



**Inter-Agency
Coordination**
Lebanon

BASIC ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP

20 DEC 2017

AGENDA

1. Sector Updates:
 - a) 2017 Achievements
 - b) Targeting Assistance
 - c) 2017 – 2018 Winter Support
 - d) Appeals / Review Mechanism: Operational Update
2. Technical Review of the Econometric Model for Targeting (Presentation by UNHCR)
3. CAMELEON: Presentation of Third Party Monitoring
4. AOB:
 - a) Intersector Priorities for 2018
 - b) Basic Assistance Reporting Trainings (RAIS & AI)

1.a) Sector Updates: 2017 Achievements

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88,503 Vulnerable Households reached with **regular cash assistance / 37%**:

56,820 Syr HHS with \$175 MPC / **29%**

9,672 PRS HHS with \$100 – MPC / **107%**

1,269 Leb HHS with \$175 – MPC / **4%**

21,617 Syr HHS with Education specific cash grants



183,265 vulnerable households reached with **seasonal cash (vouchers) assistance / 61%**:

176,000 Syr HHS / **70%**

9,618 PRS HHS / **98%**

3,088 Leb HHS / **8%**

\$232,397,607 Total amounts injected into economy in forms of cash assistance (seasonal + regular)

1.b) Sector Updates: Targeting Assistance

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Reported activities in Dec 2017 (AI, RAIS)

67,062 vulnerable households received multi-purpose cash

56,820 SYR HHs (8 partners: ACF, DRC, ICRC, LRC, RI, Solidar Suisse, UNHCR, WFP)

9,618 PRS HHs (UNRWA)

624 Leb HHs (ACF, LRC)

21,441 SYR HHs (education specific cash grant – UNICEF)

USD 11,658,670 injected in the local economy

1.c) Sector Updates:
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Progress to date – as reported on RAIS / AI

174,385 HHs reached to date

	Target	Reach	
Syrian Refugees	193,000 HHs	157,767 HHs*	\$75 3 months
Palestine Refugees	10,434 HHs	9,618 HHs	\$75 1 – 3 months
Vulnerable Lebanese	35,000 HHs	649 HHs	\$147 3 months

167,385 HHs reached with CBIs by end of Dec; \$48.3M injected in the local economy;

7,000 HHs reached with CRIs

*Reporting Agencies: UNHCR, PCPM, NRC, ICRC, LRC

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Suggested label to the process: Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

Developments since last update:

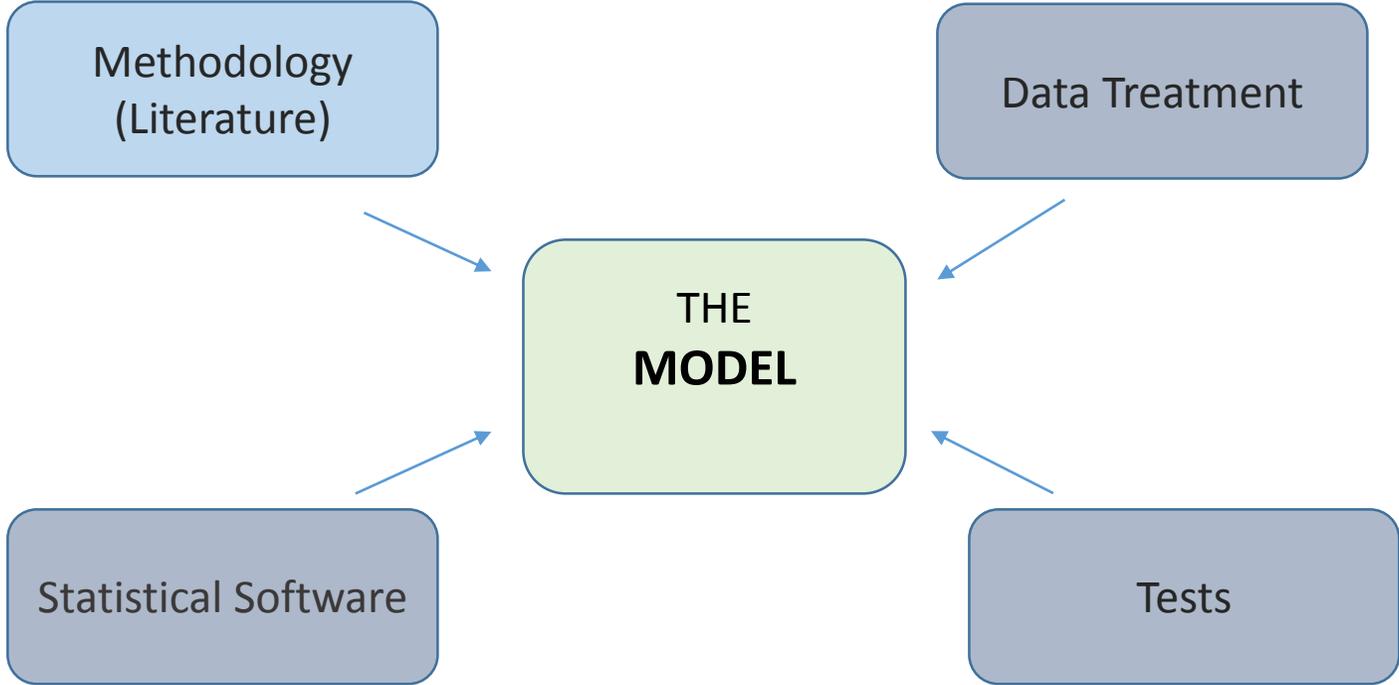
- *Feedback from AUB: proGres + not validated, sample too small*
- *New suggested direction: (1) address discontinuation from MCAP; (2) duty of care as discontinuation can be shock to the HH (few or no other coping strategies during time of assistance; (3) limited and manageable target group.*
- *Tool: update proGres data for discontinued HH and rerun DF for new score. Use as basis for inclusion of 1,500 HH.*

1.d) Sector Updates: Review Mechanism

- *Advantage:* Capitalize on existing channels, tools and capacity; Enhanced transparency; less costly; more timely;
- *Proposed way forward:* Profiling and pre-tests underway; Timeline to operationalize – preferably in Feb, for 7 months of assistance;
- *Operational decisions to discuss:* scored separately or part of overall caseload? Regional filters? Process to collect data and for who?

2) Technical Review of the Econometric Model

Objectives of the Consultancy

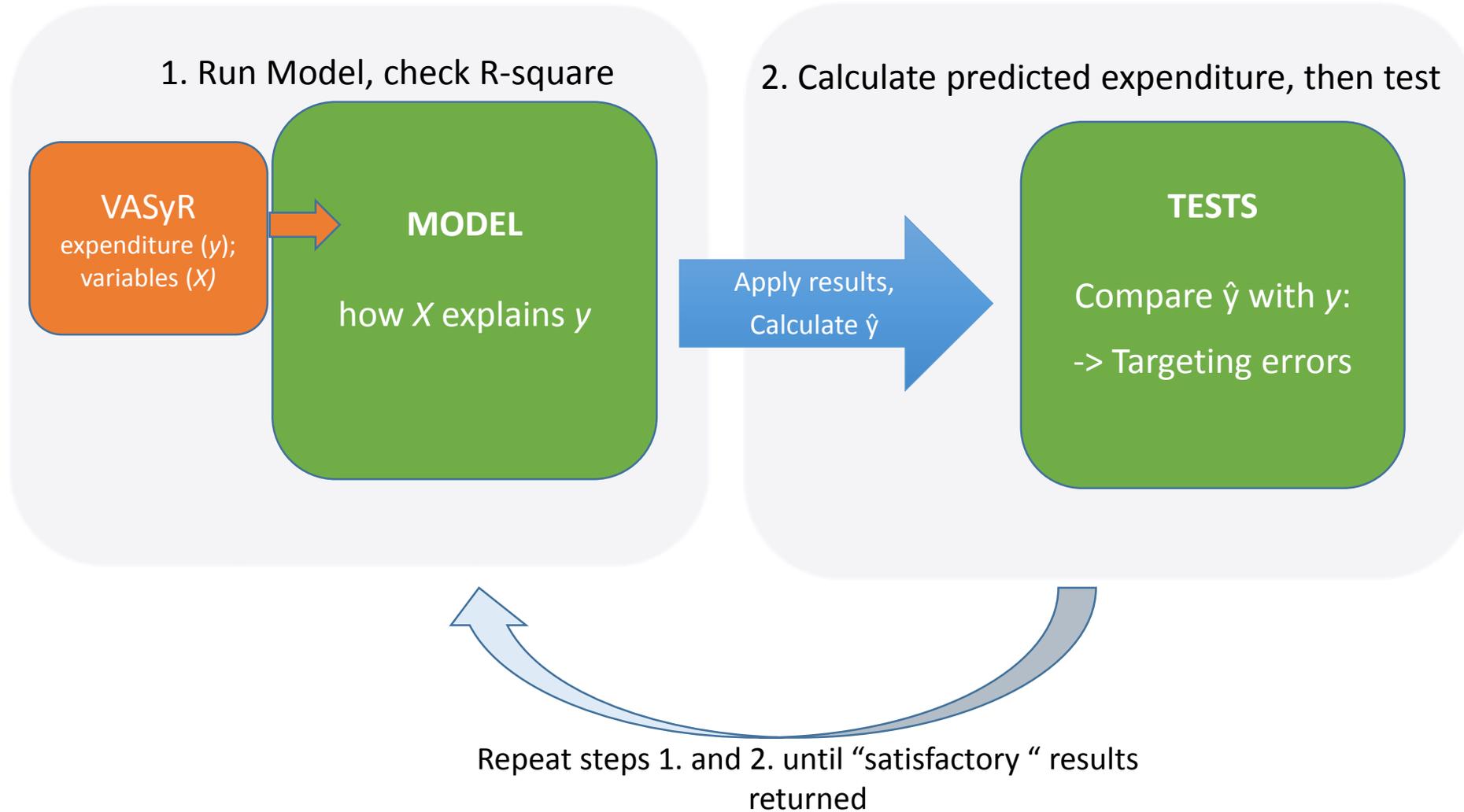


Cross-check calculations/methods, Improve on 2017

Literature – Studies/Application of the Model

- UNHCR Targeting model based on poverty models (World Bank – Grosh+Baker 1995)
 - Econometric model estimates the weights to use in calculating poverty score
- Data variables in traditional models have common sense links to expenditure
- Model is not untested – weaknesses are documented and discussed (Kidd+Wylde 2011)
- **Further:** The poverty model in displacement settings - *unprecedented*

The Modeling – in line with Literature



Testing the Model

R-square: Model Fit

- 33% *not high*, but in context of data applied and poverty models, *acceptable*

Inclusion/Exclusion Error: compares \hat{y} and y with S/MEB

- 20% Leakage, 7% Undercoverage
- **Must be interpreted** in context of poverty rate assumed

Rank Correlation Tests: Check similarities between \hat{y} and y

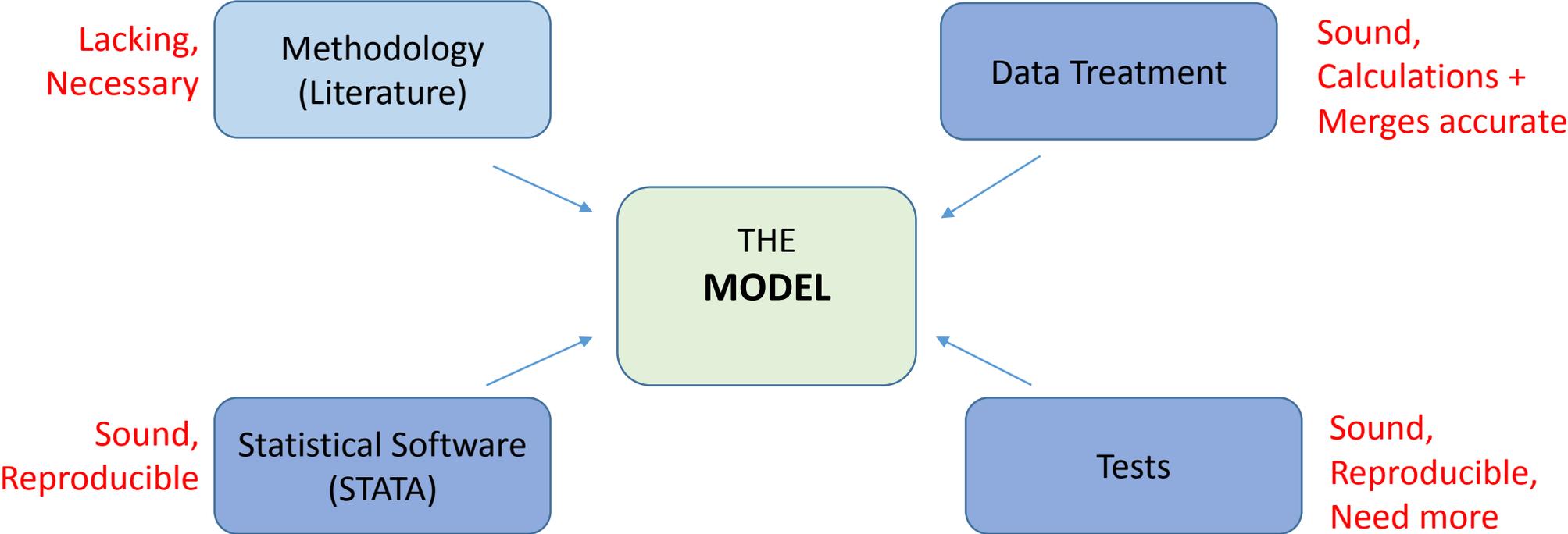
- Spearman: 0.54
- Kendall: 0.38 (ties)

\hat{y} = predicted by model

VS

y = expenditure from VASyR

Conclusion: Research – More Analysis + Interpretation Needed



Possible to reproduce analysis; more Robustness Checks in 2018

Conclusions - Outlook



RESEARCH

- Provide full context, including the shortcomings
- Importance of better data – via improved VASyR?
- Further robustness checks required in future analysis

3) CAMELEON:

Presentation of Third Party Monitoring

4) AOB

AOBs: (1) Intersector Priorities for 2018

1. Early Response Mechanism and Contingency Planning
2. Inter-agency/sector referral system
3. Joint Fundraising and Advocacy
4. Area-based Planning and Coordination (training for partners)

AOBs: (2) Basic Assistance Sector Reporting Trainings

RAIS and AI:

2 Sessions:

Session 1: Wednesday the 31st of Jan [13:00 – 16:30] – capacity: 30 participants

Session 2: Thursday the 1st of Feb [9:30 – 13:00] – capacity: 30 participants

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DnC8Ohvif_rRlaXWFzcZw6_1mmJijhwX_RVYlvpYA-l/edit#gid=0

Deadline for registration: Monday 22 January 2018.