

# Bridging the Gap

## Future Solutions for Female-led SMEs

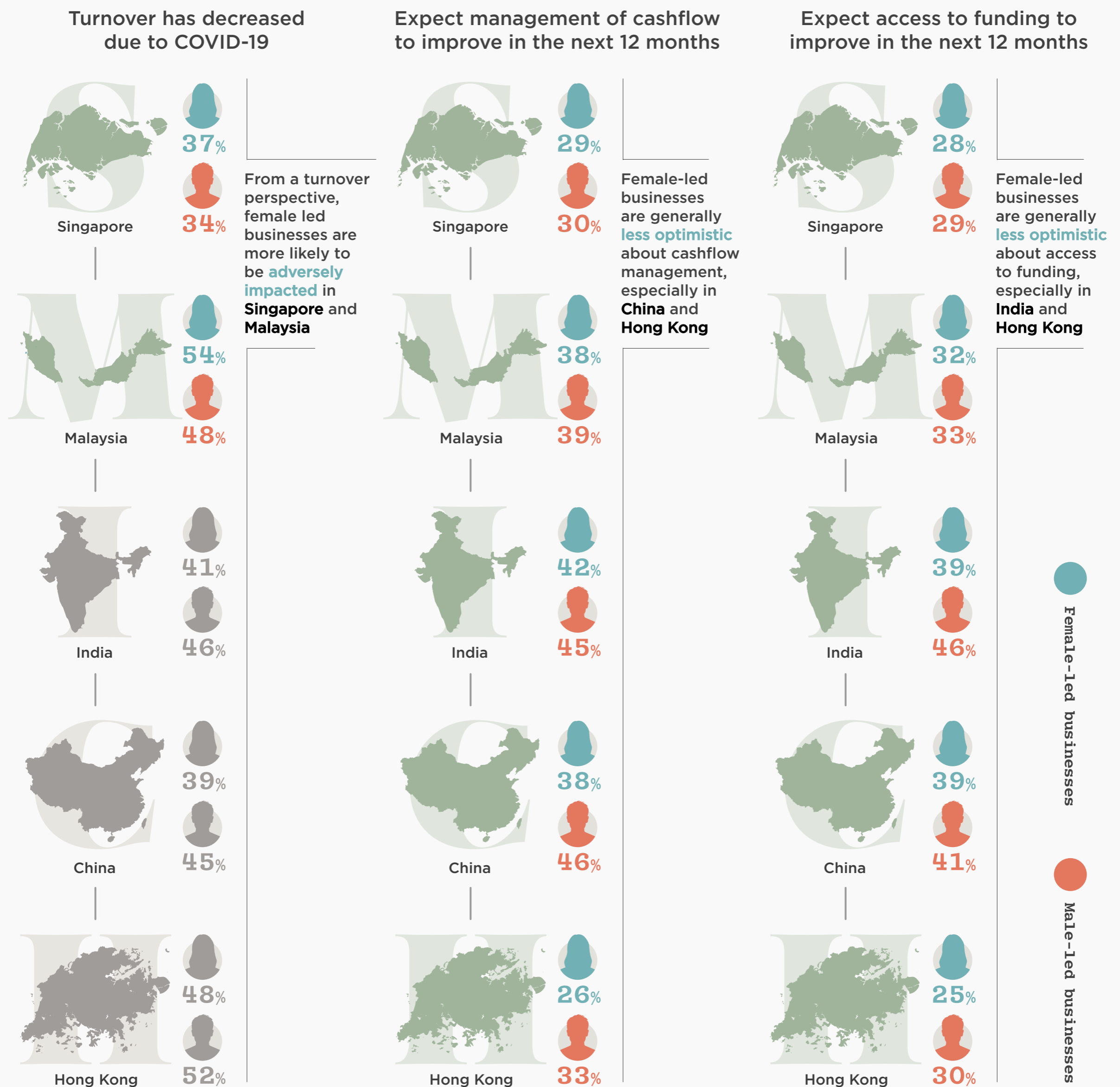
The pandemic undoubtedly changed businesses across Asia, bringing many to a sharp halt, but this was more notable among female-led Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Recent events exacerbated gender gaps within finance and entrepreneurship. Our latest infographic explores how:



### THE IMPACT

Female-led SMEs have been more adversely affected and are generally less optimistic about cash flow management and access to funding.

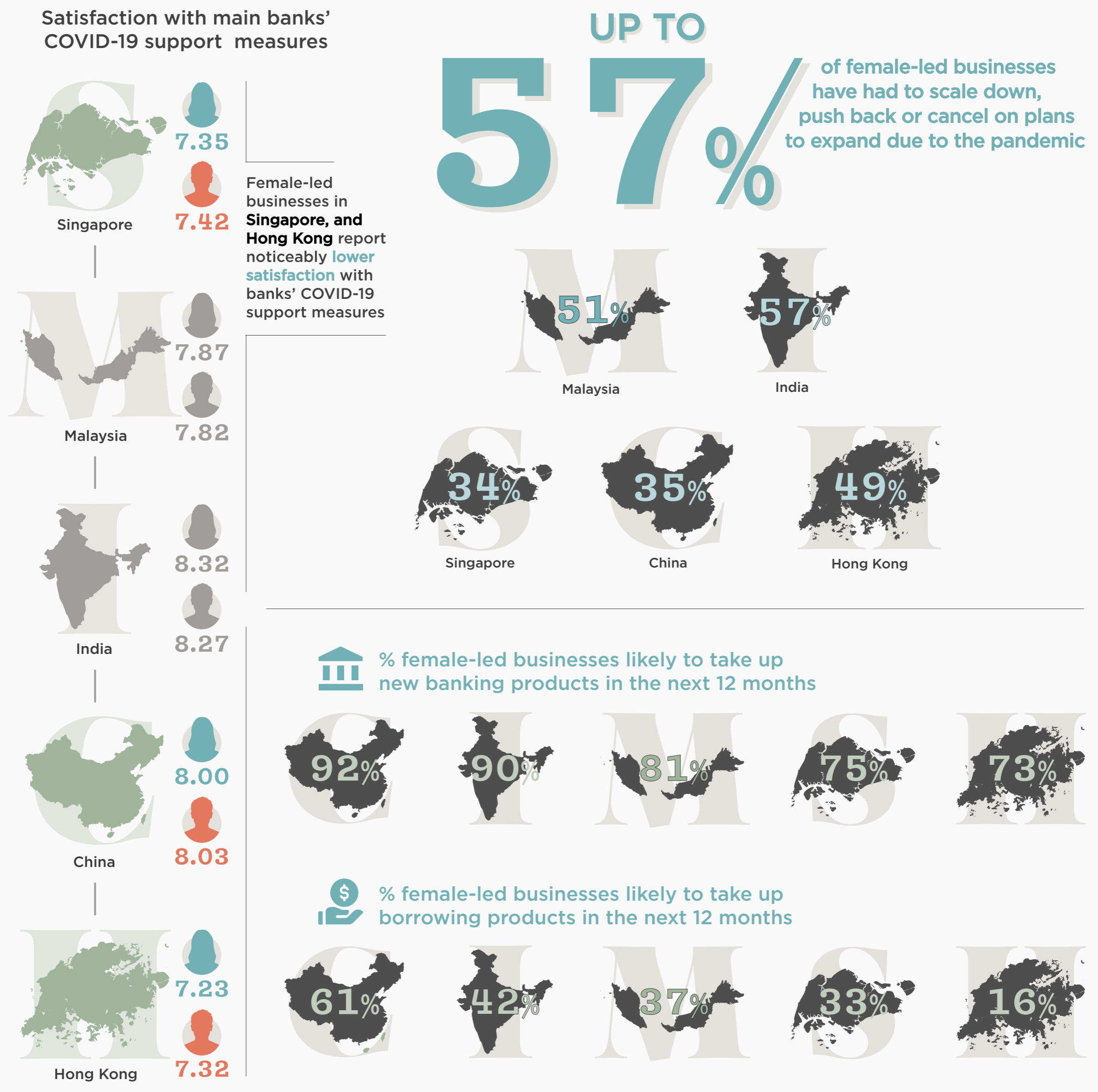
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### SUPPORTING THE UNDERSERVED

These businesses will require further support from banks to navigate this challenging period particularly in under-served markets such as Singapore and Hong Kong.

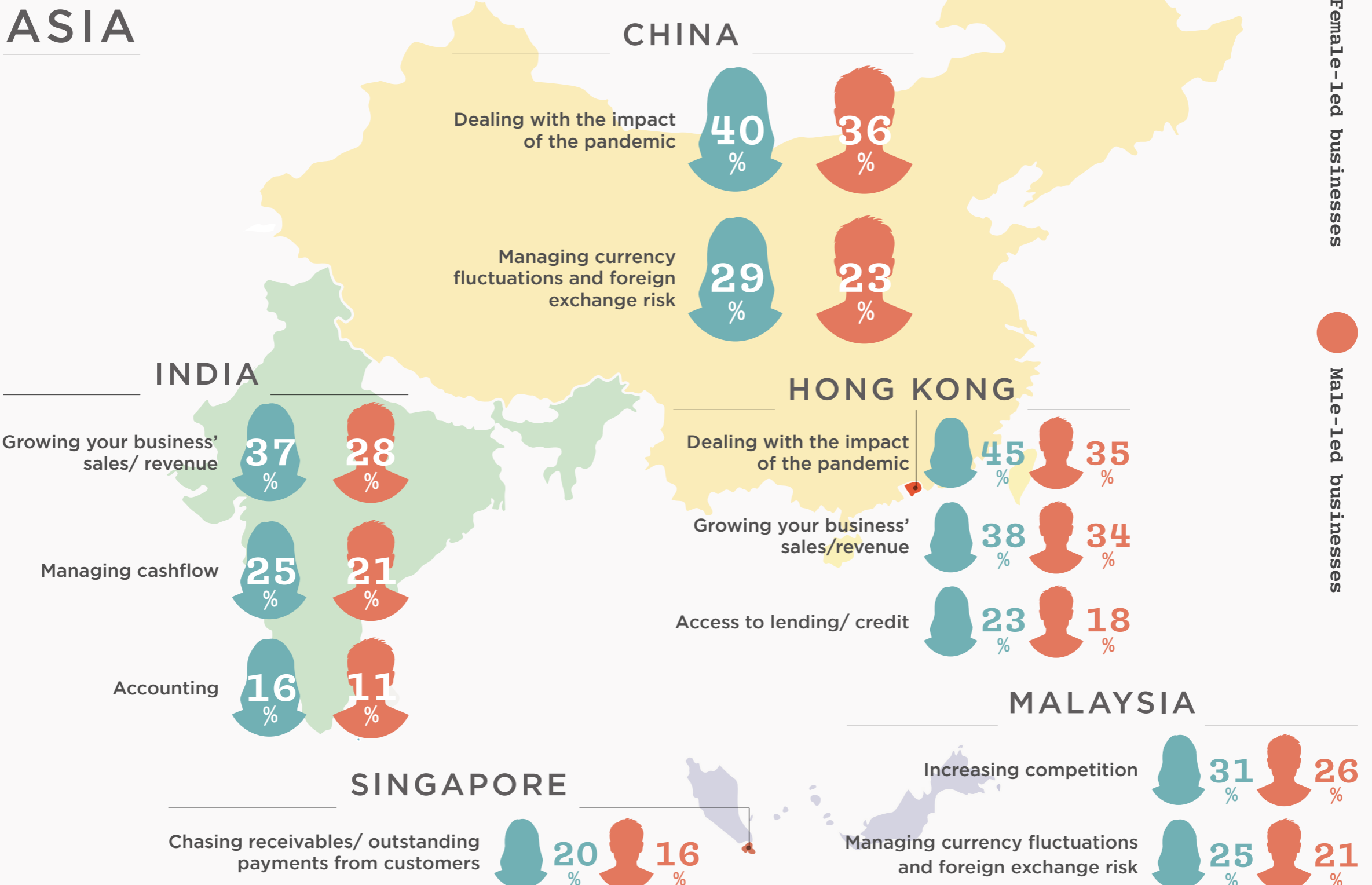
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### TAILORED SOLUTIONS

To show support, strategies that are implemented should be tailored to fit those disproportionately affected by distinct challenges and face vulnerabilities in different markets.

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