



# What has worked and what has not in supporting fragile states – a practitioners viewpoint

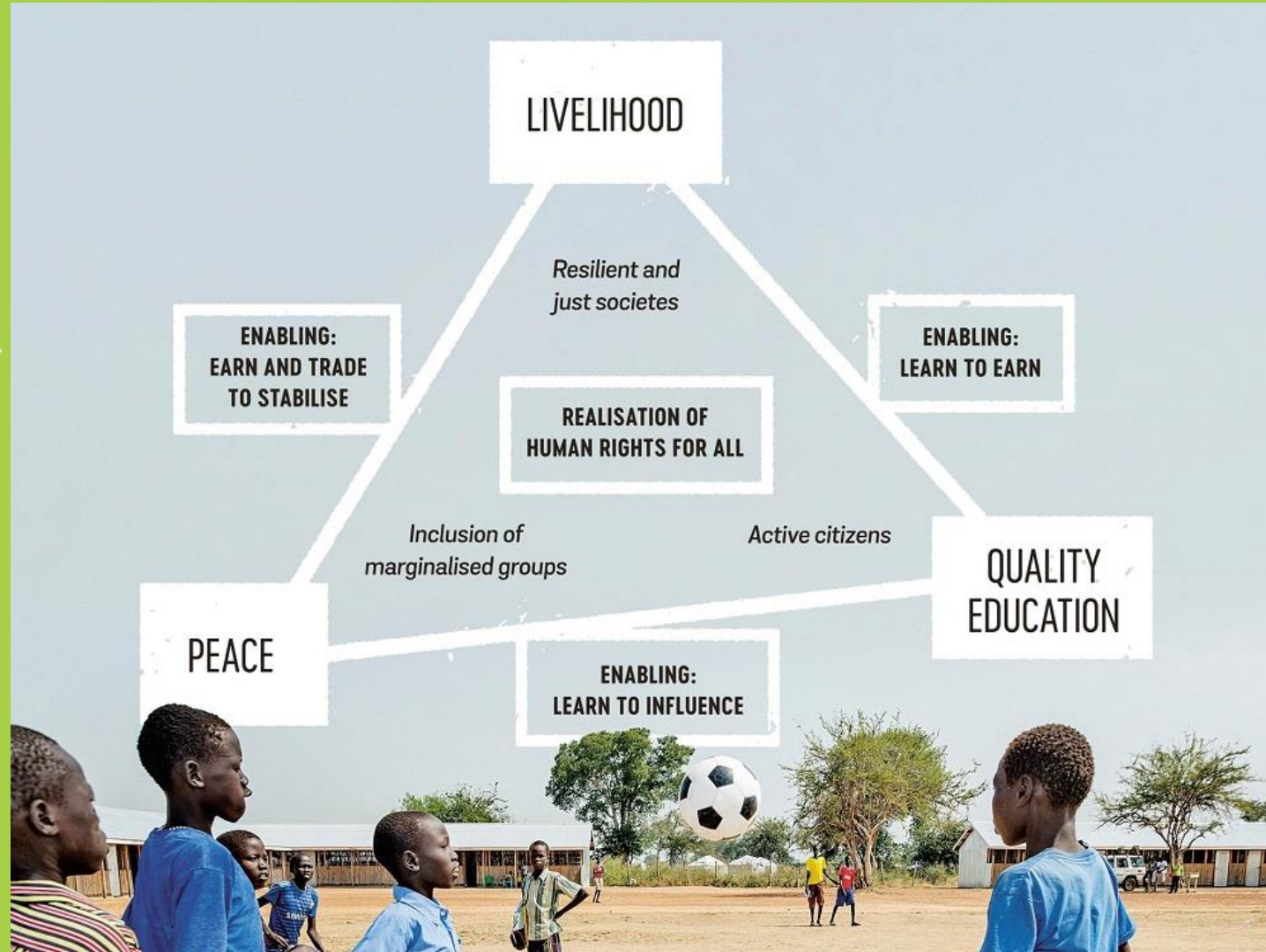
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# Finn Church Aid : rights-based action in situations of fragility

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# THREE PRIORITY AREAS



# Evolution of internationally agreed guidelines in addressing fragility:

2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

2008 Accra Agenda for Action

2011 New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States



- **Legitimate politics:** Foster inclusive political settlements and conflict resolution.
- **Security:** Establish and strengthen people's security.
- **Justice:** Address injustices and increase people's access to justice.
- **Economic Foundations:** Generate employment and improve livelihoods.
- **Revenues & Services:** Manage revenue and build capacity for accountable and fair service delivery

2015 SDG16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

# “'Embedded' Assistance: Finn Church Aid's Secondment in Somalia.”



- Secondment of FCA staff to Somali Ministry of Constitution and Reconciliation in 2012
- Action based on FCA’s commitment to Rights Based Approach and its advocacy goals
- No-strings attached capacity support to “Ministry of two”
- Local ownership par excellence or rare success case – too many good coincidences?

# New Deal & Ebola response in 2015

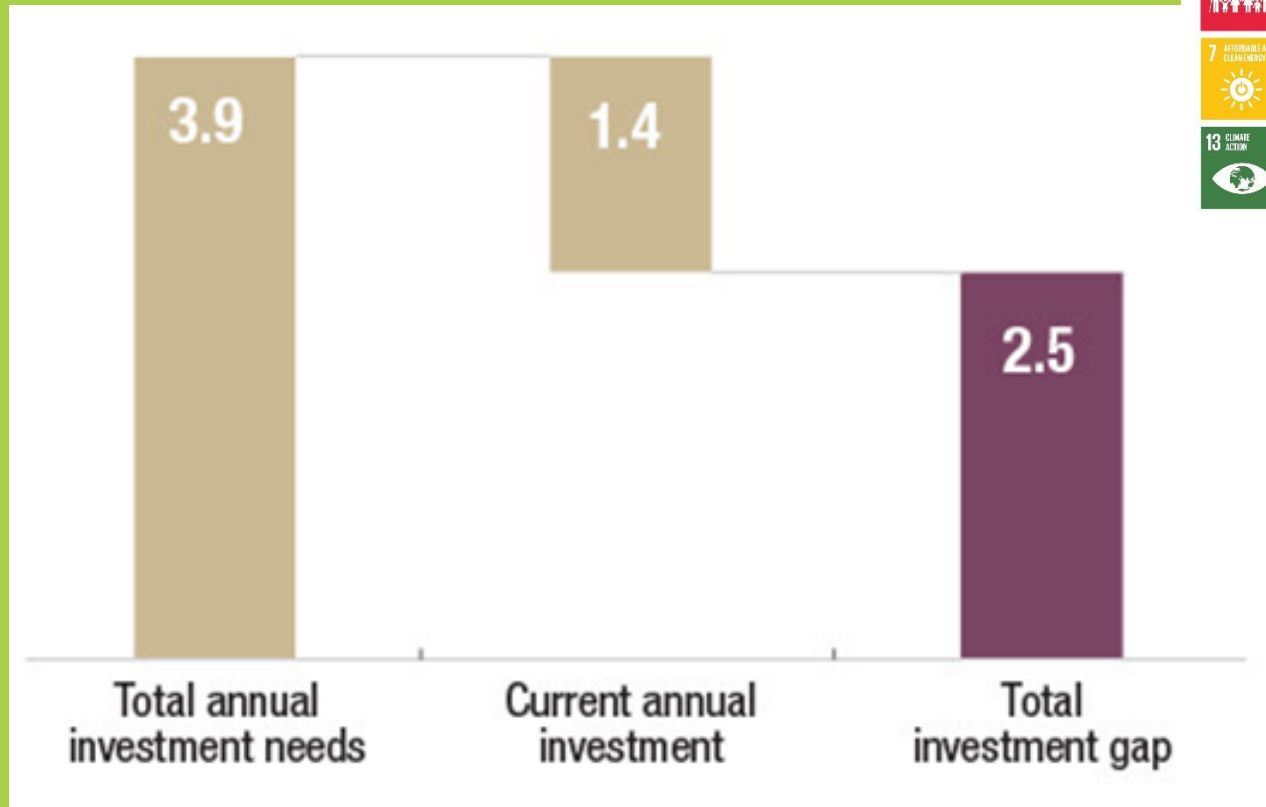
“Dear Jussi

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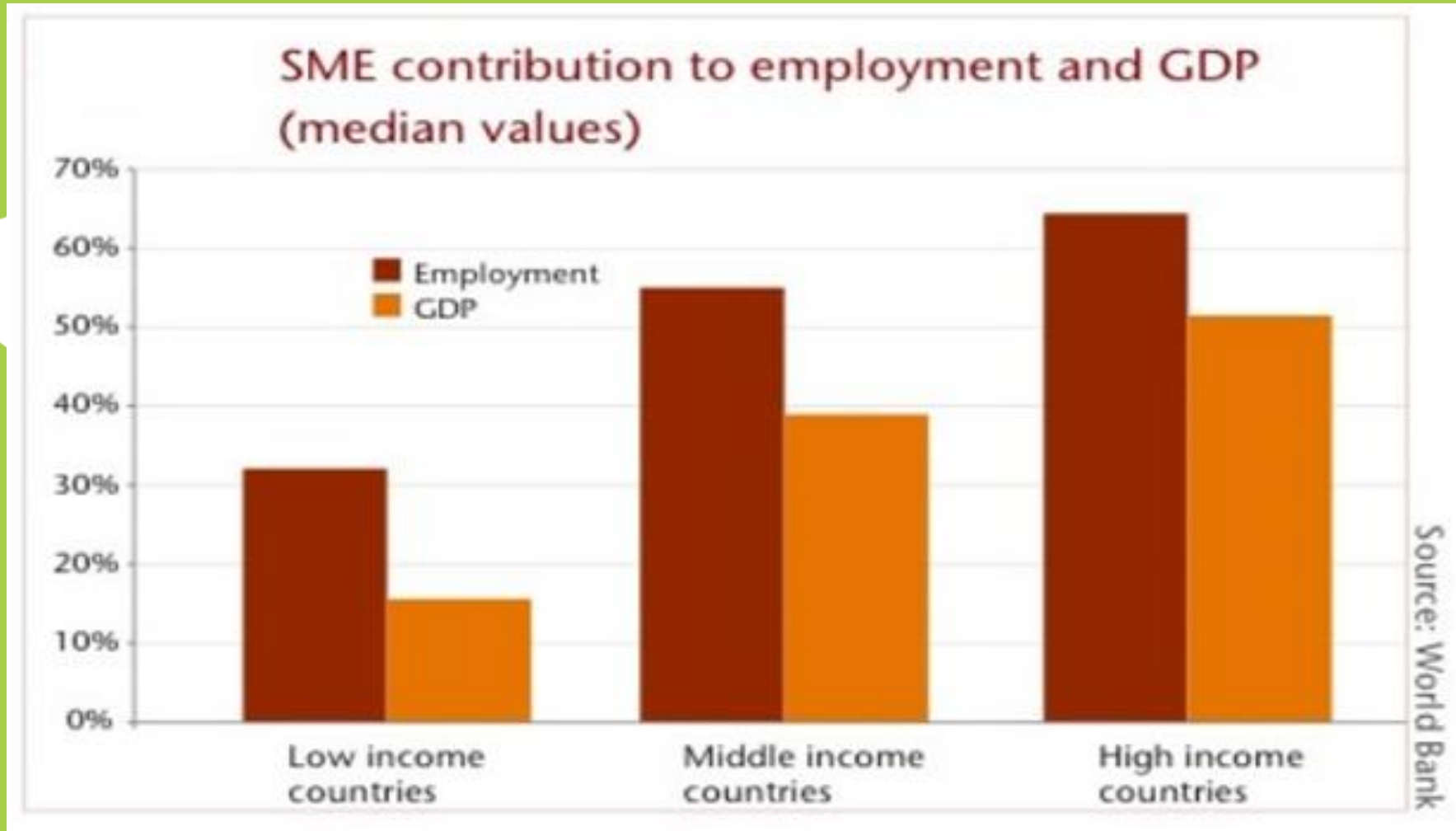
It appears that you are working with one aspirational model built on distant donor rhetoric in close partnership with another that has emerged from a powerful HQ driven South-South lobby that sadly on the ground has for at least six years at least shown very little, if any, impact. Happy to discuss on Wednesday evening over a beer and pizza but do not think it warrants any billable office time given the multitude of other things going on right now.

Kind regards”

# Estimated investment gap to meet SDG goals (Trillions of USD)

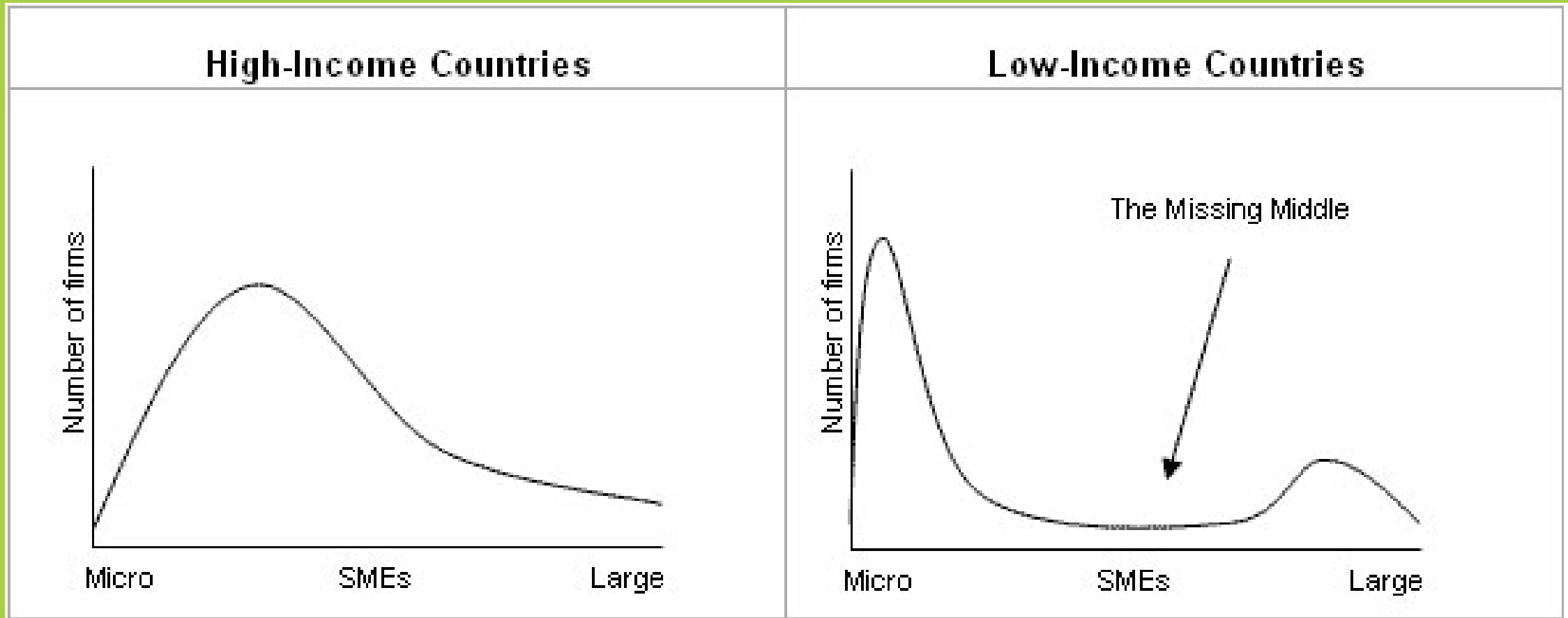


In prosperous countries the SME's are providing the jobs...





... but SME's are scarce in low income countries...



# ... due to limited availability of finance for small companies.



## “THE MISSING MIDDLE“

Finance is available for large and micro businesses,  
but is limited for the small in the developing countries

## Conclusion:

- The problem of fragility continues and while the bar is higher (SDG's) still many risk being left behind
- There are still huge gaps between goals & expectations and reality in how overall development can address fragility: private sector does not see incentives
- There is much unused potential in blurring the lines between development actors and the Development Finance Institutions and the private sector – "where competence exists"

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