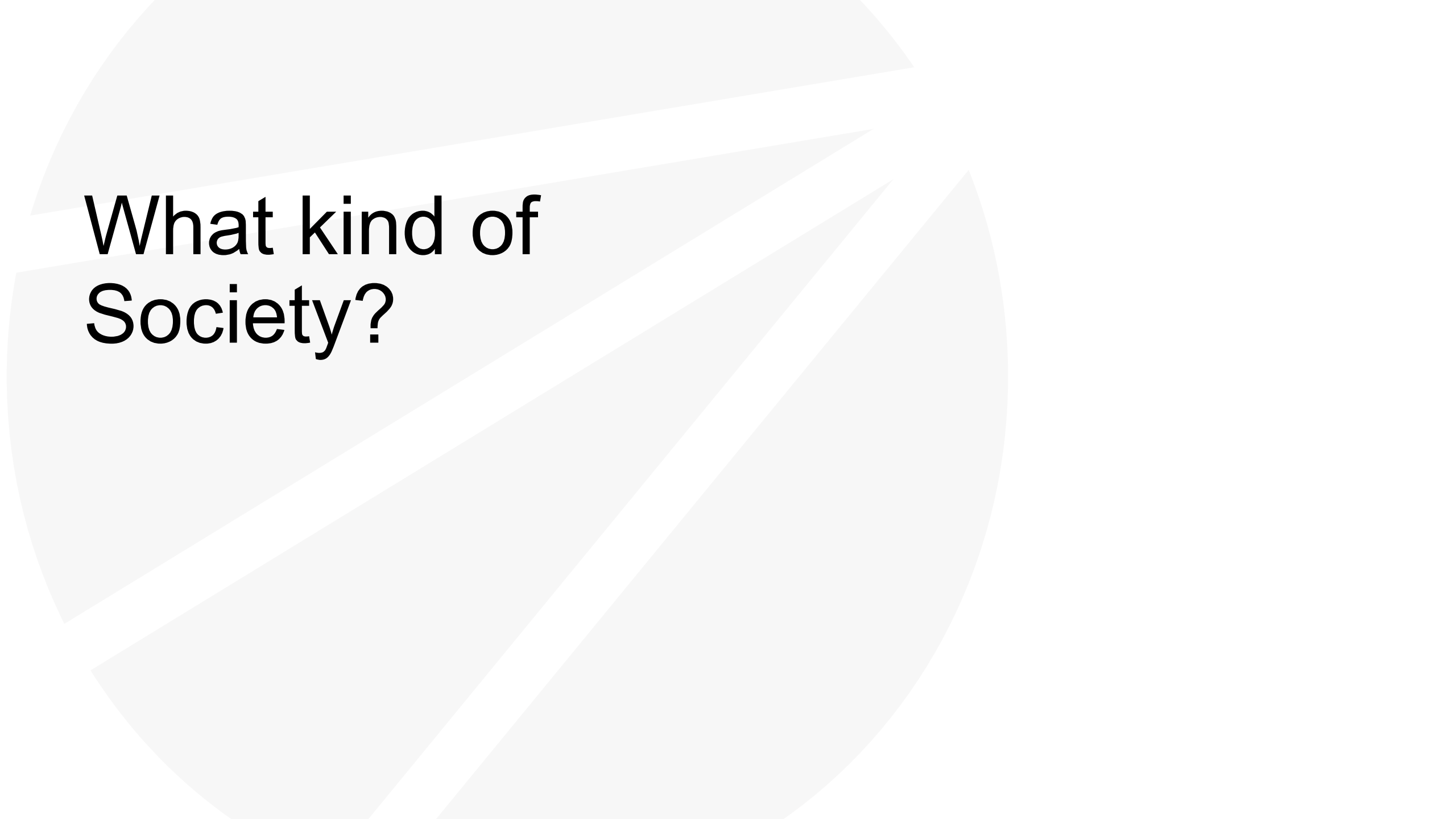
Delivering better health
outcomes for hidden workers

Community and Voluntary
Sector

Business – economic sector

Healthcare and other public
services

Places – international, national
and local



What kind of
Society?

FREEDOM?

Freedom for the wolves has often meant death to the sheep
Isaiah Berlin

Freedom to lead a life you have reason to value
Amartya Sen

JOSEPH E.
STIGLITZ

Winner of
the Nobel Prize
for Economics

THE ROAD TO
FREEDOM

Economics
and the
Good Society

allen lane

The future of Marmot places?

RCP welcomes Labour's
'health mission' and its plans
to tackle health inequalities

**Labour would shift focus of health funding to
primary care, says Wes Streeting**

"The next Labour government...will amplify the approach of 'Marmot Cities' like Greater Manchester and Coventry by making England a Marmot country, tackling the social inequalities that influence health. We will ensure that children have the best start possible to give them the building blocks for a healthy life, build on Labour's legacy towards a smoke-free Britain, and empower people to take responsibility for their own health."

**Labour vows to increase number of community nurses and health
visitors**

**Starmer unveils Labour health targets
pledge to make NHS 'fit for the future'**

Optimistic or hopeful

Optimism and pessimism imply certainty.

Hope is fear's opposite

Optimistic or hopeful

“Hope is not prognostication. It is an orientation of the spirit ... an ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed...”

Vaclav Havel