

## VASYR 2017 - PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

### VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES



United Nations  
**World Food Programme**



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency  
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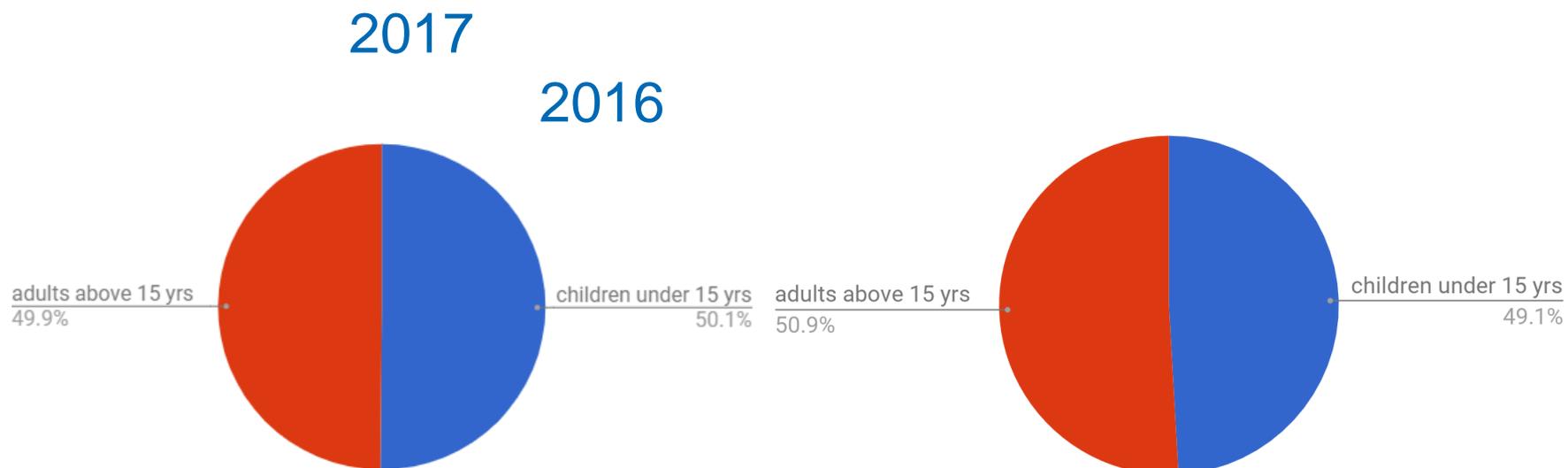


## DEMOGRAPHICS: Household Size

### SMALLER HOUSEHOLD SIZES

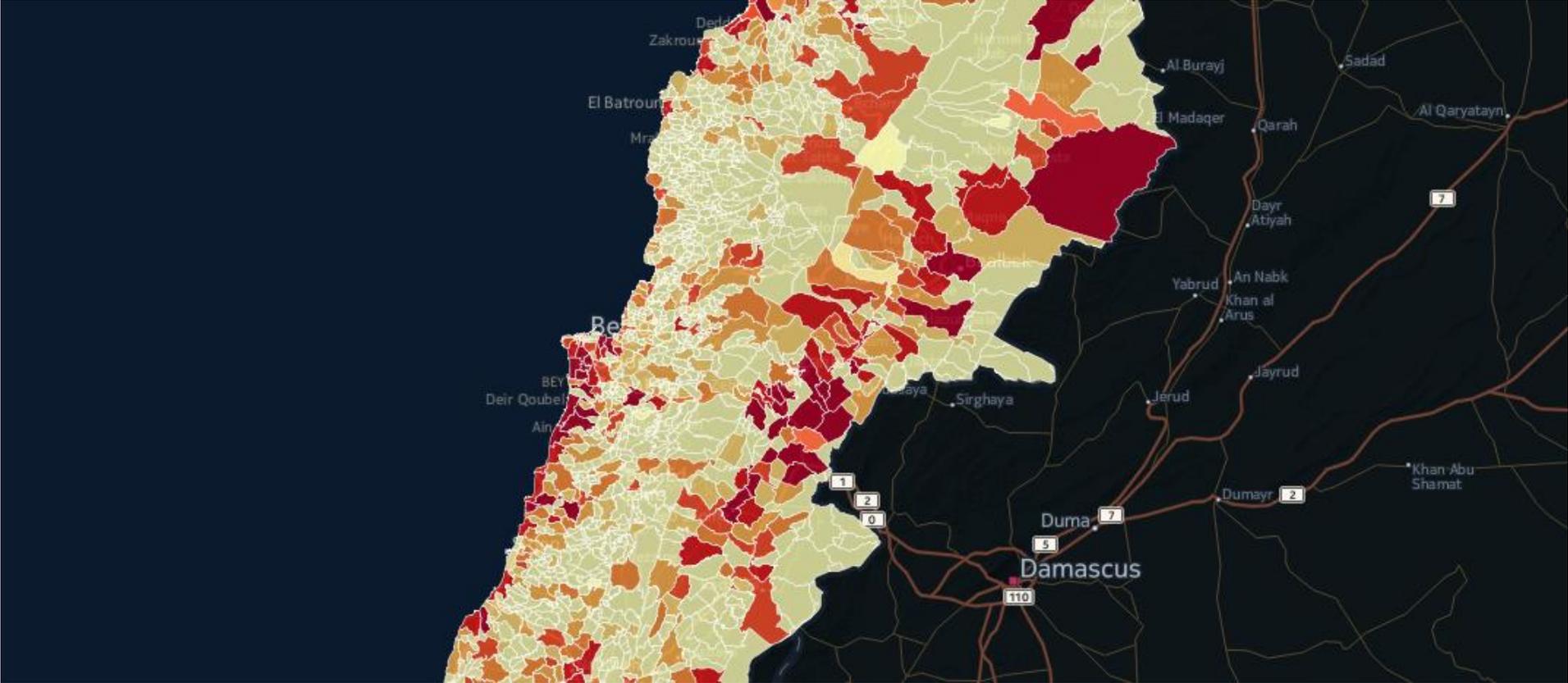
Mean Household Size: 4.9 ↓ (2016: 5.1, 2015 : 5.3)

Average Children per Household: 2.5 (↓2016: 2.7)



## **DISCLAIMER**

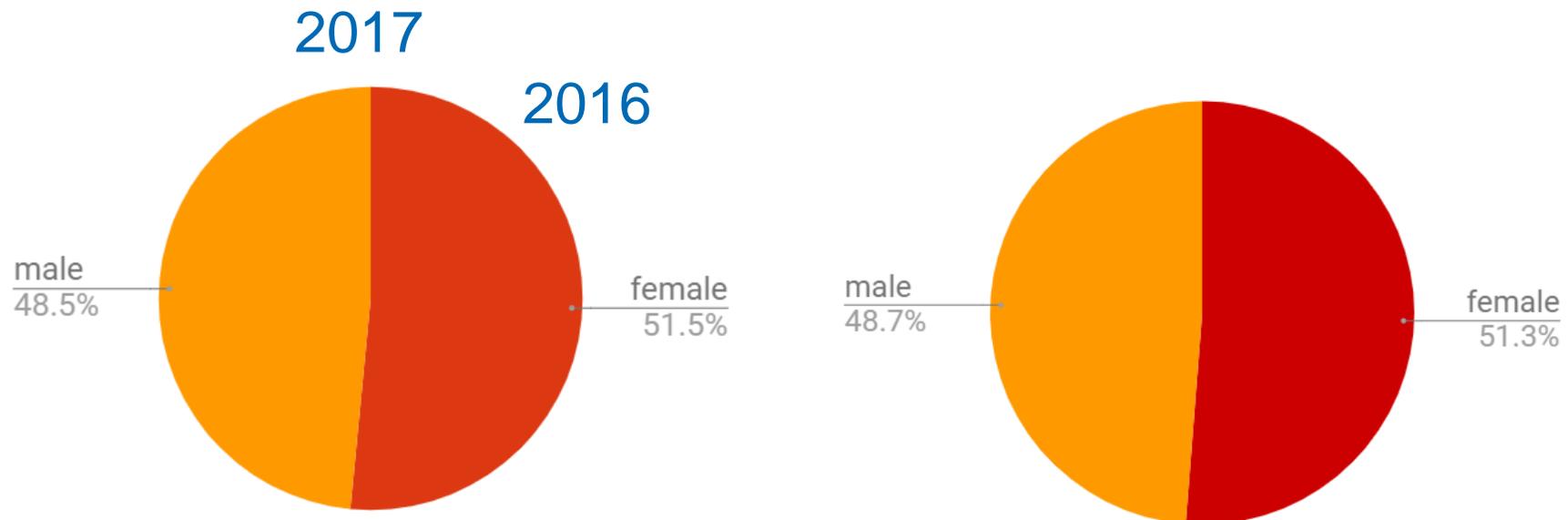
**Preliminary findings may be subject to  
change**



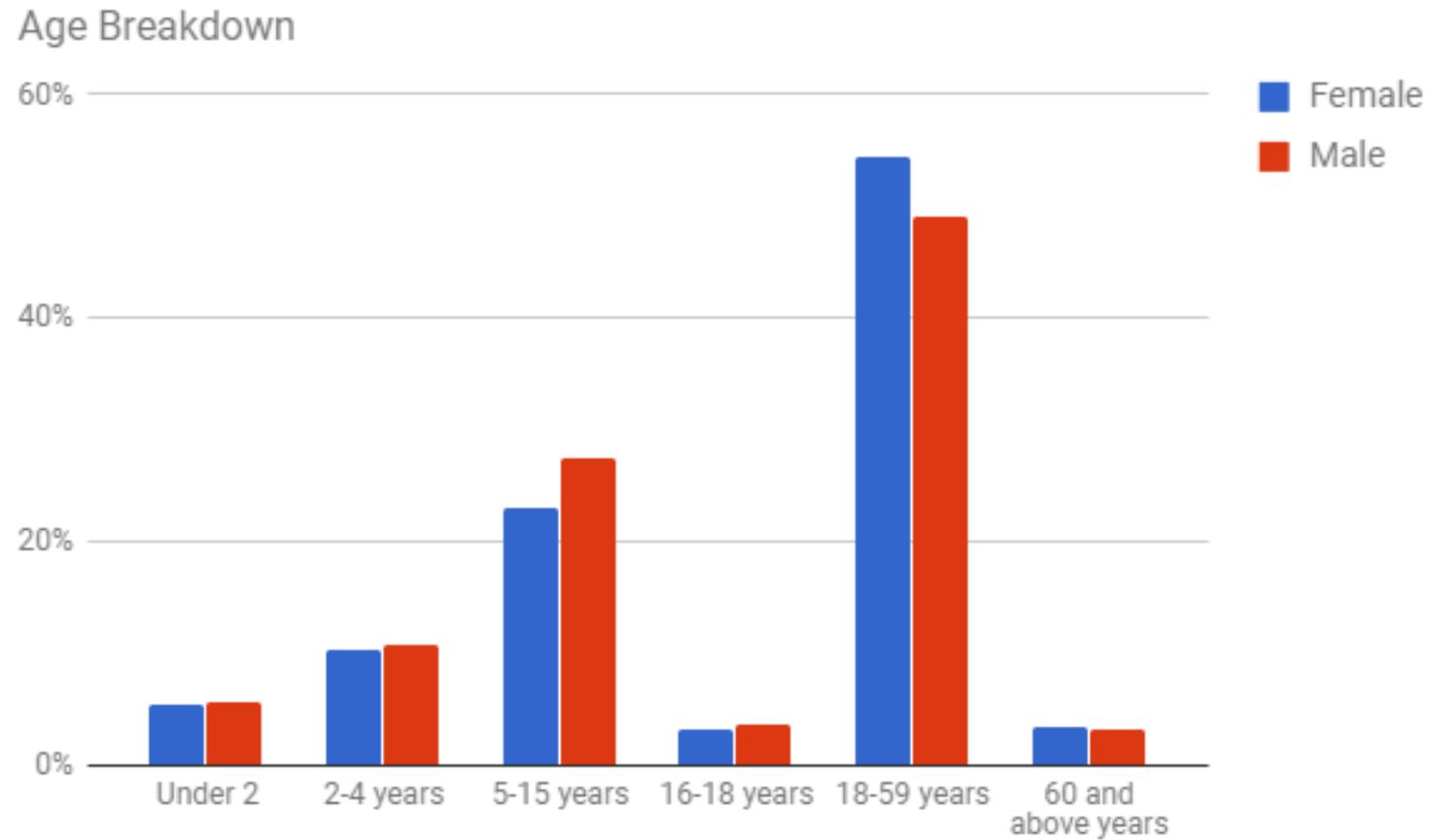
## DEMOGRAPHICS: Gender Ratio

GENDER RATIO SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR

Gender Ratio (Female/Male) 1.06 **↑2016: 1.05, 2015: 1.30**

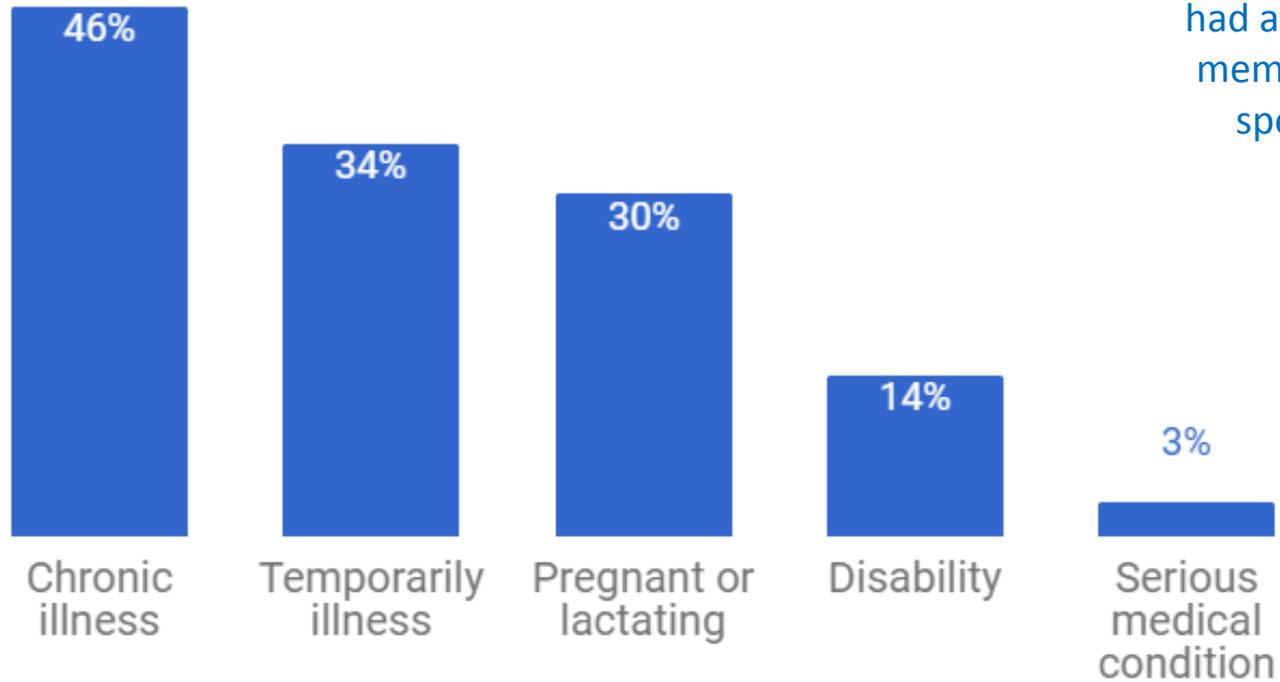


## DEMOGRAPHICS: Age Breakdown

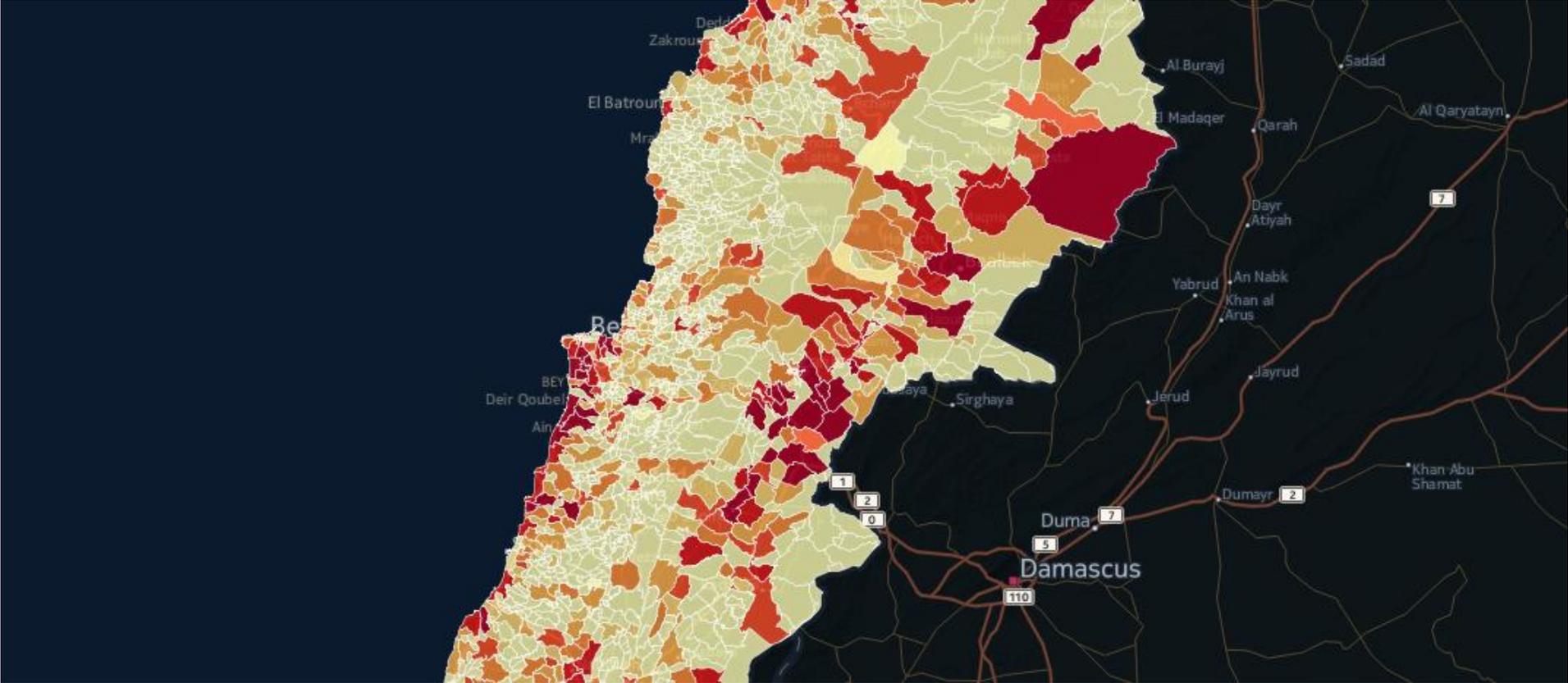


## DEMOGRAPHICS: Specific Needs

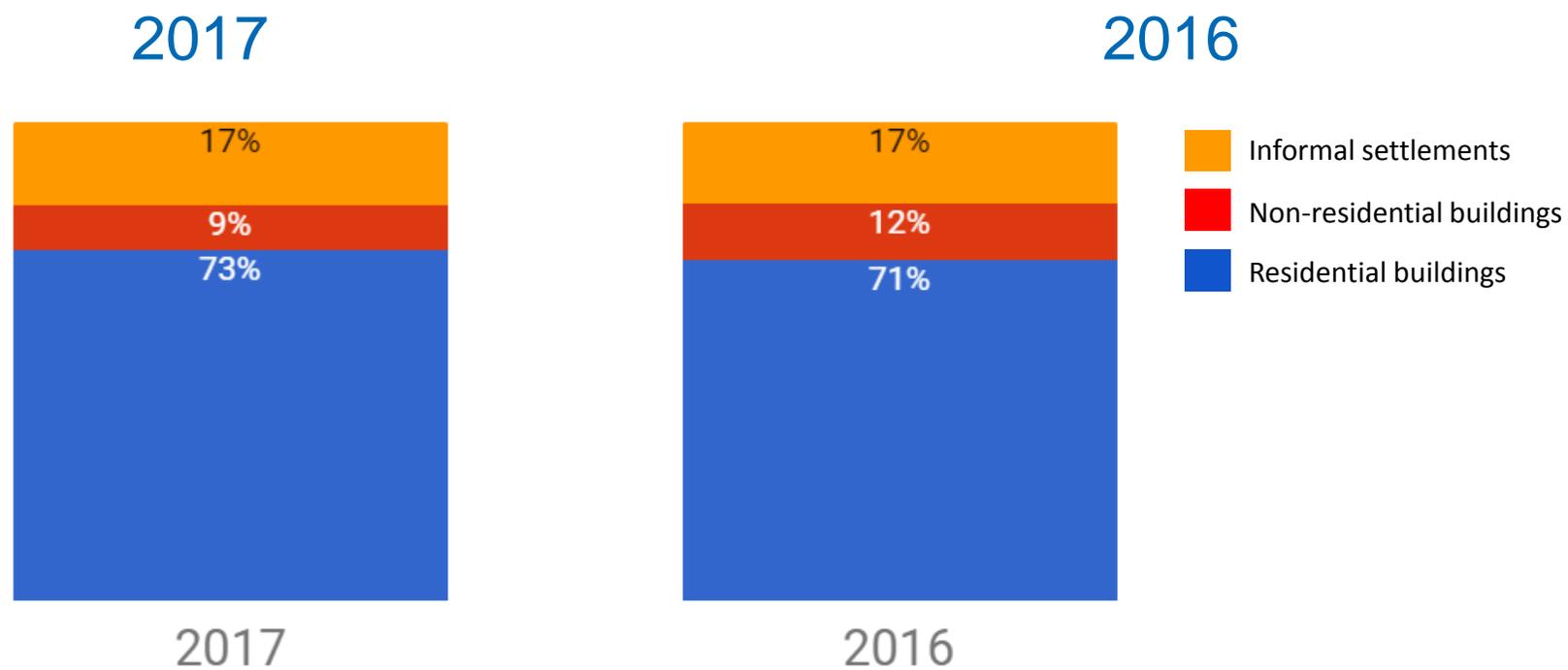
Households with at least one member...



**78%** of HHs had at least one member with a specific need

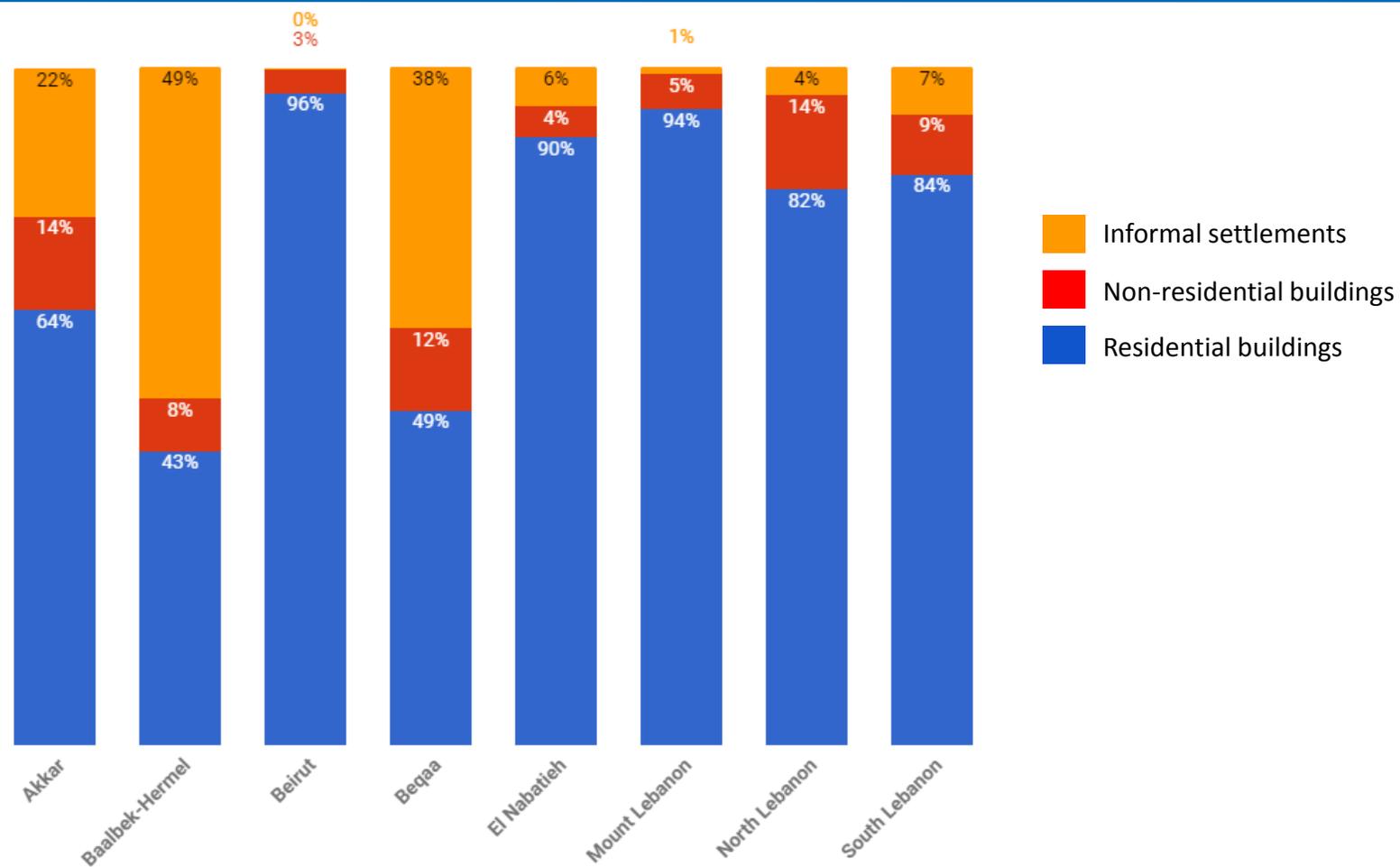


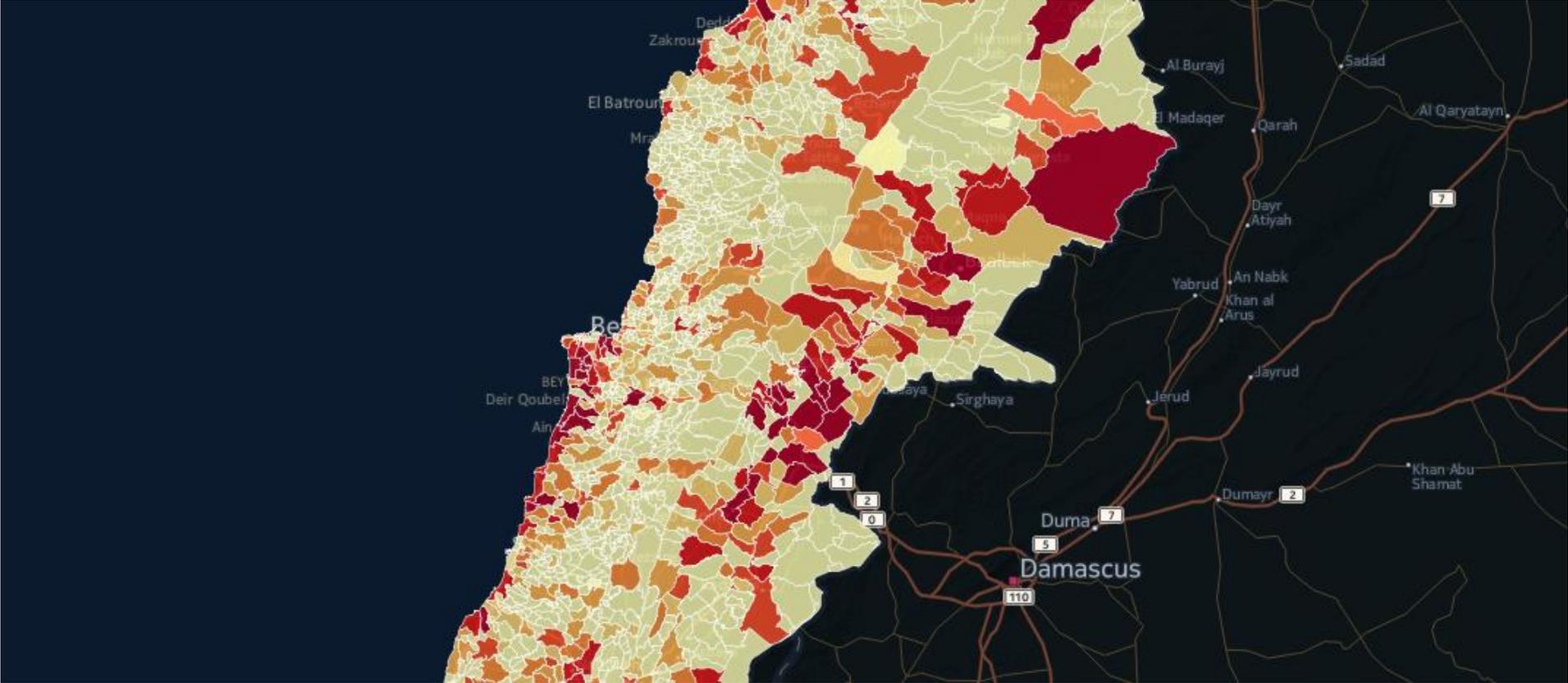
## SHELTER: Type of Housing



\*Unclear whether reduction in % in non-residential buildings is indicative or due to enhancement in the way the question was asked.

## SHELTER: Type of Housing by Governorate





## HEALTH: Need for Primary Health Care (PHC)

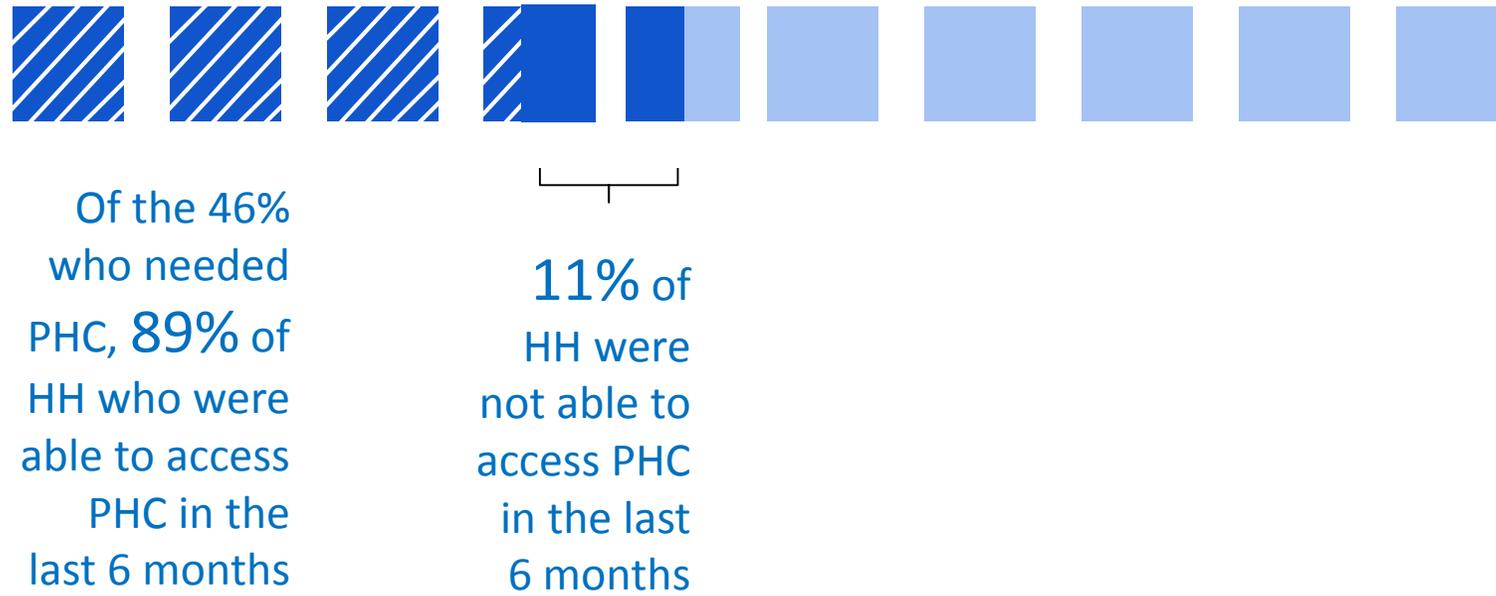


46% of HH had at least one member who needed PHC in the last 6 months

(2016: 47%)

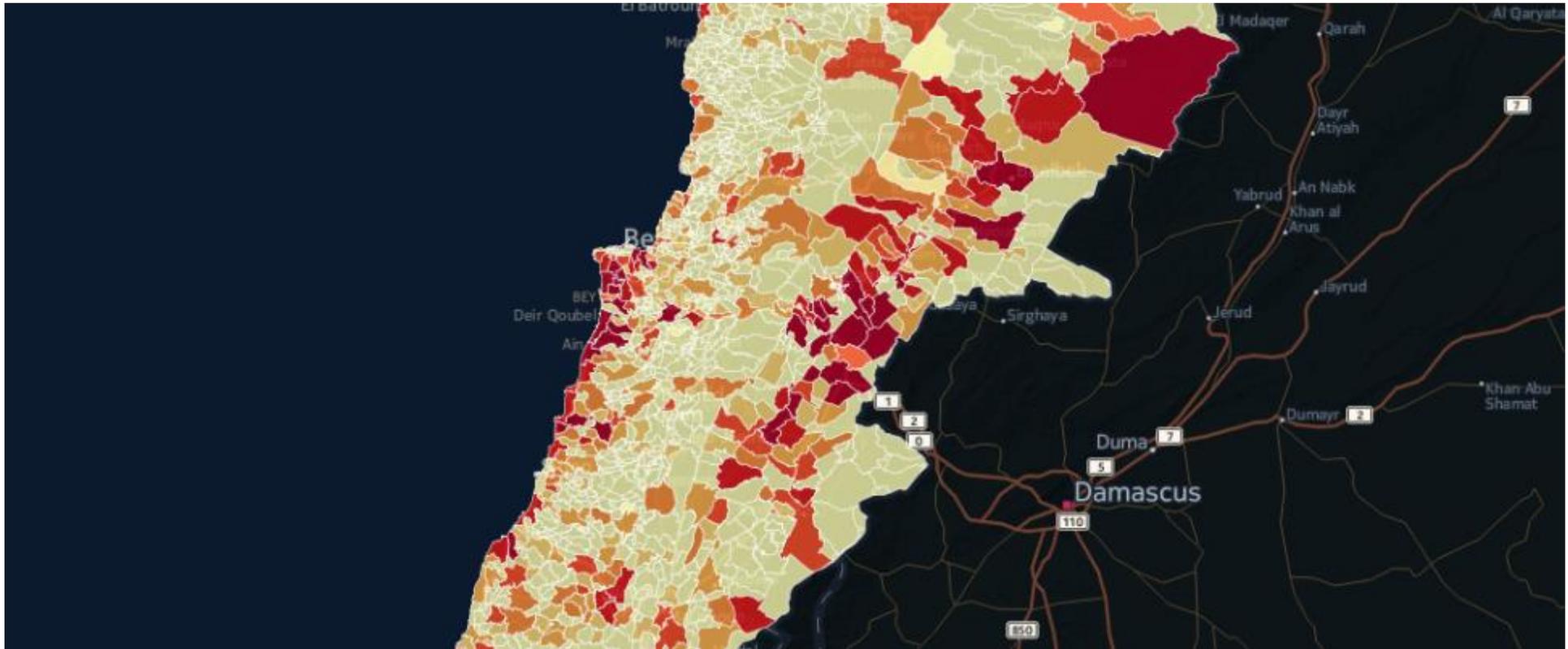
*Question: Did any of your household members require primary health care in the last 6 months?*

## HEALTH: Access to Primary Health Care (PHC)

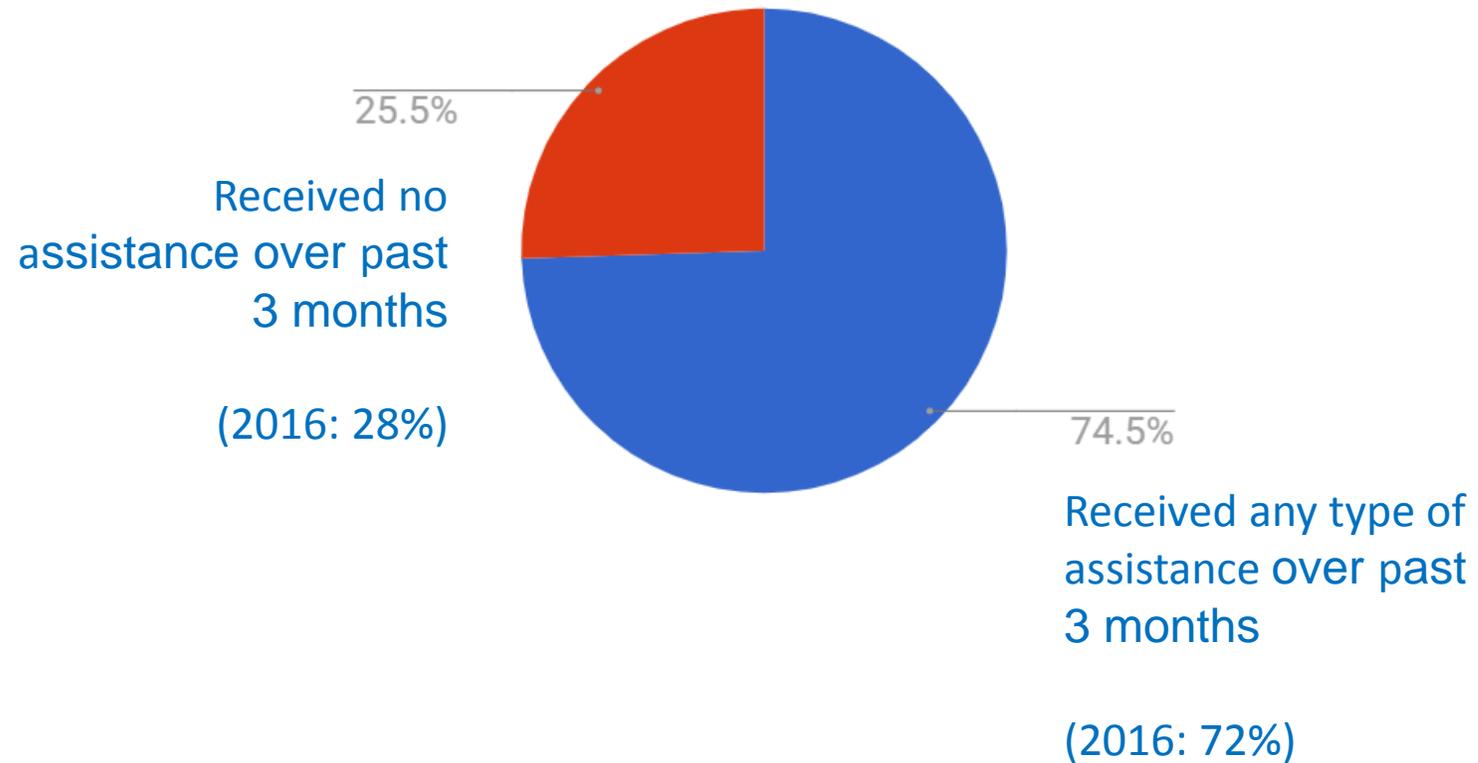


Question: Did you get the required primary health care assistance?

1 / %)

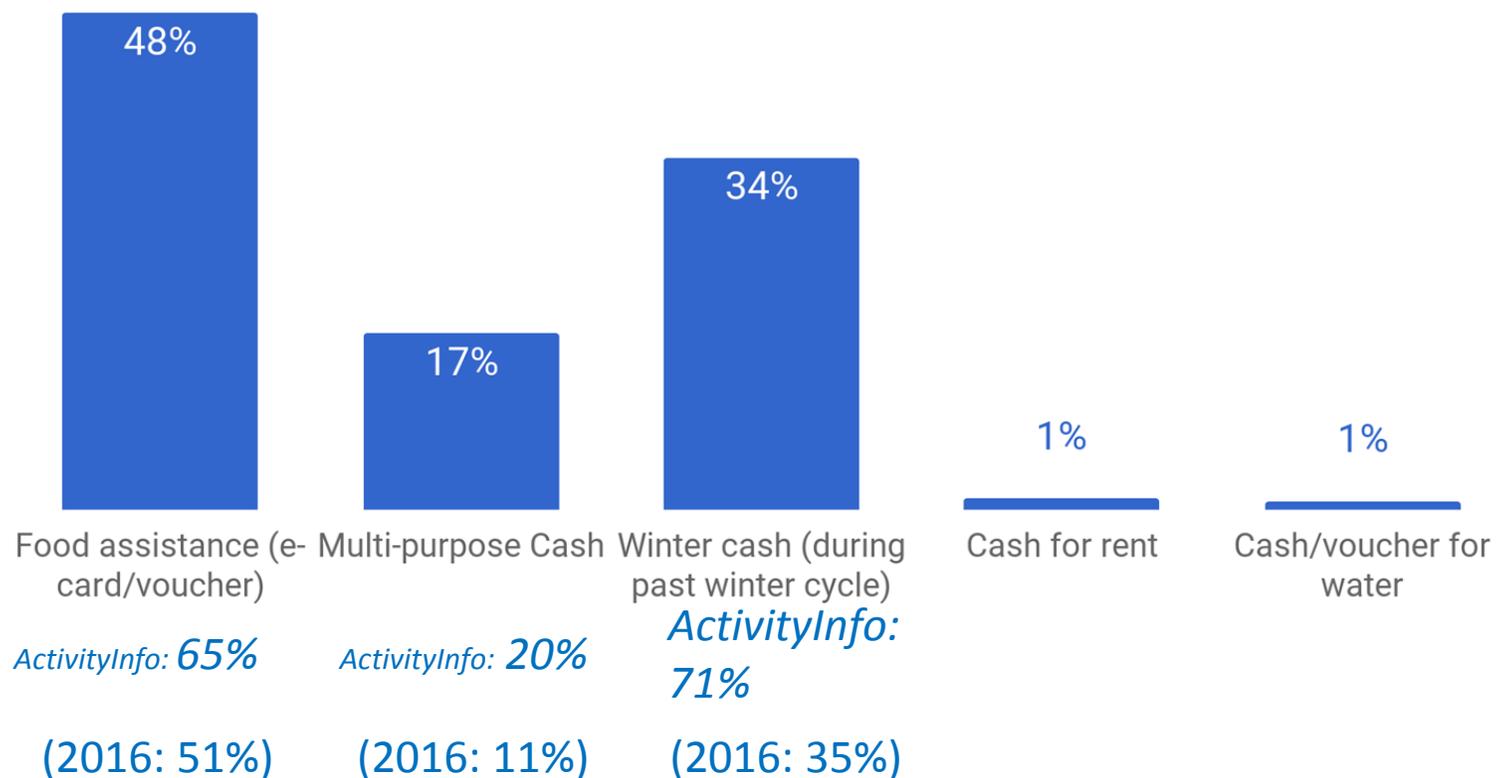


## Percentage of population receiving assistance over past 3 months (self-reported)

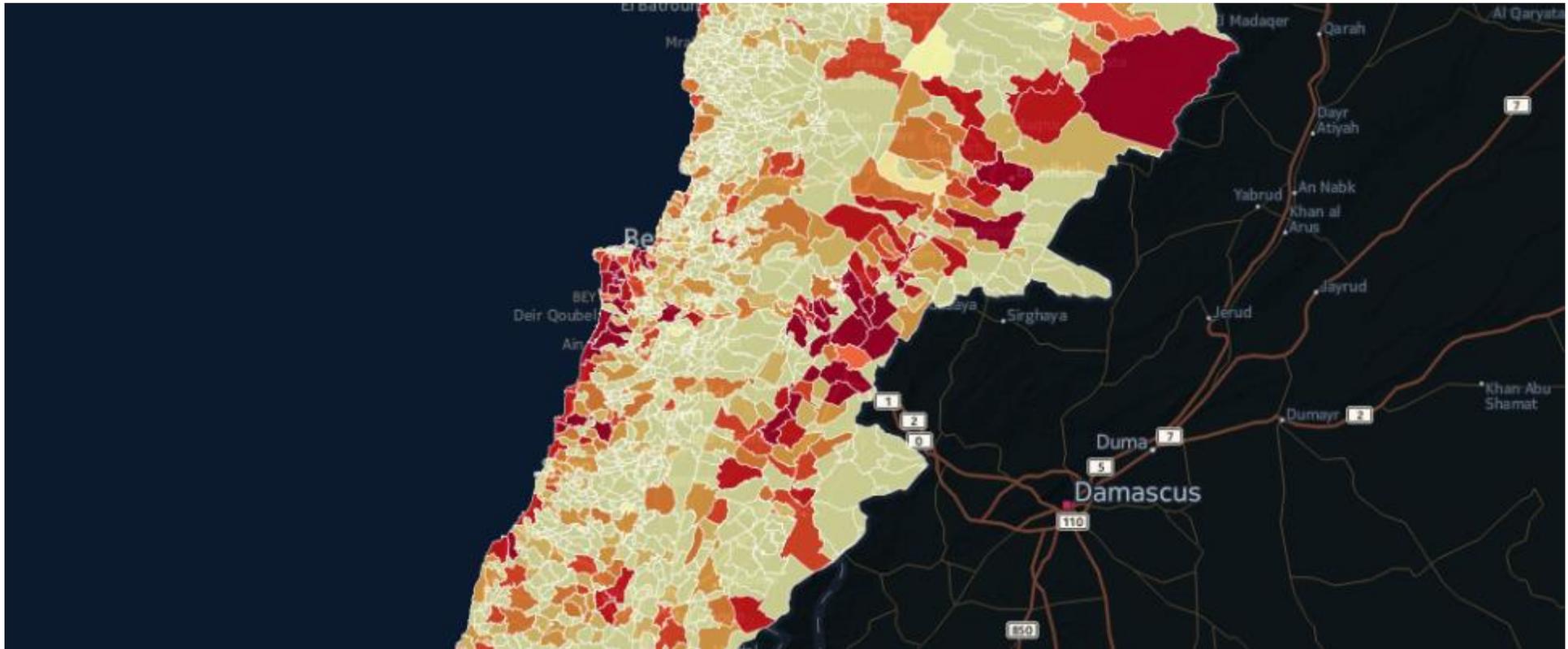


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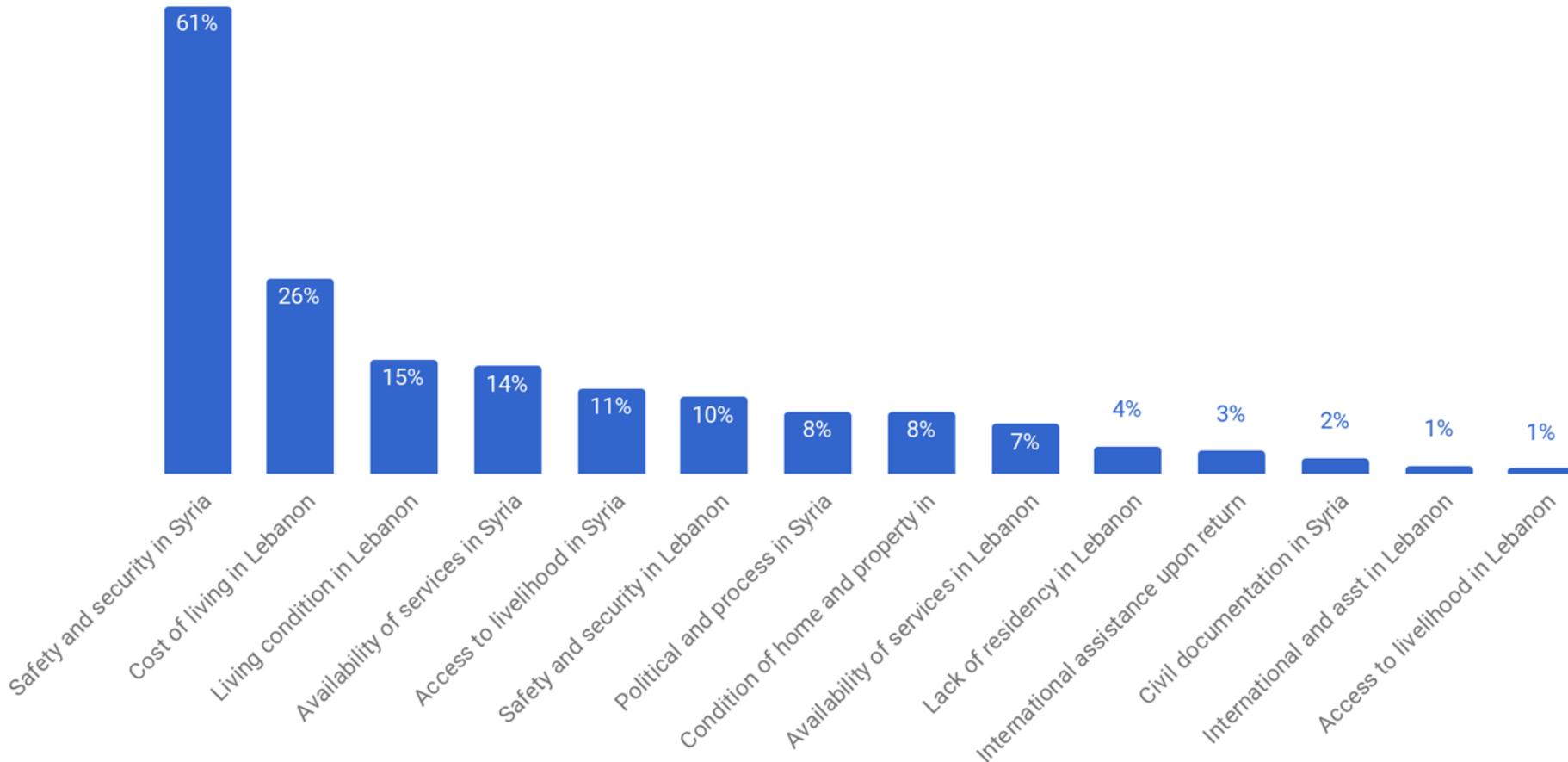
## Percentage of population receiving different types of assistance over past 3 months (self-reported)



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## What factors would be most important for you in considering return to Syria?



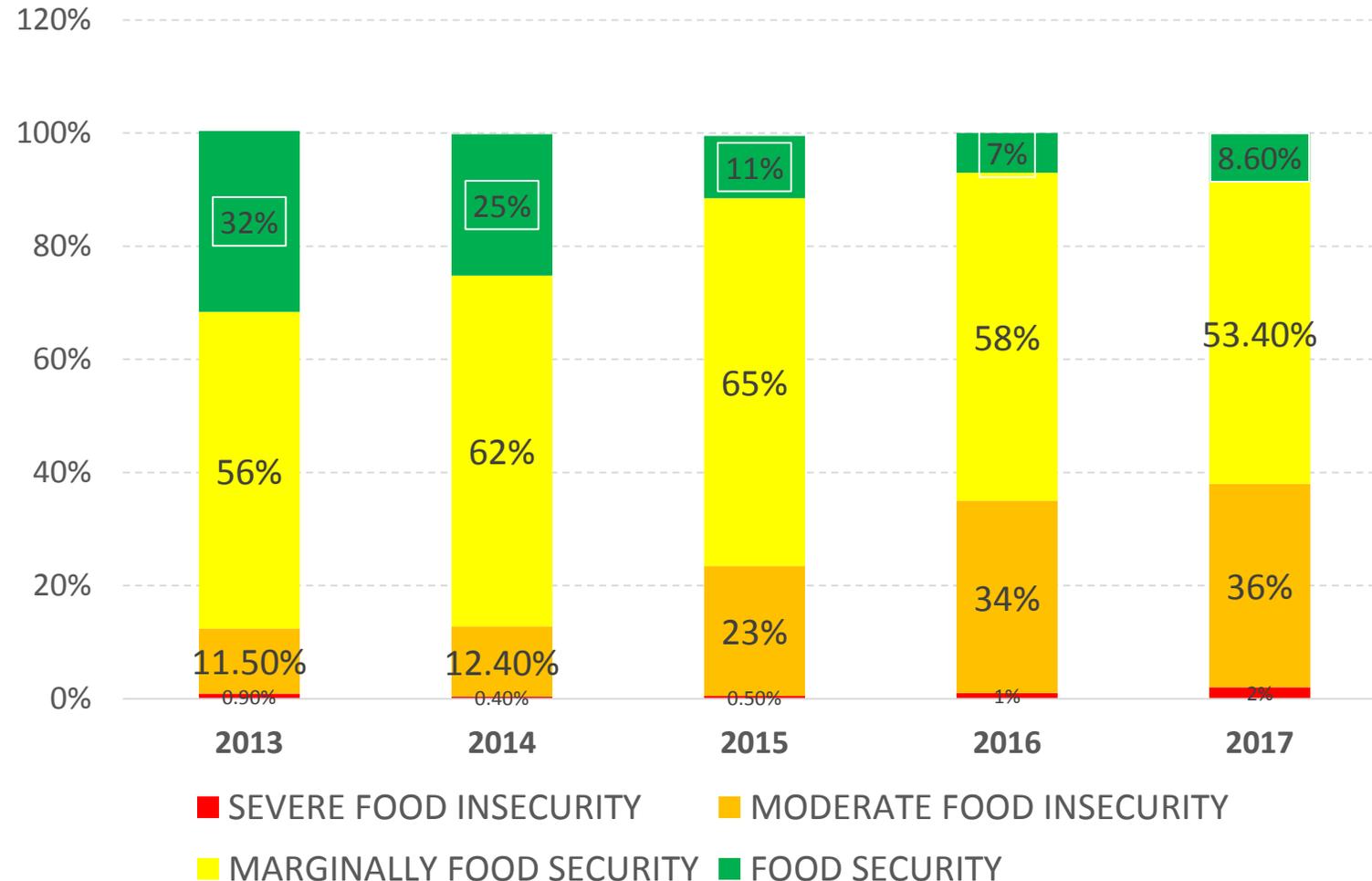
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FOOD SECURITY RESULTS

**WFP**

# FOOD SECURITY TRENDS 2013-2017

Food Security

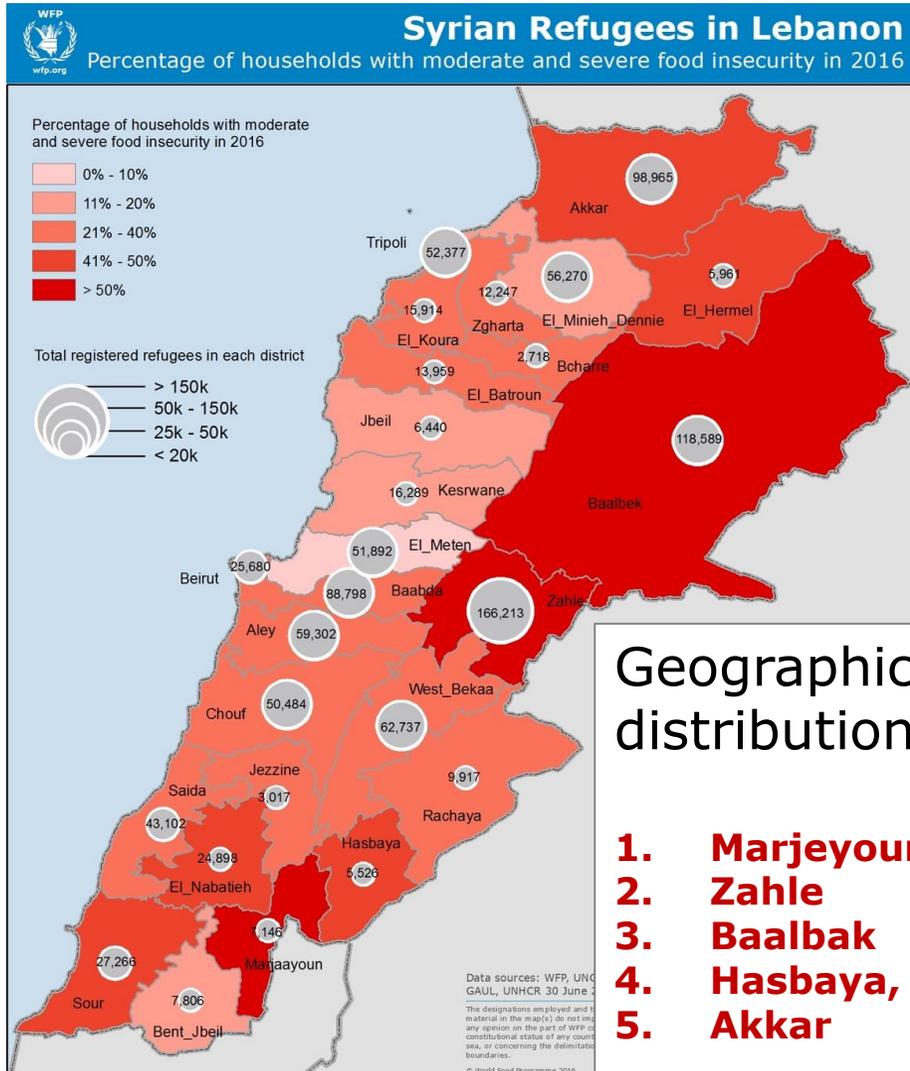


- ▷ **Food insecurity remain relatively stable but still a concern with the slight increase in the worse off categories from 35 to 38%.**
- ▷ **3% of** marginally food secure households fell into moderate and severe food insecurity **due to protracted economic vulnerability**

# FOOD INSECURITY GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

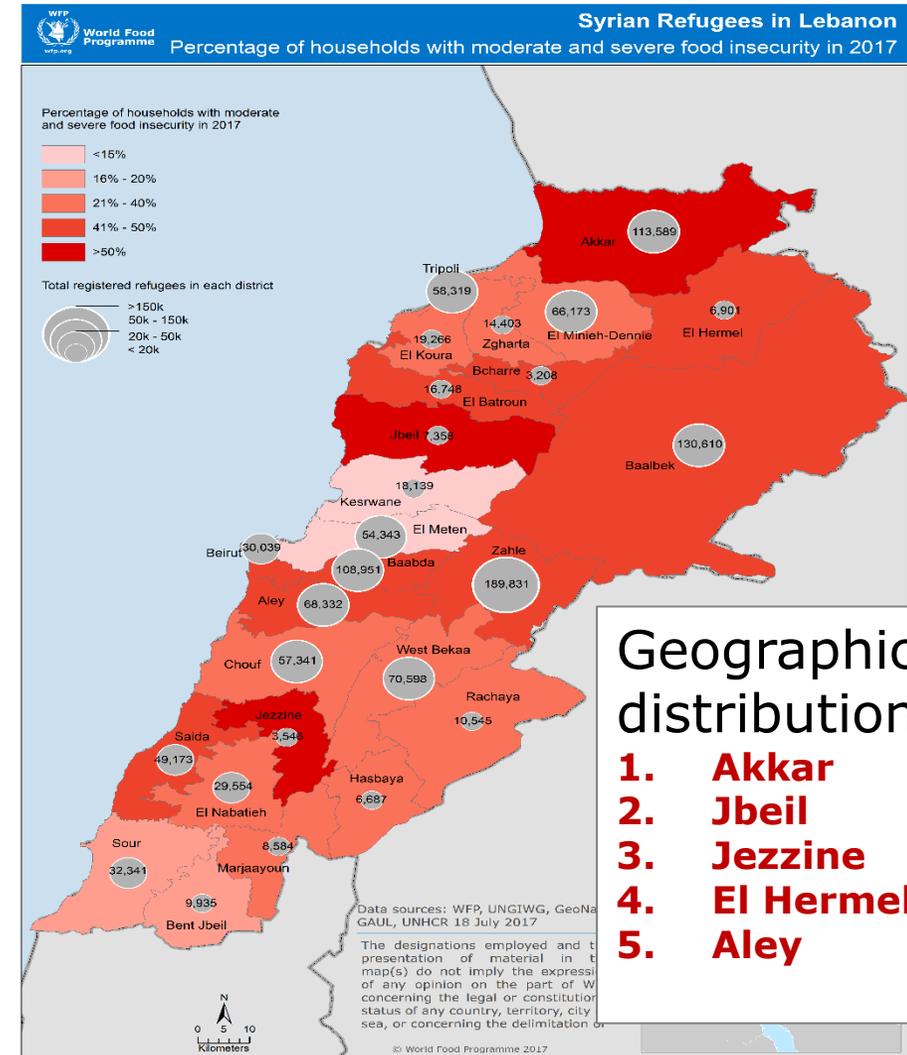
## 2016

## 2017



Geographical distribution :

1. Marjeyoun
2. Zahle
3. Baalbak
4. Hasbaya, Sour
5. Akkar



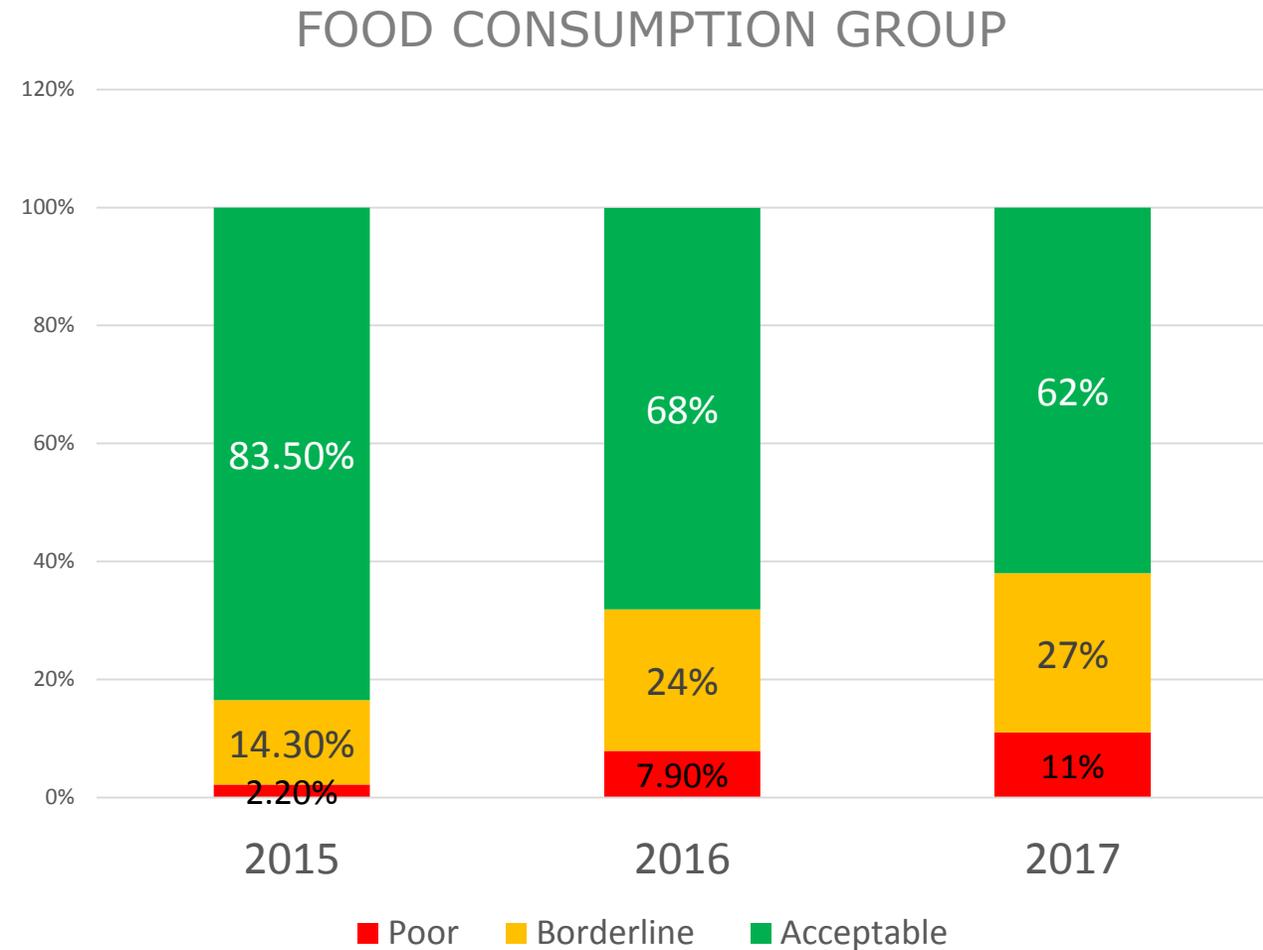
Geographical distribution :

1. Akkar
2. Jbeil
3. Jezzine
4. El Hermel
5. Aley

# DETERMINANTS OF FOOD INSECURITY

## Households are eating less

- ▷ Increase in the percentage of households with unacceptable food consumption



# DETERMINANTS OF FOOD INSECURITY

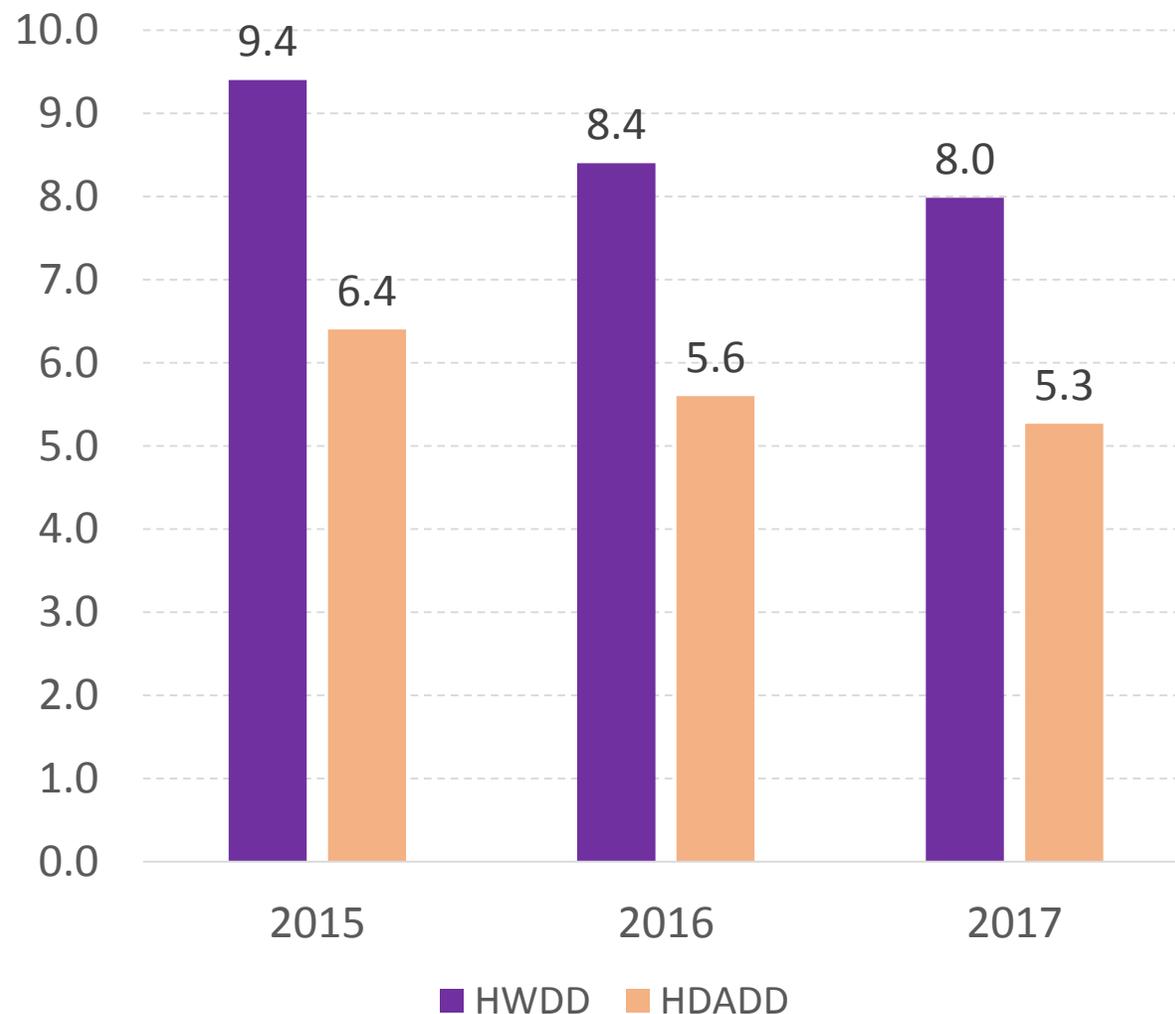
Dietary diversity is almost the same from 2016

## Household Weekly Diet Diversity

Decreased by **0.4** food group per week

## Household Daily Average Diet Diversity

Decreased by **0.3** food group per day

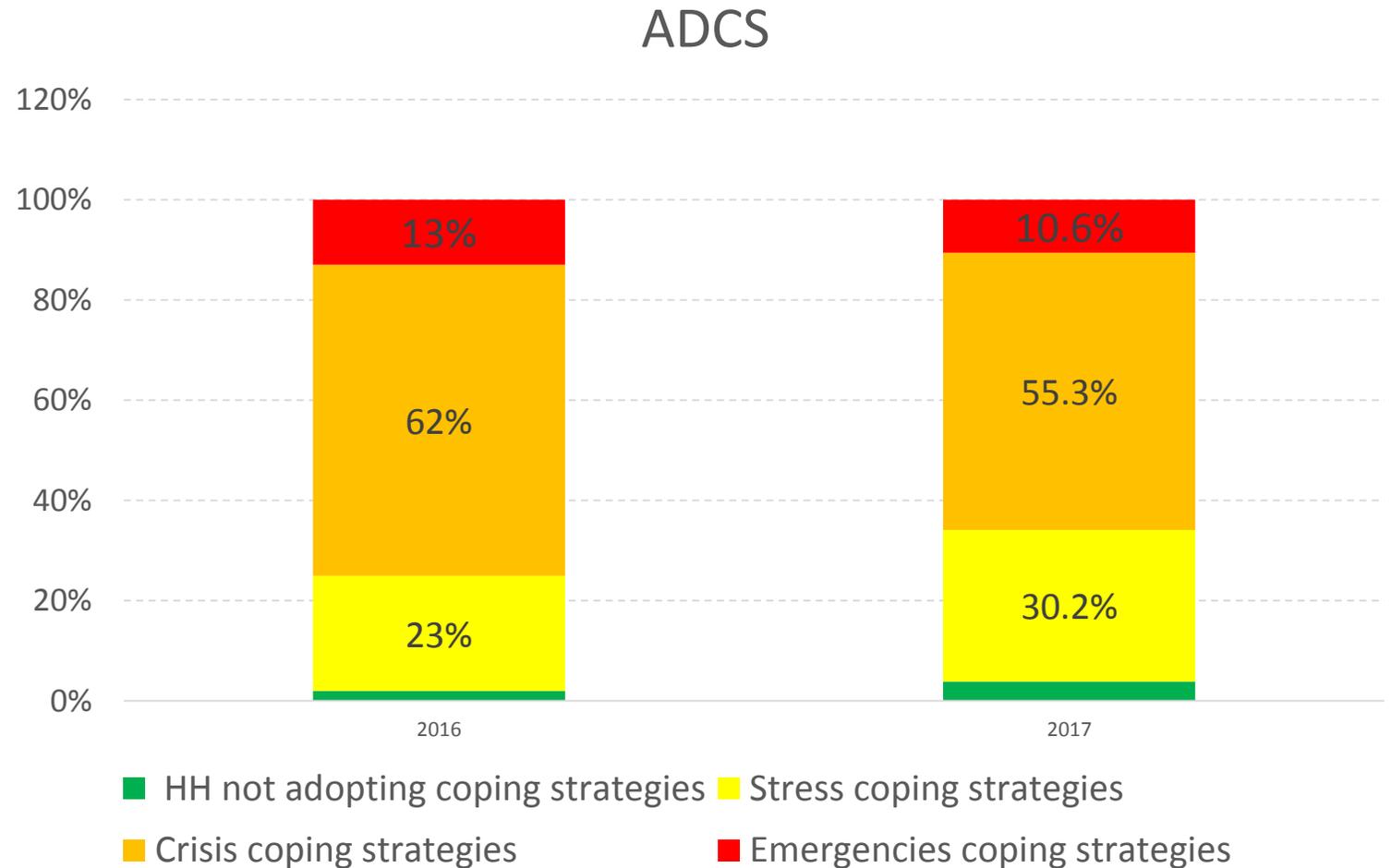


# DETERMINANTS OF FOOD INSECURITY

## COPING STRATEGIES

Households are adopting less coping strategies in 2017

However more stress coping strategies are being used.



# COPING STRATEGIES TRENDS 15-16-17

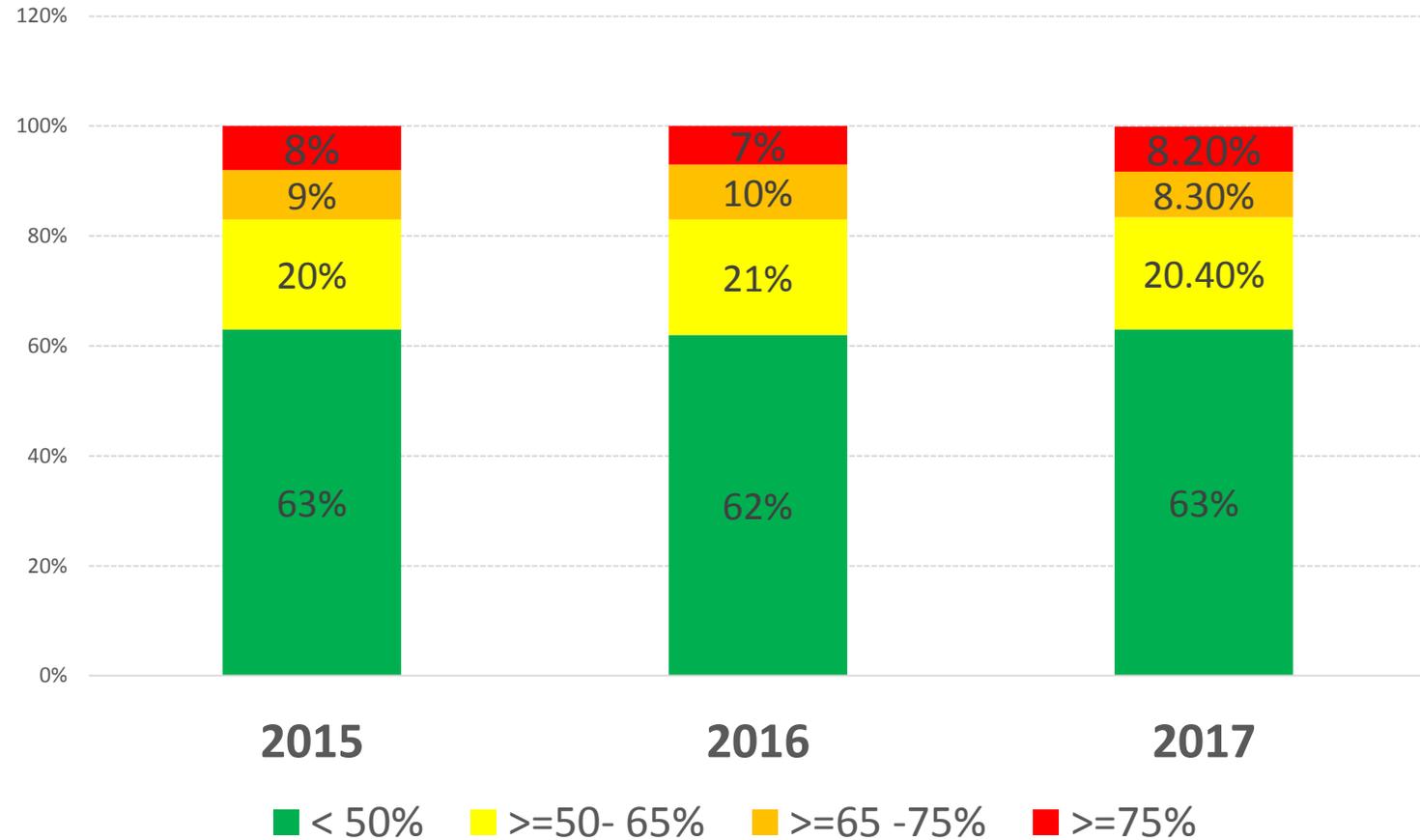


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FOOD EXPENDITURES SHARE TRENDS 15-16-17

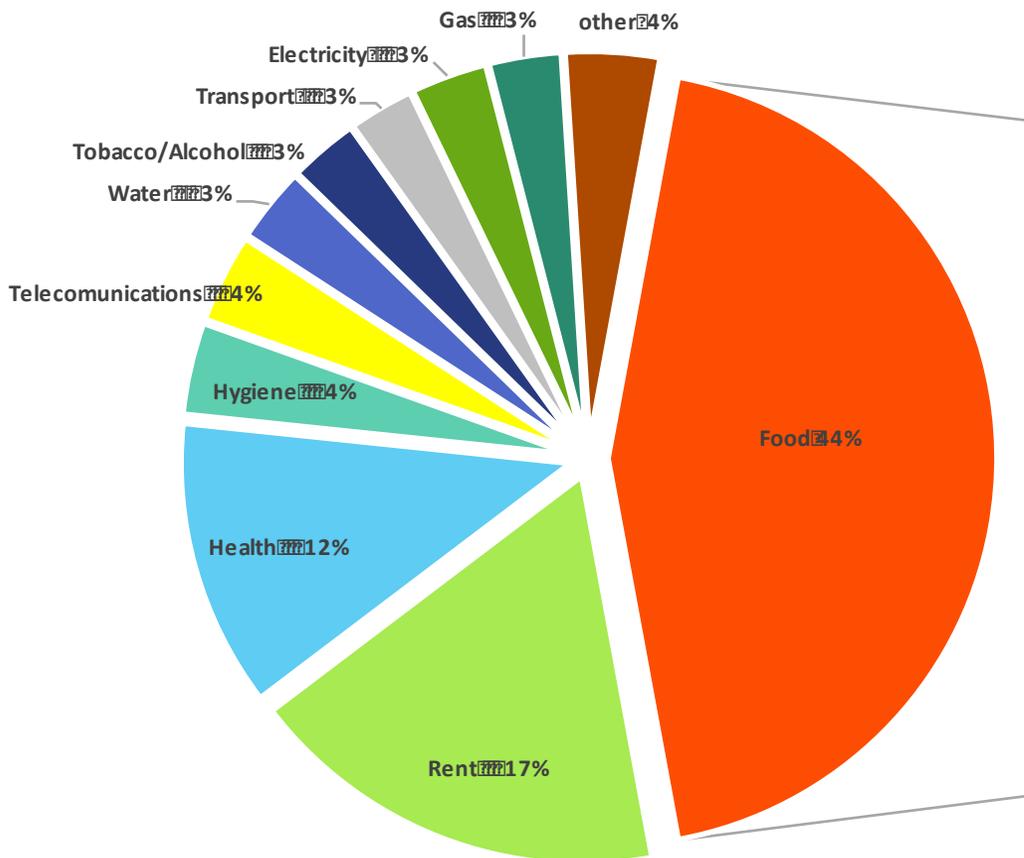
**Increase in the Households spending more than 75% in Food**

## Food Expenditures Share

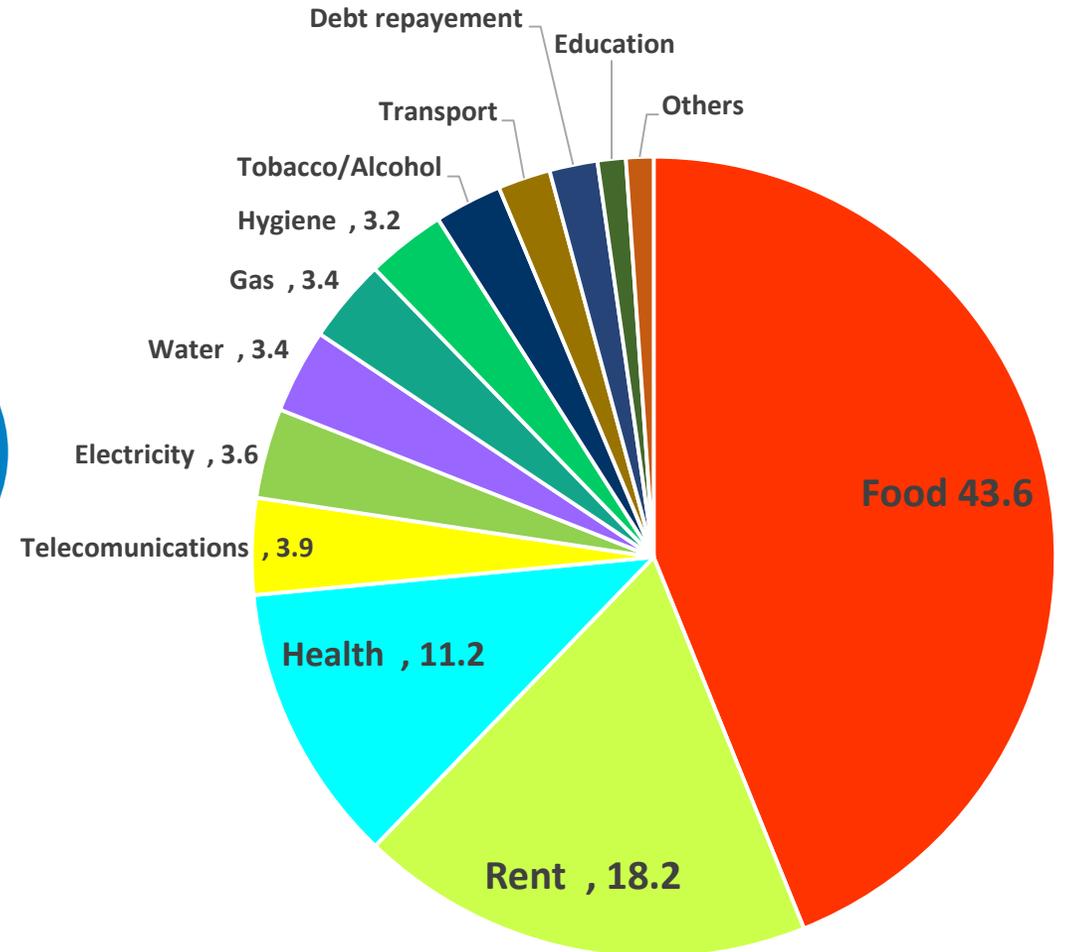


# ECONOMIC VULNARABILITY

EXPENDITURE SHARE  
2016



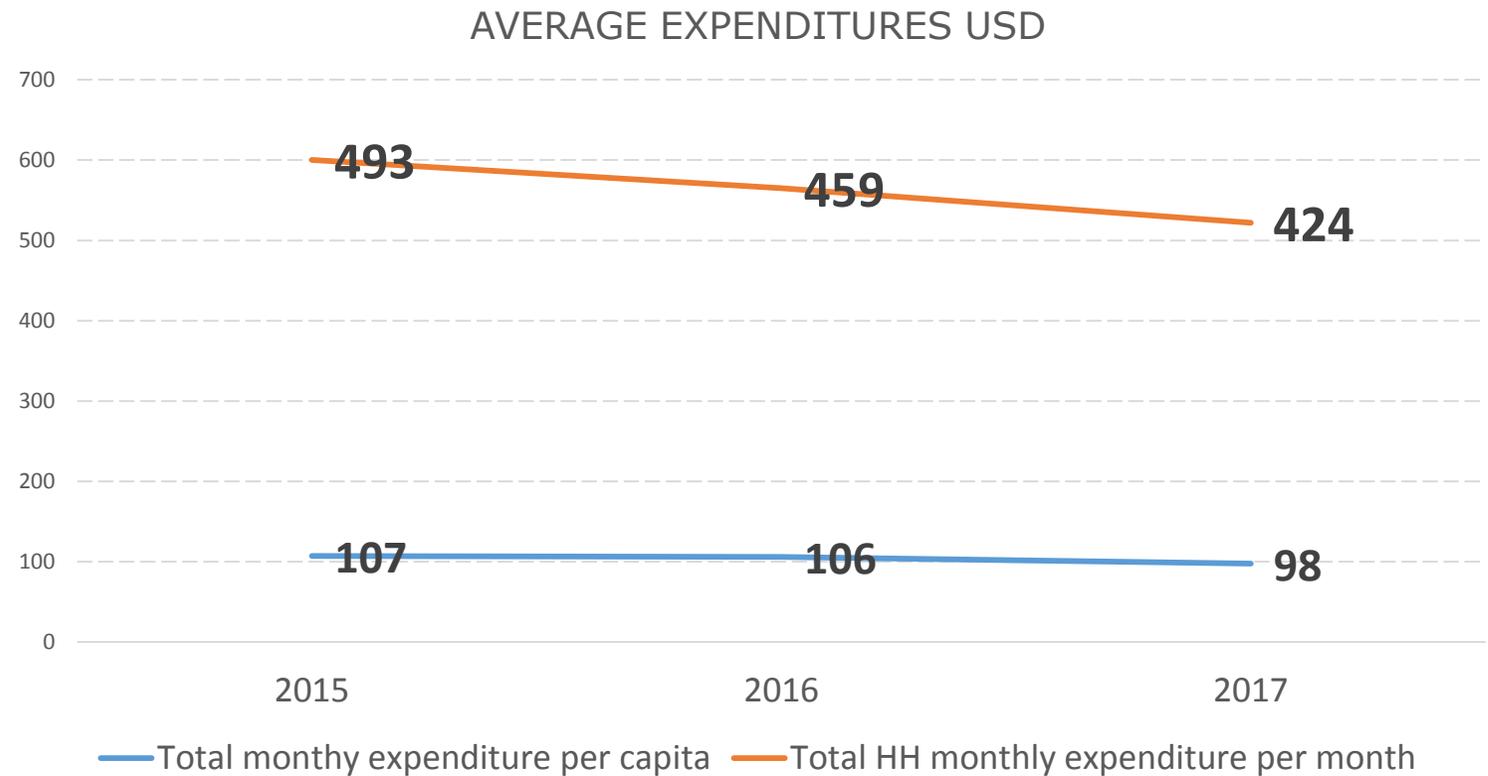
EXPENDITURE SHARE  
2017



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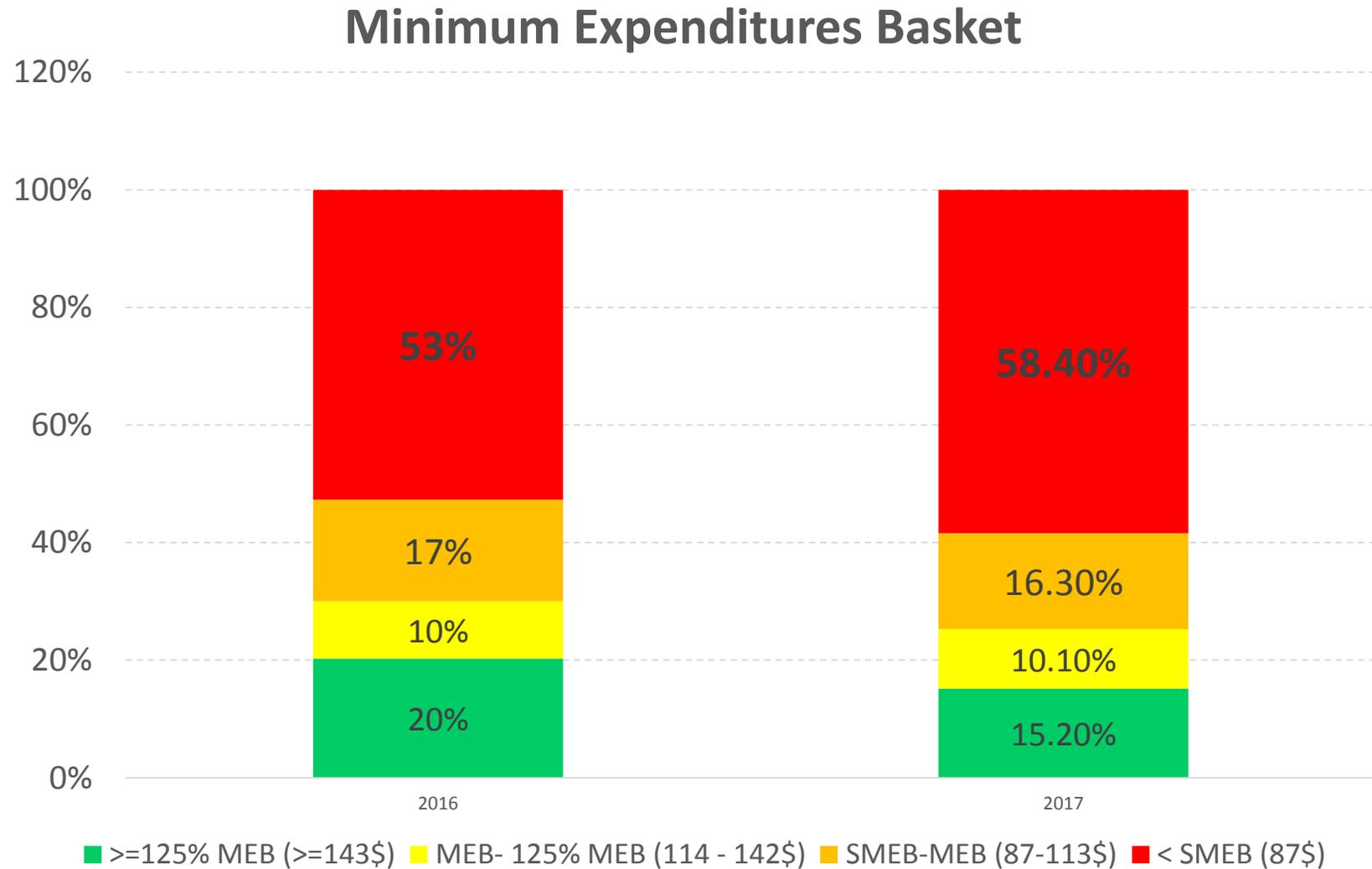
**Households are spending less money on a monthly basis compared to 2016**

Expenditures on individual level decreased by 8 USD compared to 2016 and 9 USD compared to 2015

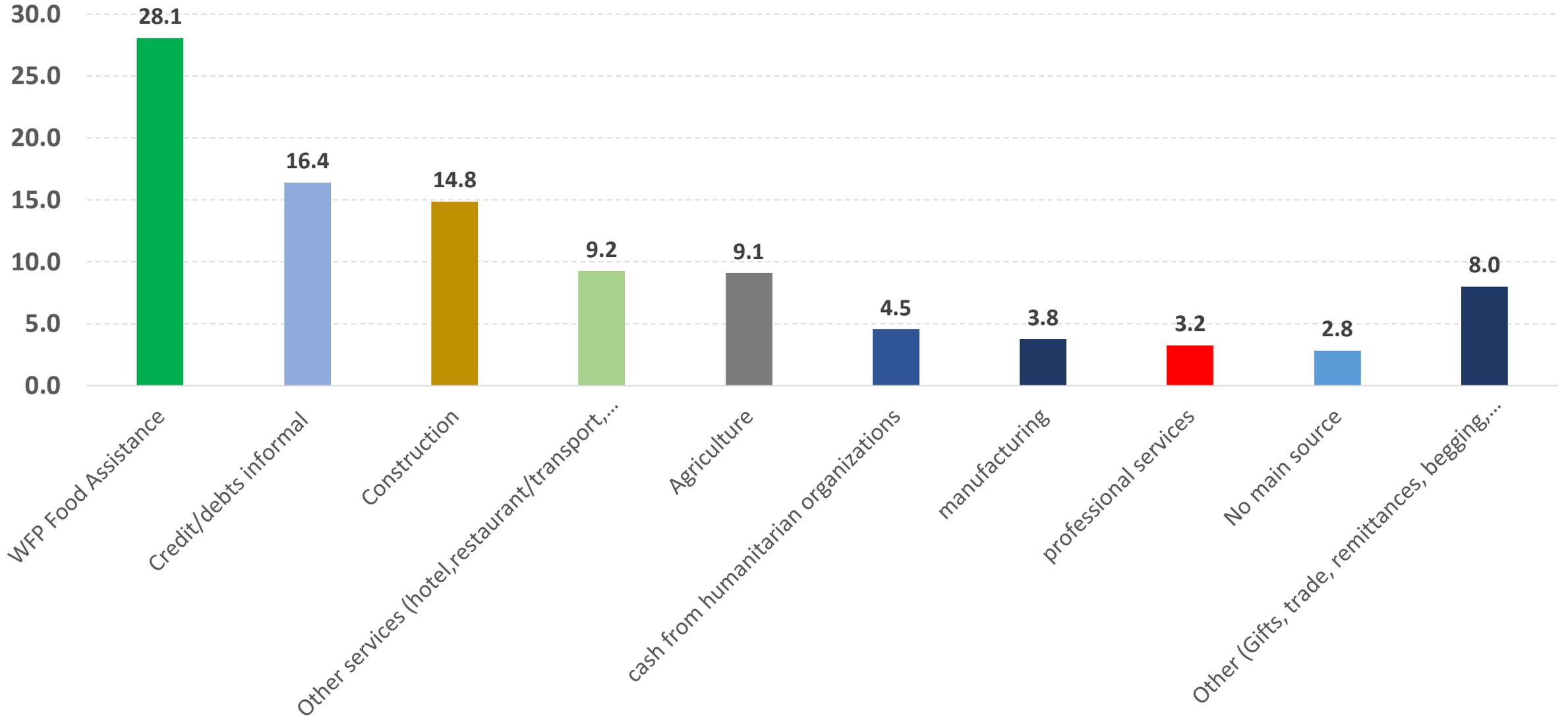


# ECONOMIC VULNARABILITY

**An increase of 5% of household living under the SMEB**



# FIRST SOURCE OF INCOME



# Steps Forward

- Further analysis to be done
- Identifying where and who are the food insecure and why they are food insecure with correlation to different underlying causes of food insecurity including economic vulnerability



**Inter-Agency  
Coordination**  
Lebanon

TARGETING

OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE DESK FORMULA 2017

INTERAGENCY MEETING AUG 2017

## TARGETING FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE: WELFARE MODELLING

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- “ProGres model”, known as the Desk Formula;
- Predicts HH expenditure per capita based on various variables that are available in the UNHCR registration database;
- The formula scores and ranks HHs based on predefined cut-offs (S/MEB);
- Programmatically adapted for cash and food assistance targeting;
- Introduced in 2016 to replace the households visits model, and recalibrated in 2017 following one year of implementation.

## OPTIONS FOR OPERATIONALIZATION

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Bottom up Approach

Filling-in-the-blanks

## OPTION 1 – Multi-purpose cash assistance

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BOTTOM UP APPROACH

Use the rank for inclusion and discontinuation – Stream A

Geographical allocation/quota: % of Severely Vulnerability

Stream B- FastTrack

Stream C - Qualitative inclusion

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

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### BOTTOM UP APPROACH

Use the rank for inclusion and discontinuation

Target below MEB, with a focus on below SMEB

Qualitative inclusion – criteria under development  
in collaboration with UNHCR

## OPTION 2 - Multi-purpose cash assistance

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Keep current assisted caseload

Geographical allocation/quota: inclusion only

Use FastTrack for inclusion

## WAY FORWARD

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- The bottom up approach was considered by the BA core group as the “most logical” from a technical / programmatic perspective;
- As a common practice, inclusion and discontinuation should be accompanied by messaging, communication, and advocacy efforts;
- Reactions from excluded beneficiaries should be closely monitored at field level, especially for partners running multi-sectoral programmes who have staff in areas with dense refugee concentration;
- Operational briefs will be taking place in different interagency meetings during August.