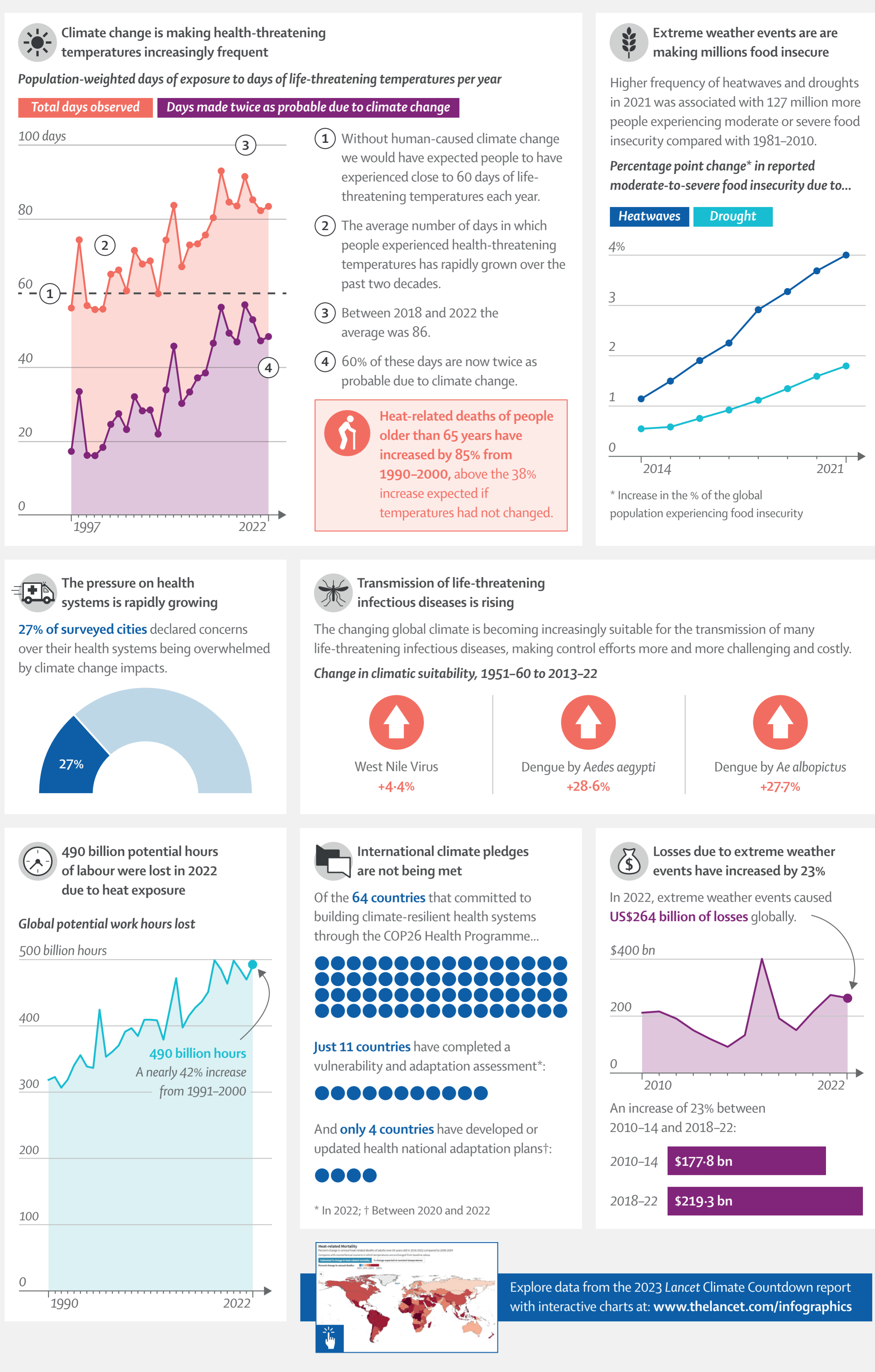
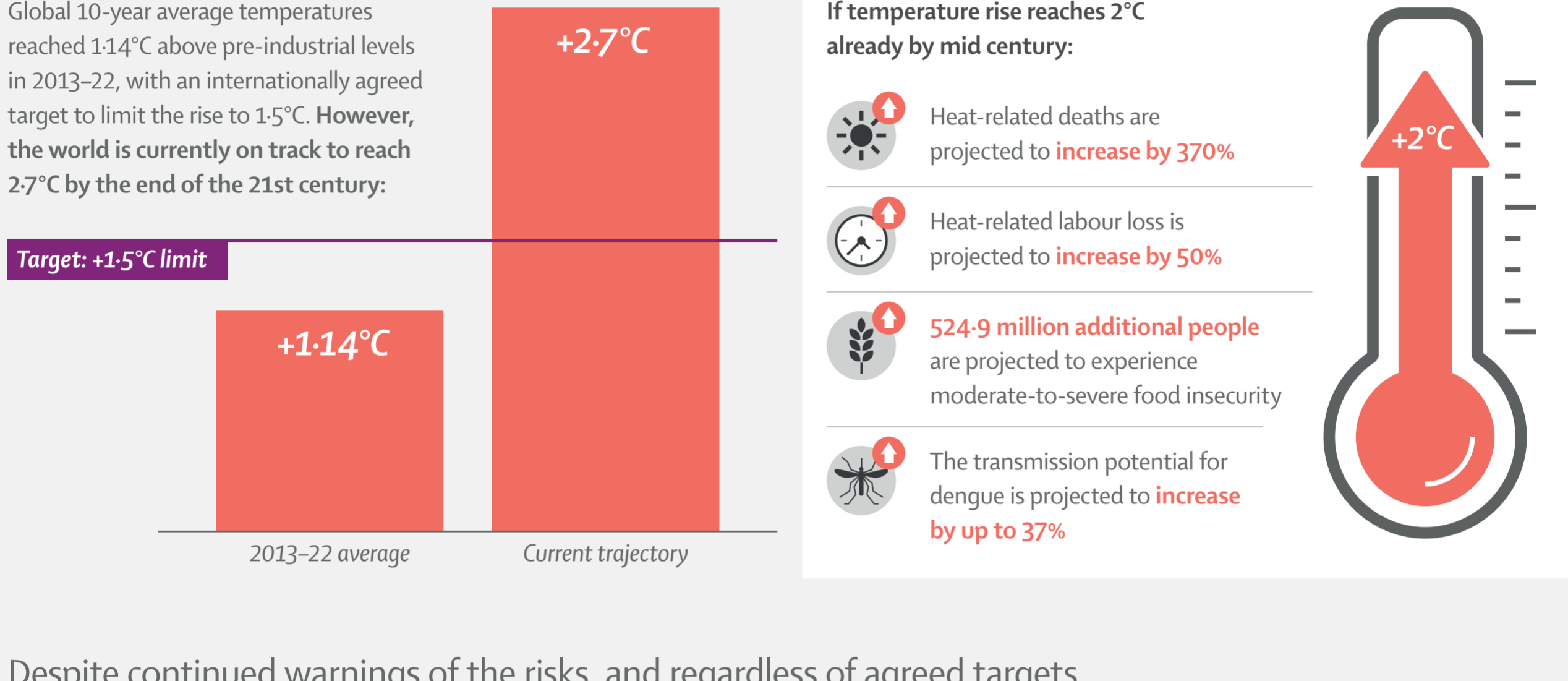


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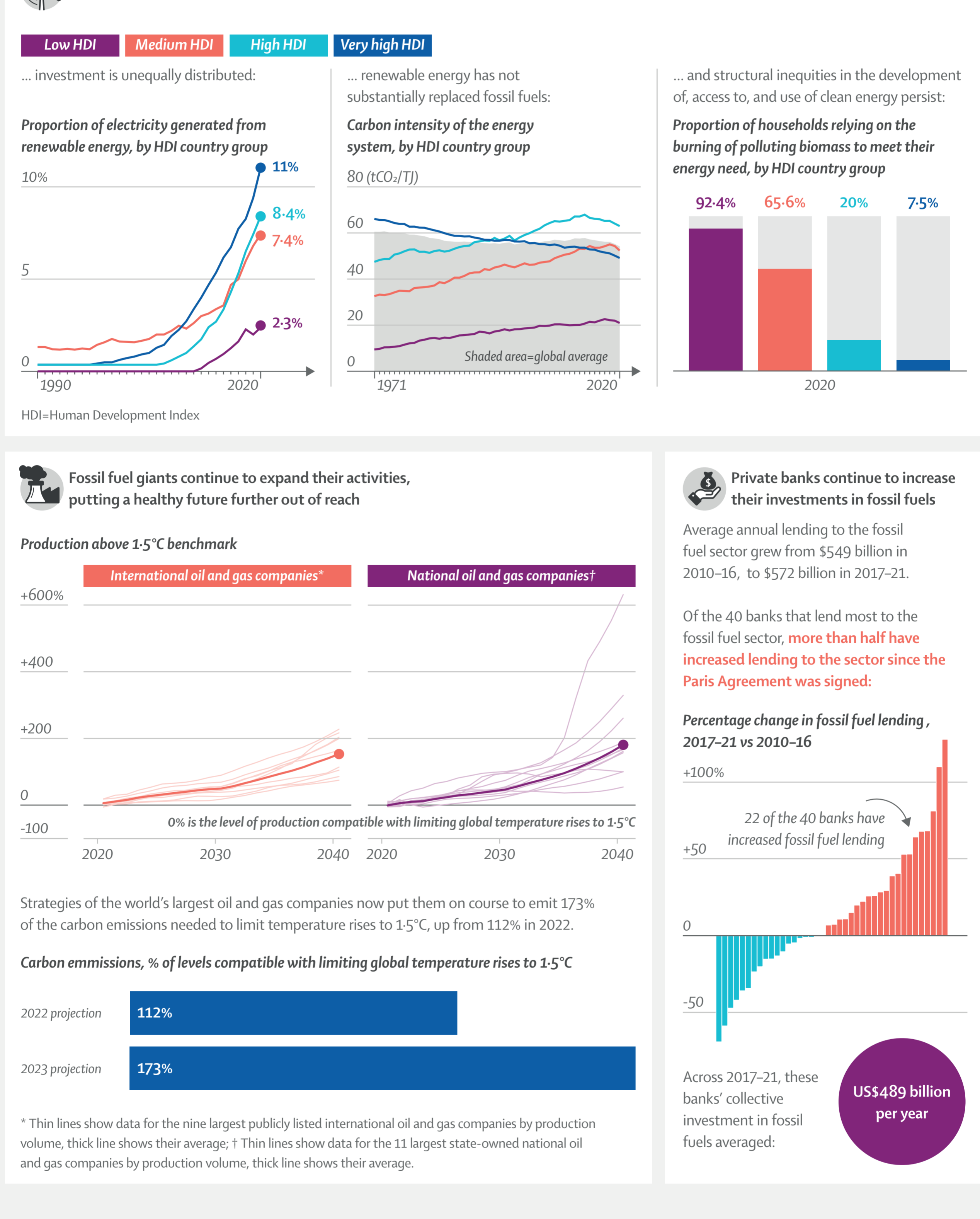
Lack of action to avoid or adapt to climate change thus far has left us exposed to health harms.



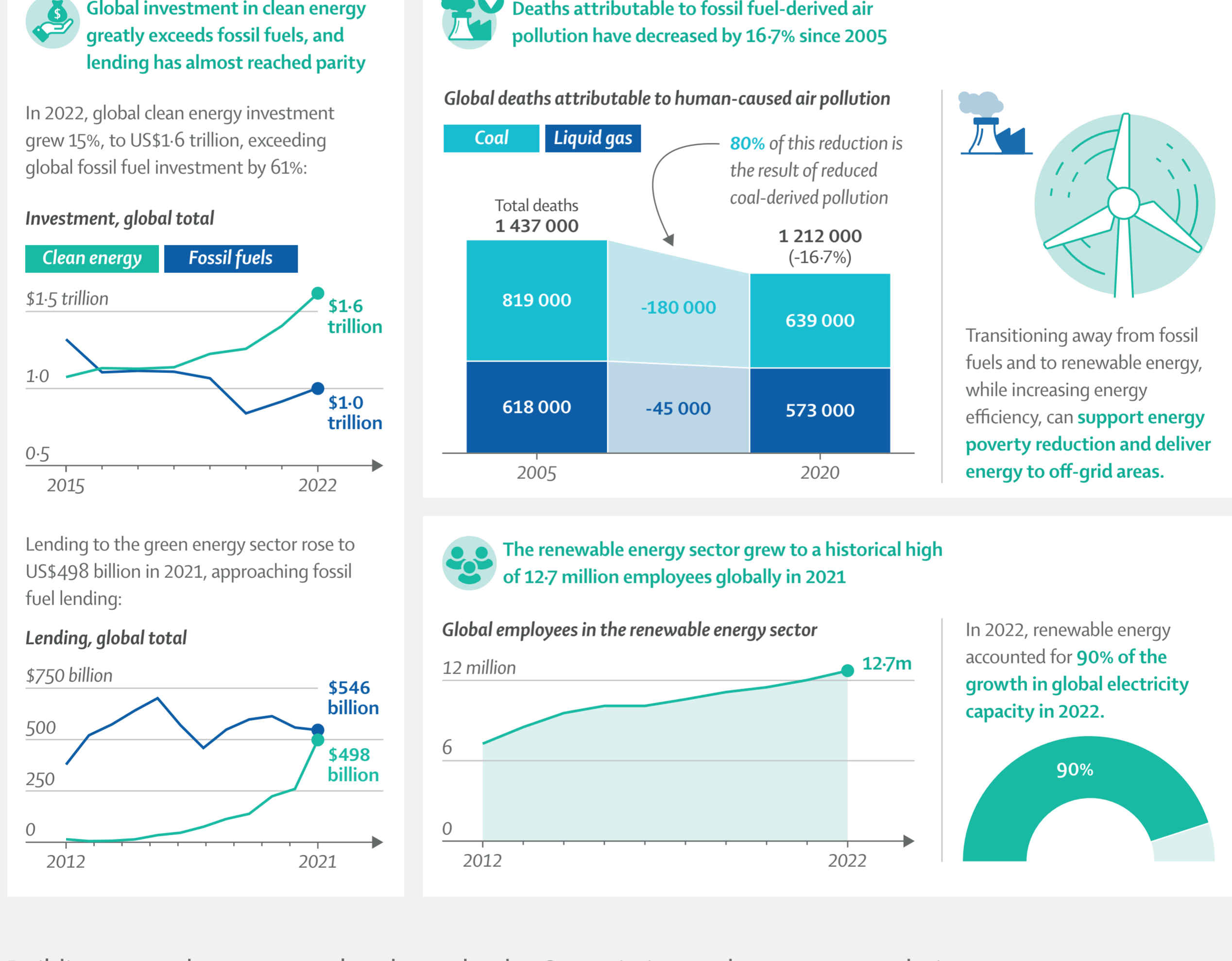
The health threats experienced to date are an early symptom of the dangers our future might hold. New projections reveal an intolerable future with rapidly growing hazards.



Despite continued warnings of the risks, and regardless of agreed targets to limit temperature rise, the world is accelerating in the wrong direction.



For all the negatives, there are still positive signals of progress, and opportunities to deliver a healthy, thriving future for people all around the world.



Building upon the progress already made, the Commission makes recommendations to maximise the benefits of climate change action for people's health and wellbeing:

**Accelerate the phasing out of fossil fuels, prioritising interventions with health co-benefits in the energy sector and food system**  
 Promote a health-centred energy transition that maximises health gains; ban and cease funding to all new oil and gas projects  
 Reduce the health harms of energy poverty by supporting a just zero-carbon transition  
 Accelerate mitigation in food systems through support for, and promotion of, healthier, low-carbon diets

**Promote leadership from the health sector by delivering health-promoting climate change action**  
 Deliver public health programmes that simultaneously improve public health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
 Lead by example by building sustainable, efficient, and zero emission health systems in alignment with the ambitions of the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) Health Programme

**Transform financial systems to support a healthy, sustainable future**  
 Increase climate finance to promote a healthy, just transition, including through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s financial mechanisms and funding provided by multilateral development banks  
 Rapidly phase out all subsidies for, lending to, and investment in oil and gas companies, including their exploration and extraction activities

**Accelerate climate change adaptation for health**  
 Accelerate the development of climate-resilient health systems, in agreement with the COP26 Health Programme  
 Increase the capacity of health systems to prepare for, and respond to, climate-related health risks

**Increase resources and support to continue expanding the knowledge base, understanding, and engagement of key actors in health and climate change**  
 Strengthen global capacity for health and climate change research and knowledge generation  
 Increase support to maintain and strengthen monitoring of health and climate change at global, regional, and national levels

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