

Update on UNICEF  
humanitarian action

## The UNICEF localization agenda

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# UNICEF transformative approach to localization



Strengthening operational capacities of local actors by investing in their financial, supplies and logistics systems, while promoting sharing of these capacities

(Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya)



Increasing involvement of local actors in humanitarian and development cycles and planning processes  
(Humanitarian Action for Children appeals, humanitarian needs overviews, humanitarian response plans, country programme documents)



Strengthening local governance by supporting civil society organizations and municipalities

(Ukraine, Libya)



Supporting local economies by tapping into community resources and talents, such as local manufacturing and procurement, and local renewable energy sources  
(Yemen, Pakistan)



Enhancing the representation and participation of local actors in the response and in cluster coordination

(Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan)



Partnership-based approach to risk management with a shift from “risk transfer” to “risk-sharing”  
(joint security risk assessment in South Sudan)

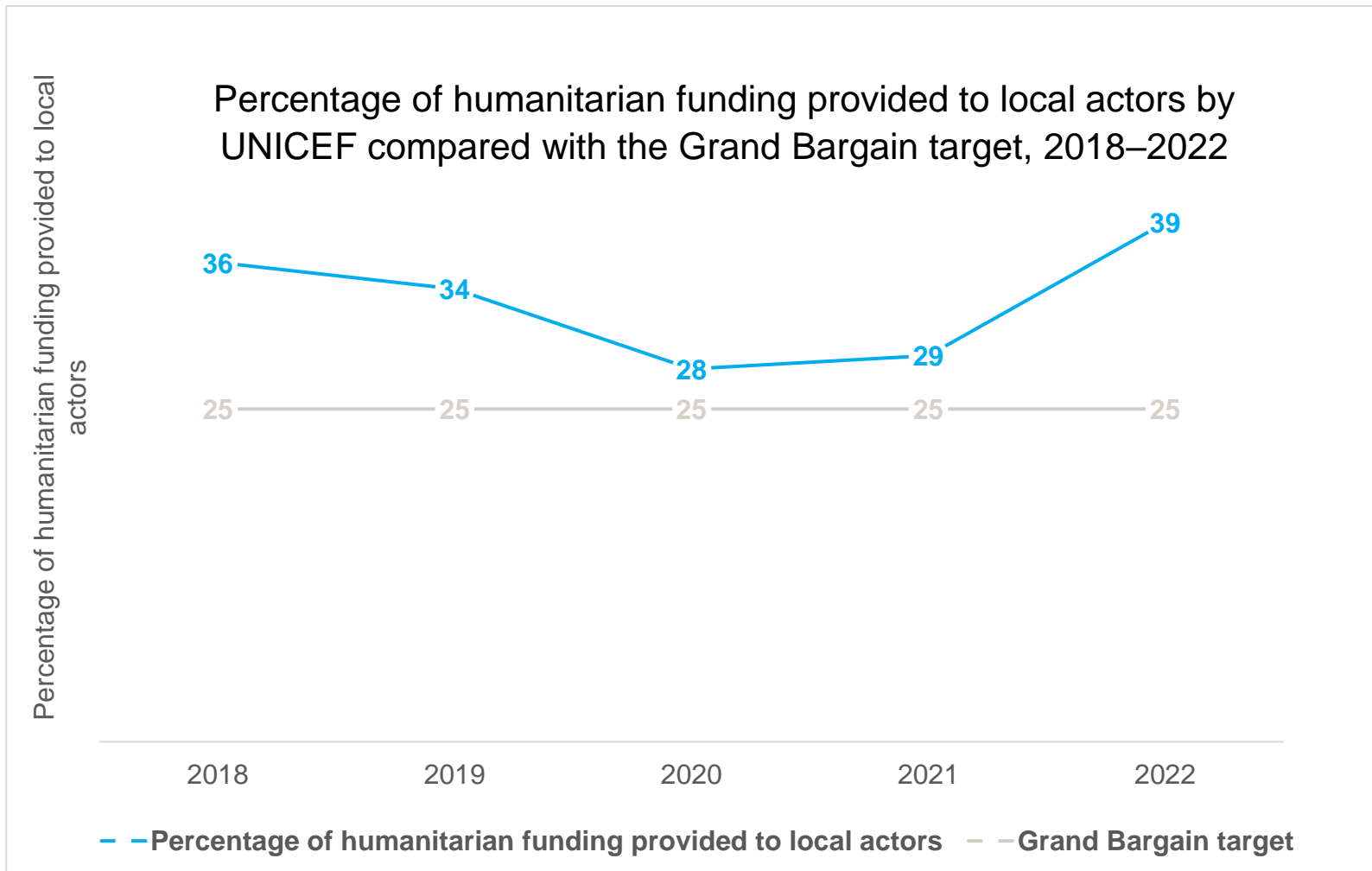


Promoting predictable, flexible and multi-year funding for local actors  
(39% of partner funding went to local actors)



Establishing localized surge capacity at the country and regional levels  
(Mozambique)

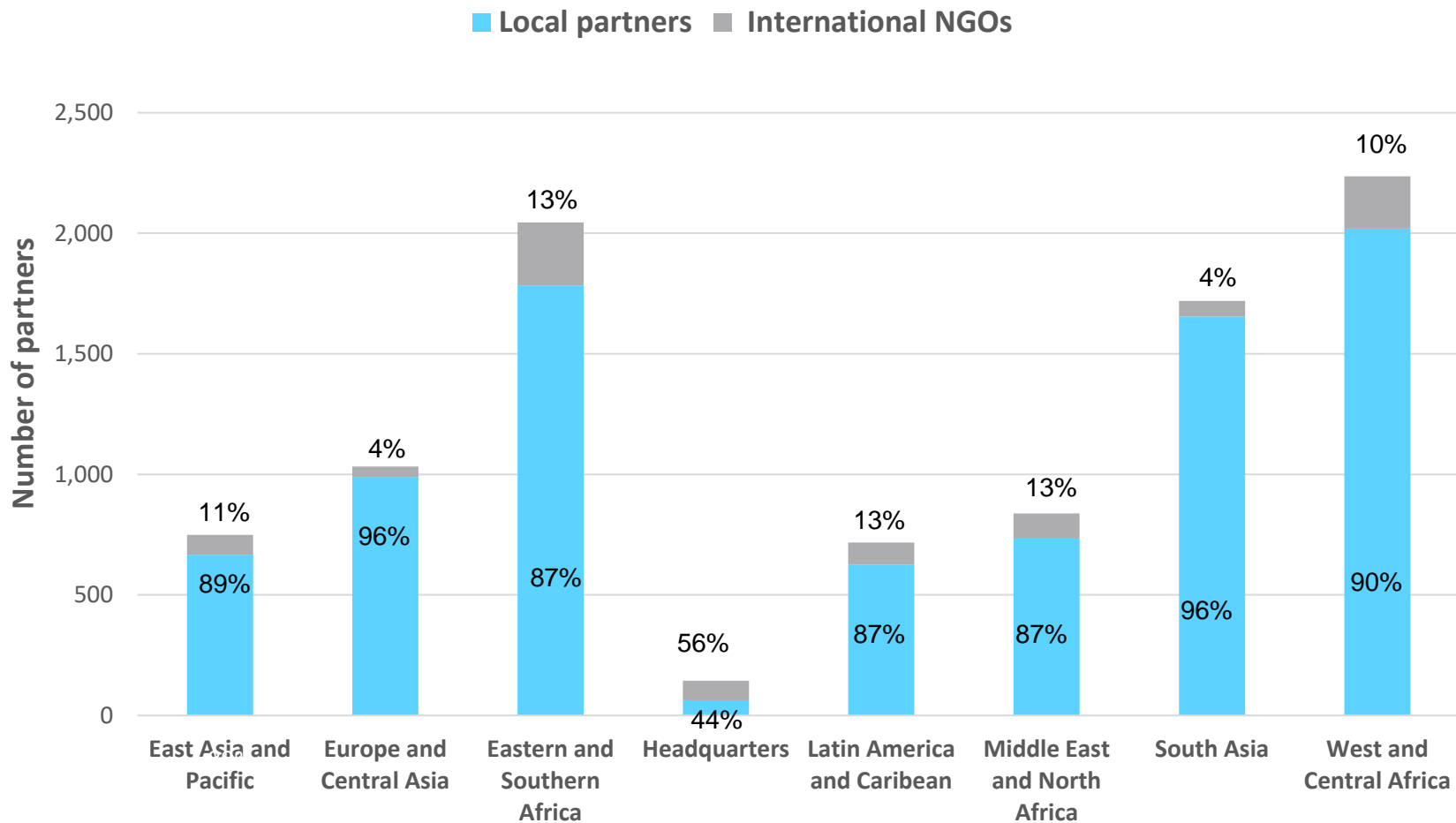
# Predictable and flexible funding to local actors



## In 2022

- Transfer of **\$1.5 billion to partners at all levels**
- Local actors were the recipient of \$569.2 million (**39 per cent**), **exceeding the Grand Bargain target of 25 per cent**
- **8 per cent** of humanitarian funding for implementing partners was transferred to local women's organizations
- UNICEF now provides 7 per cent support costs (overhead) to local actors

# From a transactional to a transformative partnership



**9,480** partners in total in humanitarian and development as of July 2023



Of these, **8,534** are local and national civil society organizations



In 2022, **647** local and national women-led organizations (humanitarian settings)

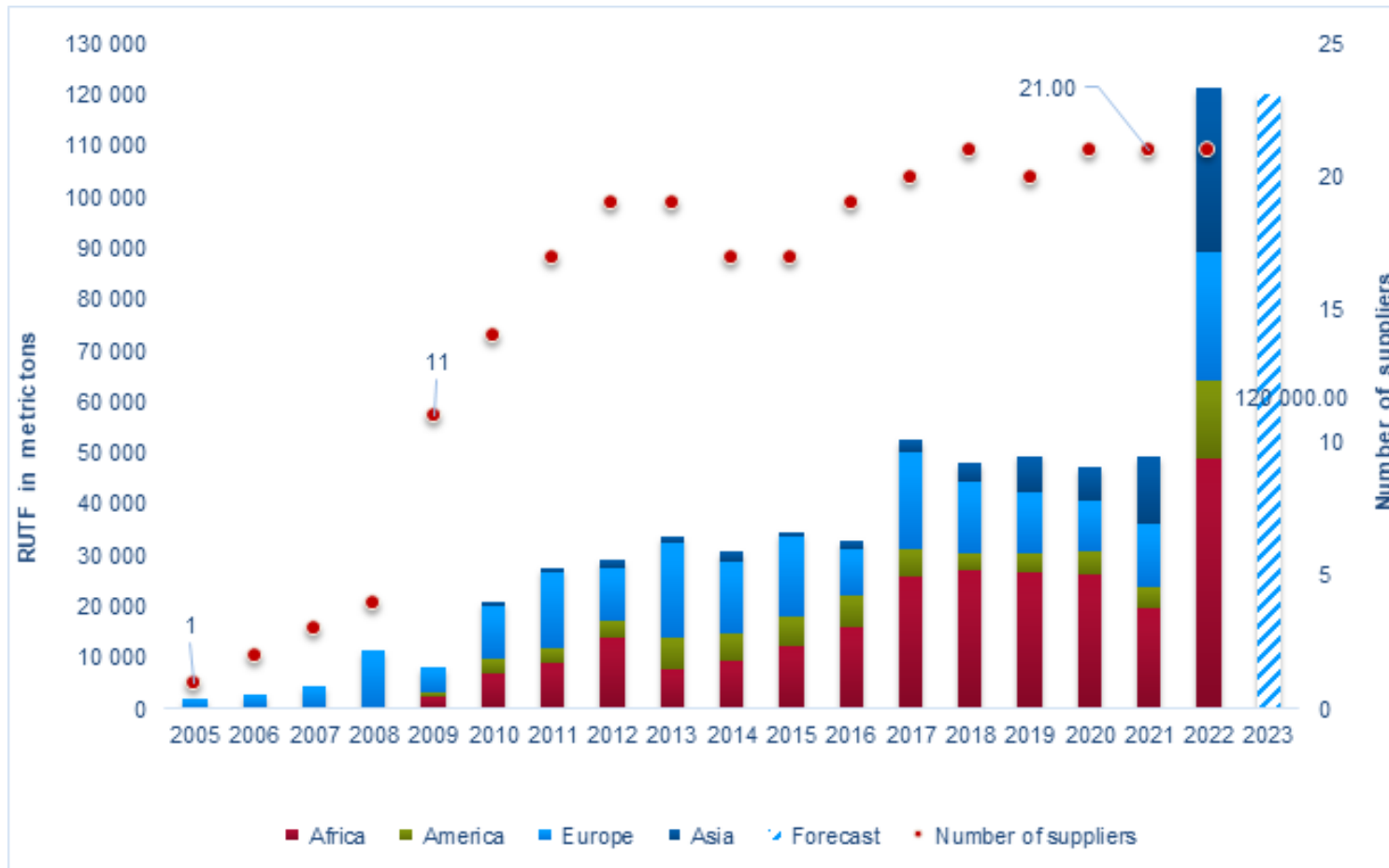
# Local actors in UNICEF-led cluster coordination

- Enhancing the participation and representation of local actors within UNICEF-led cluster coordination at country level (South Sudan, Nigeria)
- Empowering local organizations to become cluster co-leads, at the national and subnational levels (South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo)



# Support to local economies (ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) market evolution)

RUTF suppliers, 2005–2023



# Thank you.

