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Social protection for older persons

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Social protection for older persons

Social protection is defined as a set of public policies and programs intended to ensure an adequate standard of living and access to health care throughout the life cycle.

Social protection benefits can be provided in cash or in kind through contributory schemes such as pensions, or through non-contributory schemes that may be universal or targeted.

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Social protection for older persons

	Ensure an adequate standard of living	Ensure access to health care
Contributory	Social insurance: old-age pensions, disability pensions, survivors pensions, unemployment insurance…	Health insurance
Non-contributory	Social assistance: cash transfers, in-kind benefits Targeted or universal	Health care provided free of charge

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Social protection coverage

- Two main data sources:
  - ILO data on SDG indicator 1.3.1: "Percentage of the population covered by social protection floors/systems disaggregated by sex, and distinguishing children, unemployed, old age, people with disabilities, pregnant women/new-borns, work injury victims, poor and vulnerable"
    - Specifically data series g): "Proportion of older persons receiving a pension"
  - Administrative data relating to specific schemes and programmes
    - Annual reports of social insurance institutions
    - Social assistance beneficiary data as far as available

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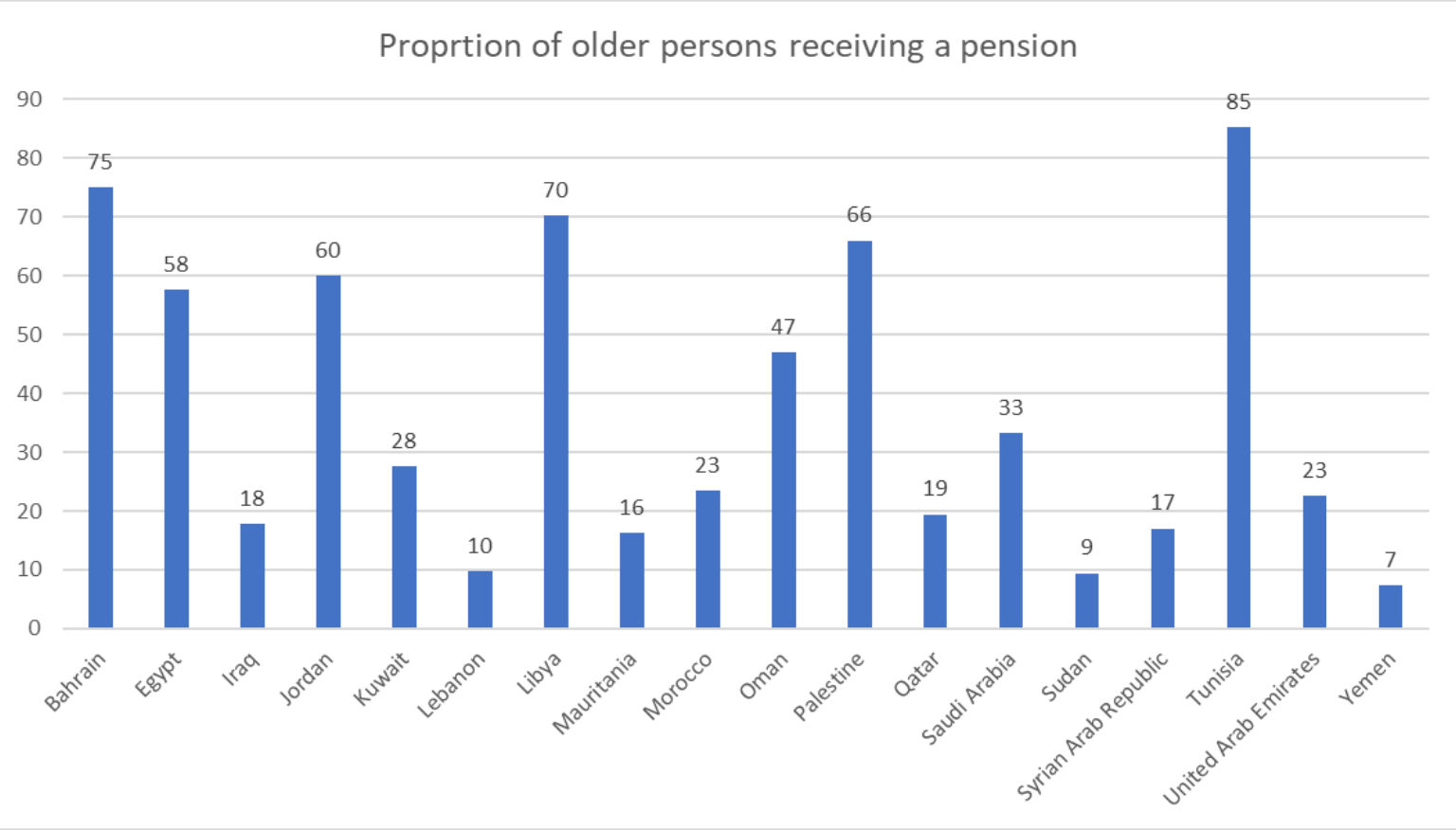

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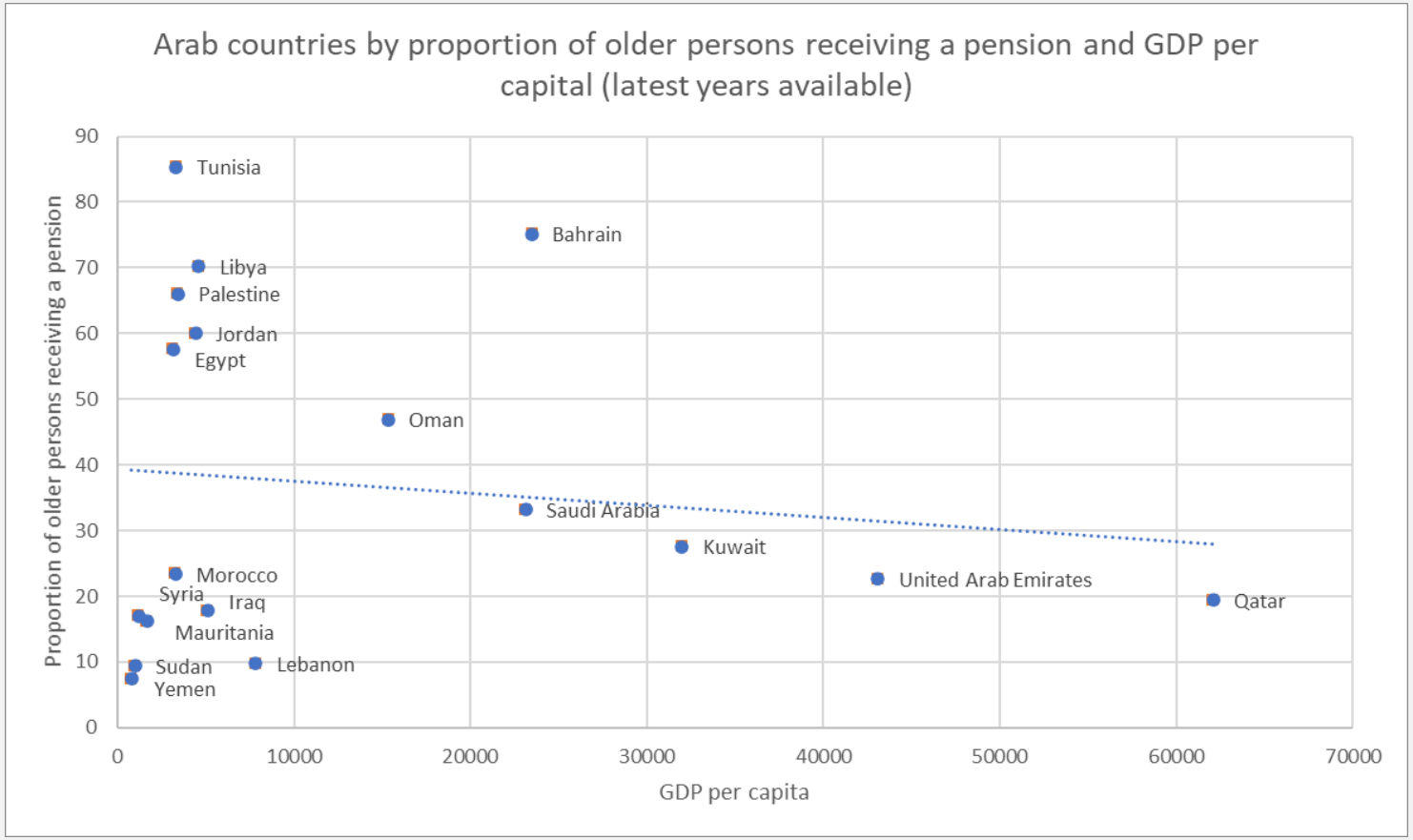

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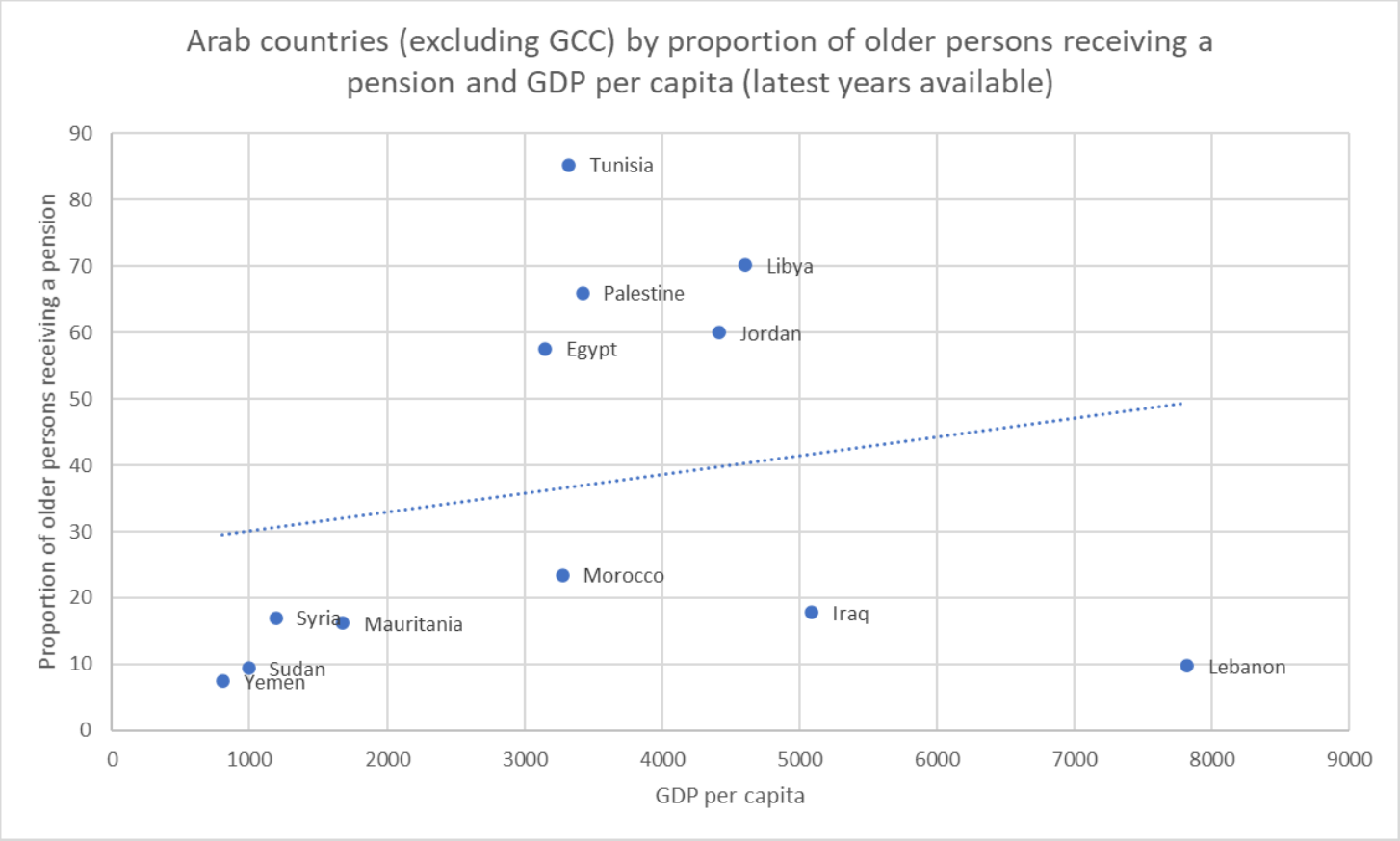

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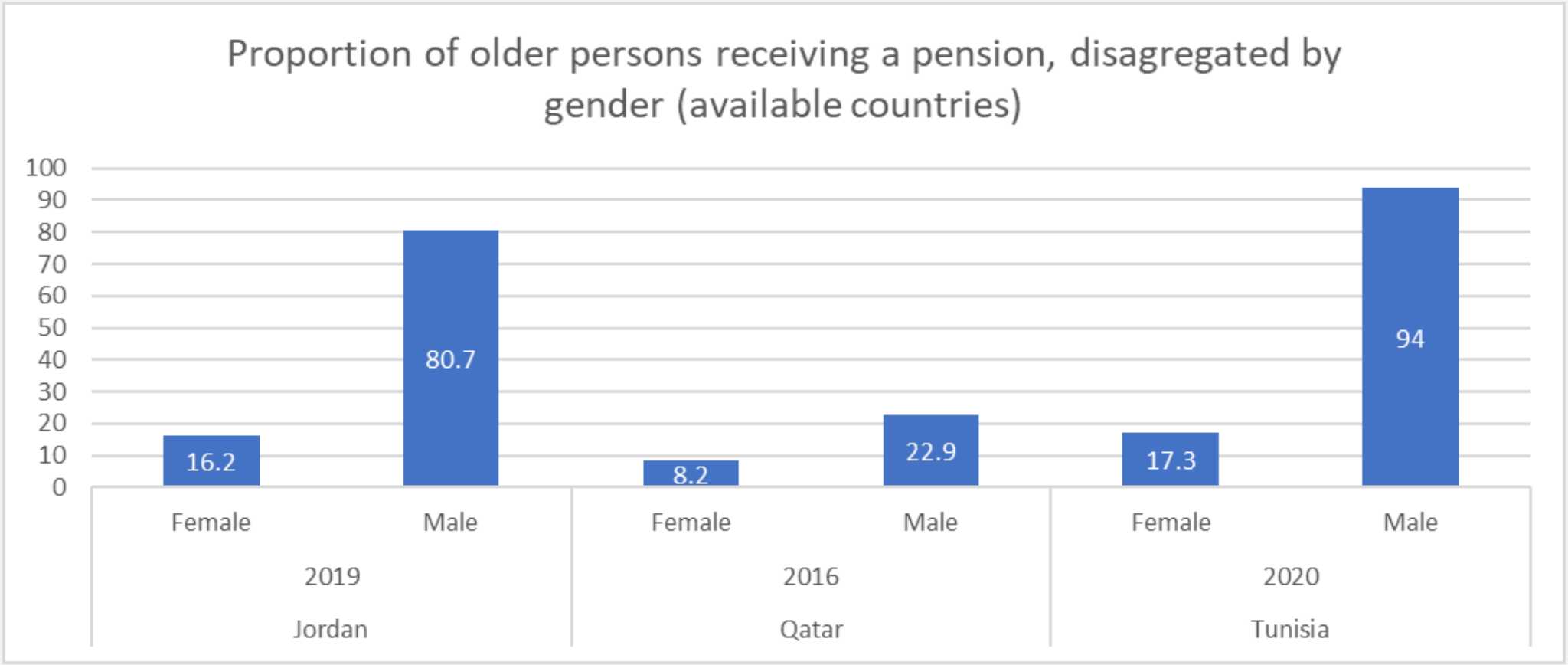

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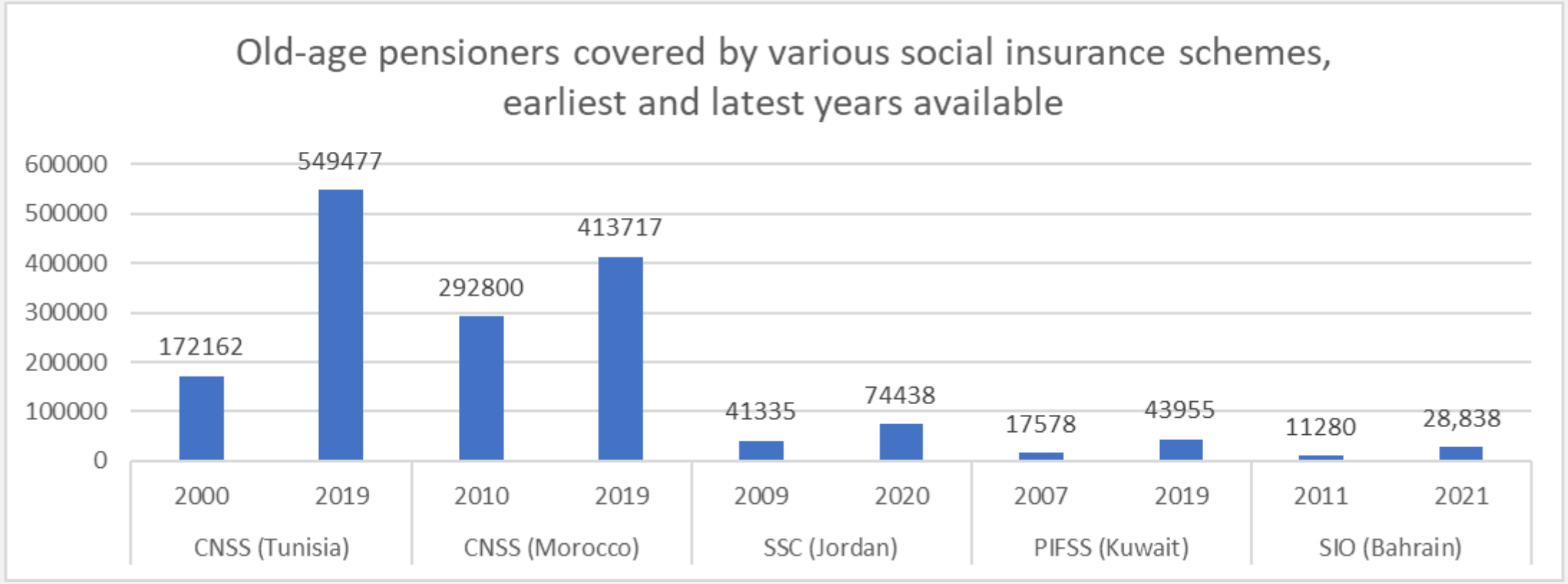

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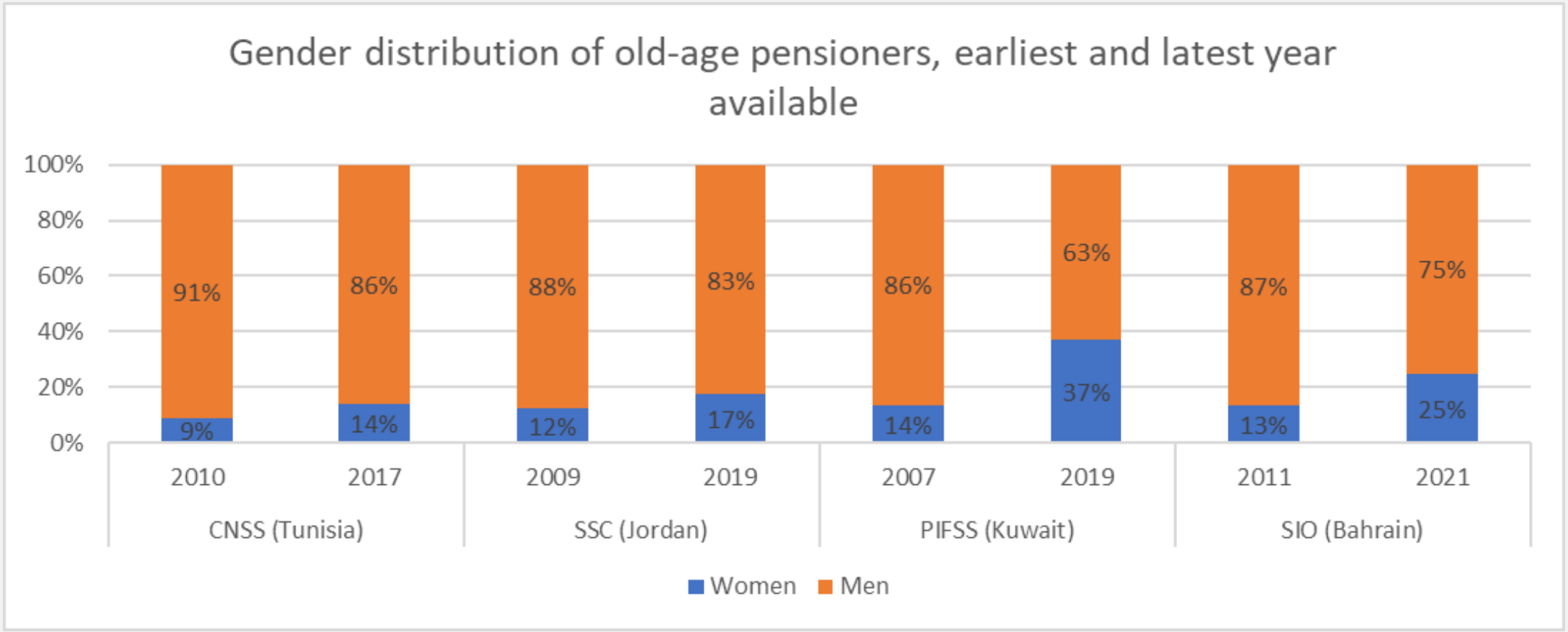

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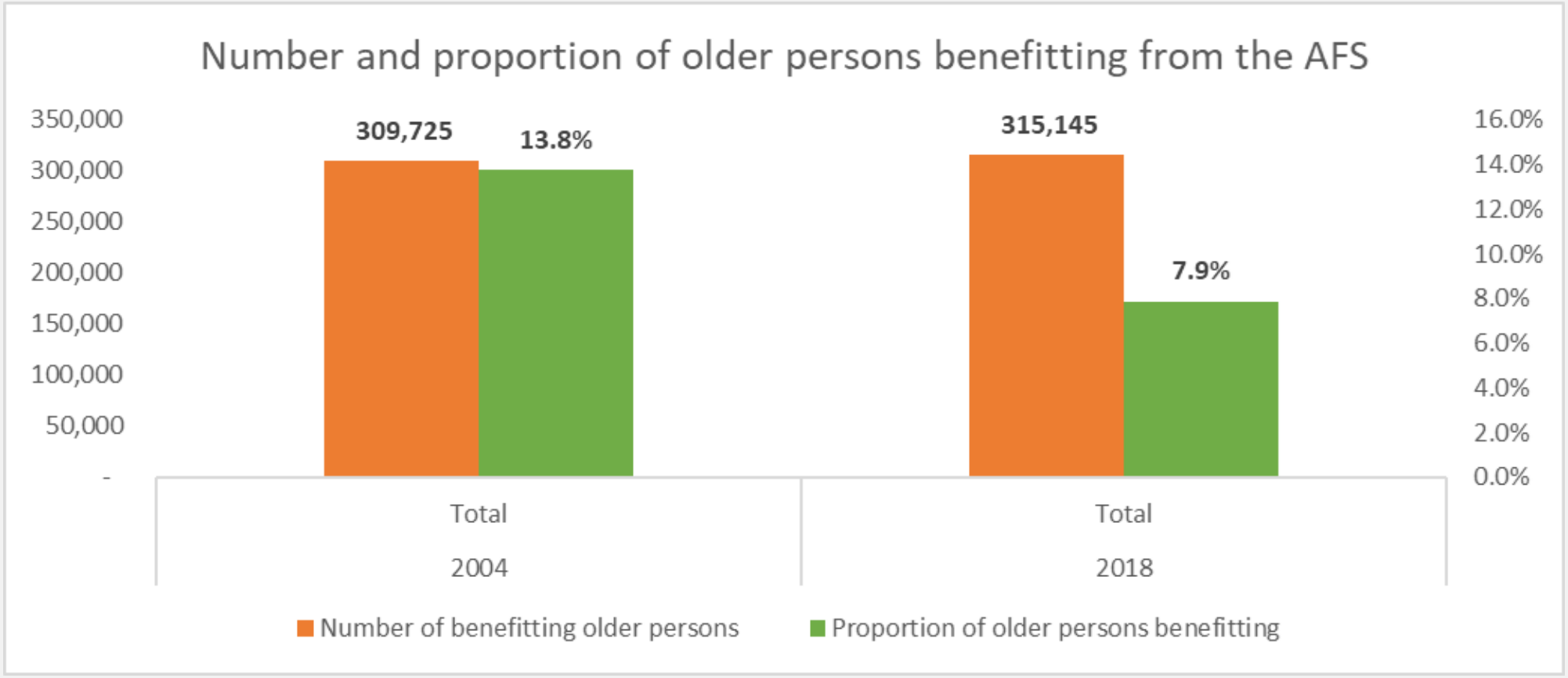

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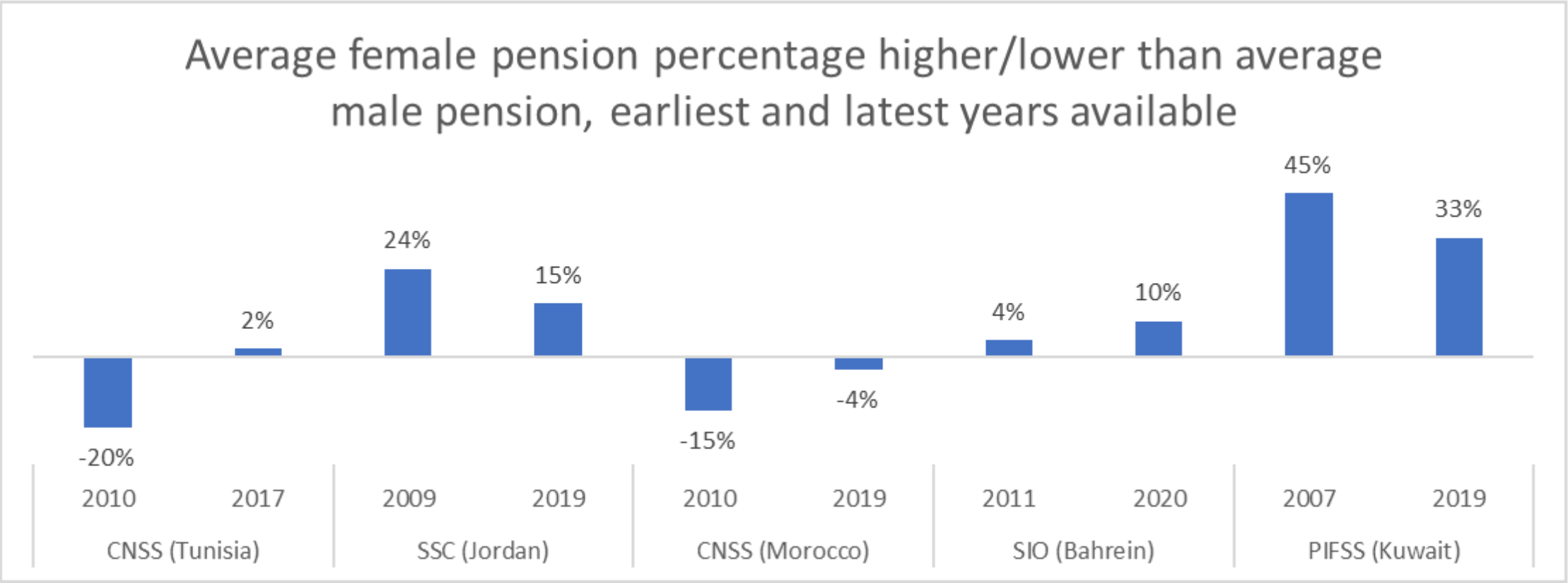

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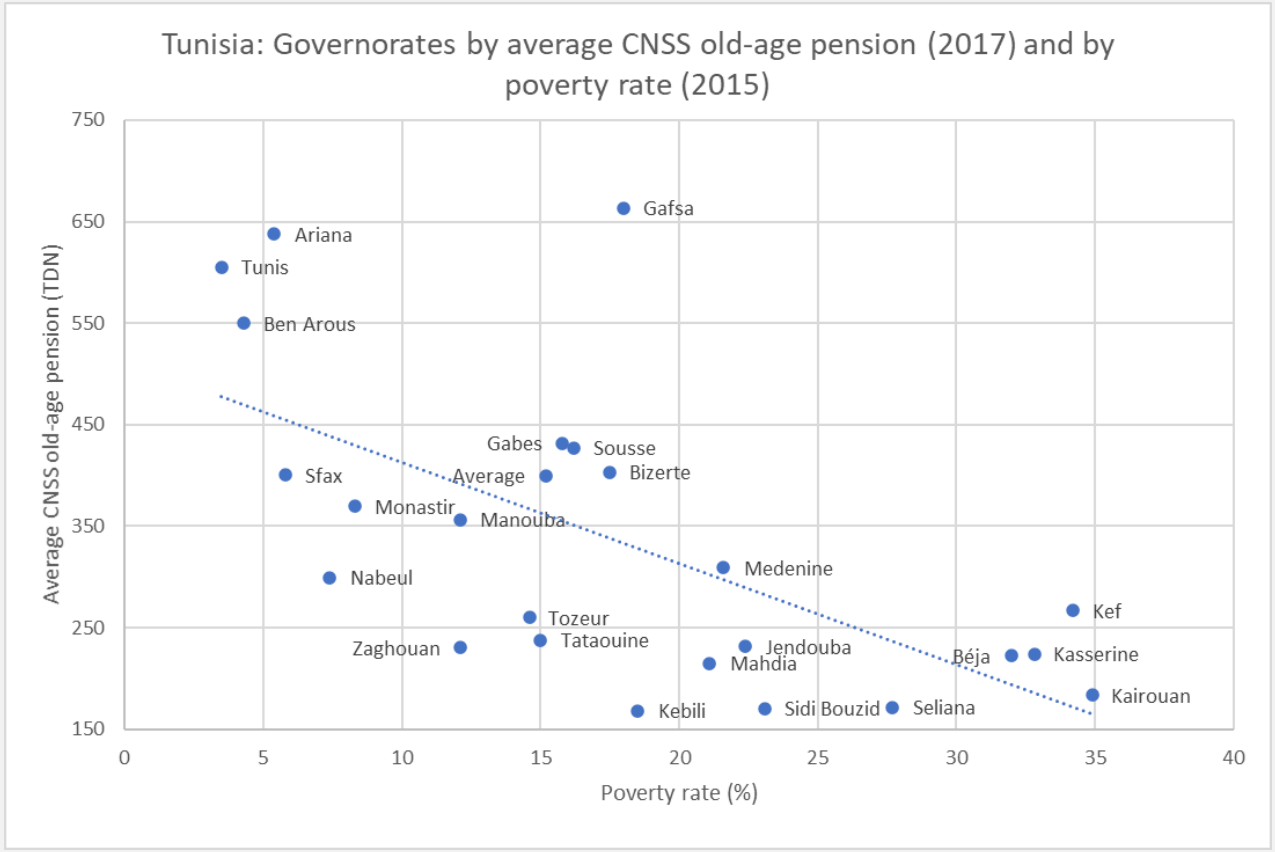

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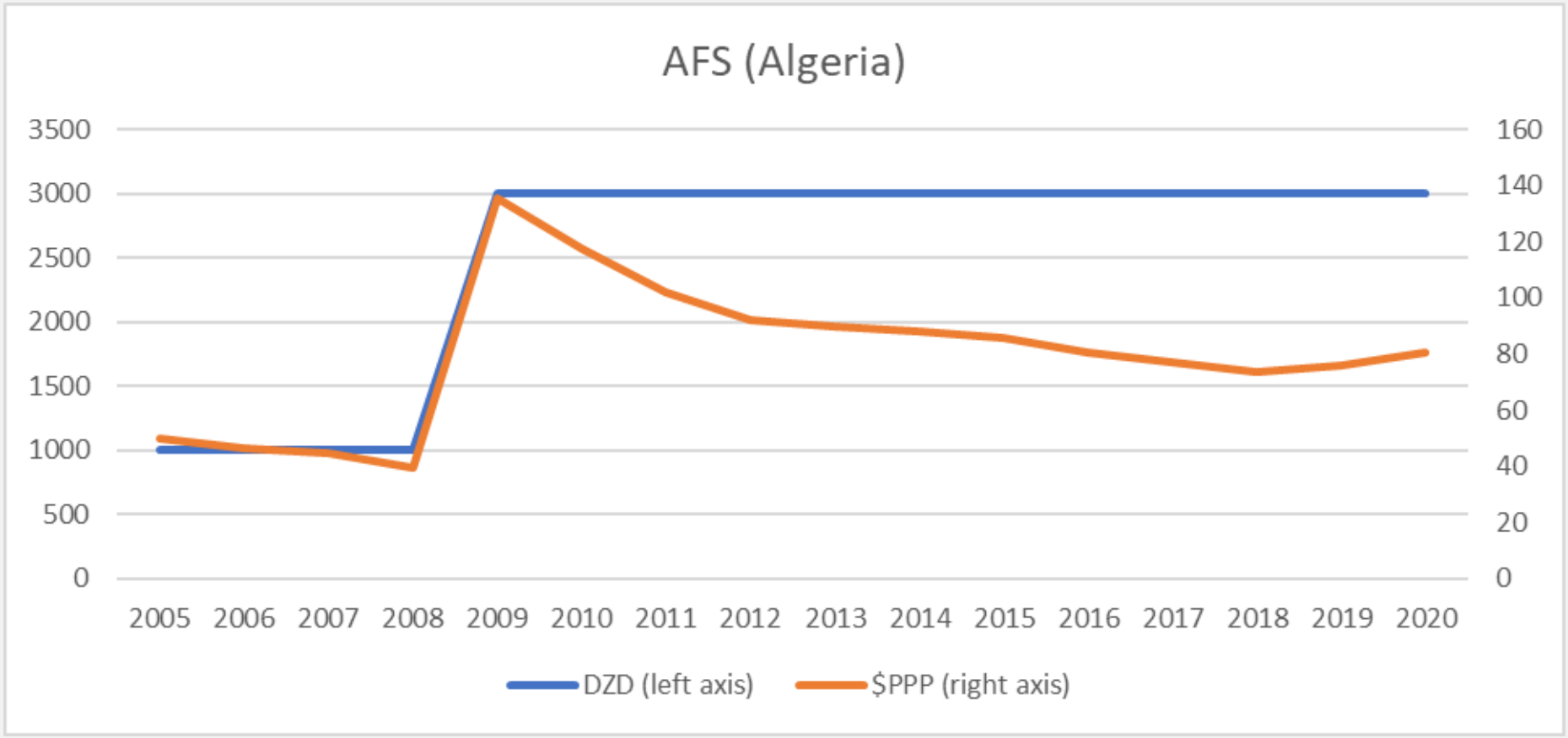

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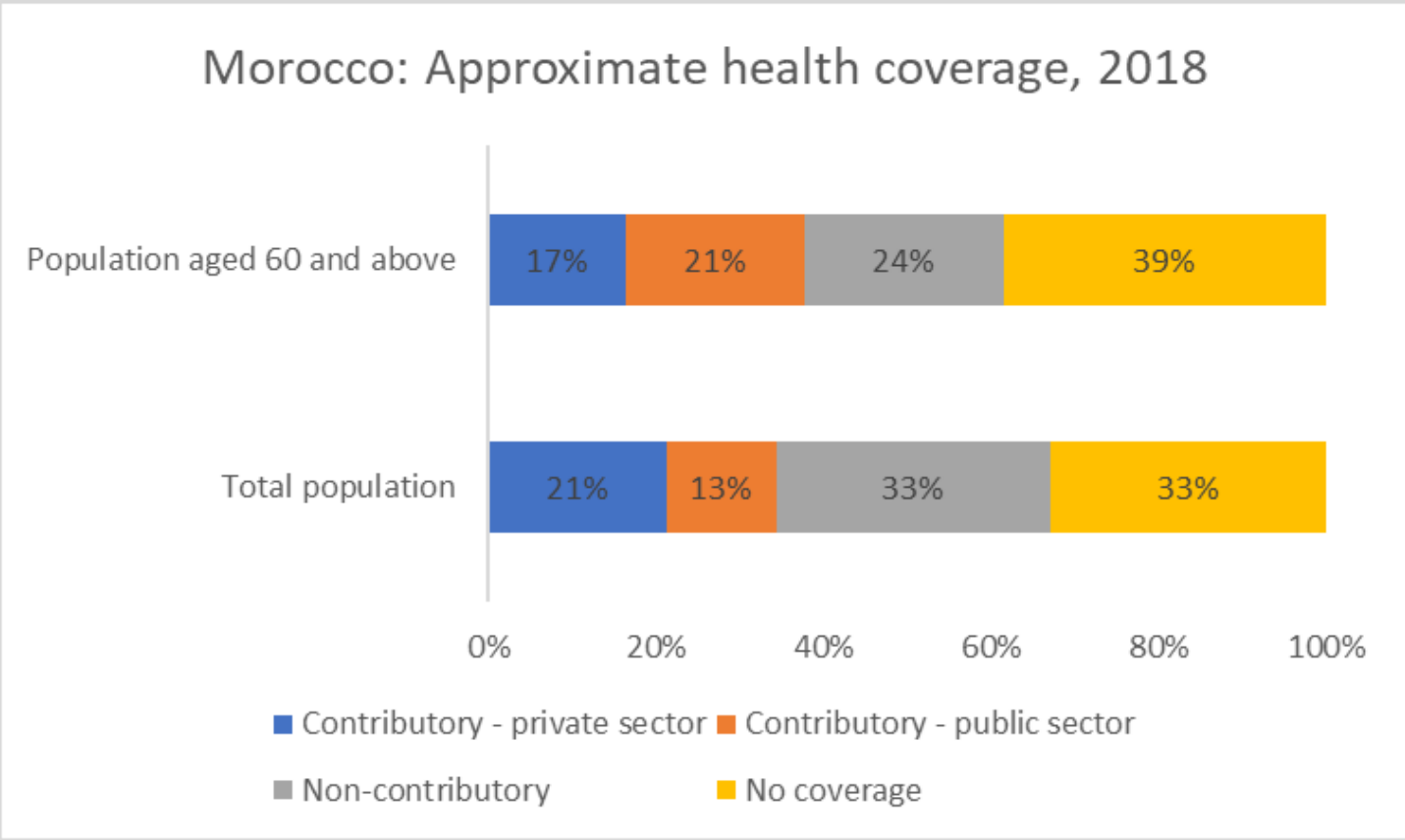

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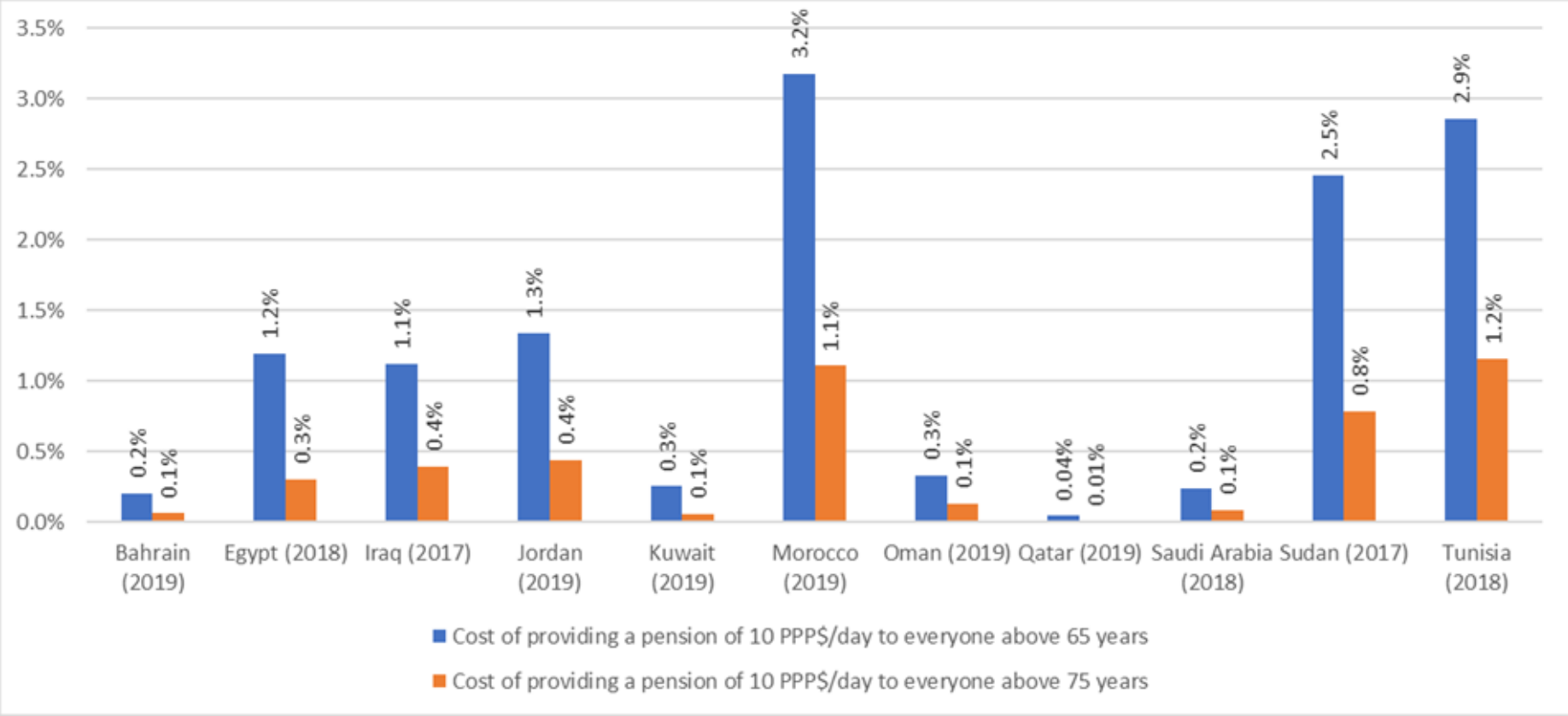
The way forward



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Key messages

Recognise that while parametric reforms may be necessary to

Extend health coverage to all older persons, whether through universal or insurance based mechanisms, and ensure the accessibility and adequacy of health services.

far from all of these persons are well off.

employment.

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