



Basic assistance Cash Assistance Info Session

Objective

- Inform about main cash based interventions (cash programs)
- Inform about eligibility criteria and selection process
- Inform about complain/referral process
- Seek feedback from the audience on main challenges related to counselling

Cash Based Interventions

Food assistance - managed by WFP

- Managed by WFP
- USD 27 per person per family member
- Only to be used in WFP contracted shops
- Common Card

Multi Purpose Cash Assistance Program (MCAP)

- Managed by Field unit
- 175USD per month per family (260,000LBP)
- Can be redeemed at ATMs, cannot be used at the shop
- Common Card

Emergency cash assistance (ECA)

- Managed by Protection unit
- One time off cash assistance between 50 to 200 USD
- Managed by partners (DRC, Caritas, IRC, Concern, SCI...)

Protection Cash Assistance Program (PCAP) – managed by Protection unit

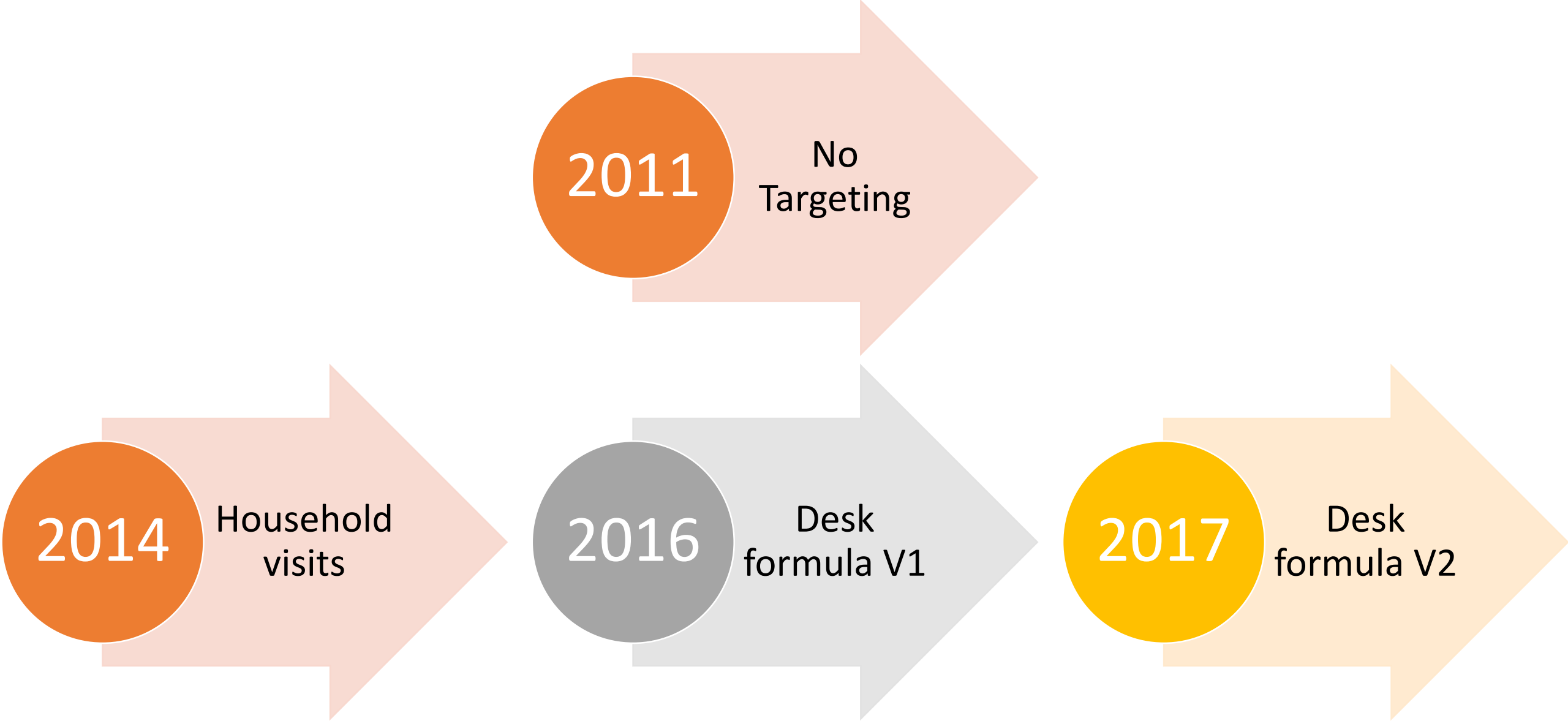
- 200 to 300 USD per case
- Limited – only to address protection incident
- Conditional – can be provided only if case management plan is in place and followed
- Time bound 3 to 12 months
- Decided based on referrals and MFT decision

Sector specific cash programs

- UNICEF Education
- Winterization
- Etc...

Multi Purpose Cash Assistance Program

- Aimed at helping refugees to meet their basic needs
- Addresses socio-economic vulnerabilities of refugees
- Takes into account expenditure of a household – minimal expenditure basket and survival minimal expenditure basket
- 175 USD per month/260,000LBP
- Main cash actors are UNHCR, LCC (SCI, IRC and SI), RI, LRC and Caritas
- **Around 124,000 families are found to be eligible for Cash assistance, however, due to funding shortage, only 30,000 are currently receiving.**
- **8,100 families in North are currently receiving cash assistance**



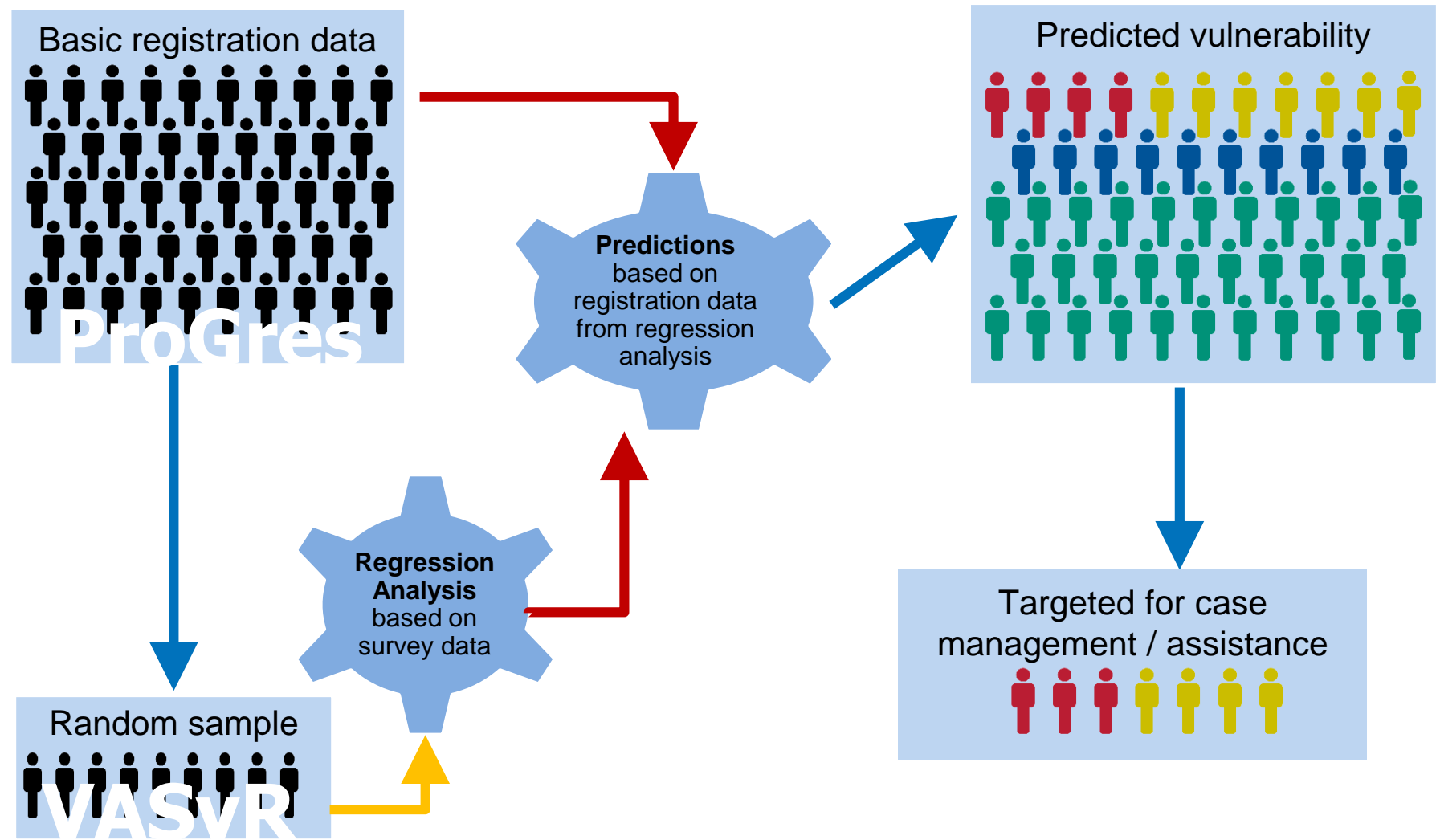
Desk Formula

- Methodology to assess socio economic vulnerability of a refugee household
- Based on demographic variables available in the registration database
- Desk Formula helps to prioritize (rank) families for inclusion into monthly cash assistance (MCAP) and food assistance
- Other sectors refer to desk formula for prioritization and selection of beneficiaries (eg shelter, health)
- Provides general population profile (level of vulnerability of the overall refugee population)

What is Desk Formula?

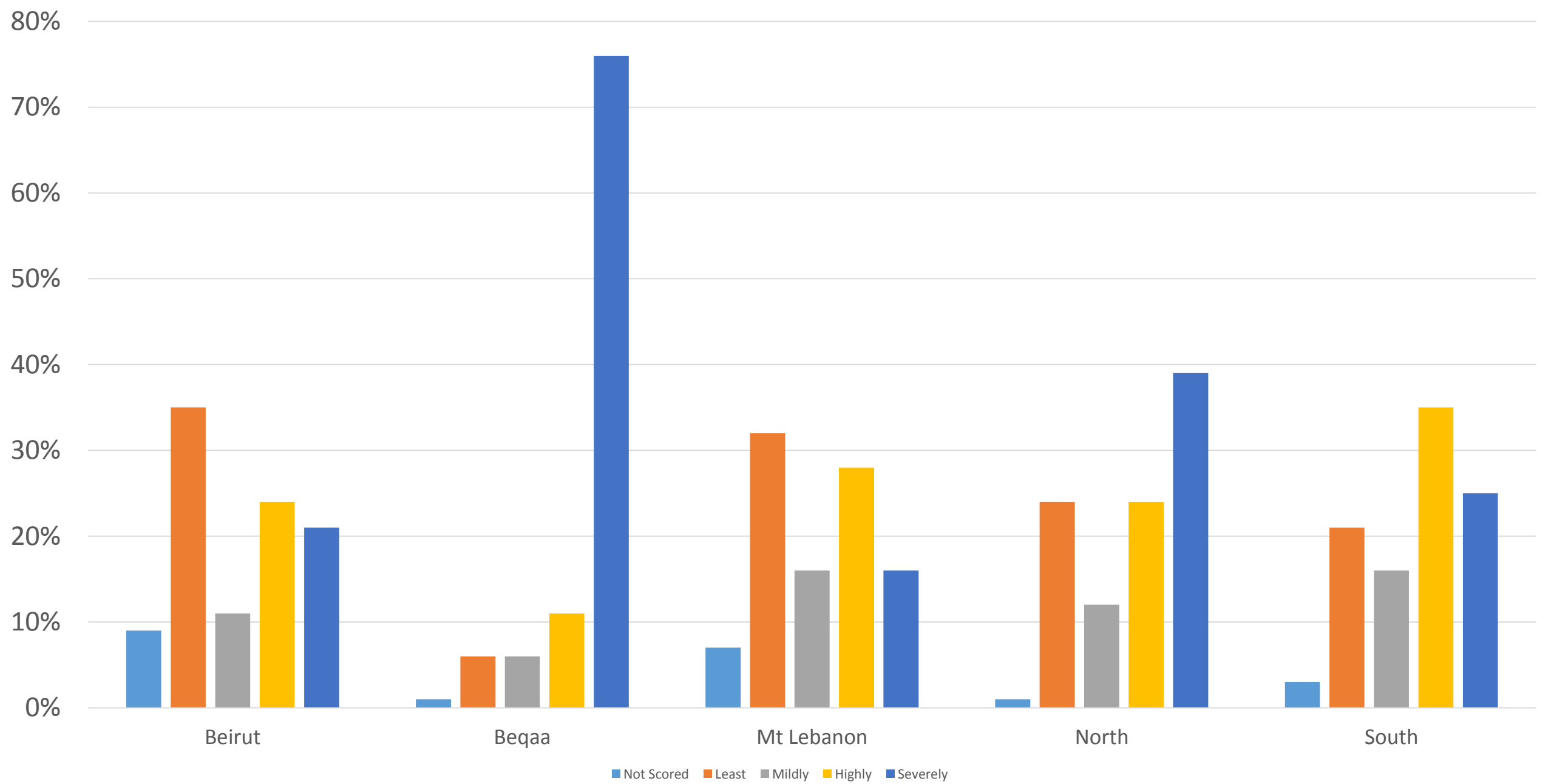
- What demographic variables make the formula:
 - Districts of Arrival
 - Arrival date
 - Household size
 - Gender of head of household
 - Disability
 - Homogeneity index
 - Share of household members in different age groups (e.g. share of persons under 5, share of elders, share of persons with disability, etc.)
- Data analysis based on VASYR and previous HH visits data
- Each variable and combination of variables combined with econometric indicators (ability of a family with certain profile to general income) = Desk formula vulnerability scoring

Enhancing targeting



Upcoming changes in cash program

- 2017 Desk Formula was run on all refugee population as of end of June 2017.
- More refugees not scored earlier were scored and might be eligible for assistance
- Ranking and scoring of some refugees has changed within categories
- Families which were found not eligible to receive cash assistance or whose ranking is higher than allocated number of cases will be discontinued as of November. (last upload in October)
- Notification to discontinued cases will be sent two months in advance (in September)
- In November newly eligible families will be included into MCAP



Counselling messages

- UNHCR is not able to provide cash assistance to all persons in need.
- Eligibility is based on different information collected, during your interview in UNHCR reception center, household visits, VASyR...
- Please make sure you keep on updating your household information at UNHCR reception centers with any relevant information including: your phone number and your address in Lebanon
- If you are eligible – you will receive SMS. Please make sure you inform UNHCR if you have a new phone number.
- Following the changes of MCAP beneficiaries – assistance will be provided until end December 2017. Continuation will be based on availability of funds

Thank you!