

Monitoring of the Effects of the Economic Deterioration on Refugee Households

WAVE I – March 2020



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PRELIMINARY
RESULTS

OBJECTIVES

- **Monitoring changes at the household level over time** in key areas in the context of the deteriorating economic situation in Lebanon. The focus will be on the following areas:
 - **Livelihoods:** Loss of jobs, salary cuts, job retention and new job opportunities.
 - **Economic vulnerability:** household debt
 - **Living conditions:** rental costs, mobility, eviction and eviction threats
 - **Access to health services:** demand and access to primary healthcare and hospitalization
 - **Food and Livelihood Coping Strategies:** Rates of key negative food and non-food related coping strategies
- **Inform UNHCR/WFP and LCRP partner advocacy** in order to: (A) maintain or improve funding for affected refugees; an (B) advocate against the reallocation of funds away from refugee centred programming.
- For the initial wave, **identify** those **socio-economic areas most impacted** that could be further investigated through VASyR 2020 (currently planned for the end of March/April).

Summary of the methodology

- To achieve this, we will use a nationally representative **simple random sampling approach**, extracted from the UNHCR database in Lebanon.
- Two nationally representative samples will be extracted: **(1)Syrian refugees**, and **(2)Non-Syrian refugees**. Each sample is estimated at 500 (total 1,000) refugee households.
- Data collected through the call center via **Phone survey**
- Accounting for non-response rate, sampled: 1,000 Syrian; 1,000 non-Syrian

R E S U L T :

- High non-response rate (49% Syrians, 58% non-Syrian)
- 513 Syrian cases and 417 Non-Syrian surveys completed

DEMOGRAPHICS

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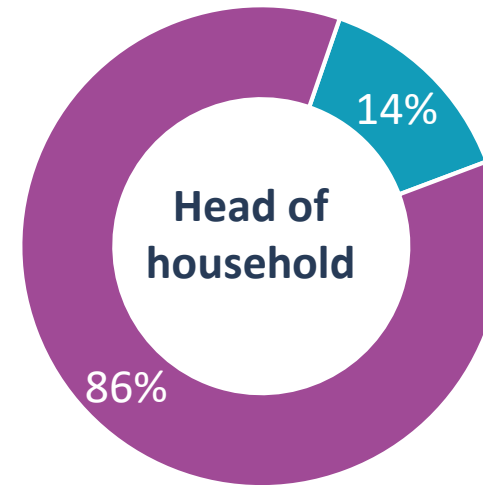
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

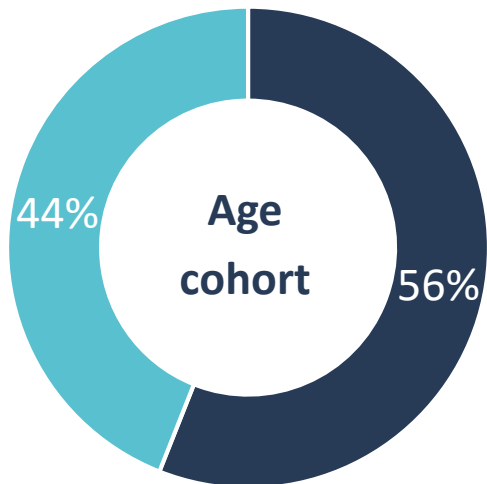
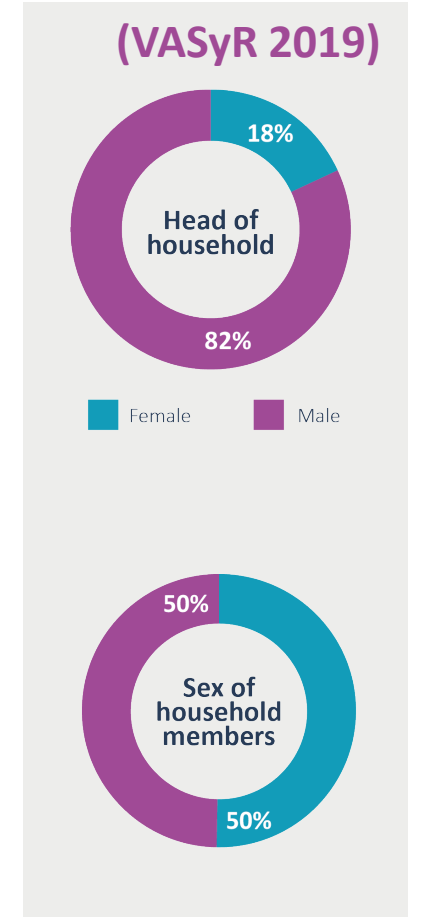
(4.7 in UNHCR DB)

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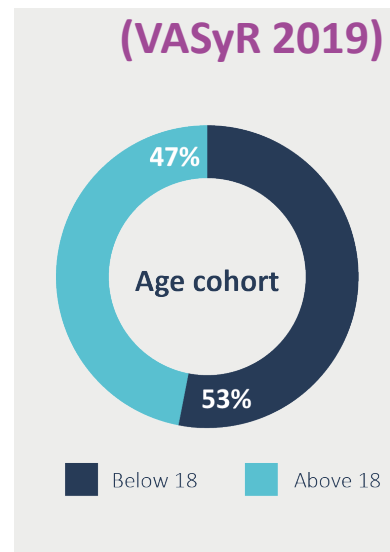
(VASyR 2019: 5)



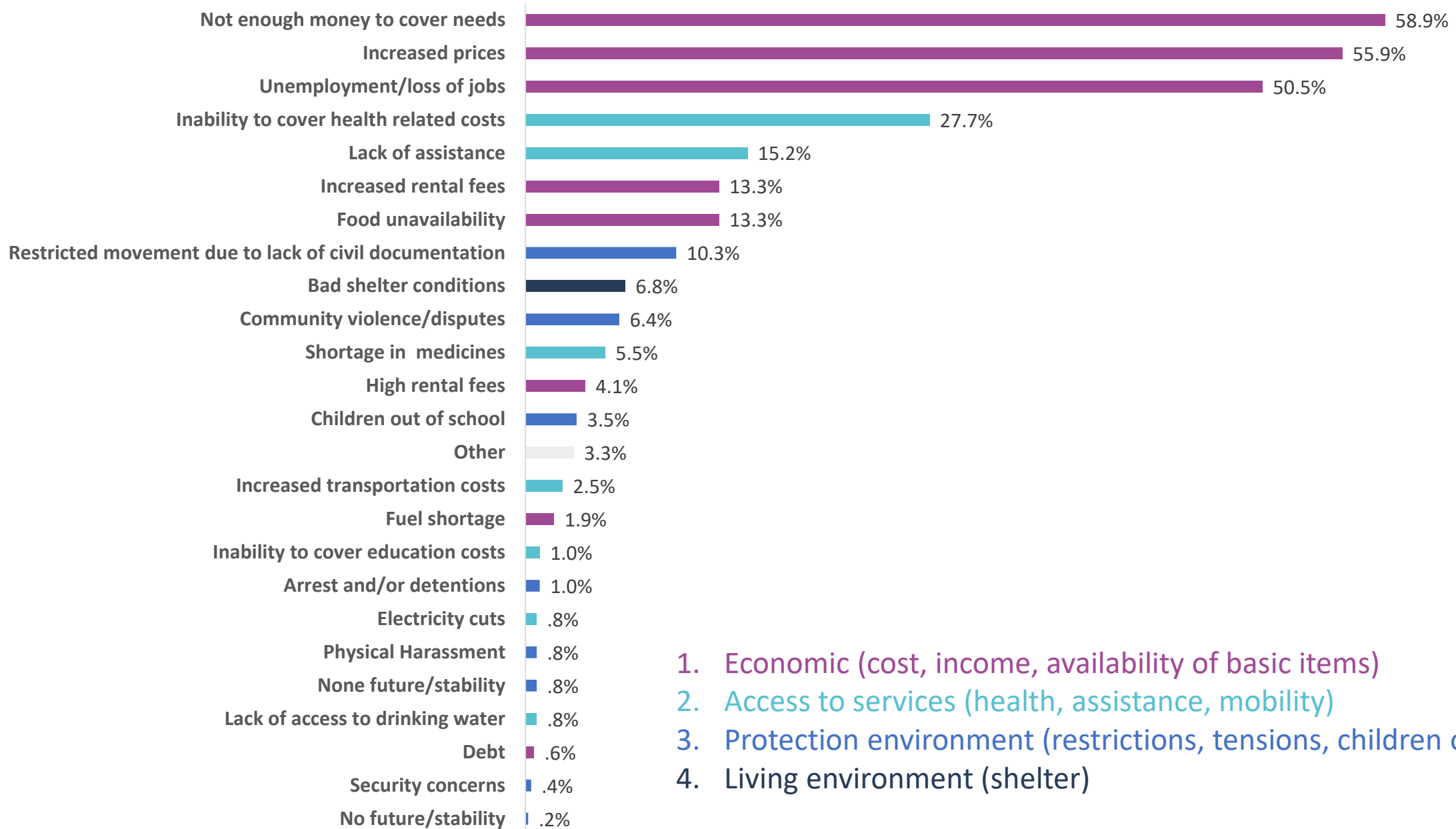
Female Male
(phone wave I)



Below 18 18 & Above



MAIN PROBLEMS FACED REPORTED BY FAMILIES

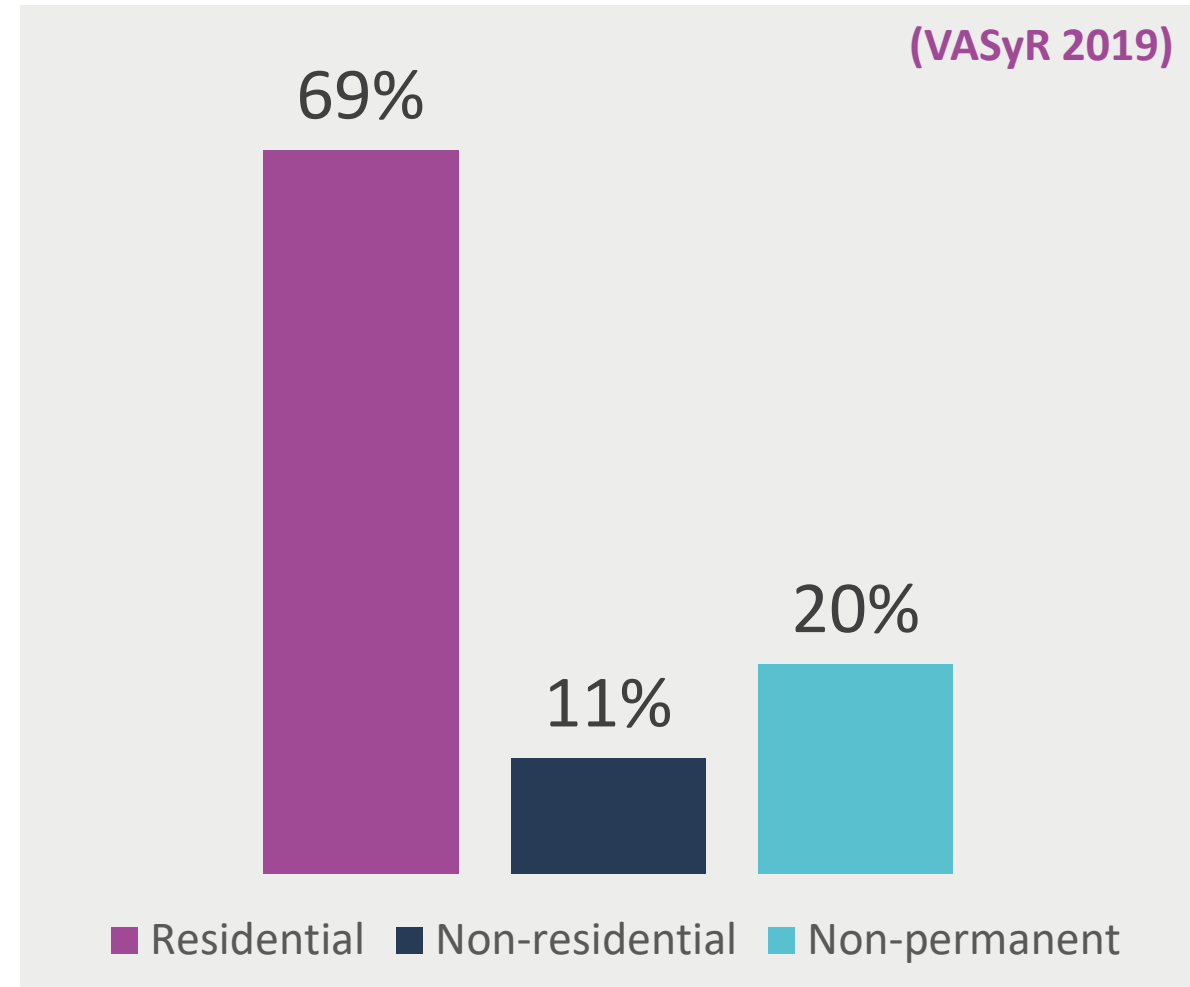
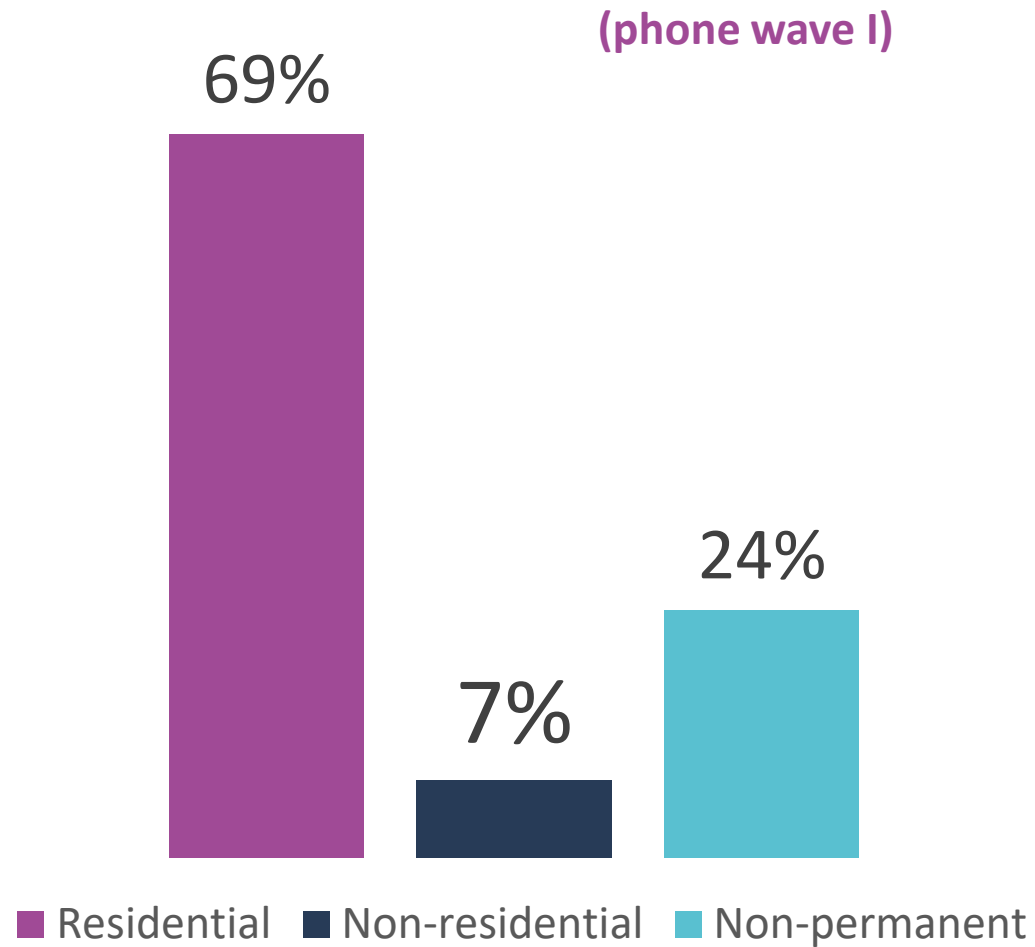


1. Economic (cost, income, availability of basic items)
2. Access to services (health, assistance, mobility)
3. Protection environment (restrictions, tensions, children out of school)
4. Living environment (shelter)

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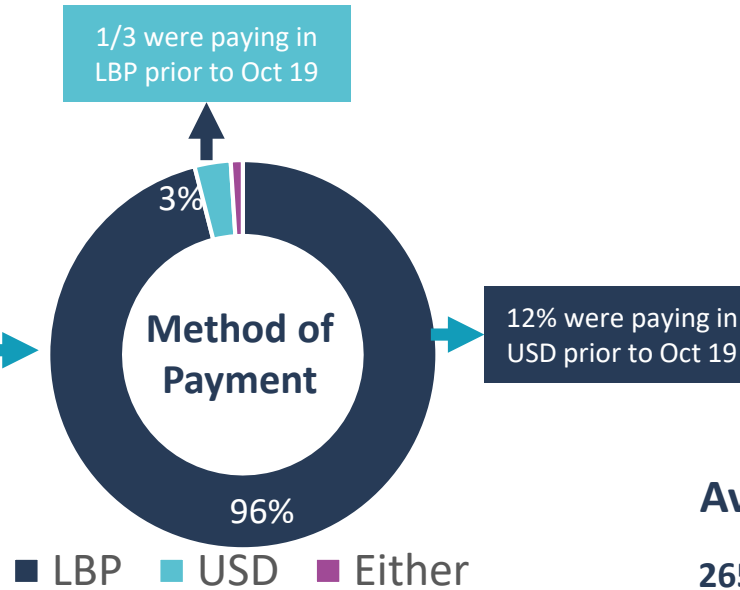
SHELTER CATEGORIES



SHELTER RENT

Households Renting Accommodation

90%
(VASyR 2019: 81%)



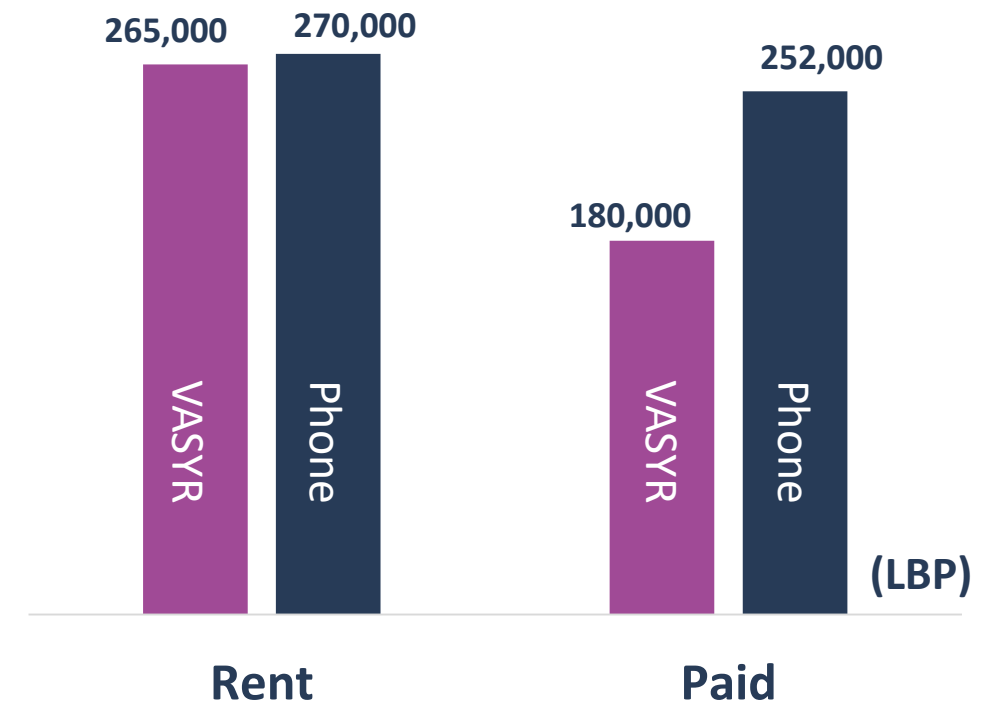
For those paying in LBP or either

- Average rent: 270,000 LBP/month
- Average paid: 252,000 LBP/month

For those paying in USD (12 cases)

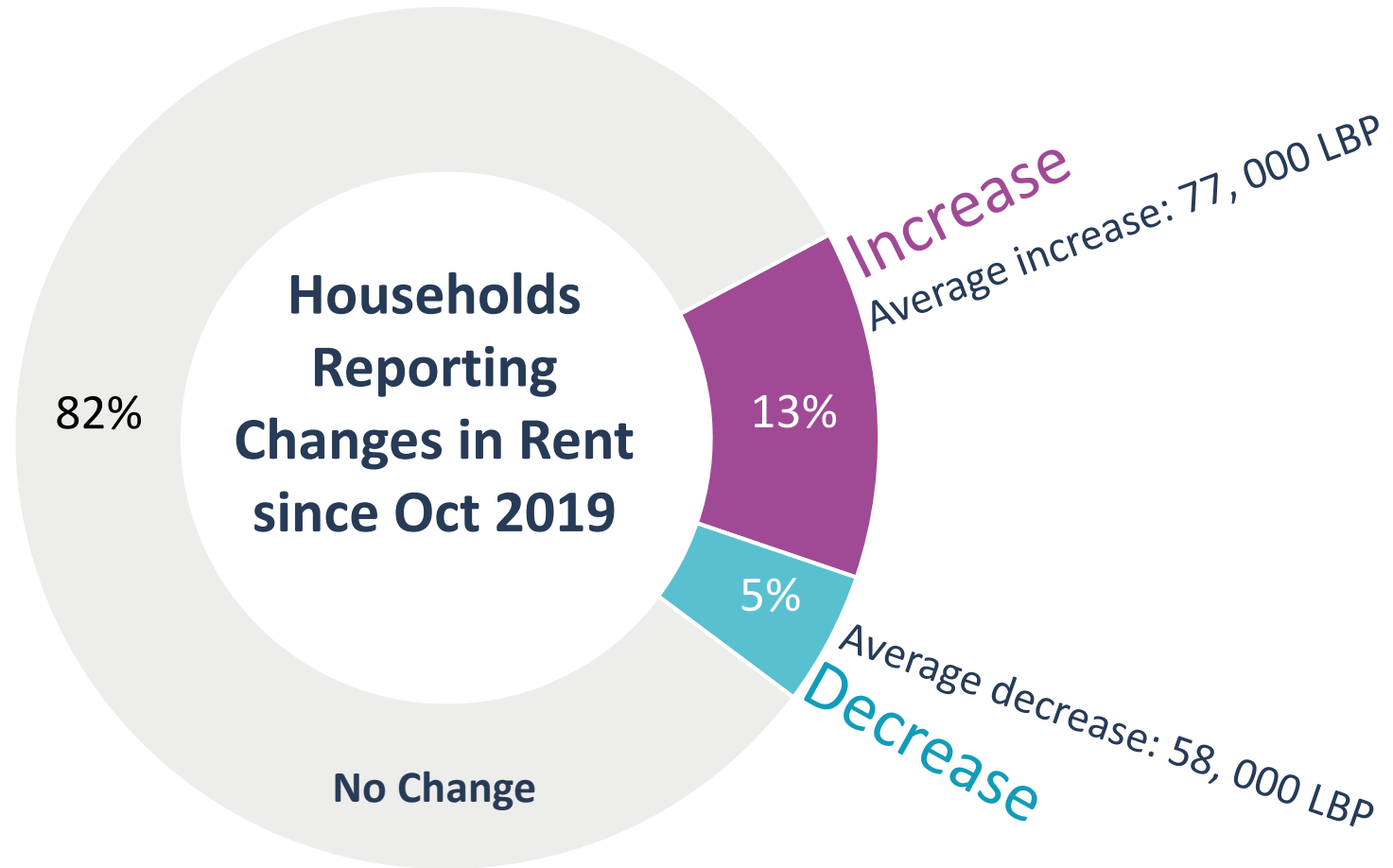
- Average rent: 245 USD/month
- Average paid: 243 USD/month

Average rent vs Amount Paid (per month)



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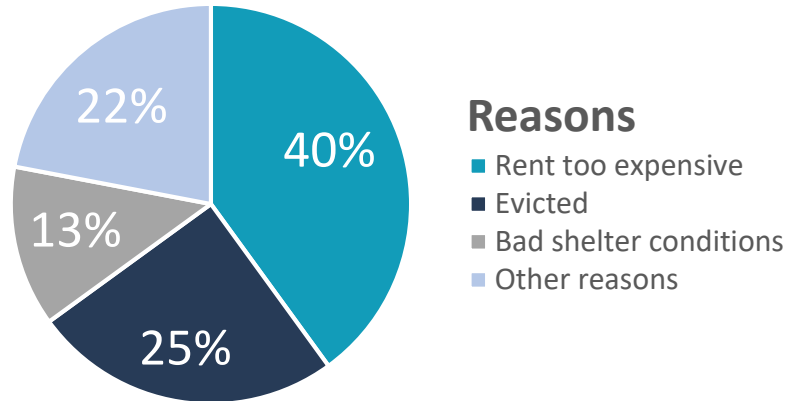
CHANGES IN RENT



SHELTER MOBILITY

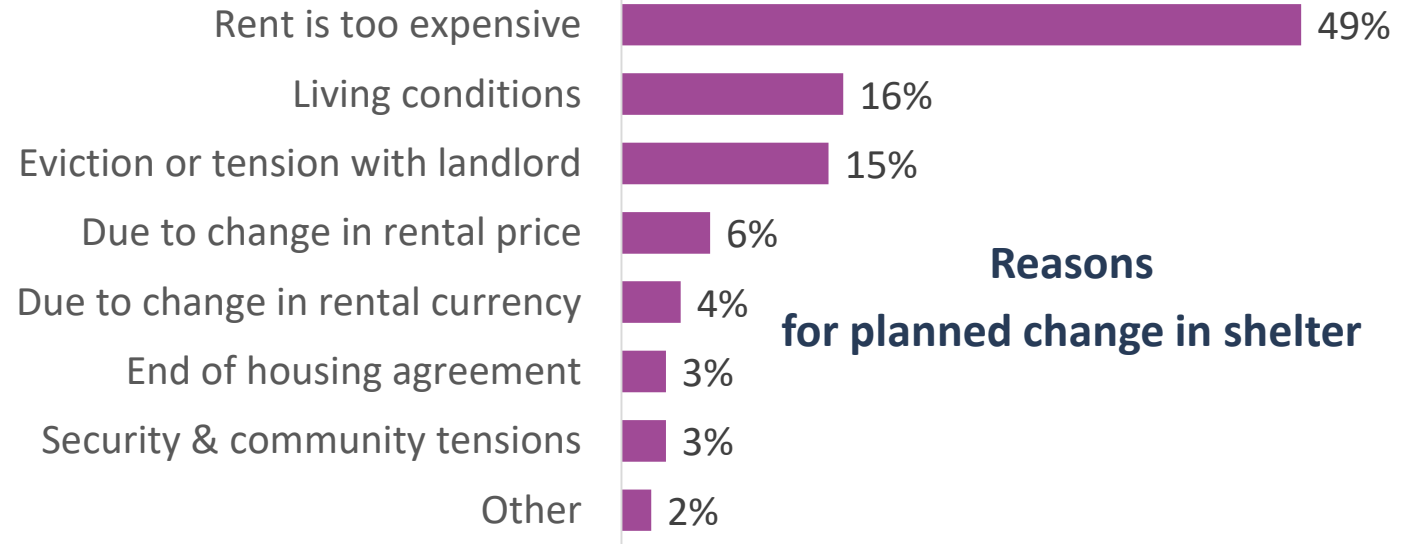
Changed Shelter since Oct 2019

13%



Planning to change shelter
next three months

18%



Planning to move
to third country

13%

Those households have reported a significantly higher debt (955,000 LBP more than those not planning to move)

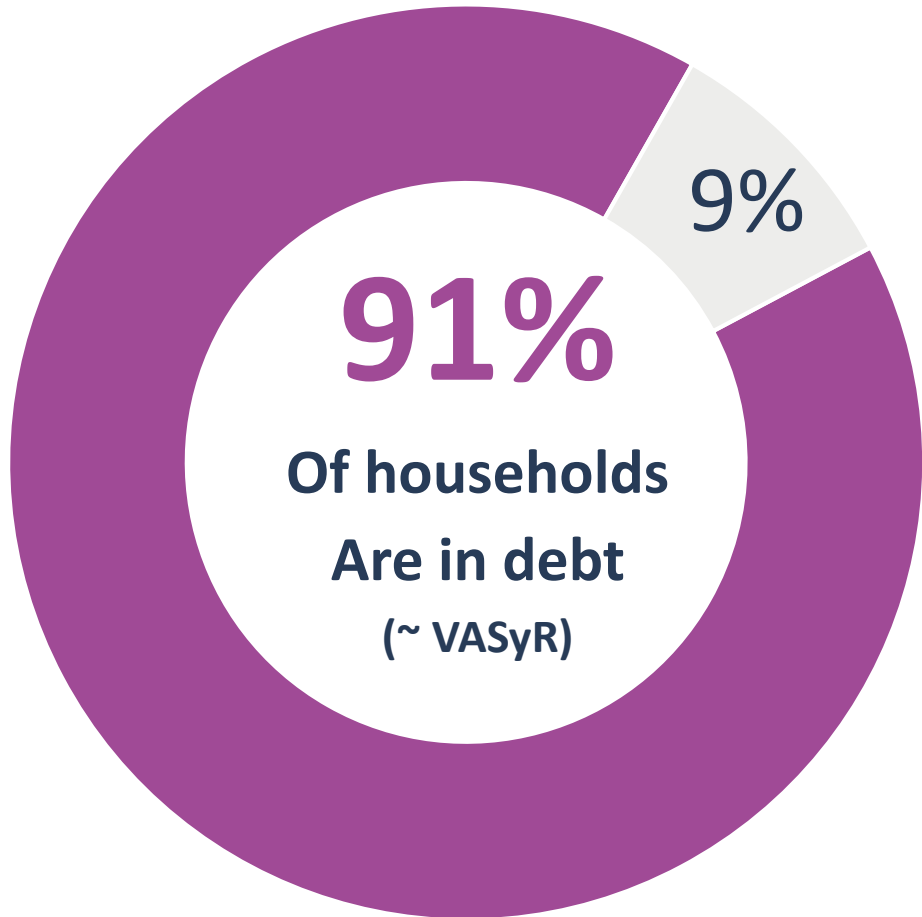
Planning to return
to Syria

2%

LIVELIHOODS & DEBT

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DEBT



(VASyR 2019) (phone wave I)

Newly incurred debt
Past three months
83%
1,066,610 LBP average

LIVELIHOODS & DEBT

WORK

44%

OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE
NO WORKING MEMBERS
(ABOVE 15)



1.2

MEMBERS WORKING ON
AVERAGE
AMONG HH WITH WORKING
MEMBERS

3

Persons above 15
On Average per household

11%

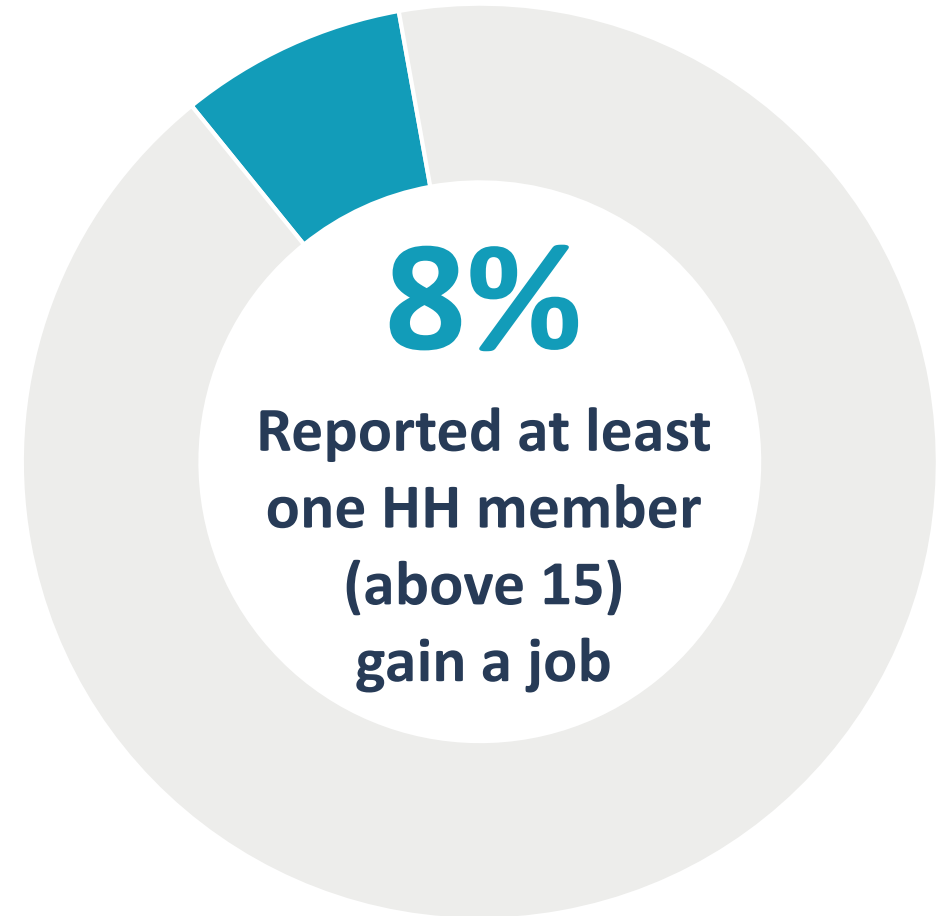
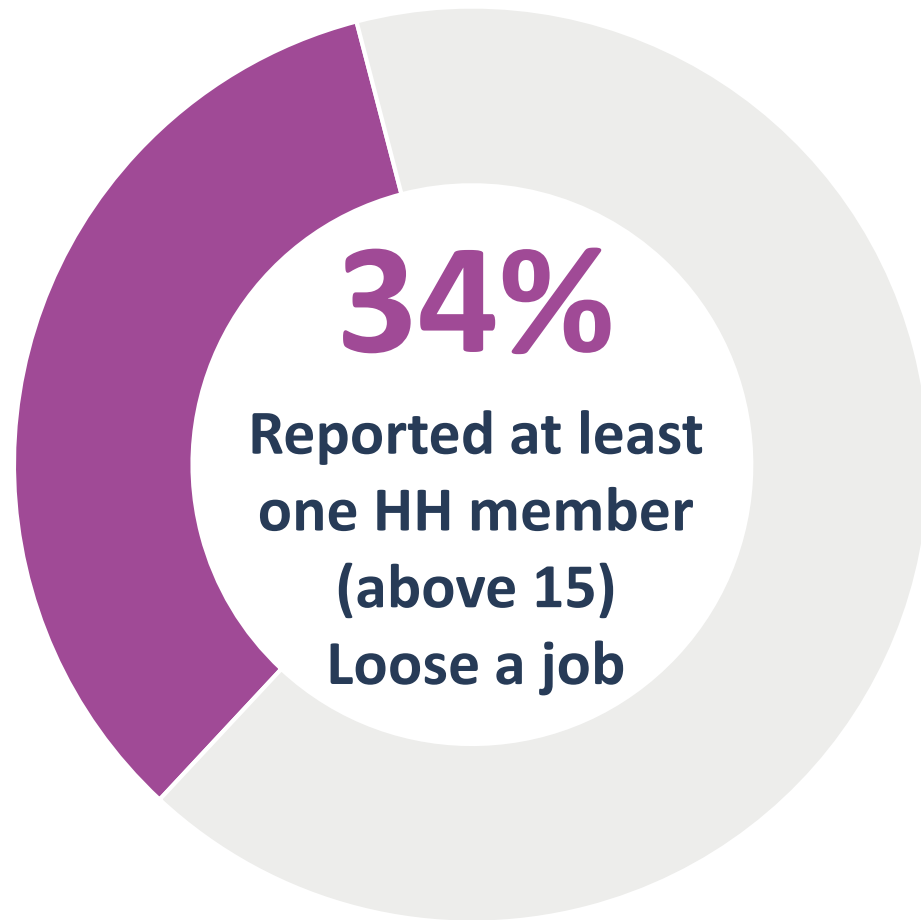
REPORTED ENGAGING
CHILDREN IN INCOME
GENERATING ACTIVITIES SINCE
OCT 2019

(VASyR 2019)

41%
of households had
no members
working in the past
7 days

LIVELIHOODS & DEBT

LOSS/GAIN OF JOBS SINCE OCT 2019

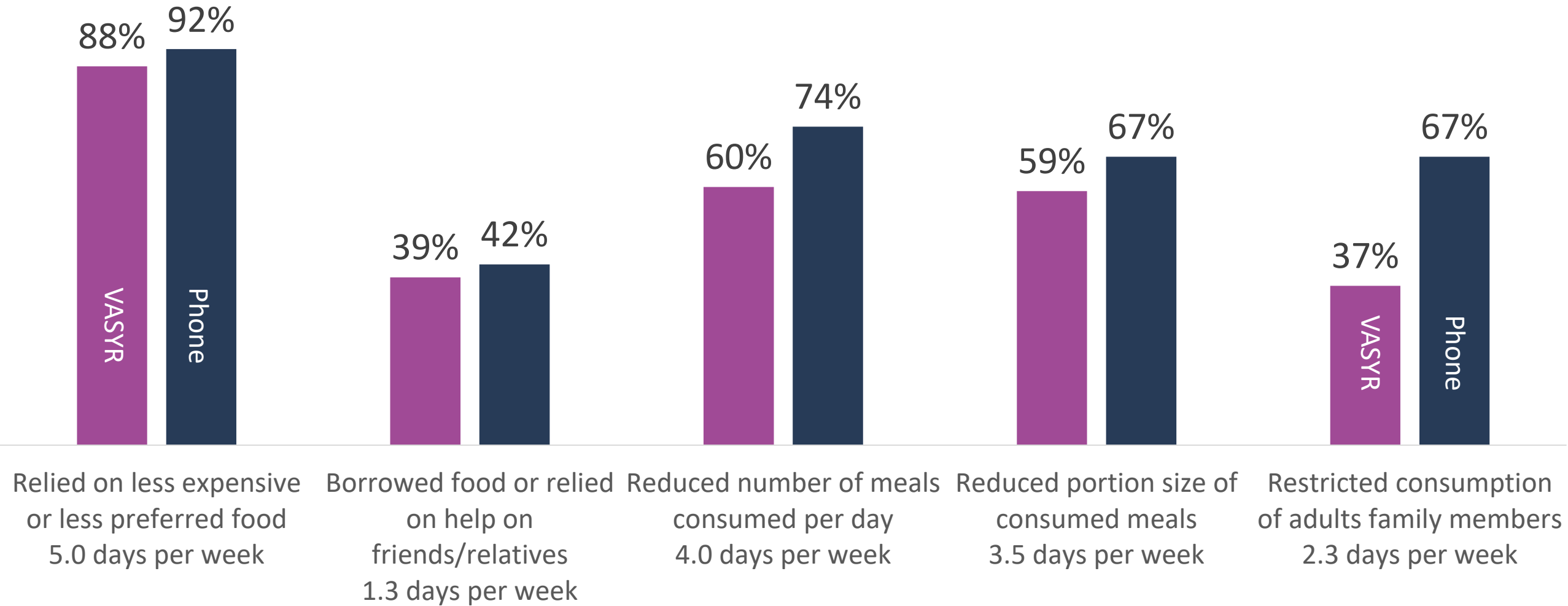


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FOOD & LIVELIHOODS

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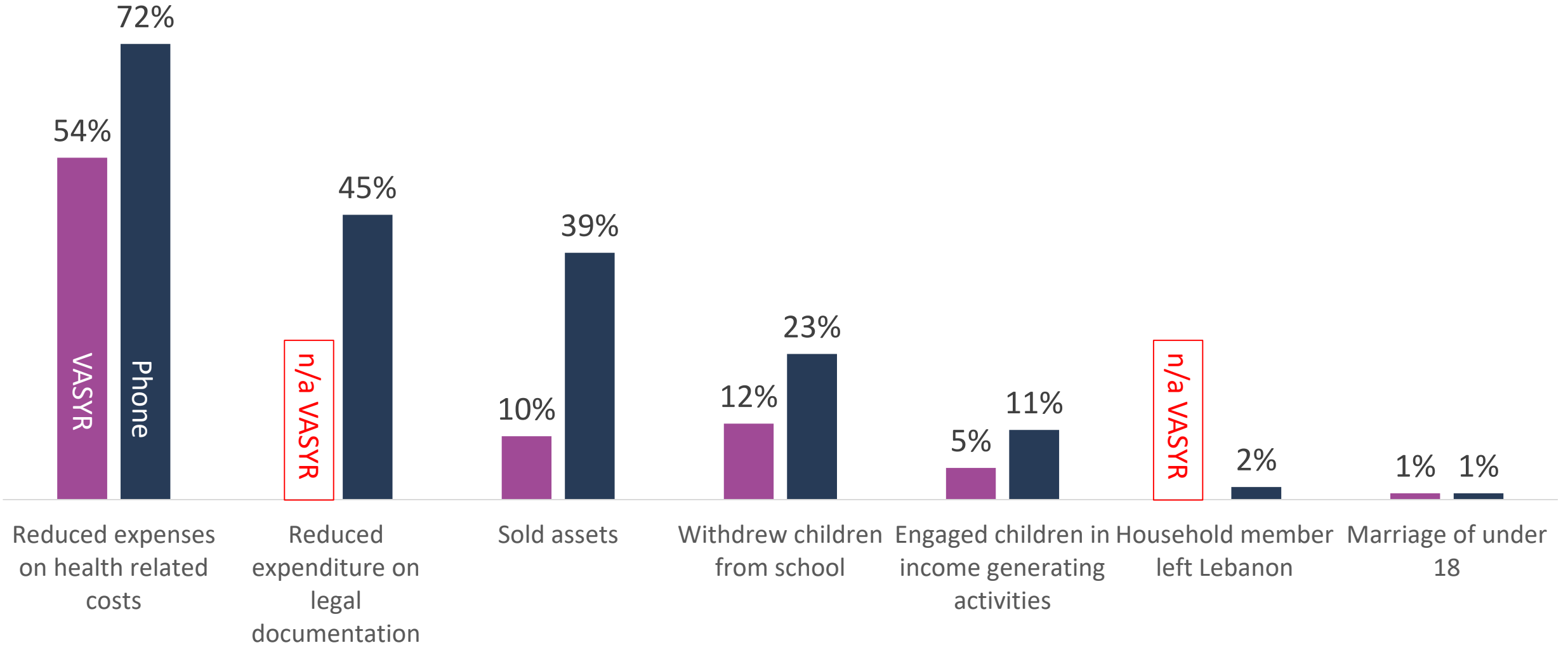
FOOD



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LIVELIHOOD

- 23% withdrew a child from school since Oct 2019
- 11% engaged children in income generating activities since Oct 2019

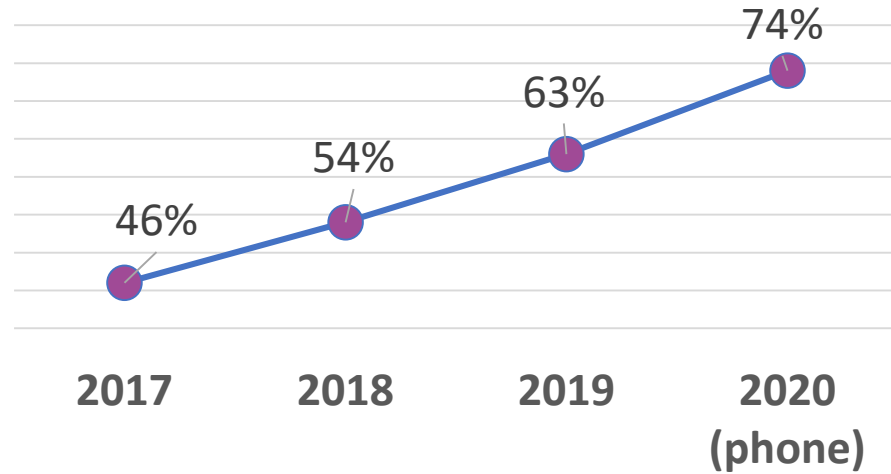


HEALTH

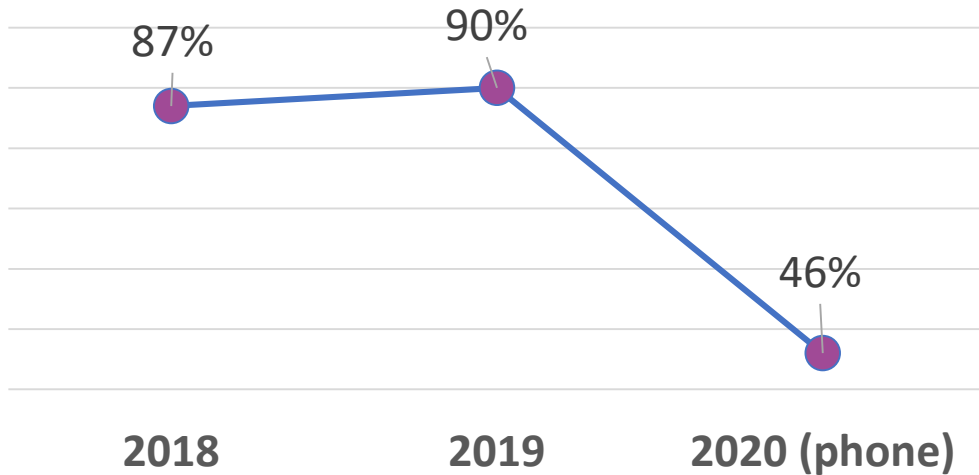
HEALTH

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

% HH Requiring Primary health care

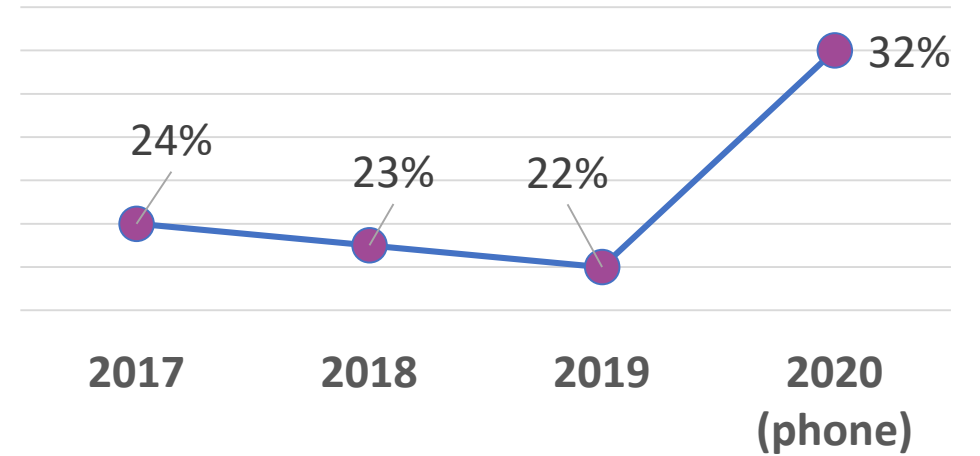


% Able to Access (from those requiring)

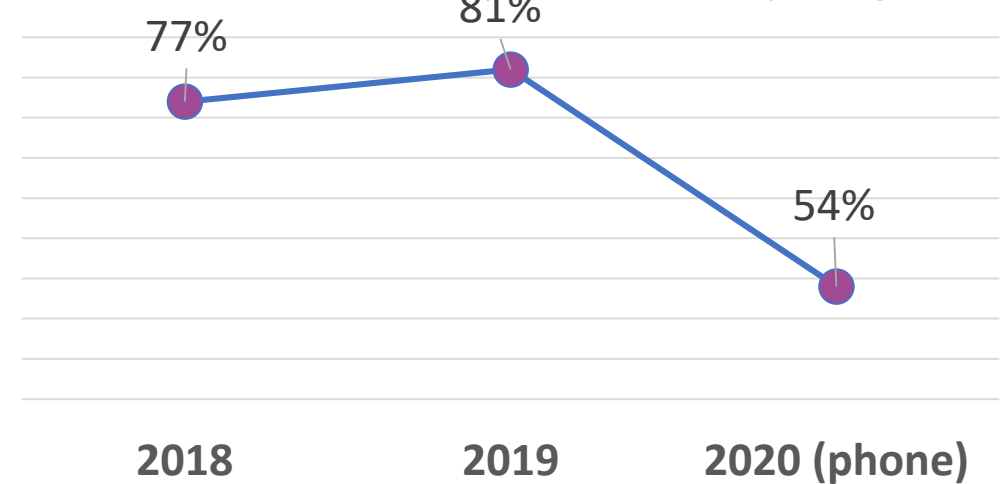


SECONDARY HEALTH CARE

% HH Requiring Secondary health care

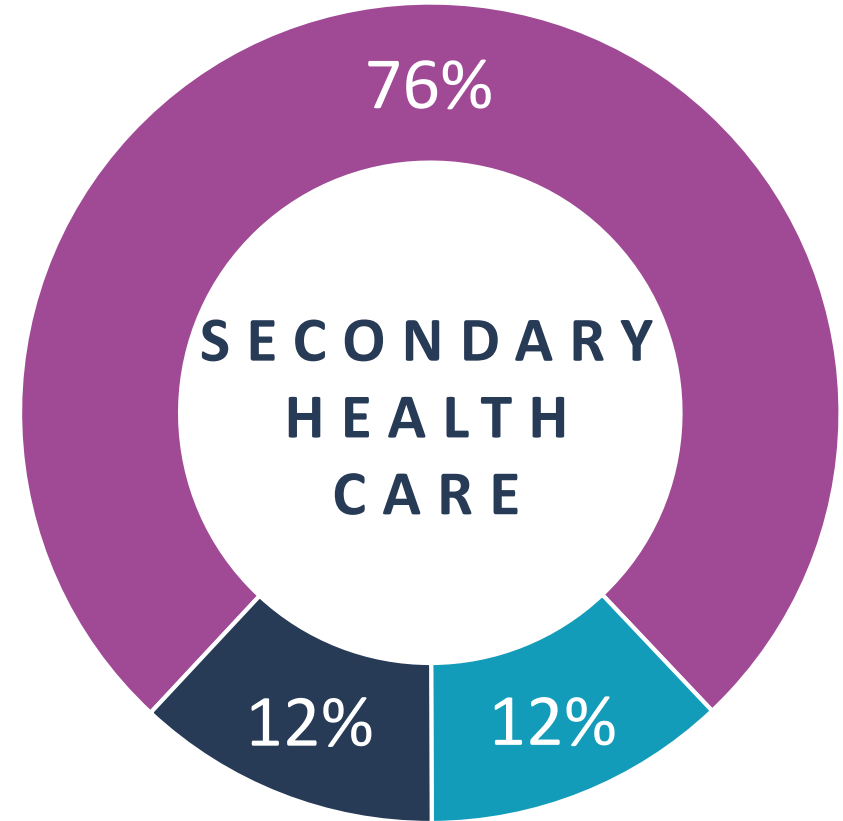
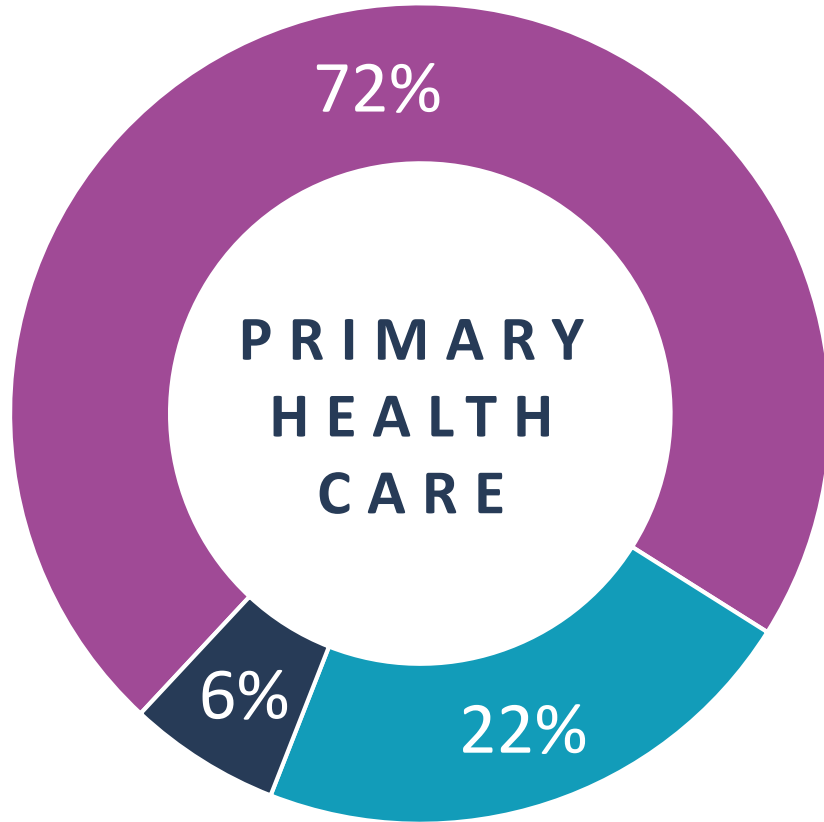


% Able to Access (from those requiring)



HEALTH

REASONS FOR NO ACCESS



■ Cost of drugs/treatment/test ■ Doctor fees ■ Other

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