Financing the data demands of the SDGs

Better data for sustainable development
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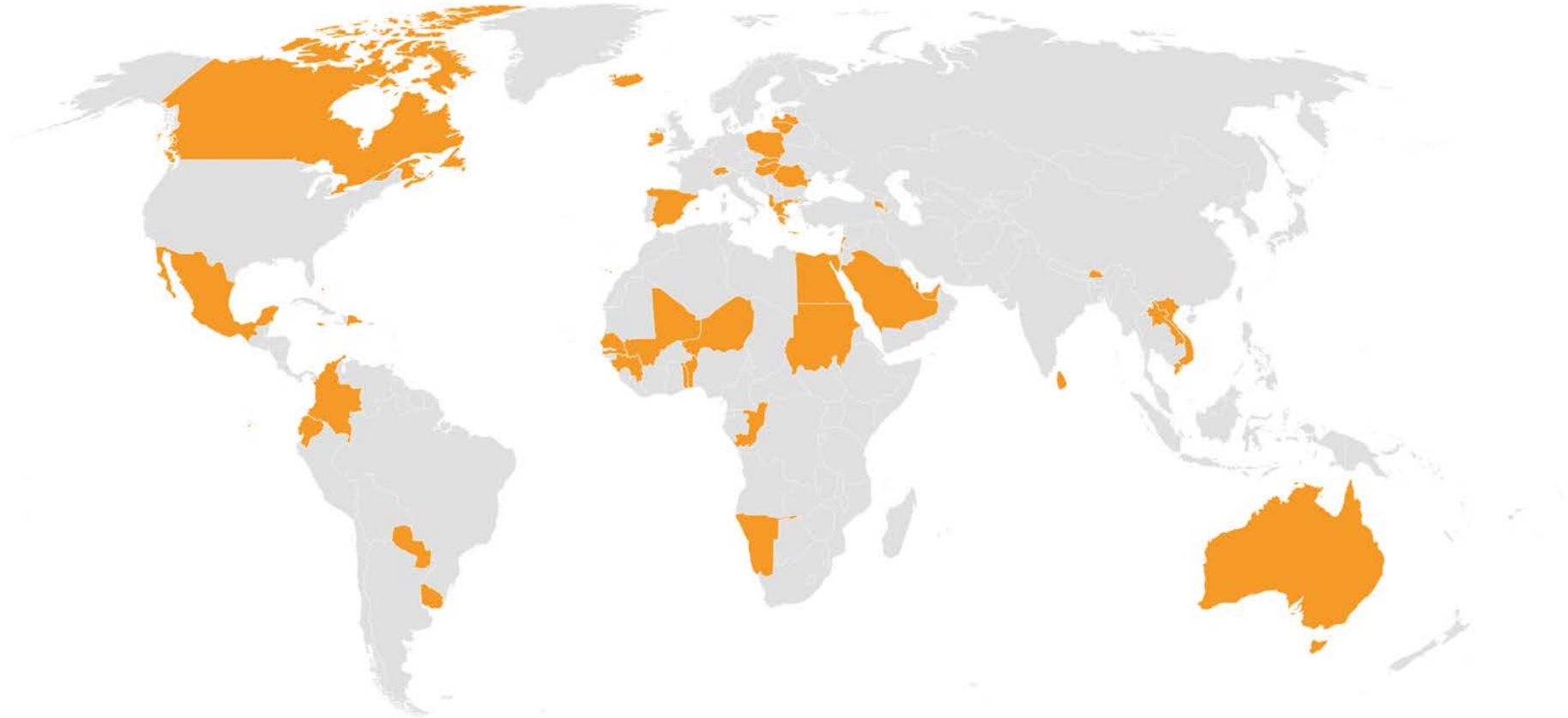
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- 47 countries present Voluntary National Reviews at HLPF 2018

- All recognize the importance of data in measuring and monitoring SDGs

- But also highlight statistical capacity limitations and data gaps

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Gaps in data and capacity are a major obstacle to measuring and achieving SDGs

44% of countries worldwide do not have comprehensive birth and death registration data

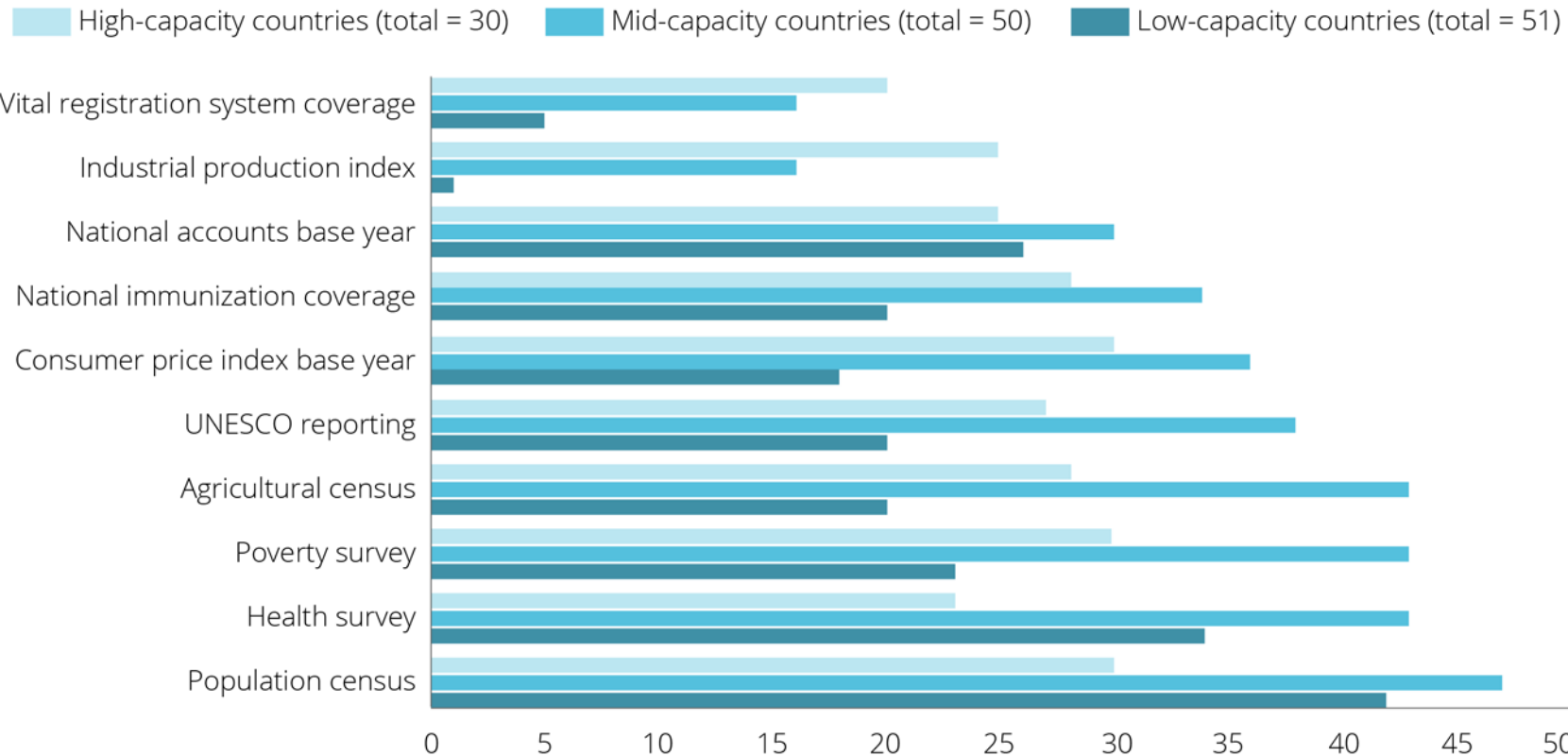**13% of countries worldwide** have a dedicated budget for gender statistics

37 countries have statistical laws that meet UN standards

No data exist for two thirds of Sustainable Development Goals.

Can national statistical systems meet the data demands of the SDGs?

Number of countries with capacity to deliver fundamental statistics, 2016
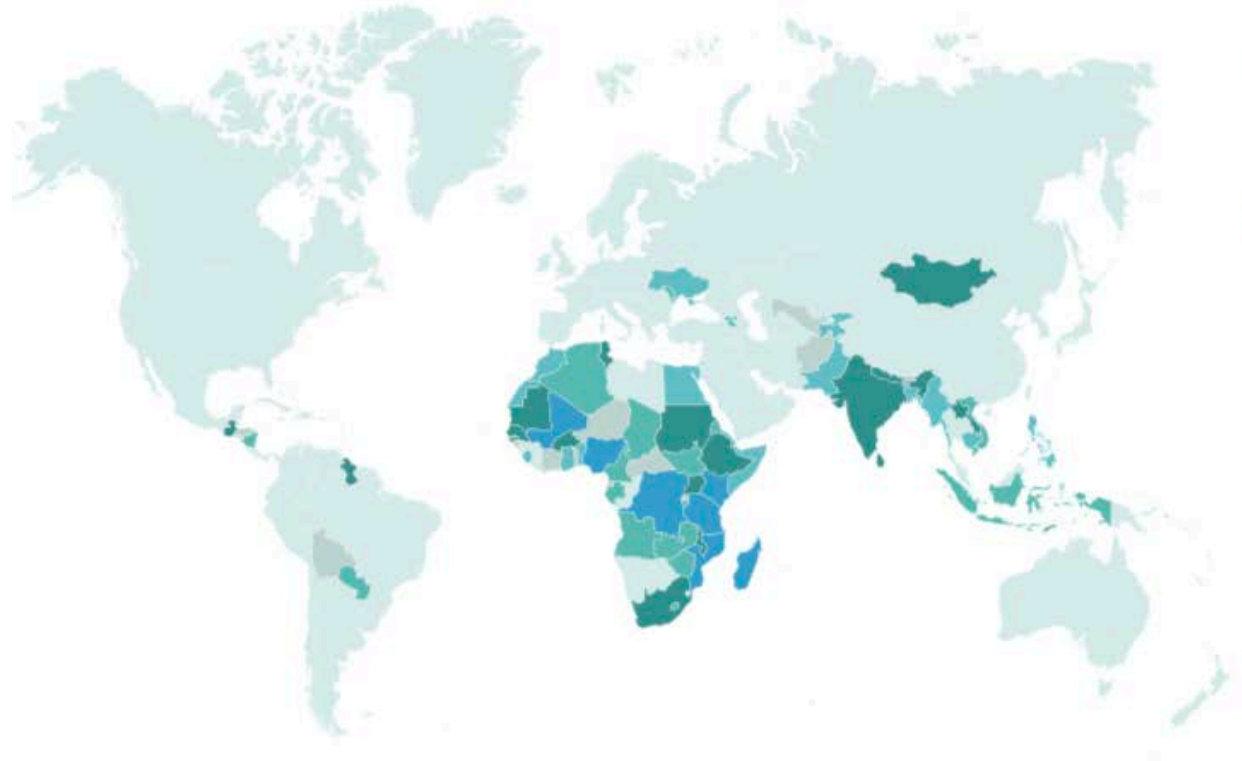

High-capacity countries (total = 30) | Mid-capacity countries (total = 50) | Low-capacity countries (total = 51)

Need for **more** financial resources for data

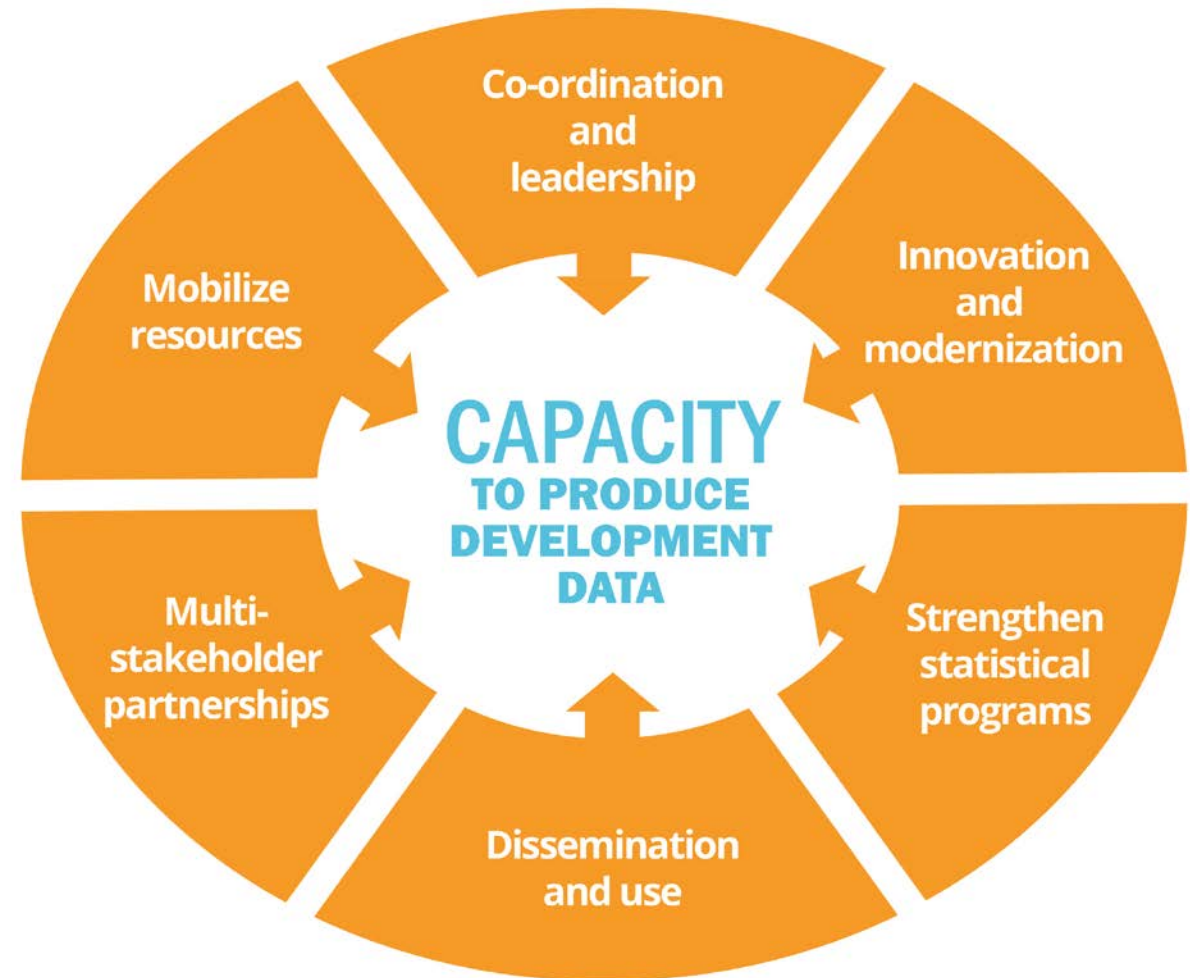Support to statistics in 2015 (in USD)*

$700-800 MILLION PER YEAR IS NEEDED

$200 Million gap per year

$541 MILLION IN CURRENT FUNDING

Total amount of commitment

0 m   0.1 m   0.5 m   1 m   10 m   80 m

*2017 Partner Report on Support to Statistics (PRESS), PARIS21

Not just **more** financial resources for data but also **better**

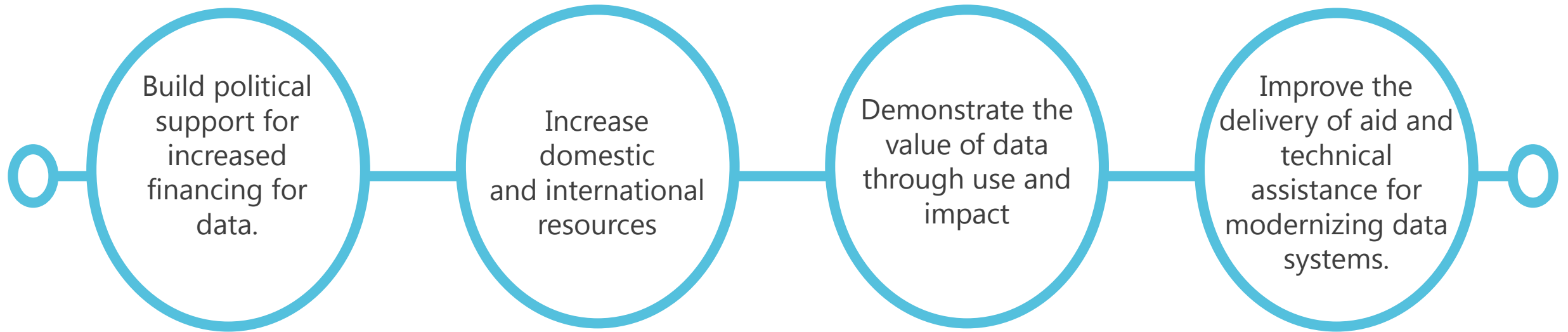Applying the Cape Town Global Action Plan to guide data investment priorities

Investing in data brings positive returns

Lessons from the past:
- Marrakesh Action Plan for Statistics
- International Comparison Program
- 2010 Census Round
- Demographic Health Survey and Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey

More and better financing for data: What will it take?

Build political support for increased financing for data.

Increase domestic and international resources

Demonstrate the value of data through use and impact

Improve the delivery of aid and technical assistance for modernizing data systems.

Moving forward, a strong focus should be placed on mobilizing resources to build national statistical capacity to improve data for development and serve the implementation of SDGs.

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2018, 2019, and beyond

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