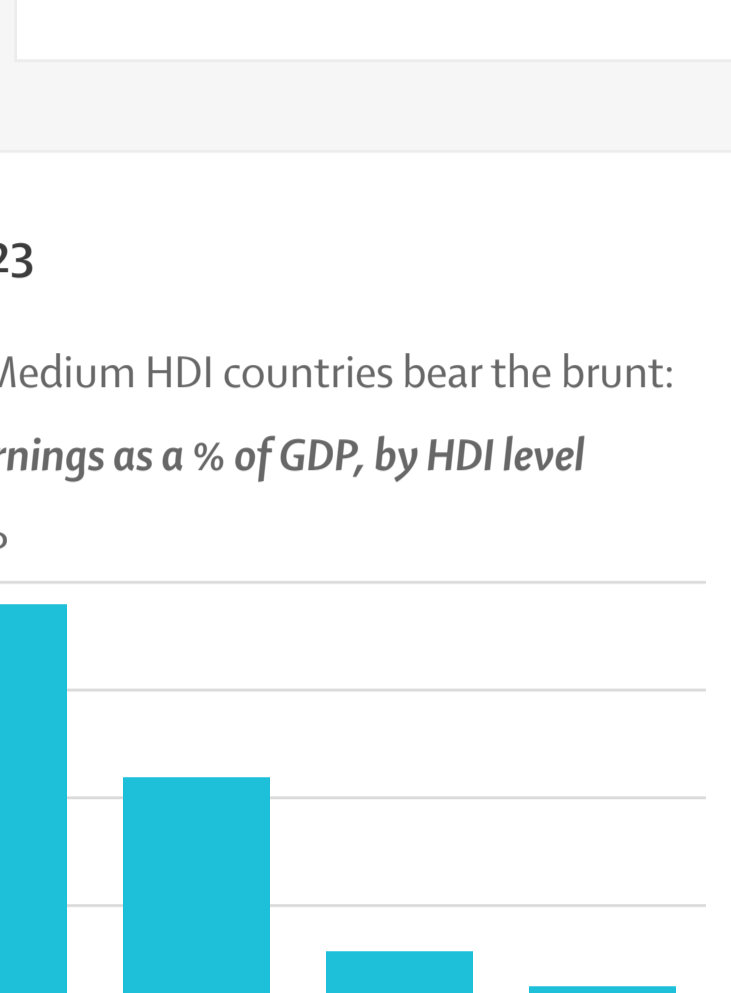
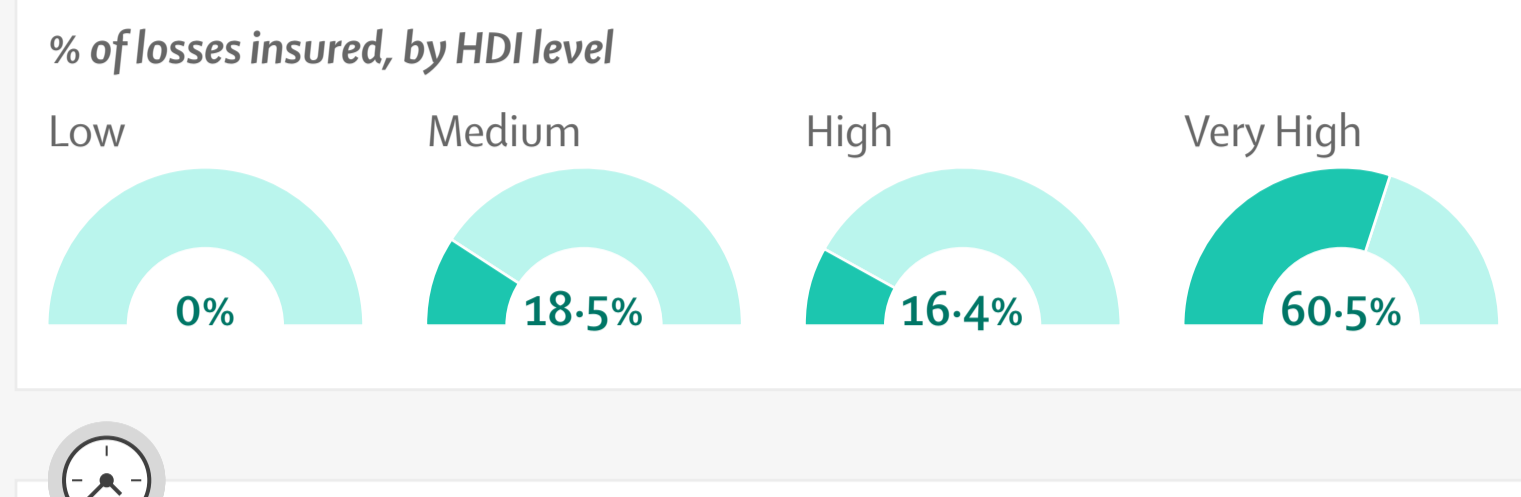
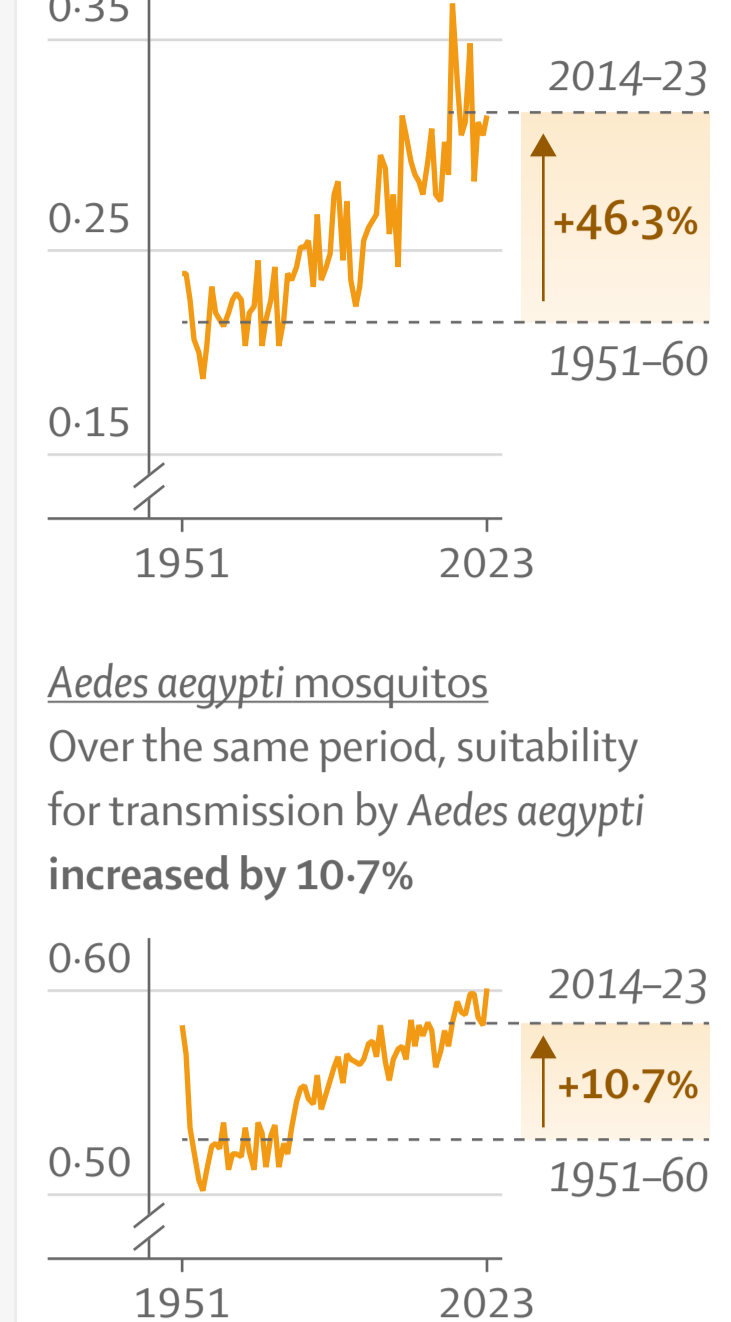
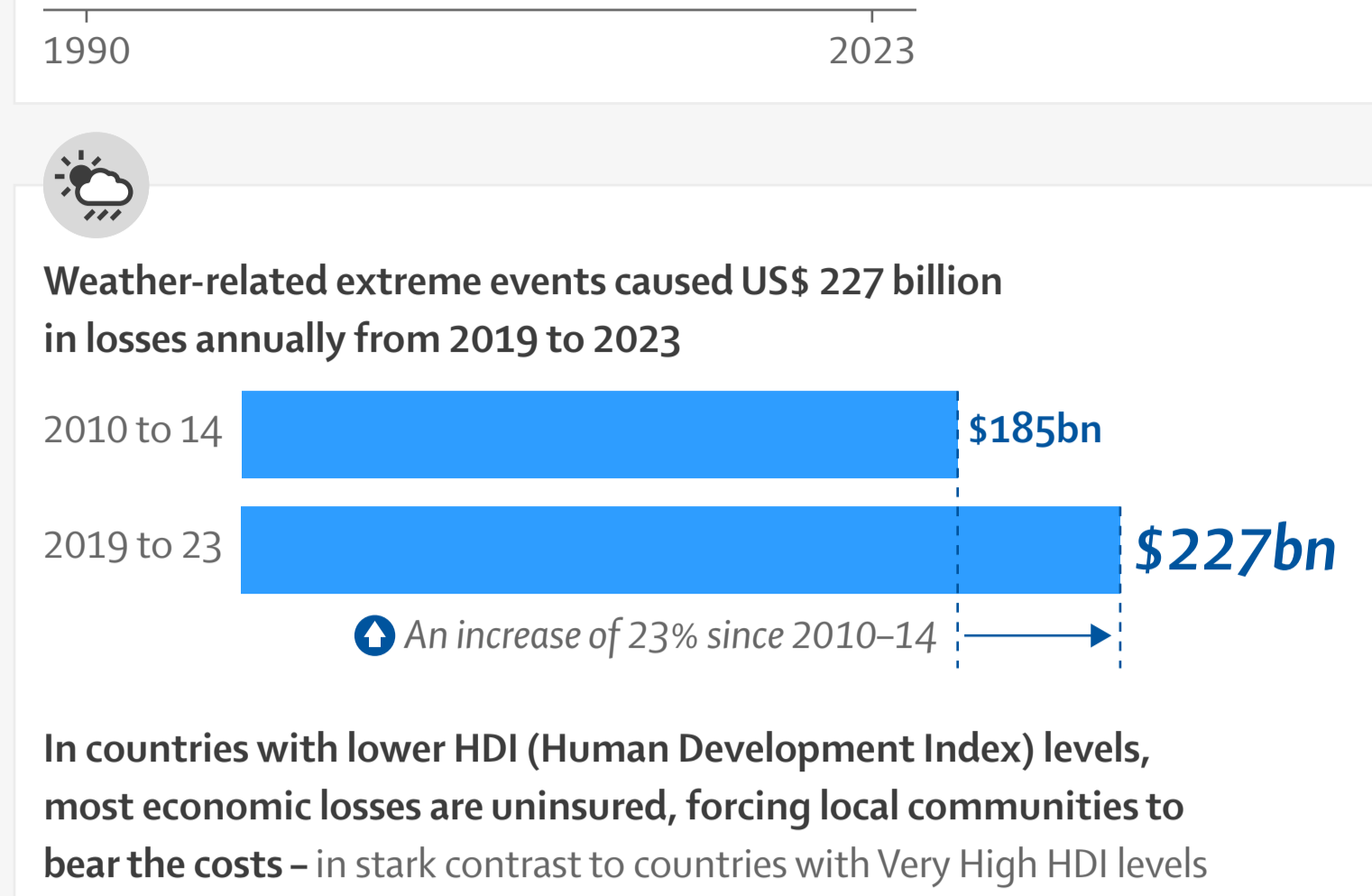
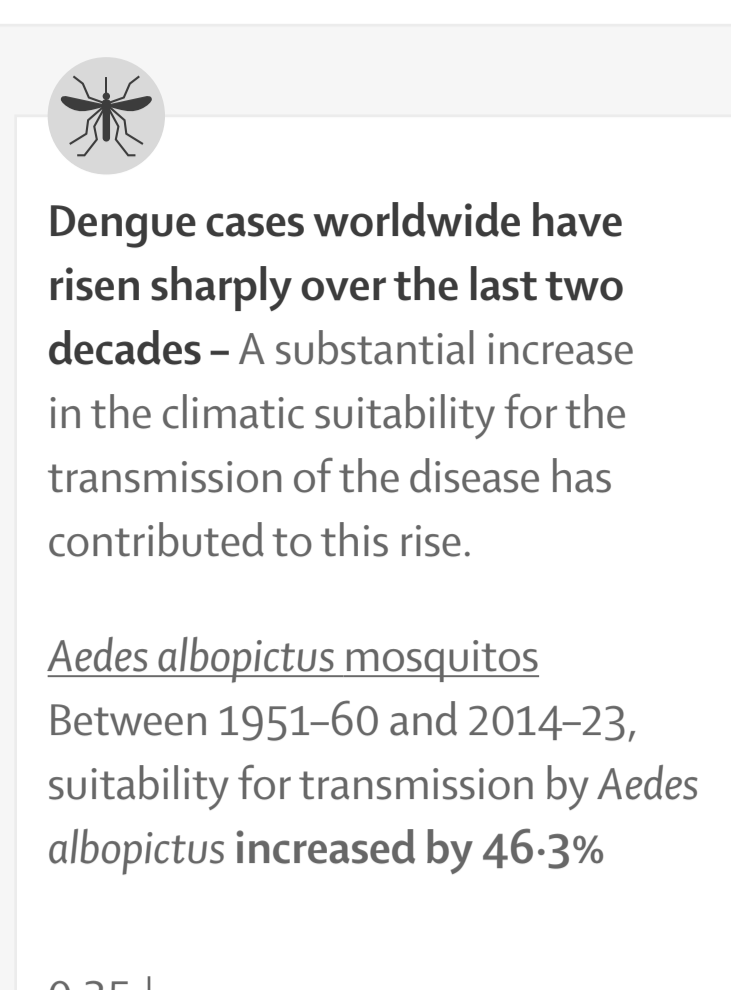
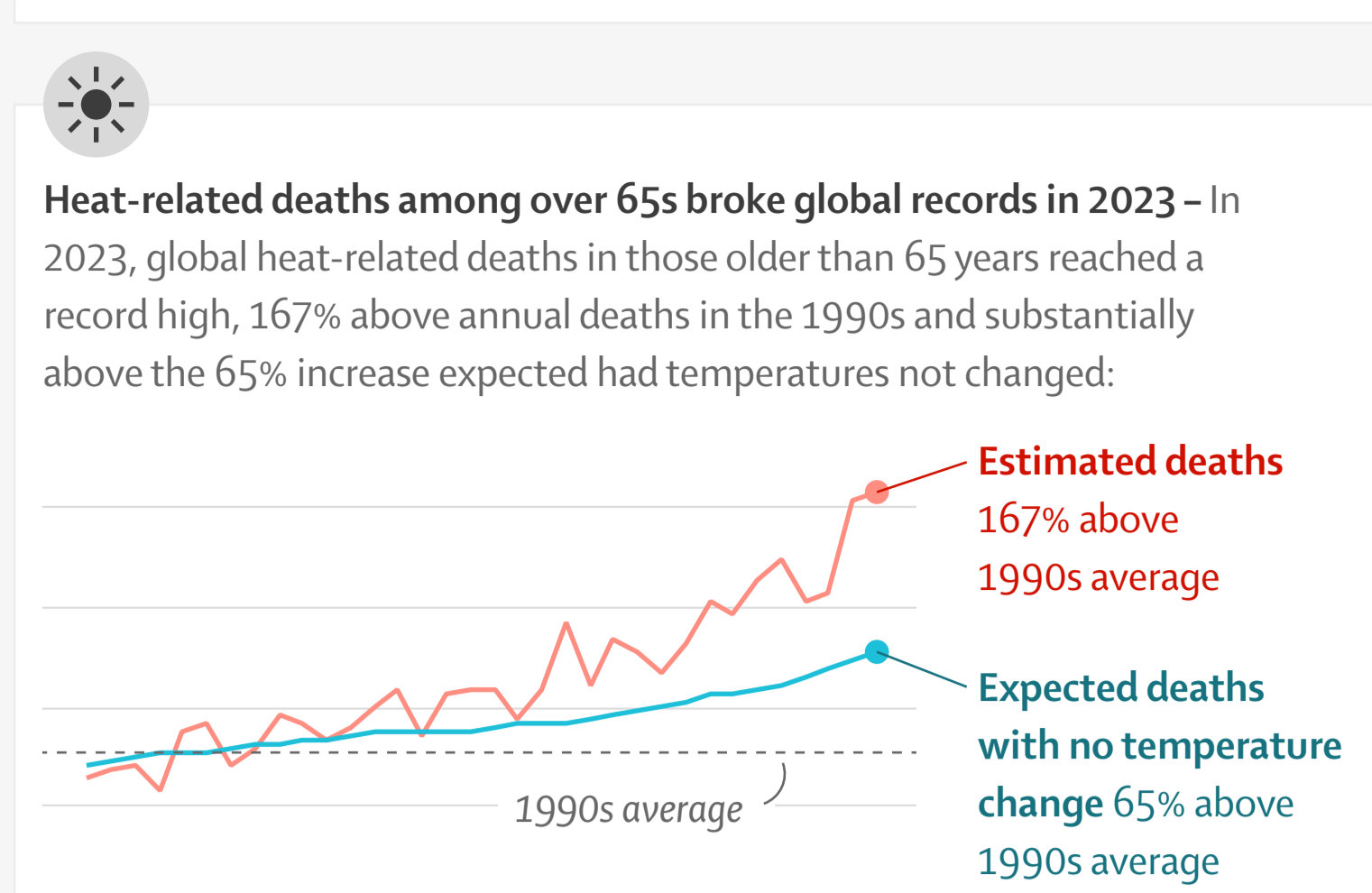
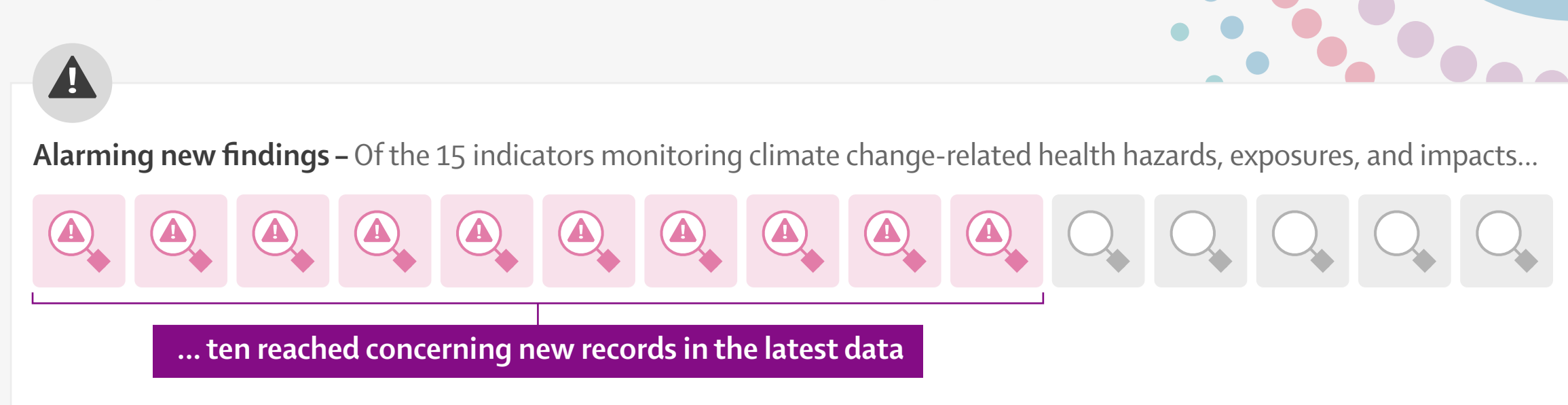
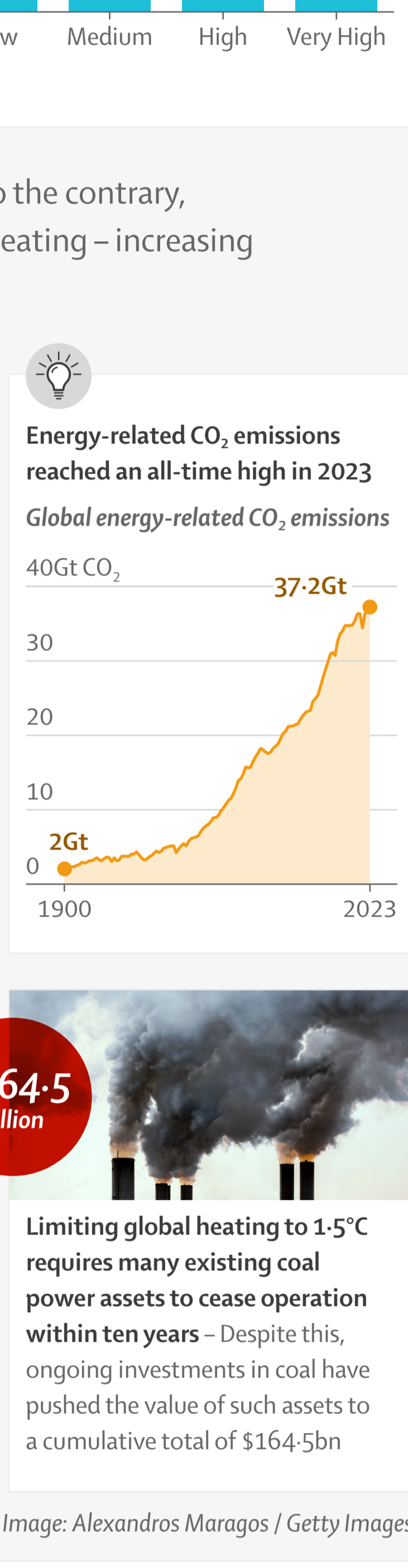
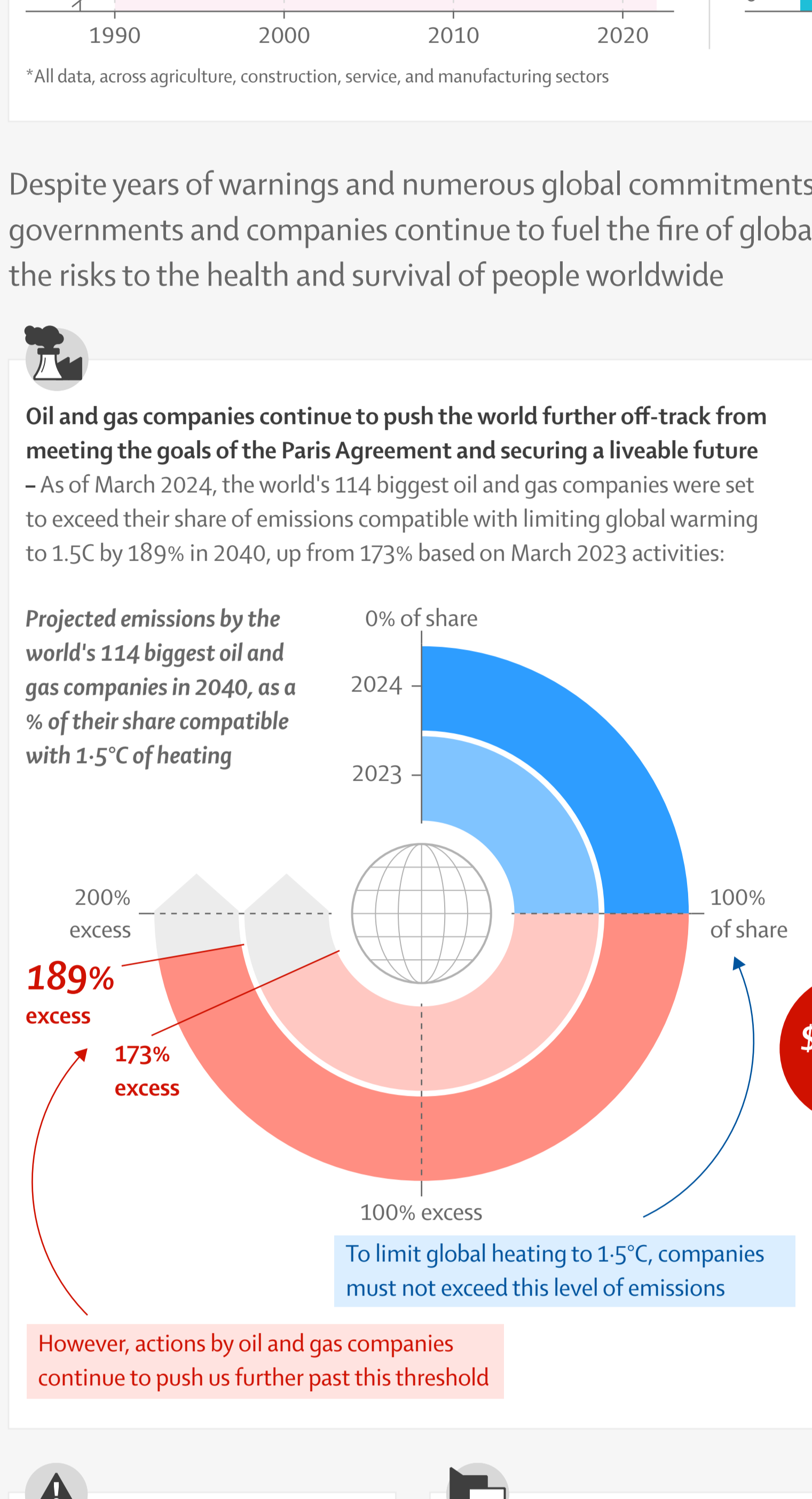


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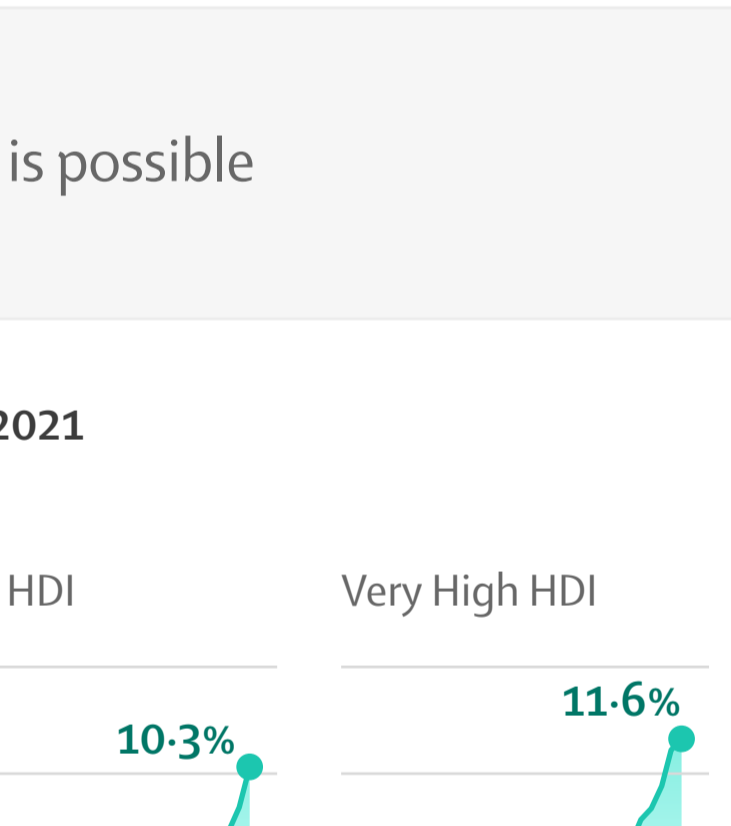
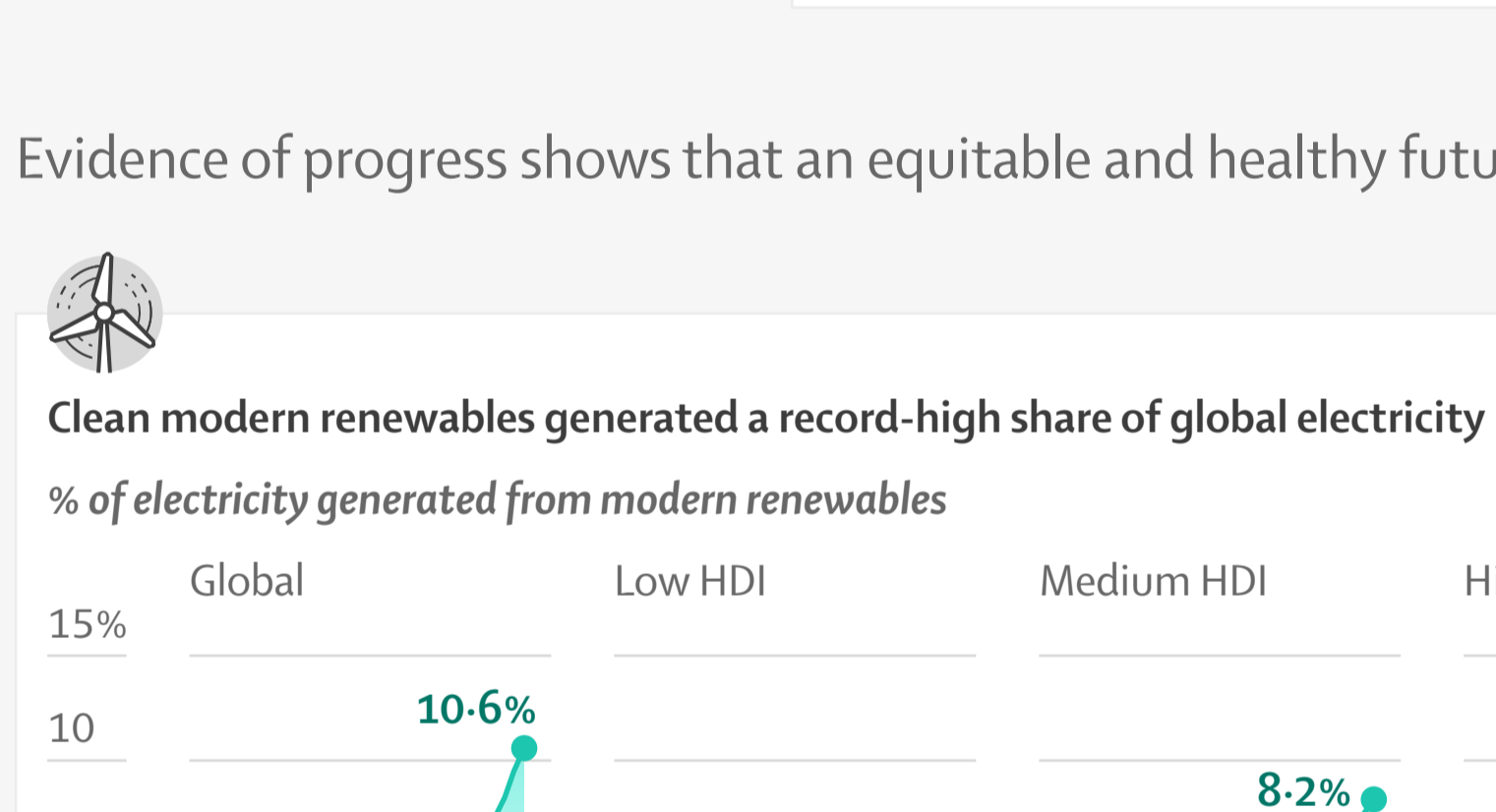
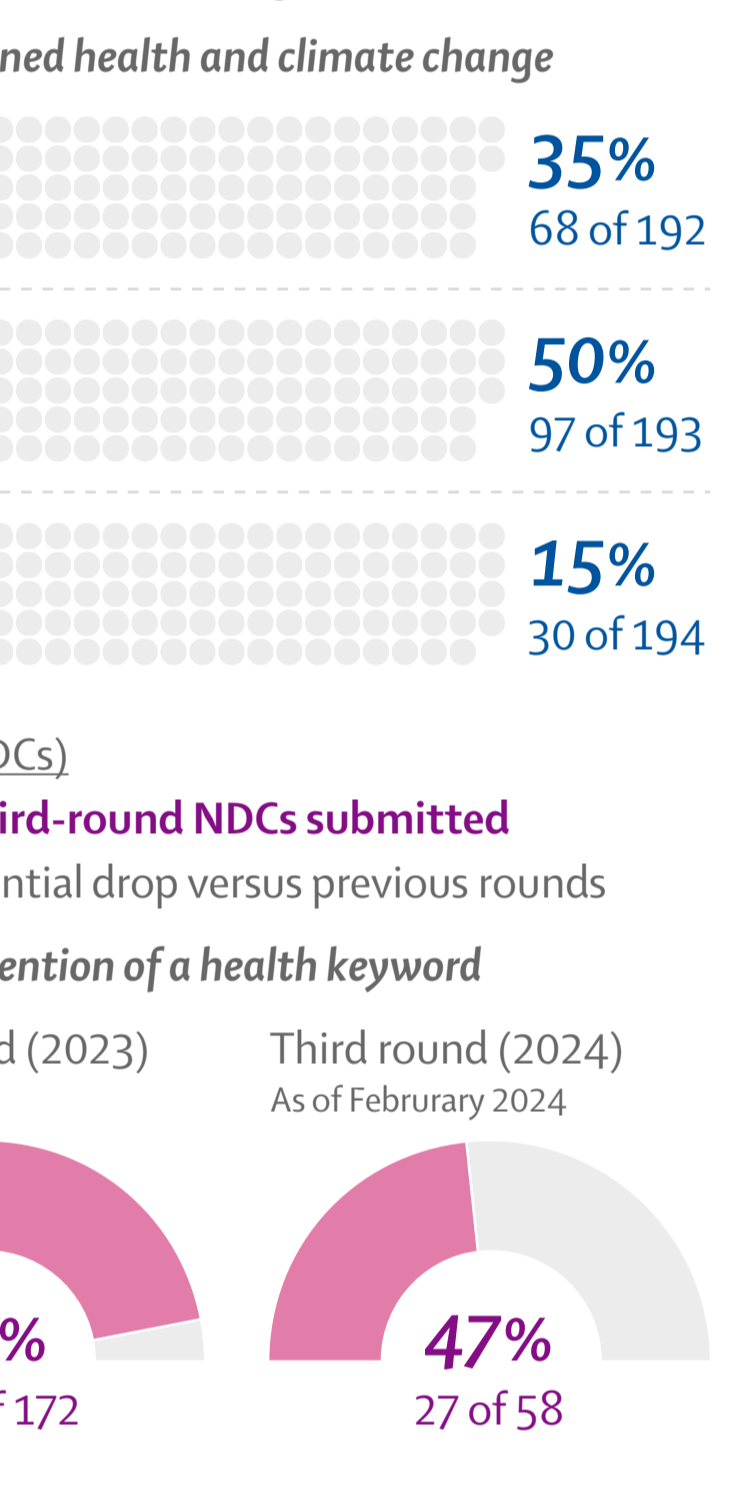
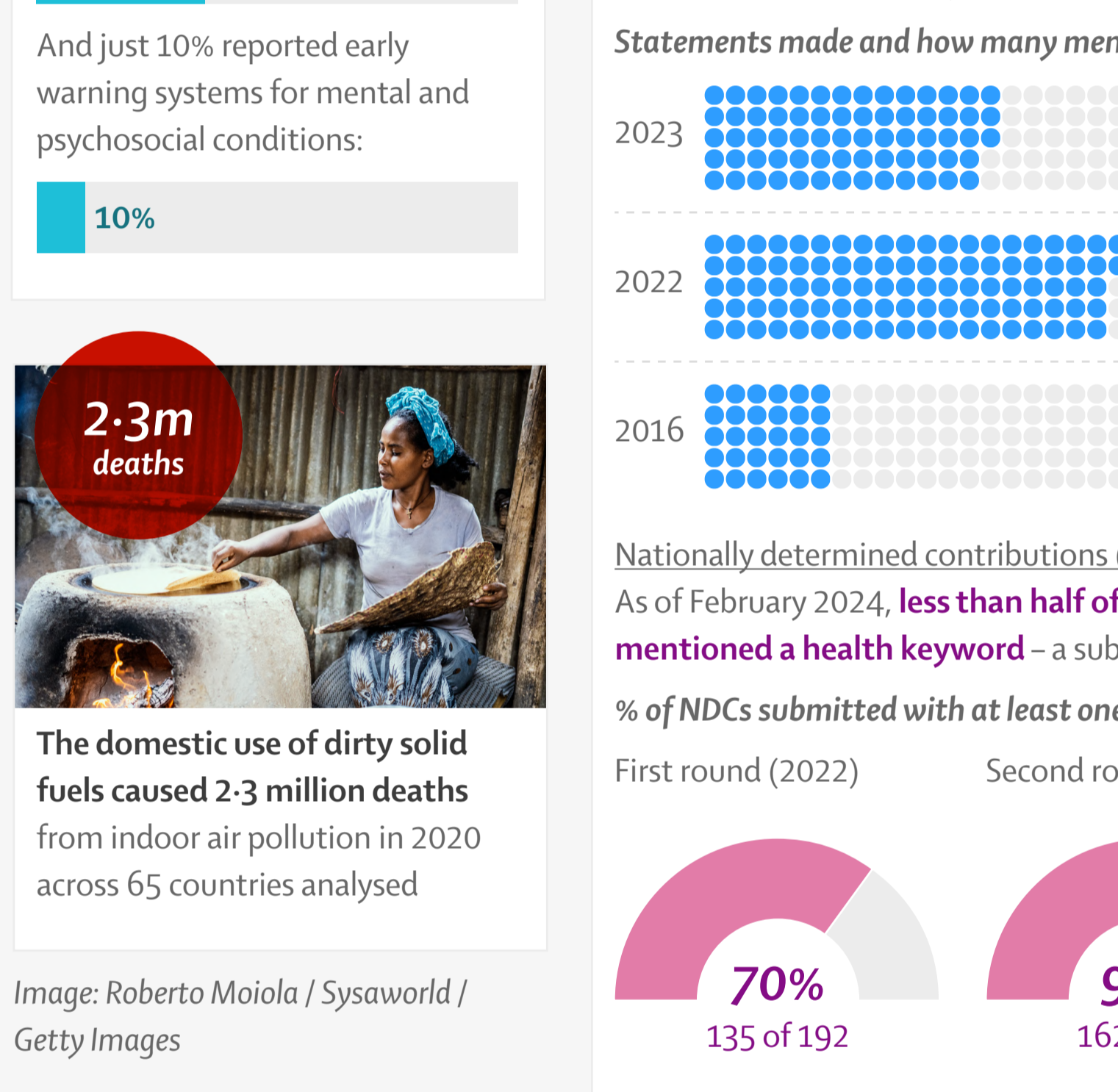
People worldwide are facing record-breaking threats to their wellbeing, health, and survival from the rapidly changing climate



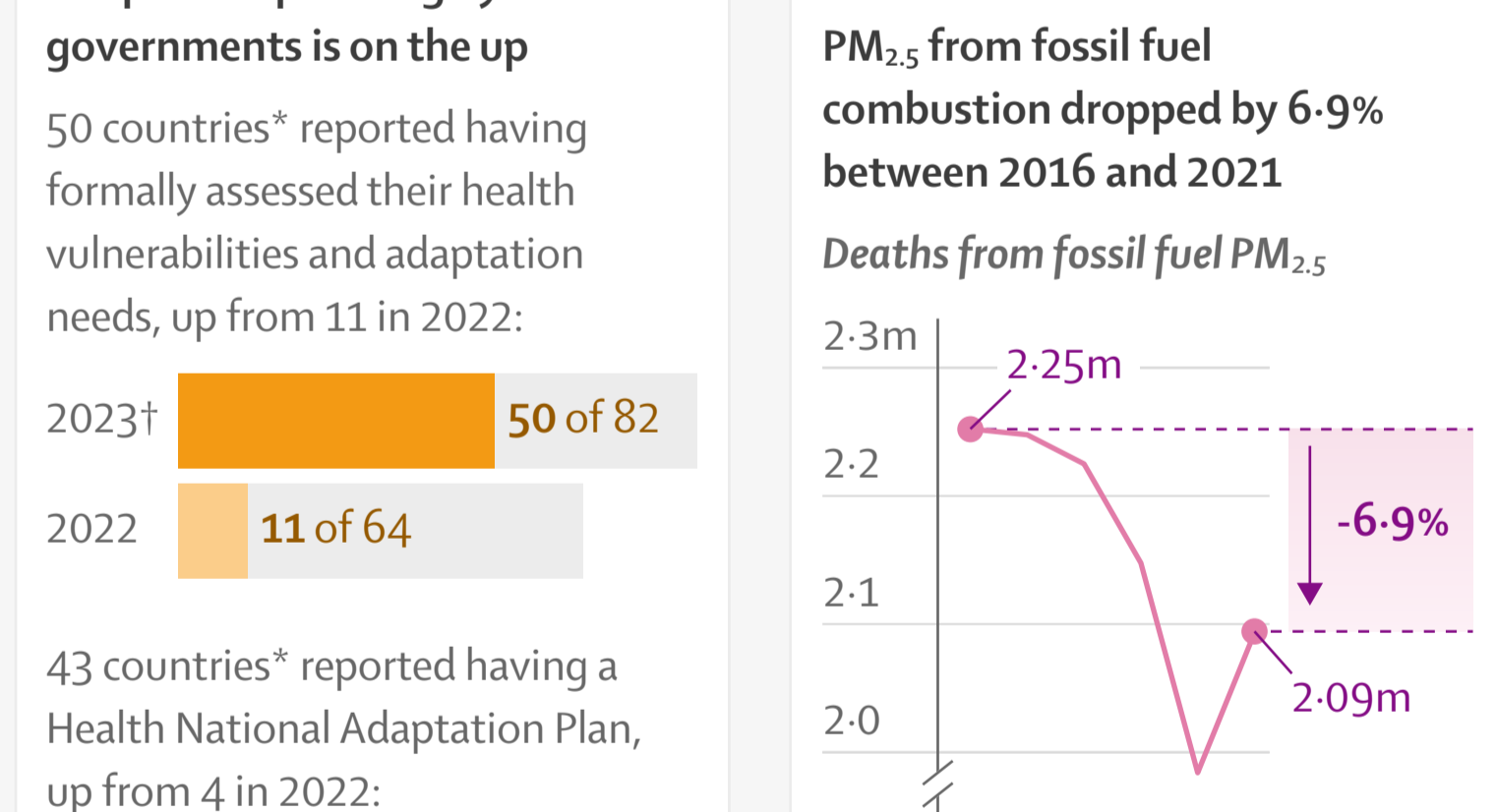
Despite years of warnings and numerous global commitments to the contrary, governments and companies continue to fuel the fire of global heating – increasing the risks to the health and survival of people worldwide



Evidence of progress shows that an equitable and healthy future is possible



However, funds that could be used to transition are instead being spent to support activities perpetuating the harms of a fossil fuel-based economy. To achieve a just, zero-emission future, resources must be urgently redirected to actions that benefit people's health and wellbeing



The report identifies seven new opportunities to put health at the centre of the world's response to climate change

- Put health at the centre of national commitments to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.** Countries are due to update their nationally determined contributions by 2025 in response to the first Global Stocktake
 - Invest in a healthy future.** Fossil fuel subsidies reached record-high levels in 2022 as energy prices soared, and fossil fuels still attract 36.6% of global energy investment—this funding could be redirected
 - Deliver climate finance commitments that promote human wellbeing and equity.** Due to COP29, the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance is due to be adopted, and governing arrangements for the Loss and Damage fund will be considered and approved
 - Make protecting the health, wellbeing, and livelihoods of present and future generations the primary goal of climate action.** The metrics to monitor progress against the Global Goal on Adaptation and Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW14) are being defined in 2024–25
 - Shape societies to promote health, equity, and climate justice.** At COP28, parties agreed to hold biannual dialogues under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Just Transition Work Programme
 - Build future-proofed health systems.** WHO's GPW14 and 77th World Health Assembly (WHA77) resolution on health and climate change established responding to climate change as a core priority
 - Tackle climate change through public health interventions.** WHO's GPW14 and WHA77 resolution established a priority to address health determinants and the root causes of ill health in key policies across sectors, including by tackling air pollution and unhealthy diets
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