



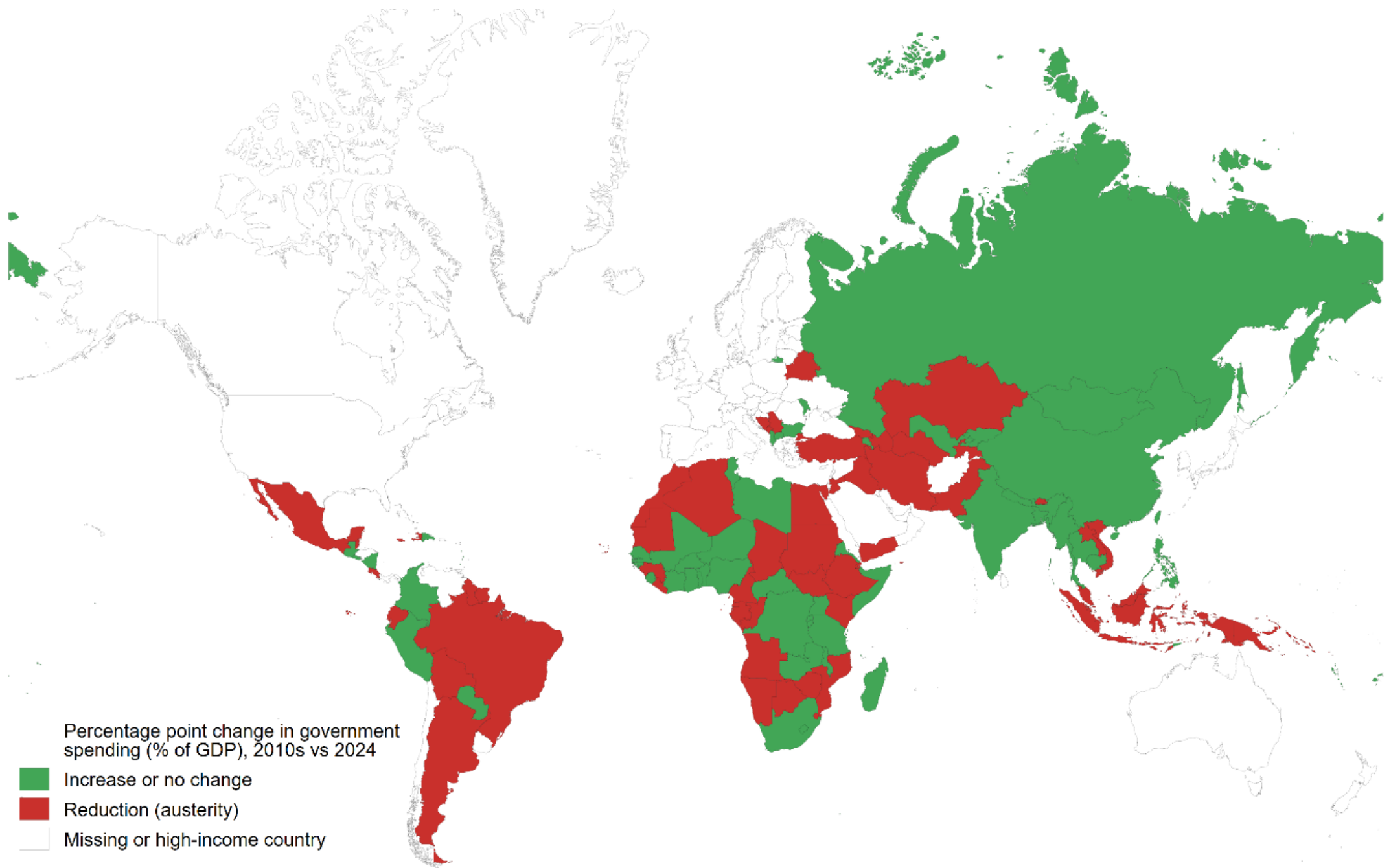
IMF SOCIAL SPENDING FLOORS

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- A **Press Release** summarizing the views of the Executive Board as expressed during its May 2, 2019 consideration of the staff report.
- The **Staff Report**, prepared by IMF staff and completed on April 5, 2019 for the Executive Board's consideration on May 2, 2019.

The documents listed below have been separately released:

- A Strategy for IMF Engagement on Social Spending—Background Papers
- A Strategy for IMF Engagement on Social Spending—Case Studies

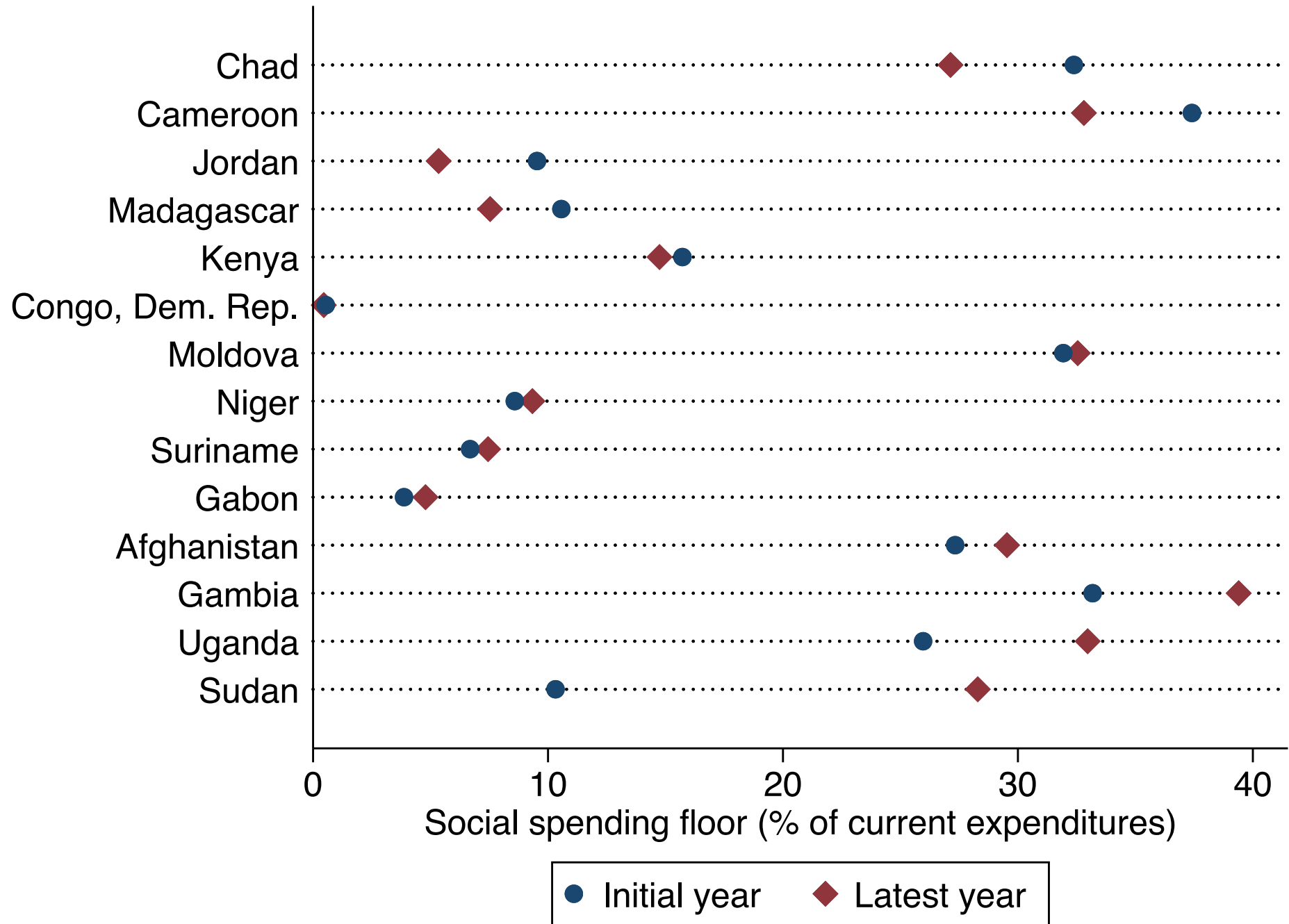
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Key role of ***Social Spending Floors***:
quantitative targets that spell out the
minimum *public* expenditure on
selected social policies for countries
under IMF programmes

	Country	% current spending
<i>Limited definition</i>	Congo, Dem. Rep.	0.5%
	Gabon	3.9%
	Suriname	6.7%
	Jordan	9.5%
	Sudan	10.3%
	Kenya	15.7%
	Madagascar	10.6%
	Uganda	26%
	The Gambia	33.2%
	Niger	8.6%
	Afghanistan	27.3%
	Moldova	31.9%
<i>Expansive definition</i>	Cameroon	37.4%
	Chad	32.4%



<i>Country</i>	<i>Year of social spending floor</i>	<i>Margin of (non)implementation</i>
Madagascar	2021	-41.7%
Congo, Dem. Rep.	2021	-19%
Suriname	2021	-13.8%
Chad	2021	-6.7%
Uganda	2021	-0.1%
Gabon	2021	0%
Afghanistan	2020	0.6%
Cameroon	2021	1.4%
Kenya	2021	3.3%
Gambia	2021	7.9%
Kenya	2022	8.8%
Jordan	2021	9%
Jordan	2020	9.8%
Gambia	2020	24.6%
Niger	2021	226.3%

	Social spending floors		Budget balance conditions	
	...with implementation data available	...of which implemented	...of which implementation data available	...of which implemented
<i>Afghanistan</i>	1	0	2	2
<i>Cameroon</i>	4	3	4	4
<i>Chad</i>	3	2	3	0
<i>Congo, D.R.</i>	6	0	6	5
<i>Costa Rica</i>	n/a	n/a	5	5
<i>Ecuador</i>	6	5	6	5
<i>Gabon</i>	5	4	5	4
<i>The Gambia</i>	11	10	0	0
<i>Jordan</i>	10	10	10	8
<i>Kenya</i>	4	2	4	4
<i>Madagascar</i>	5	0	5	5
<i>Moldova</i>	2	1	2	2
<i>Niger</i>	2	2	2	2
<i>Somalia</i>	n/a	n/a	8	6
<i>Sudan</i>	0	n/a	0	0
<i>Suriname</i>	1	0	1	1
<i>Uganda</i>	3	2	3	3
TOTAL	63	41	66	56
IMPLEMENTATION RATE	65%		85%	

Take-aways

Inconsistent

Inadequate

Not implemented

A better way

Inadequate



Develop social
spending ***goals***

Inconsistent



Transparency and
disaggregation

Not implemented



Change design