

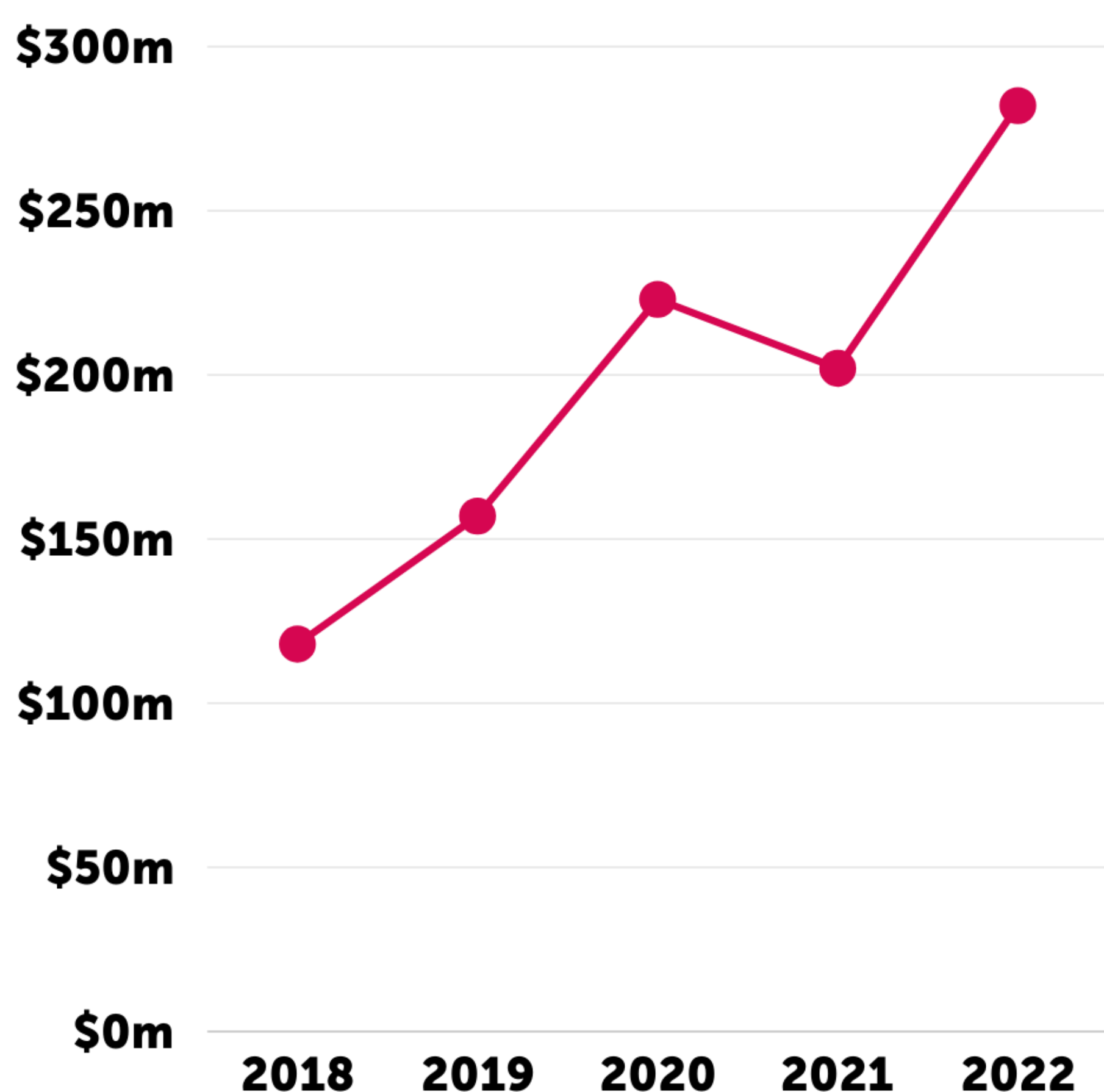
Donor Funding to Pre-primary Education: Global Scorecard



The early years is when inequality sets in. Millions of the world's children go without the quality care and early learning they require.

The Act For Early Years campaign is calling on all governments to meet the internationally agreed target to invest at least 10% of their education budgets on preschool.

Join the campaign. It's time to Act For Early Years.

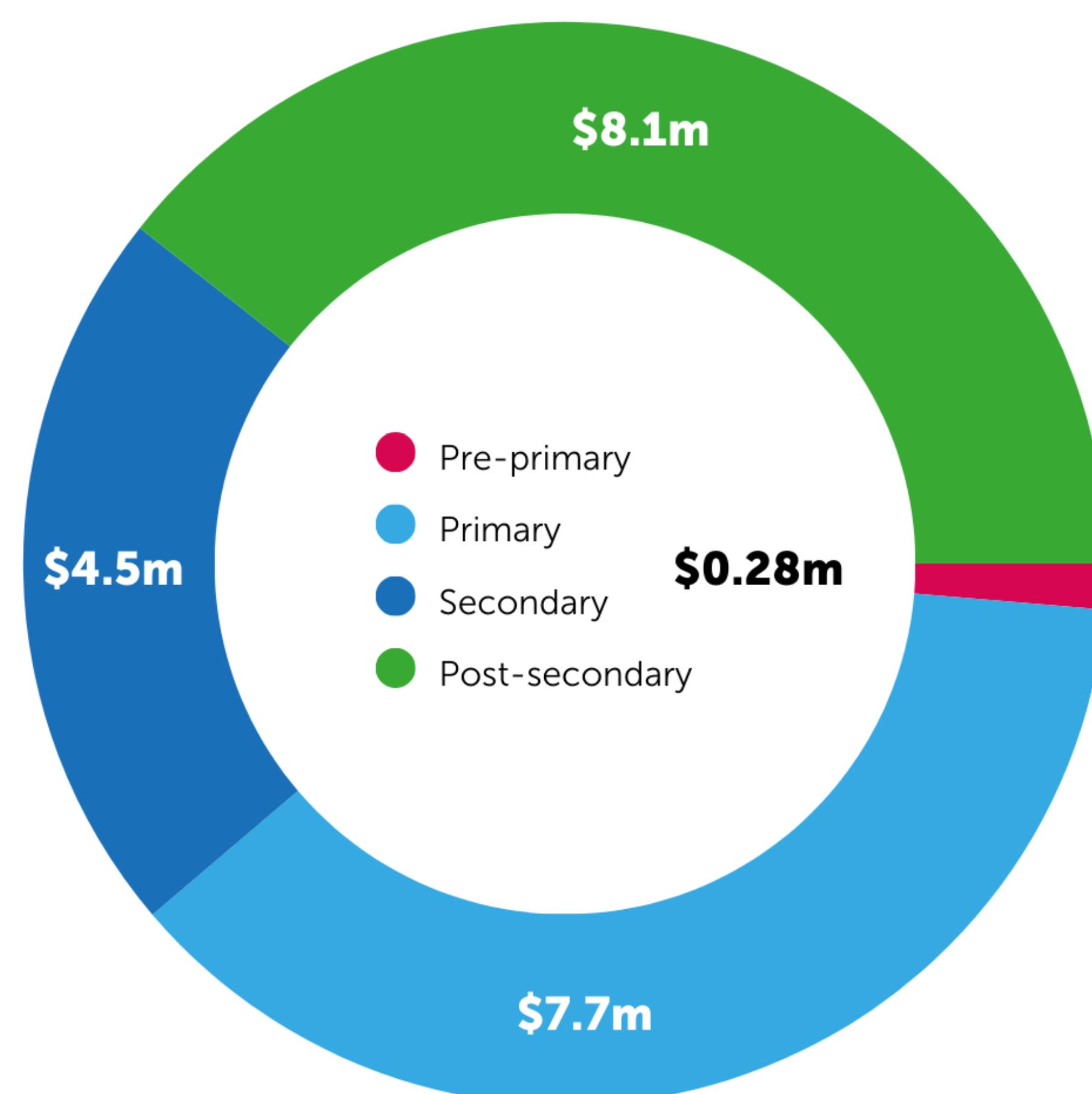


Early years aid is growing but inconsistent

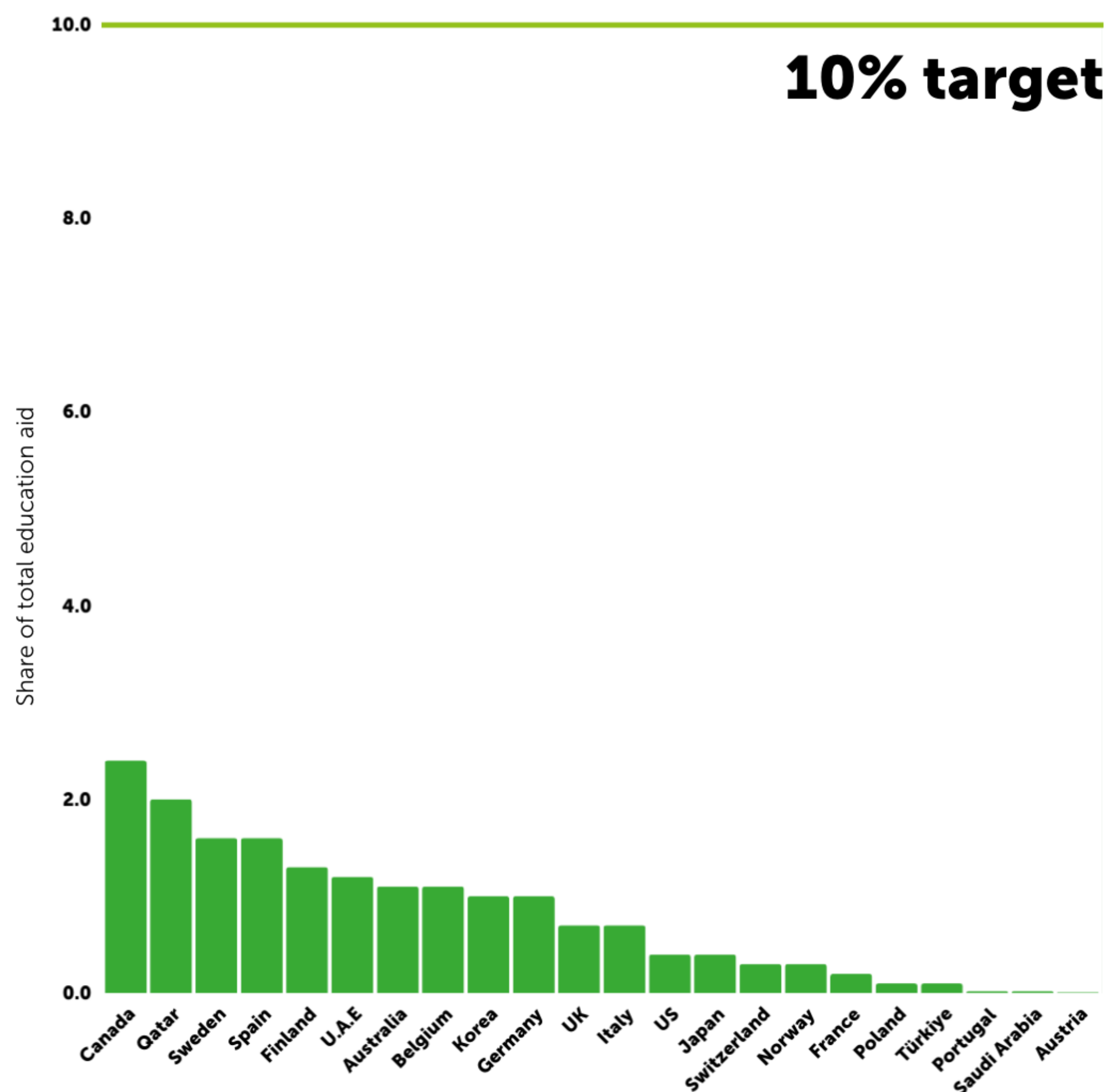
Investment in preschool aid bounced back from a sharp decline during the Covid-19 pandemic to grow by a third in 2022, reaching its highest level ever. If spending continues to increase by a third every year up to 2030, the world will hit the 10% target and unlock over \$2bn for young learners.

Early years are being left out

Despite encouraging progress in aid to preschool education in 2022, it remains just under 1.5% of total aid to education, far off the internationally agreed target of 10%. This imbalance must be reconsidered urgently. The consistent neglect of aid to preschool has caused a crisis of inequality affecting the world's youngest children, which will require years of improved investment to address. As long as preschool aid lags behind other education aid, this gap will be impossible to close.



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Missing the early years target

Despite the international target of allocating 10% of education aid spending to preschool, most donor countries fall short, meaning children are missing out on the best start in life.

Early years aid is over-reliant on top five donor nations

In 2022, just a few donors accounted for the majority of preschool aid. This creates over-reliance on a small number of donors and puts children at risk of instability if donor nations change priorities.

