

# Human Development Report 2021/22

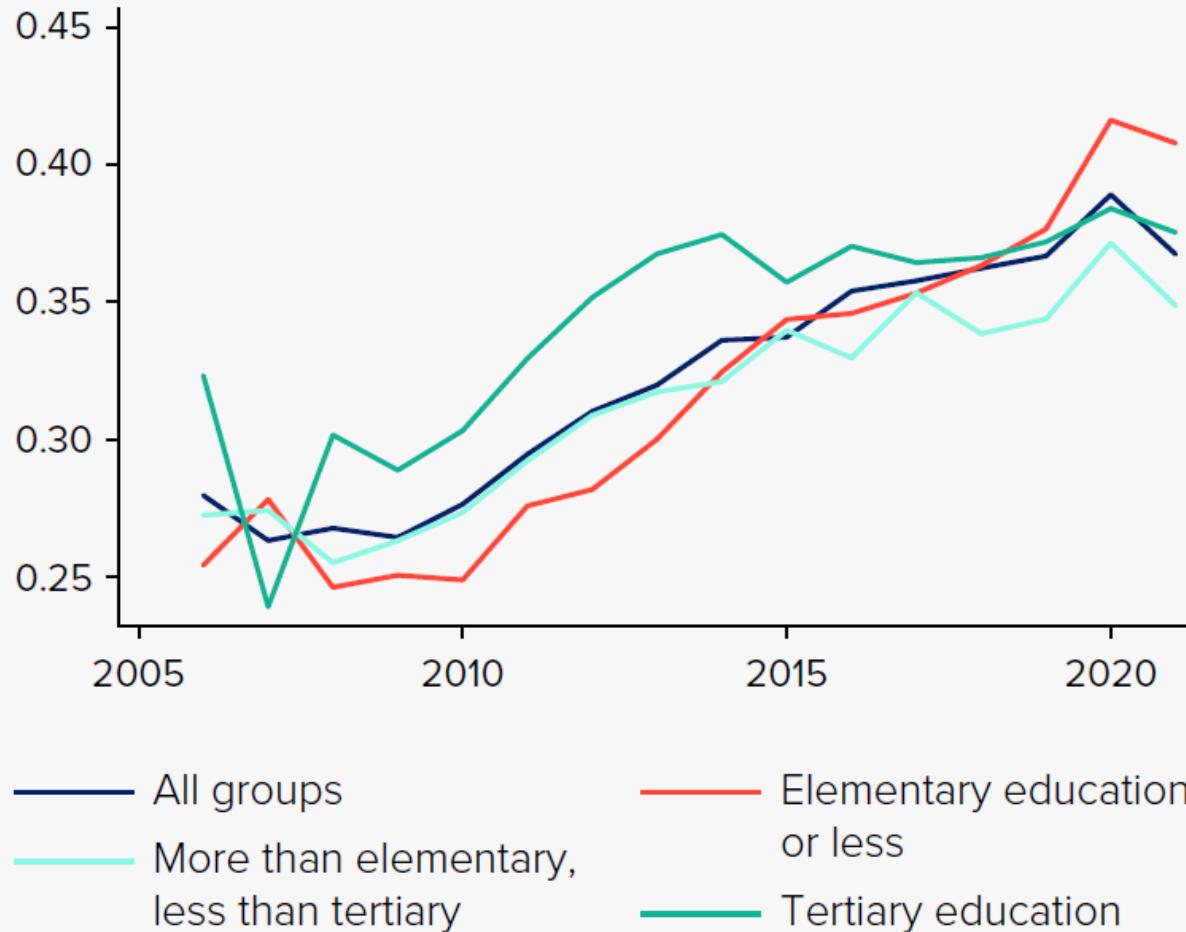


## Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives

### Shaping our Future in a Transforming World

# I. A World of Worry

## Percent of people experiencing stress (median)



Source: Human Development Report Office based on data from Gallup 2022.

# Stress has been rising

**More than **6 in 7** people worldwide perceived feeling moderately or very insecure just before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

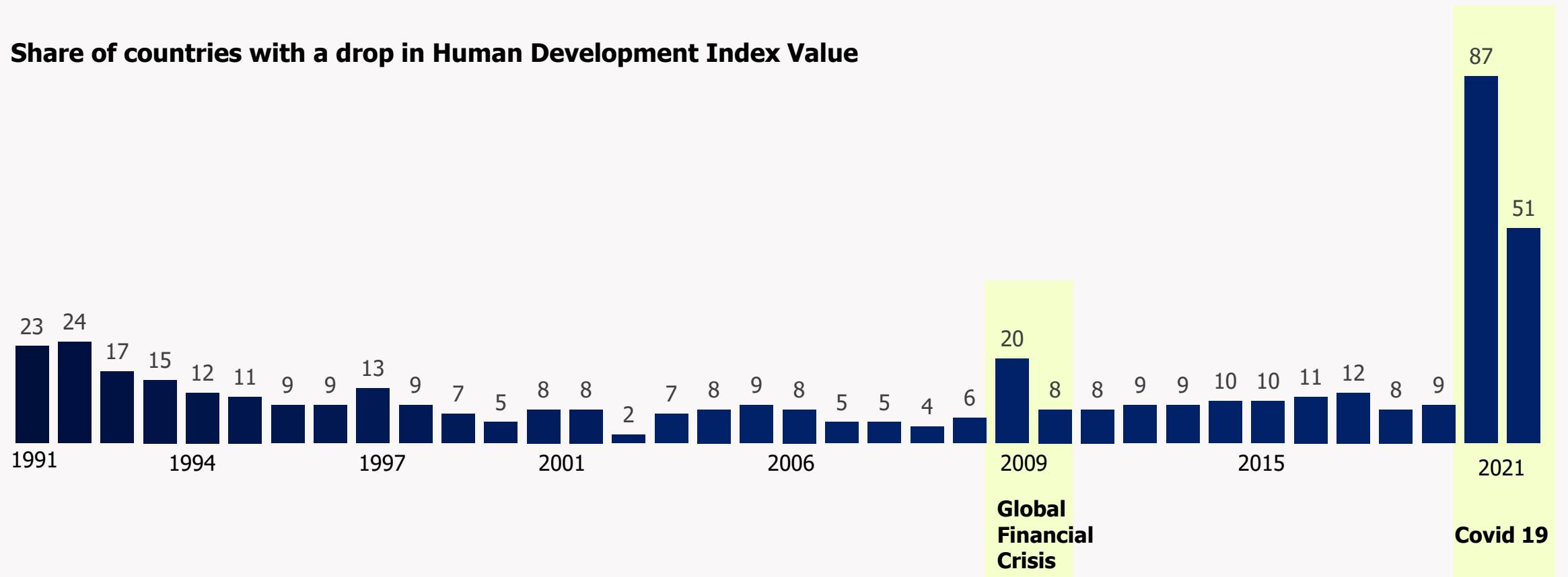


**Source: Human Development Report Office based on data from the World Values Survey.**

# Unprecedented share of countries suffering drops in human development index



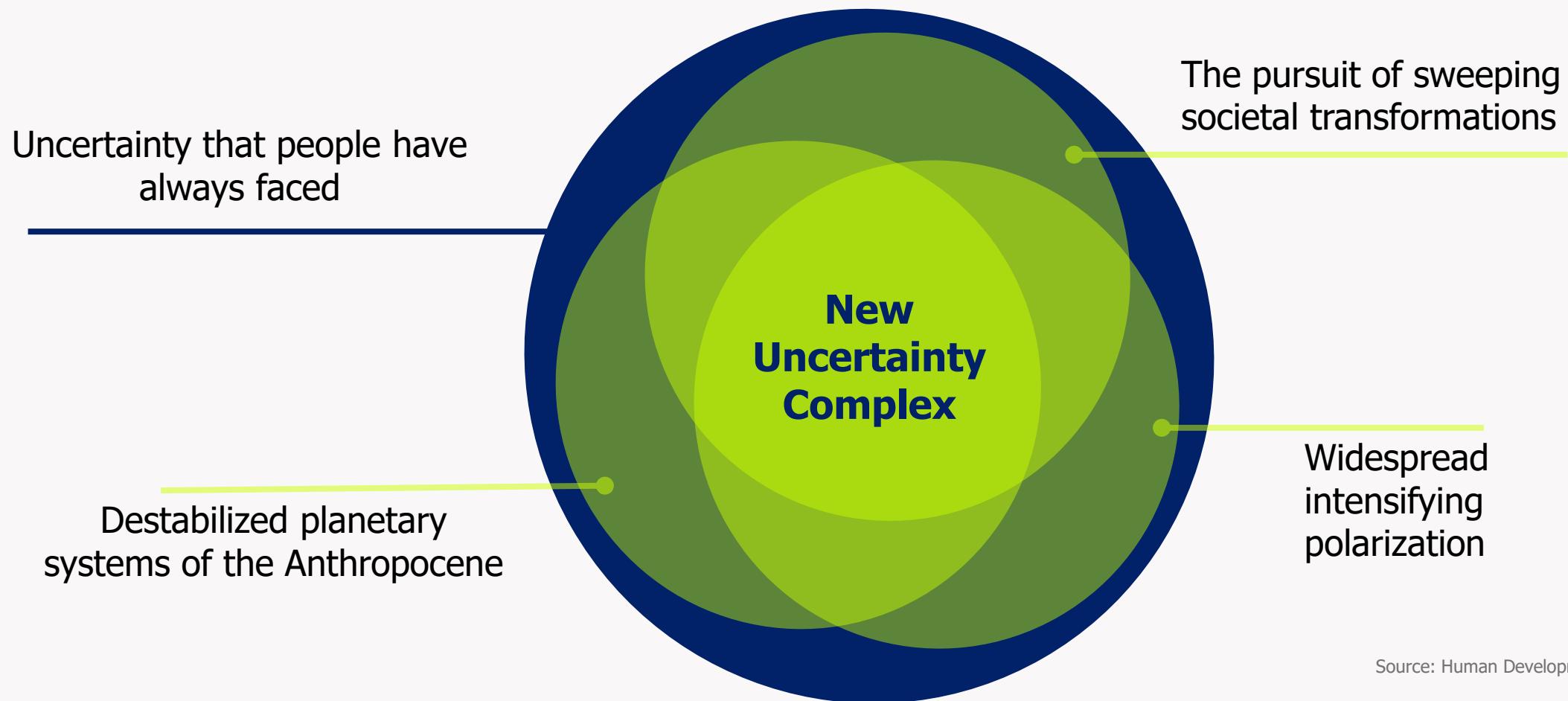
Share of countries with a drop in Human Development Index Value



Source: Human Development Report Office calculations based on data from Barro and Lee (2018), IMF (2021, 2022), UNDESA (2022a, 2022b), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2022), United Nations Statistics Division (2022) and World Bank (2022).

## II. A New Uncertainty Complex

# New and old layers of uncertainty



Source: Human Development Report Office.



# A New Planetary Reality



Increased frequency & intensity of extreme storms, droughts, wildfires since the 1950s

Global wildlife decline by 70% since 1970

Pollution, pandemics



# Our Unequal Climate Future?



Human Climate Horizons –  
window to possible climate  
futures



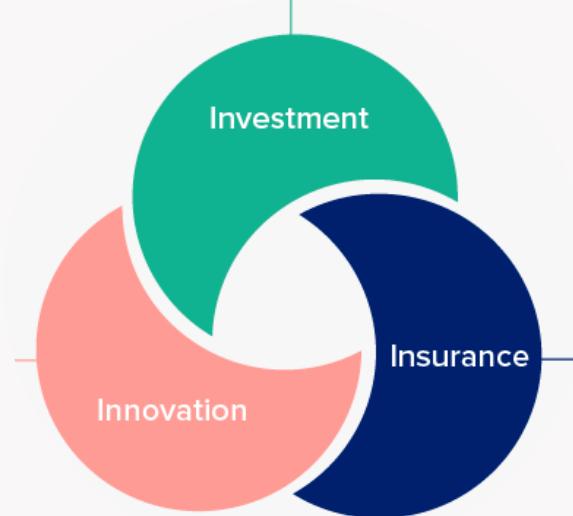
**Our societies are  
increasingly  
divided**

**Uncertainty and  
insecurity are driving  
divisions**

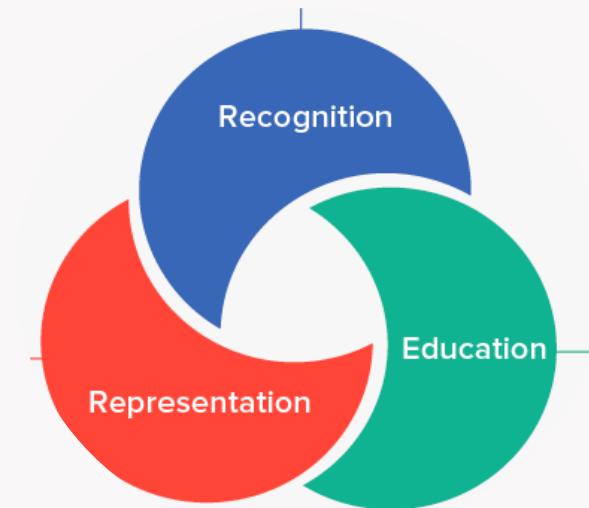
Democratic practices  
under stress and  
**intensifying  
polarization**  
everywhere are stopping  
us from acting  
collectively.



## Inadequate institutions



## Cultural mismatches (values, beliefs & social norms)





**Where we go from  
here is up to us**

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Photo UNDP  
Zambia 2018.



**We can imagine and  
create futures in  
which both people  
and planet thrive**



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