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Feminist Critical Trends Report Launch & Strategy Session

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Towards Feminist Economic & Climate Justice:

A Feminist Analysis of Critical Trends

February 2026

AGENDA



- **Opening & Intros in Chat**
- **Presentation of Report: Key Messages and Data**
- **Clarifying Questions & Discussion**
- **Mini-Panel: From Evidence to Movement-Building for Feminist Systems Change**
- **Plenary & Padlet**
- **Next Steps & Close**

KEY DEMANDS & TRENDS

The themes we examine correspond to the seven key demands distilled from the Feminist Economic Justice Blueprint (2021). Though we analyze the themes under discrete categories, we recognize their overlapping nature—which is why we advocate for holistic systems change in service of feminist economic and ecological justice.

SYSTEMS

The UN and
multilateral spaces
Militarization
Global aid austerity

DEBT

Continued crisis
Failed multilateral
solutions
New ideas from the
Global South

TRADE

U.S. tariff wars
South-South trade,
regional integration
Industrial policy

BWIS

World Bank
supporting fossil
fuels
Private finance first
More austerity

TAXATION

U.S. rejects tax justice
Progress on the UN
Tax Convention

CLIMATE FINANCE

Unfulfilled obligations
Fossil fuel finance
False solutions

CORPORATE CAPTURE

Billionaire wealth
hoarding
Big Tech oligarchy &
militarization

PRESENTATION: KEY MESSAGES & DATA

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2025 marks a year of many milestones. Rather than a cause for celebration, 2025 revealed the fragility of these commitments.

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Formation of the
United Nations

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Beijing Declaration and
Platform for Action

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Adoption of the
Paris Agreement

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Adoption of the Sustainable
Development Goals

Yet governments have failed to live up to the mandates of these platforms.

What are we seeing instead? We have crossed seven of nine planetary boundaries. Authoritarian electoral advances have driven some of the most significant anti-rights hostilities we've seen in decades. Global North countries are drastically cutting development finance, including for gender.

Why is this happening? This constellation of crises is no accident. It is engineered by precisely those governments and corporations who profit from poverty, inequality, and ecological breakdown. Governments are driving, enabling, or subjugated by a patriarchal, imperialist, and capitalist world economy.

KEY MESSAGES ACROSS THEMES

1. The myth of a partnership- and rules-based **multilateral order** has unravelled, as evidenced by the Global North's blatant exercises of power and economic coercion in 2025.
2. Public and grant-based **financing** for climate, development, and gender justice continue to fall far short, despite clear mandates.
3. These shortfalls in finance are directly driven by **structural exploitation**: corporate capture, wealth hoarding, militarization, tax abuse, punitive debt regimes, and more.
4. **False solutions** like profit-oriented investment or voluntary coalitions are the opposite of the regulation and public finance both needed and possible for feminist economic and ecological justice.



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SYSTEMS: MULTILATERALISM

The U.S. sidesteps and outright rejects multilateralism and its obligations, including under the SDGs. Other Global North states fail to condemn these acts, or emulate them.

TRADE

The U.S. is using tariff threats to advance its right-wing, anti-China geopolitical agenda in the Global South, undermine climate action, and make pro-Washington trade and investment deals.

SYSTEMS: MILITARIZATION

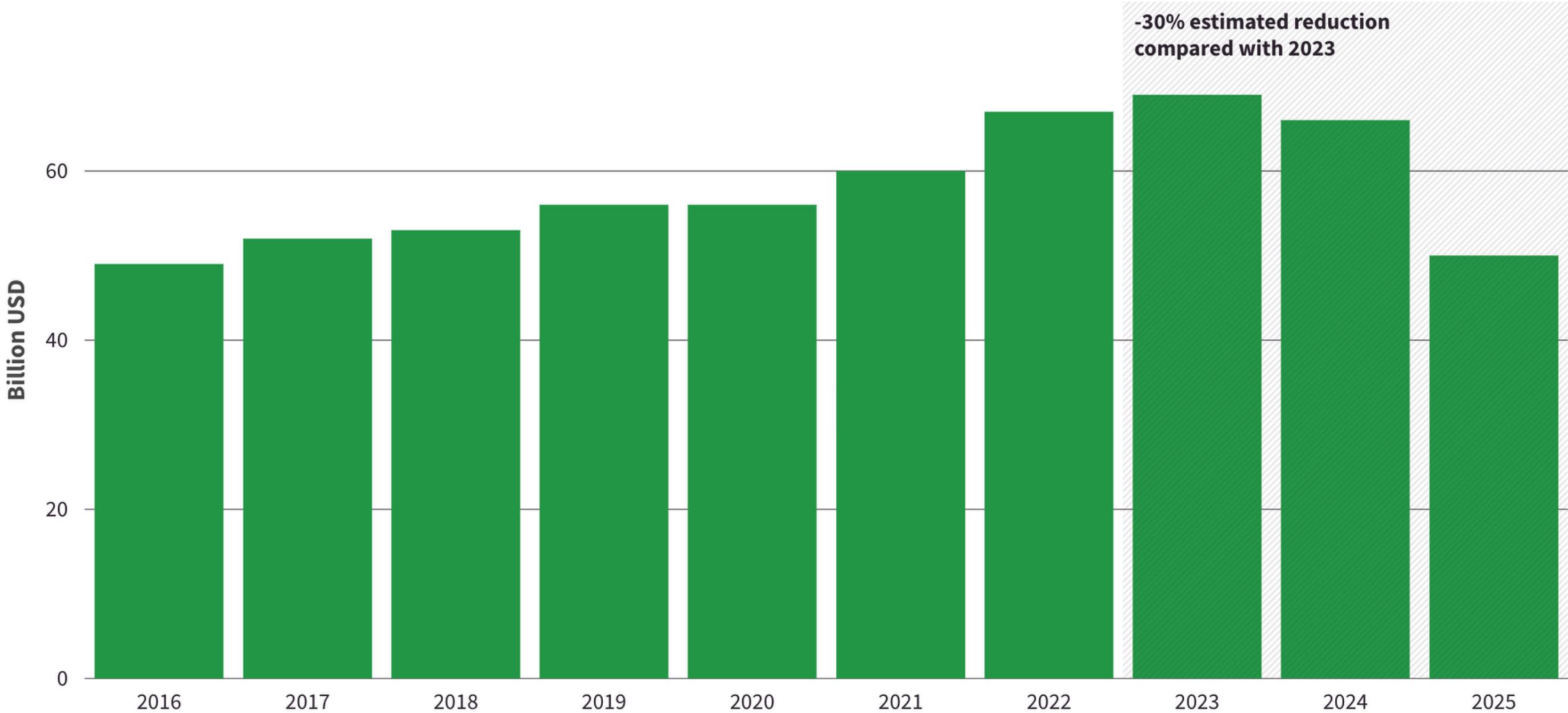
The UN Security Council passed the U.S.'s blatantly colonial Gaza "Peace Plan." NATO has increased defense spending targets. Militarized presence dominated headlines of COP30 in Brazil.

BRETTON WOODS

At the behest of the U.S. and to support ultra-right-wing President Milei from losing power, the IMF provided Argentina with a US\$20 billion loan in 2025.

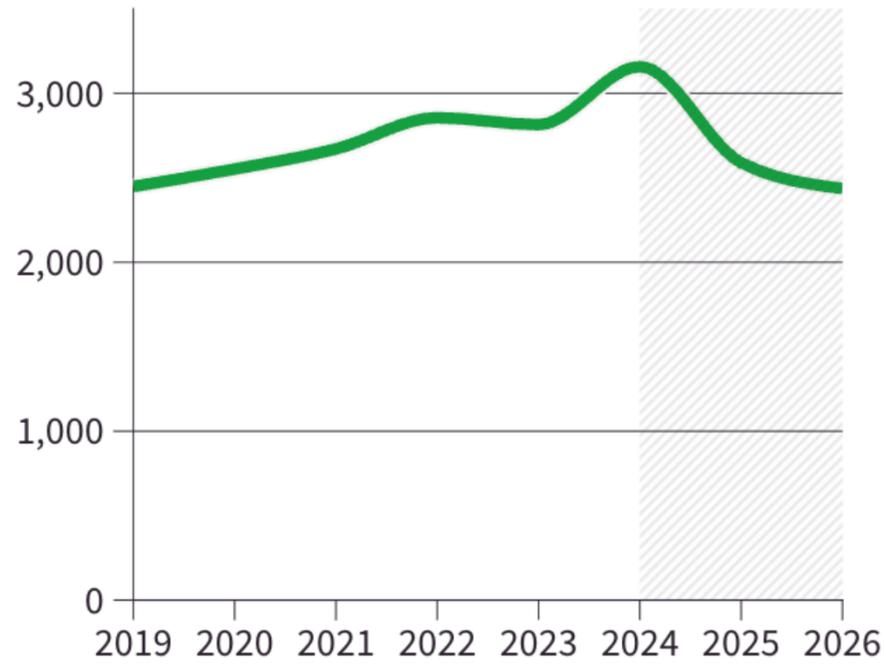
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Financing for the UN has fallen to levels last seen ten years ago

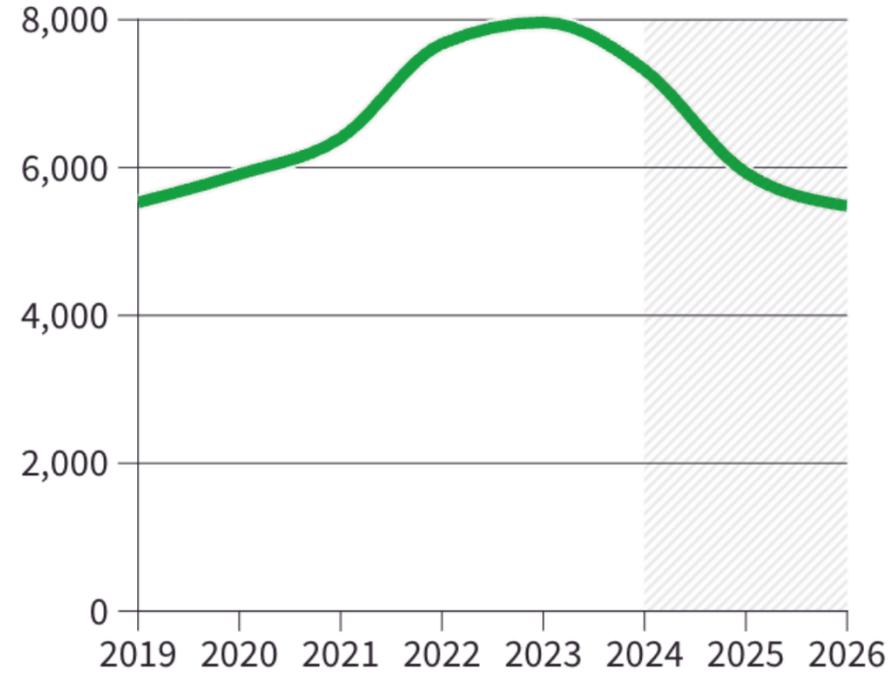


In 2024, ODA fell for the first time in six years and declined even further in 2025

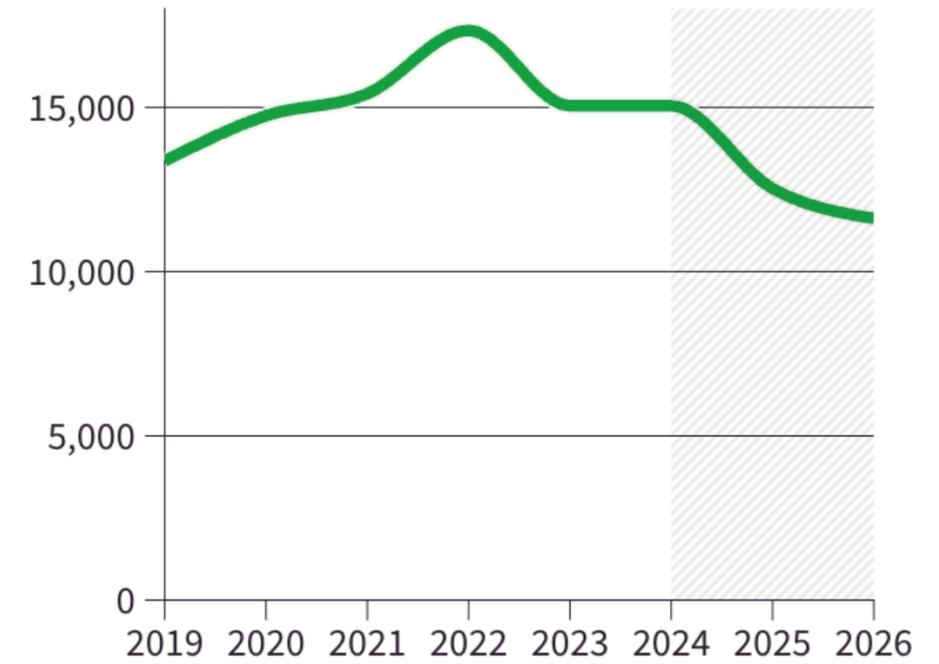
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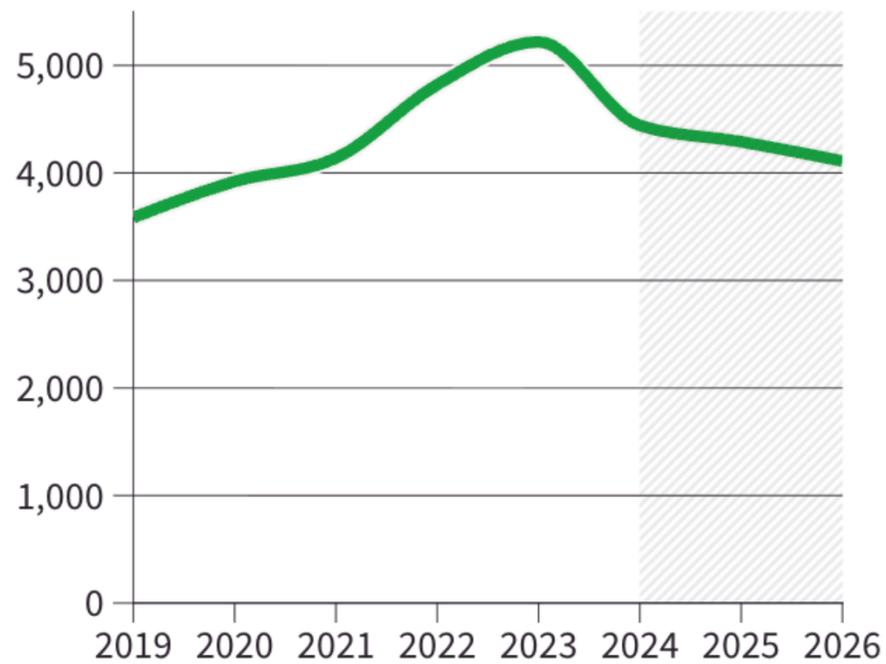
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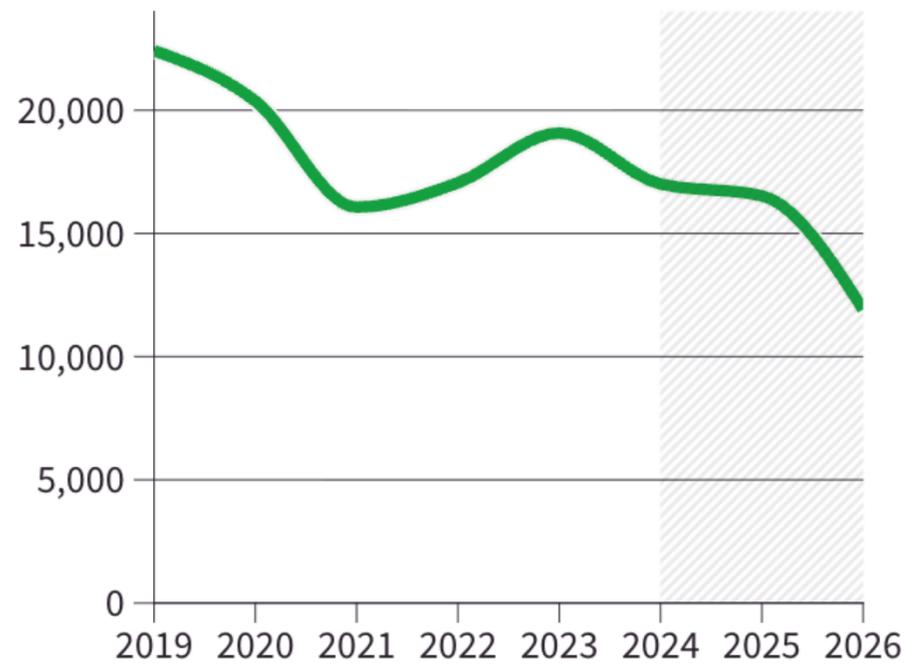
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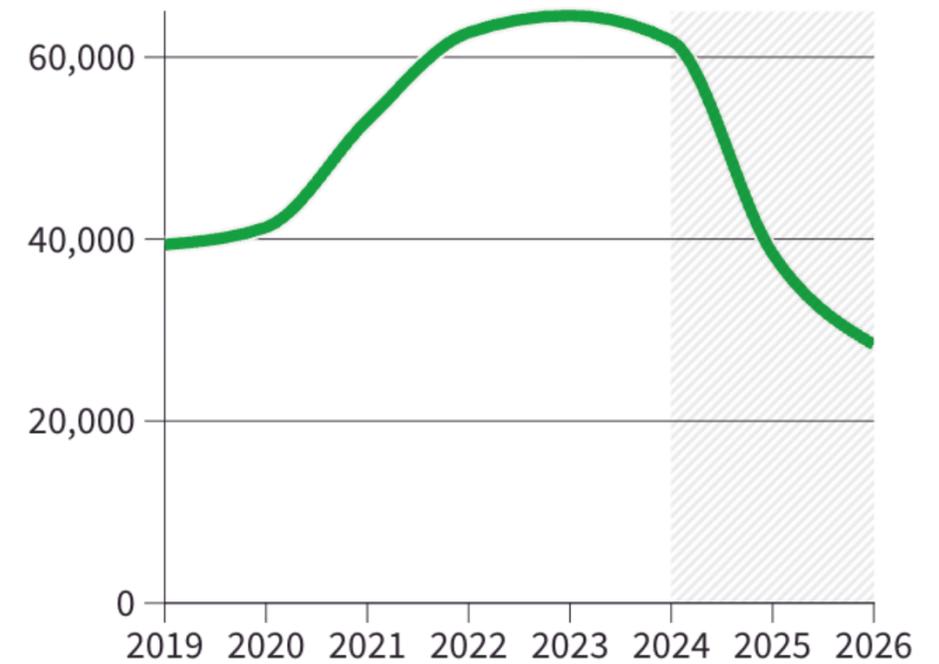
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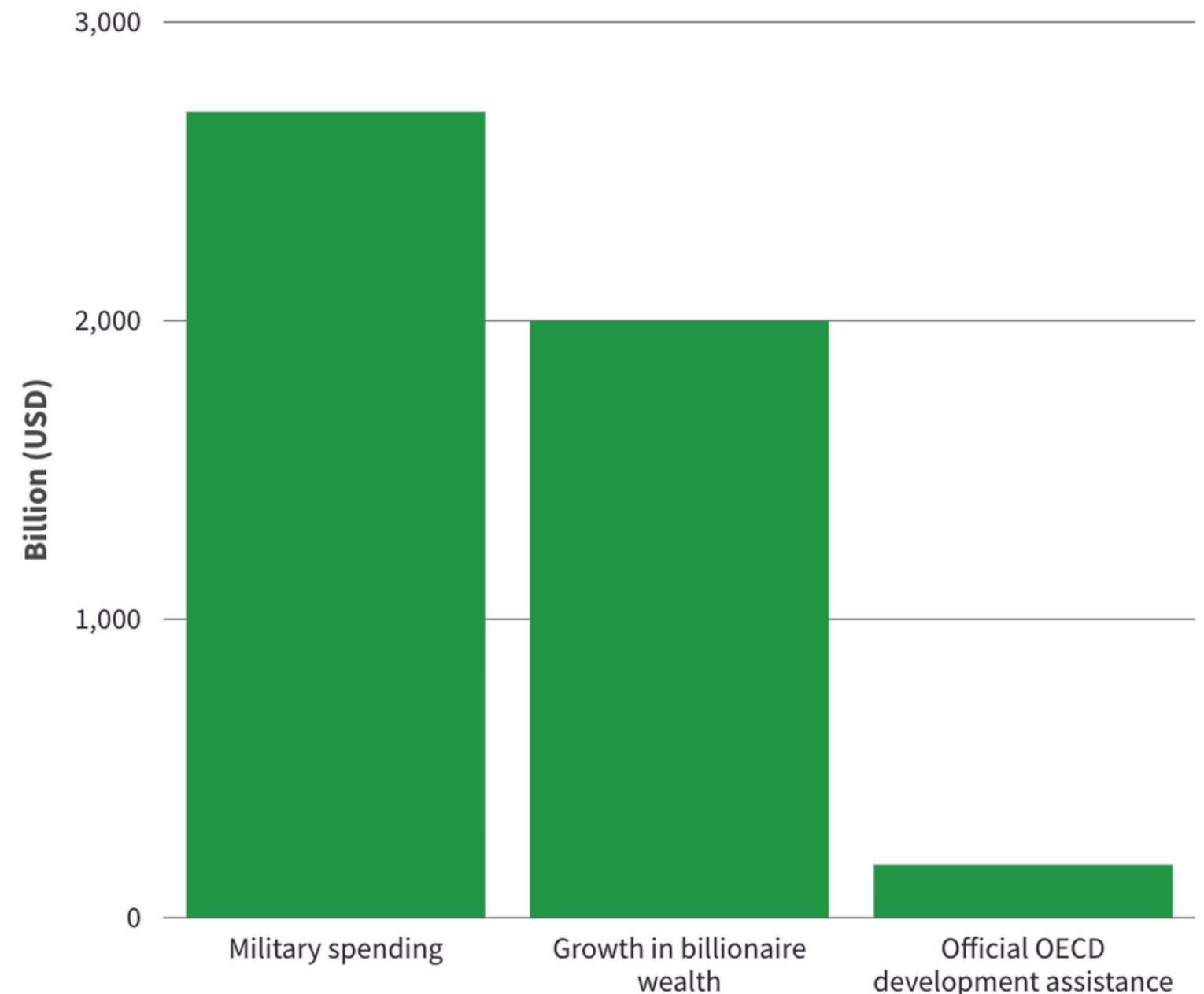
United States



3. These shortfalls in finance are directly driven by structural exploitation, including corporate capture, wealth hoarding, militarization, tax abuse, and punitive debt regimes.

Compared to projected development finance (US\$178b, 2025):

- Countries spent a total of 15x more on military expenditure in 2024;
- Billionaire wealth grew by over 11x more;
- U.S.-based multinational corporations drove nearly 3x as much in tax abuse (2016-2021);
- Countries spent 5x as much on fossil fuel subsidies;
- The Global South spent over 5x more on interest on external debt alone.



4. False solutions like profit-oriented investment or voluntary coalitions are the opposite of the regulation and public finance required for feminist economic and climate justice.

Governments promote these insufficient or false solutions:

But what we actually need is:

TAXATION

Taxes on “premium flyers” under the Global Solidarity Levies Task Force, a voluntary coalition of 14 governments.

Taxes on the wealth of high net-worth individuals and profits of fossil fuel companies, among others, advanced through the UN Tax Convention.

DEBT

The Sevilla Forum on Debt, a “dialogue hub on debt” promoted by Spain, UNCTAD, and UN DESA to develop “innovative solutions” to the debt crisis.

Debt cancellation and a multilateral debt workout mechanism / UN Framework Convention on Debt.

CLIMATE FINANCE

Loan-based or profit-driven investments through the Tropical Forest Financing Facility or Just Energy Transition Partnerships

Dramatic scale-up of public, grant-based climate finance and divestment from extractive industries.

Despite these negative developments, feminists and people's movements continue the fight to reclaim multilateral spaces and drive forward solutions rooted in the economic sovereignty of the Global South.

Multilateral solutions the report highlights:

- Reforming the UN Security Council: abolishing the veto and expanding the Global South membership
- Feeding into the UN's work on indicators **Beyond GDP**
- Building on debt outcomes from **FfDIV**: a platform for borrower countries to strengthen coordination
- Supporting momentum under the **UN Tax Convention** on fair allocation of taxing rights and polluter pays taxes
- Advancing the **Just Transition Mechanism** and **Gender Action Plan** agreed at COP30 for people-centred climate action



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Beyond multilateral advocacy, the report amplifies and affirms local sites of struggle.



Brazil

In 2025, a Brazilian court halted a carbon offset project in the Ka'apor Indigenous territory for violating free, prior, and informed consent.



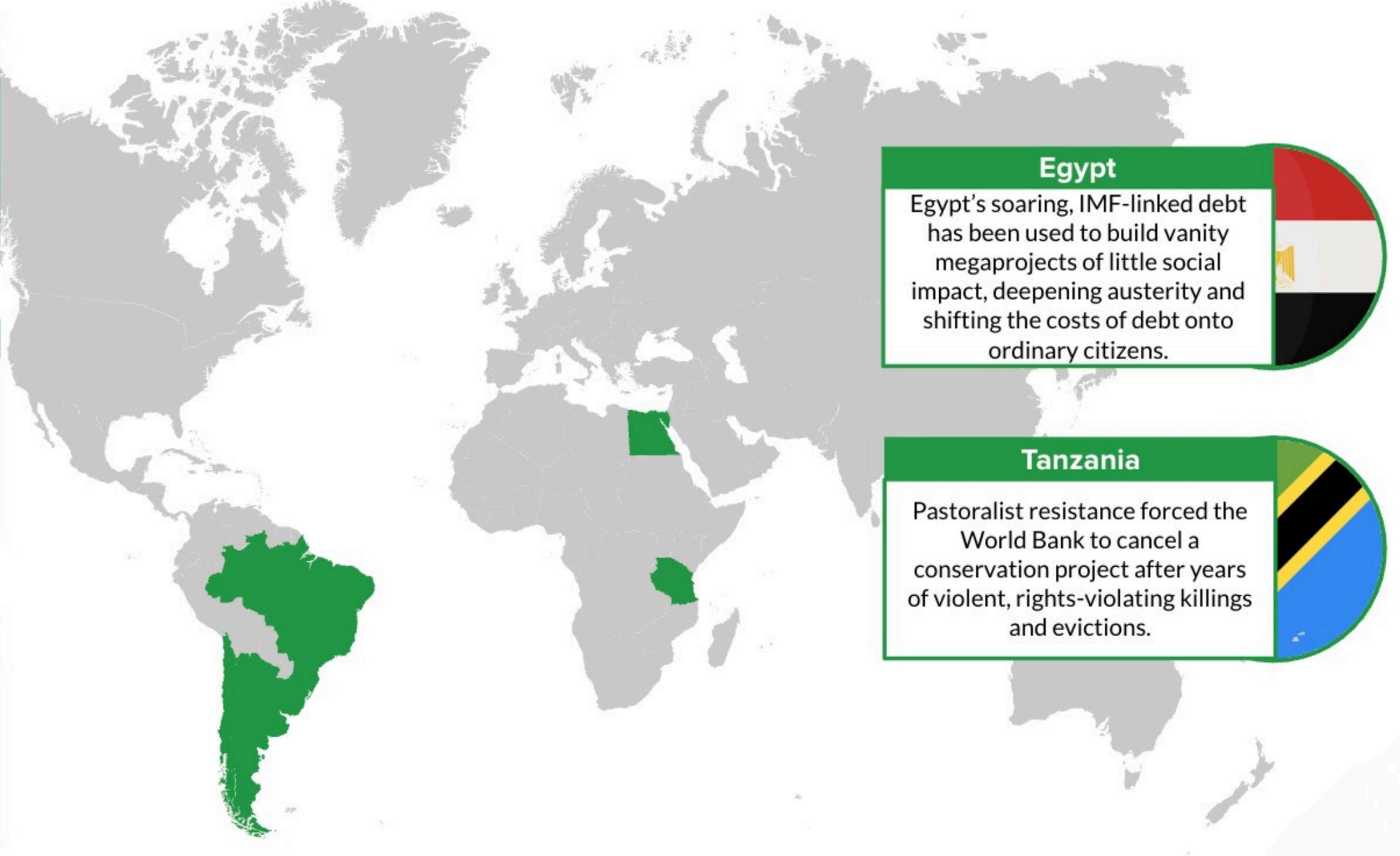
Argentina

Under pressure from the U.S., the IMF provided Argentina with a US\$20 billion loan to prop up ultra right-wing President Javier Milei before a midterm election.



Chile & Uruguay

Communities resisted the expansion of Google's water-guzzling data centres, forcing Google to downsize and switch from water- to air-cooling.



Egypt

Egypt's soaring, IMF-linked debt has been used to build vanity megaprojects of little social impact, deepening austerity and shifting the costs of debt onto ordinary citizens.



Tanzania

Pastoralist resistance forced the World Bank to cancel a conservation project after years of violent, rights-violating killings and evictions.

**FROM EVIDENCE TO
MOVEMENT-BUILDING FOR
FEMINIST SYSTEMS CHANGE**

MINI-PANEL

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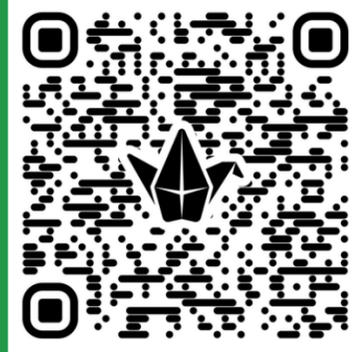
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PLENARY



- How should we move forward as feminists working at the nexus of economic and climate justice?
- What does advocacy look like in this moment of the erosion of rights, destruction of the planet, abandonment of multilateralism, increasing militarization and corporate capture? Where can we find strength?
- What ideas can we share for next steps / arenas for collective feminist engagement?



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