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# TO WHAT EXTENT DO DONORS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LDCS WHEN ALLOCATING THEIR RESOURCES?

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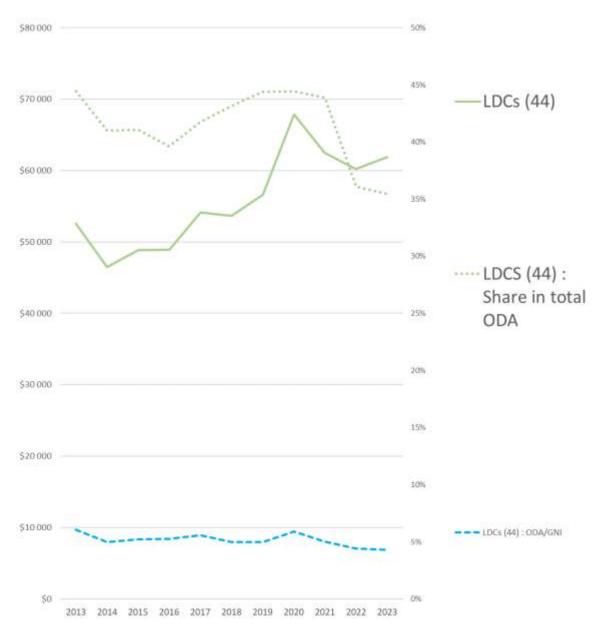
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LDC-V Monitor



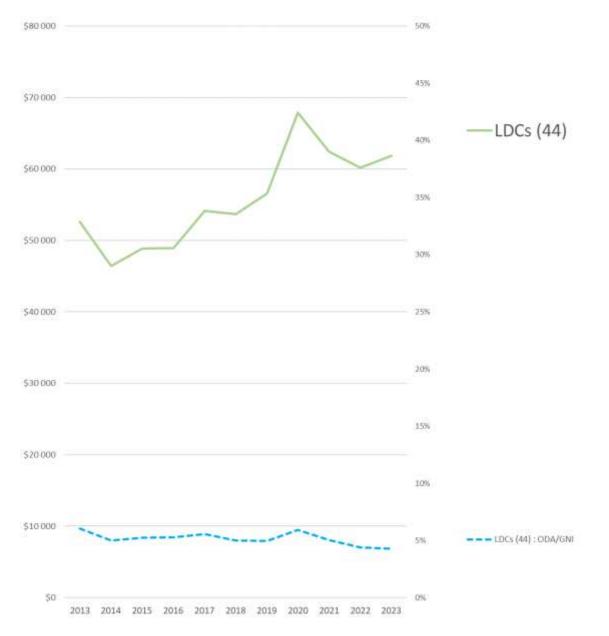






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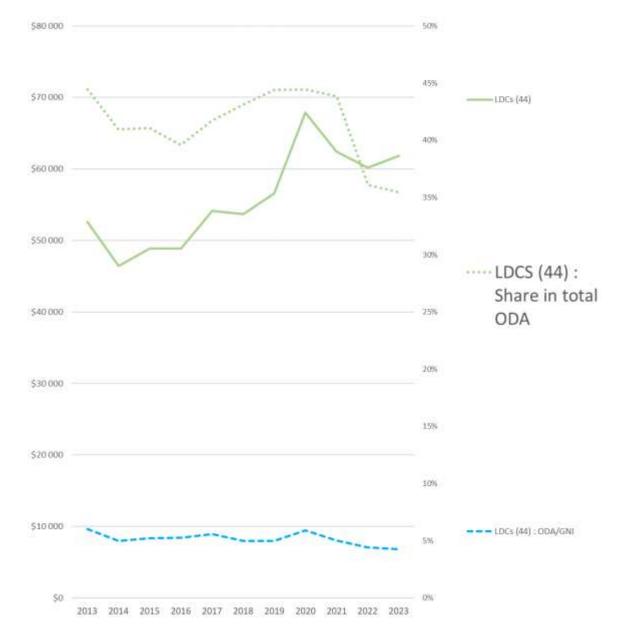
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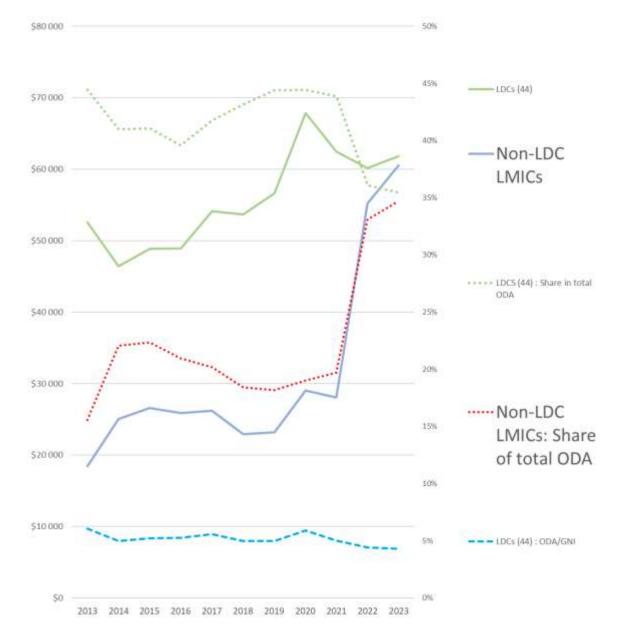
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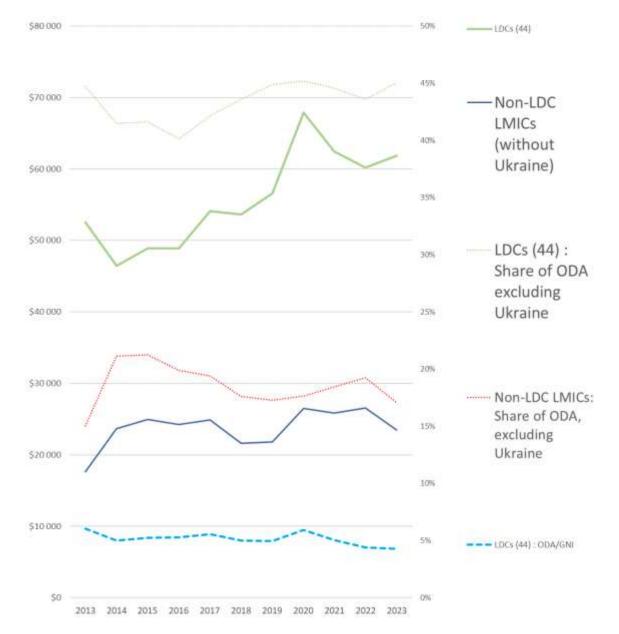
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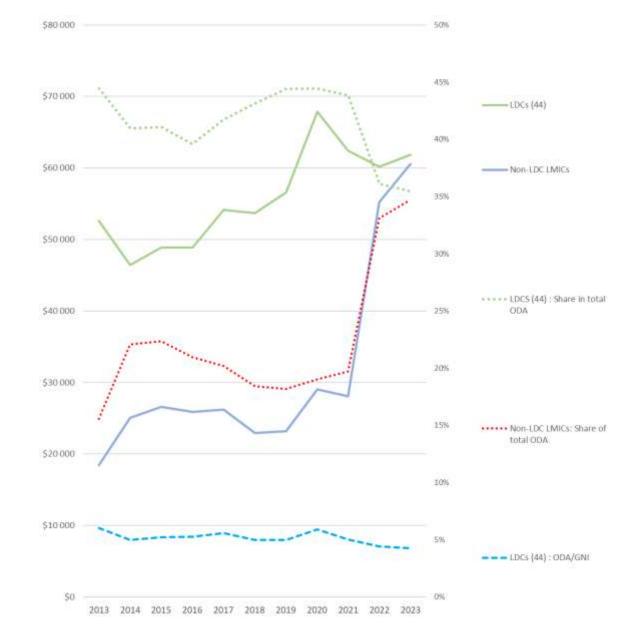
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- → Slight shift in support from LDCs to LMICs
- Strong crowding-out effect of ODA to Ukraine on ODA to LDCs







#### • Average vulnerability : LDCs > non LDCs

With MVI : Average vulnerability of LDCs / Average vulnerability of other developing countries = 1.08.

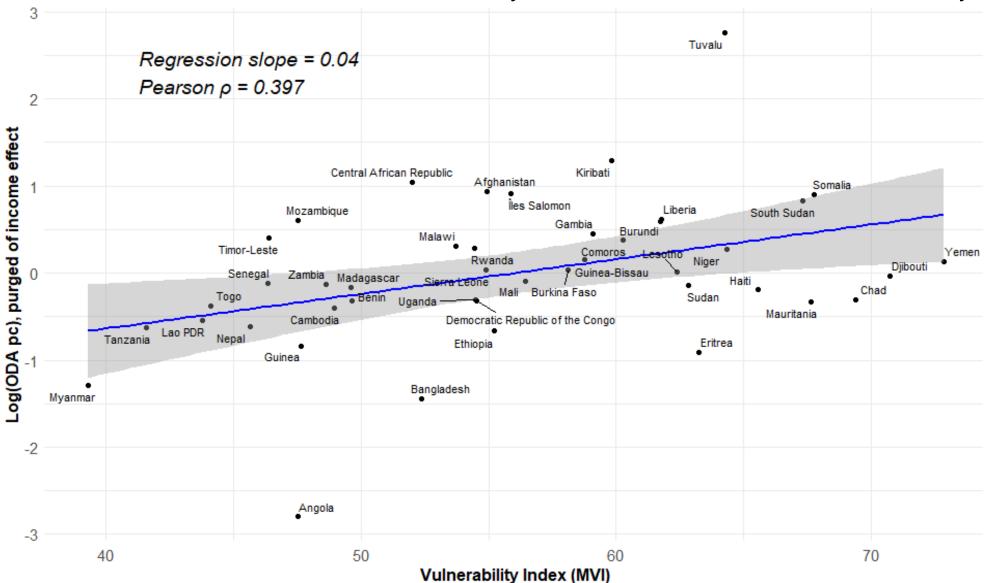
This ratio is even 1.16 if we use an improved IVM on which Ferdi is working (FSVI)

- But, until now, vulnerability is not fully taken into account by donors :
  - Ferdi analysis of donors' sensitivity to vulnerability:
    - = Econometric estimation of the marginal selectivity of donor's support
  - $\circ~$  Results :
    - Multilateral donors are taking greater account of structural vulnerability in their allocations
    - BUT not for IDA and ADF
    - → this would probably be the case for IDA and ADF if they used an index such as the MVI

#### What about the LDCs ?



#### Correlation between the aid received by LDCs and their structural vulnerability



#### Conclusion



- International support : stagnating and threatened
- An option : Convince Donors to introduce an Vulnerability index as MVI among their criteria for allocating their concessional resources.
- The effect should be positive for LDCs, since :
  - LDCs are on average more vulnerable than other countries
  - Donors' awareness of vulnerability can be improved (IDA and the ADF).
  - It will make it easier to distinguish between countries according to their degree of vulnerability, thereby making the allocation fairer and more appropriate.