



Forced Migration and Undocumented Migration and Development

Review & Appraisal of the Programme of Action of the ICPD and its contribution to the follow-up & review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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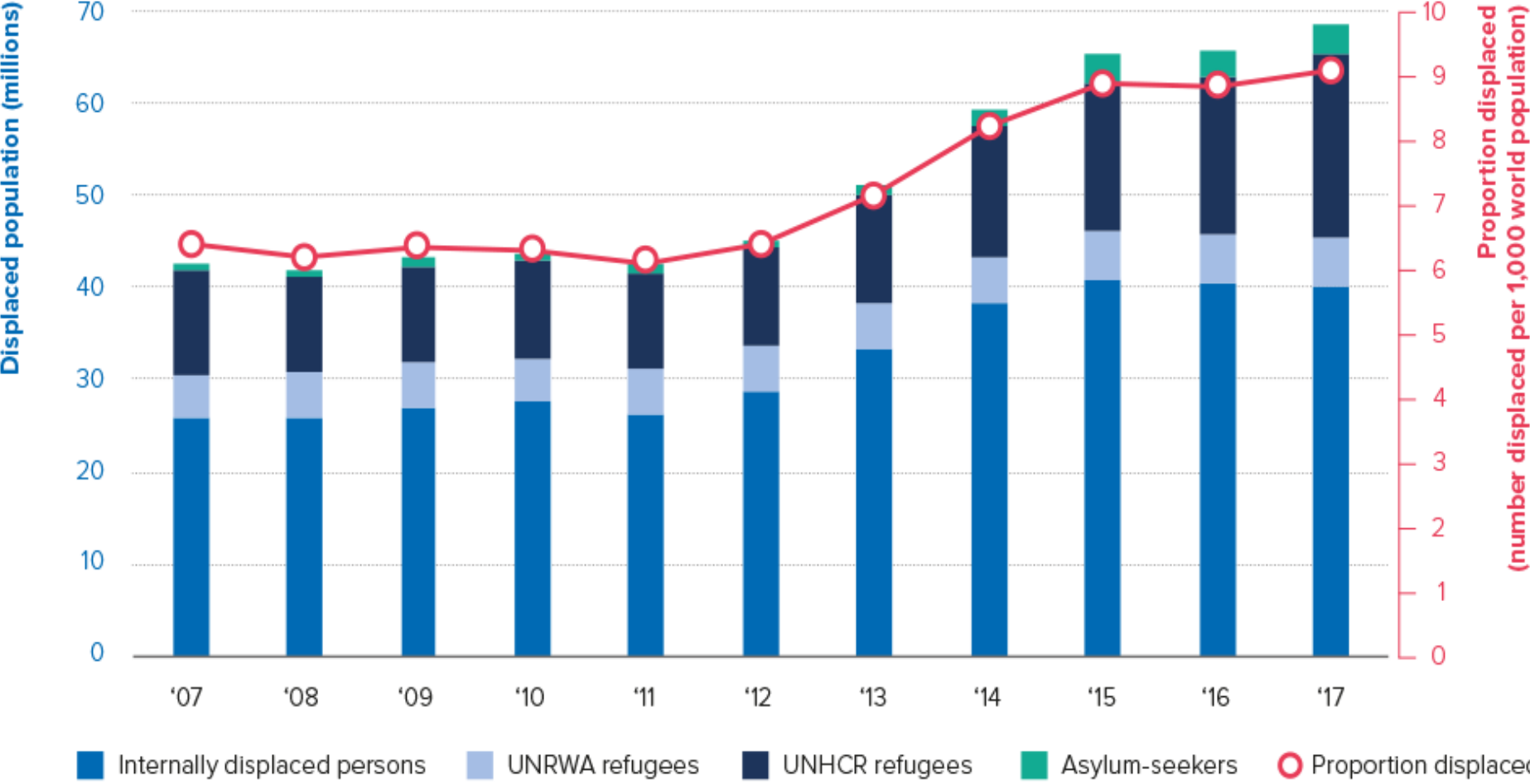
- What do we know?
- Why does it matter for development?
- New and innovative research approaches
- What next?



Trends: Forced Migration

- Globally, the number of refugees and asylum seekers continues to rise:
 - est. nearly 26 million (2016); over 2.5 times increase since 2005 (<10 million)
 - 10 percent of international migrants
 - 82.5 % are hosted in developing regions

Trend of global displacement and proportion displaced | 2007-2017



Largest Countries of Asylum, 2016

Highest number of refugee and asylum seekers hosted, in millions

Source: UN 2017

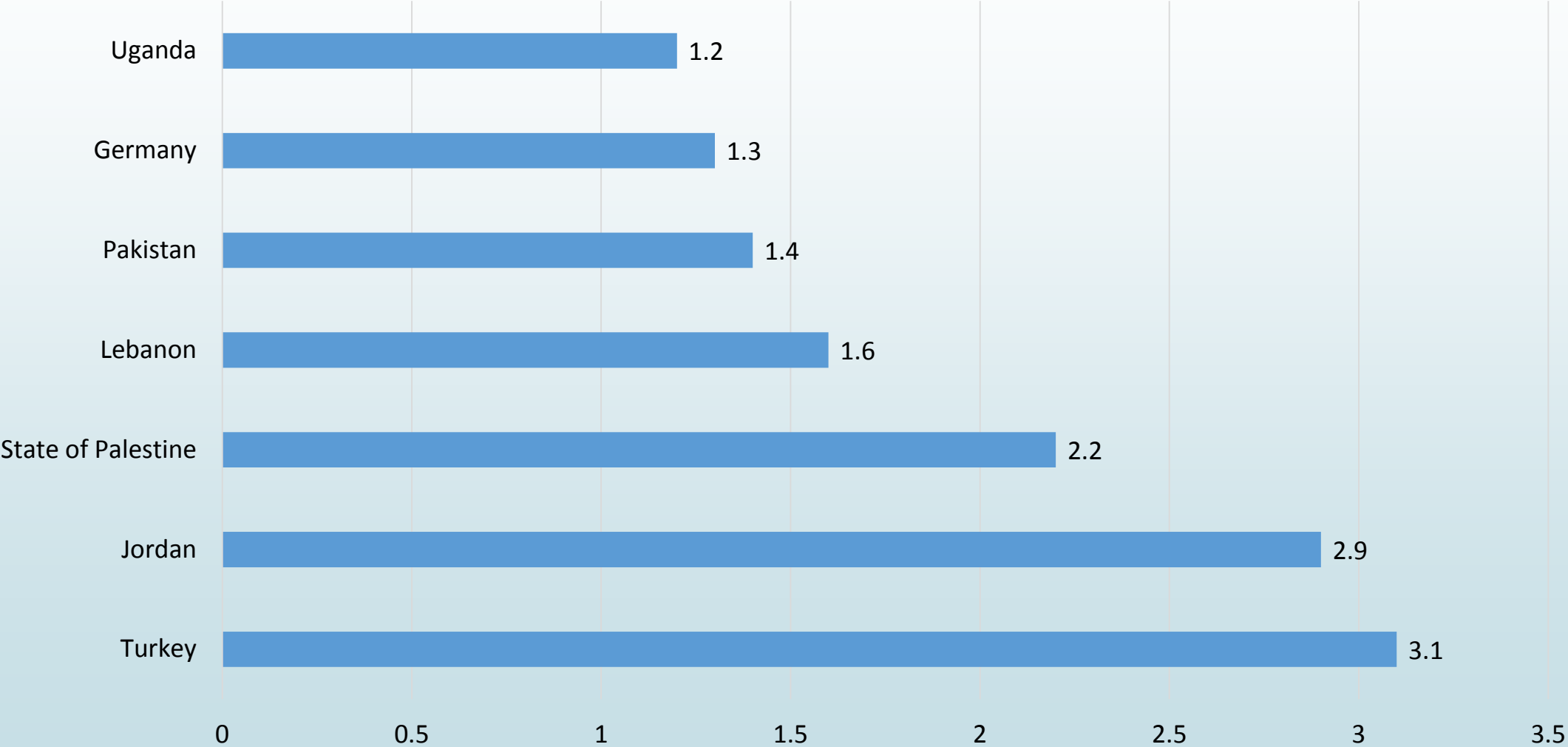
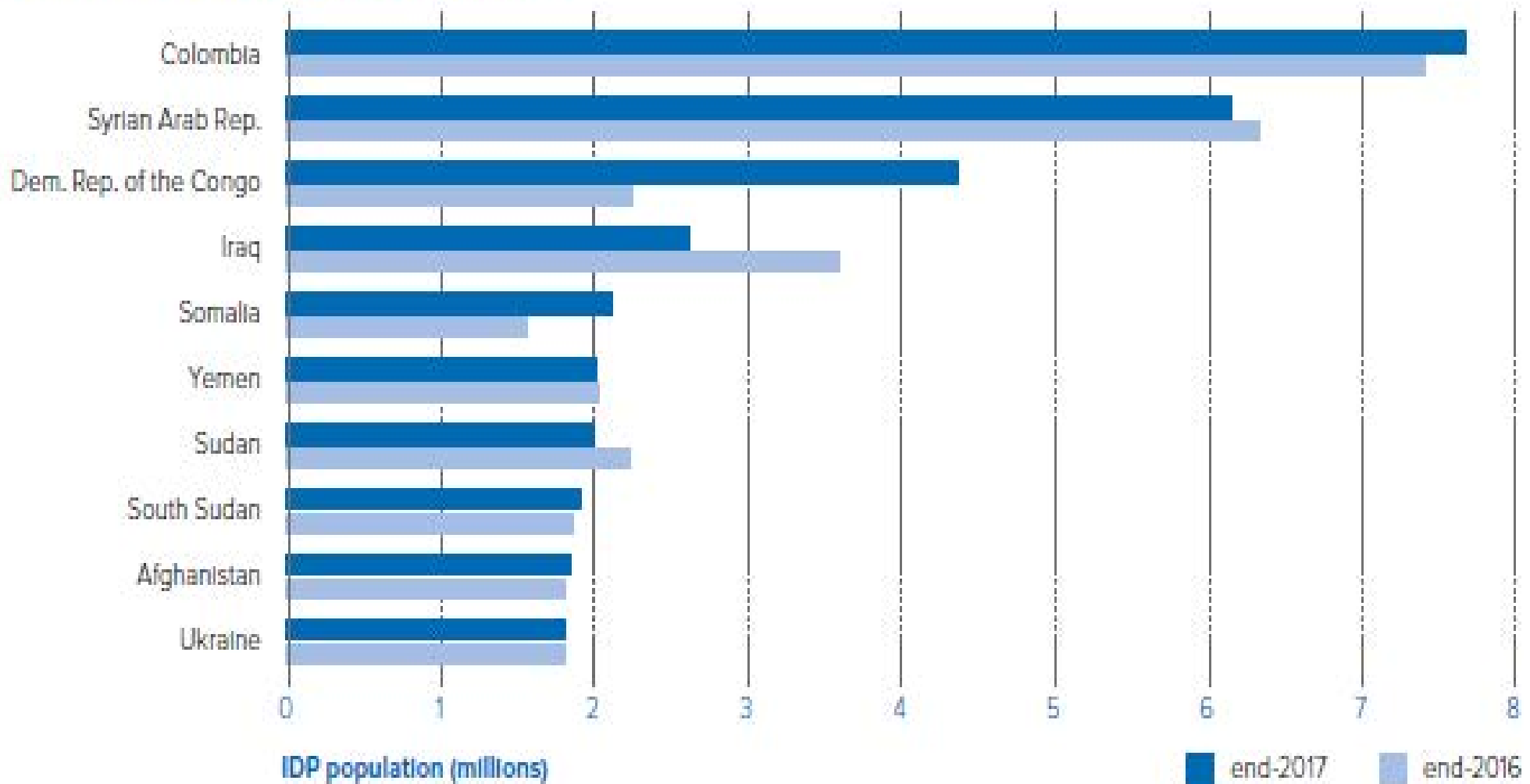


Figure 12 | **Ten largest IDP populations**



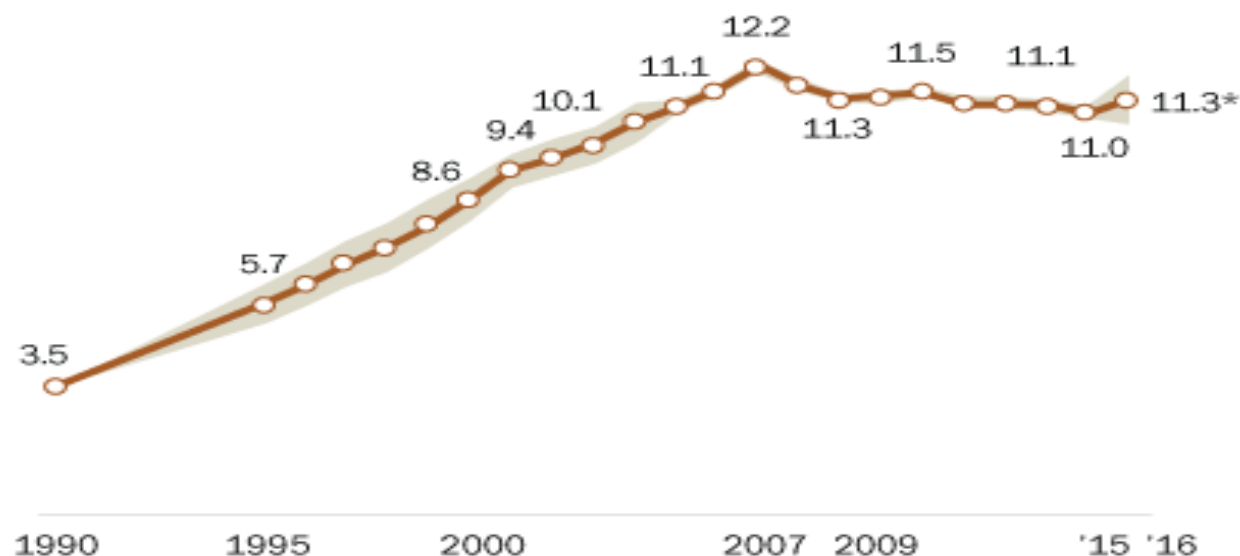


Trends: Undocumented Migration

- Number of undocumented or irregular migrants unknown, but estimated to be millions in many countries
 - 11 million in the United States
 - Tens of millions in India
 - Tens of millions of undocumented Afghan migrants in Pakistan and Iran

Estimated unauthorized immigrant population in the U.S. lower in 2015 than in 2009

In millions



*There is no statistically significant difference between the 2015 estimate and 2016 preliminary estimate.

Note: Shading surrounding line indicates low and high points of the estimated 90% confidence interval. The 2009-2016 change is not statistically significant at 90% confidence interval. Data labels are for 1990, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Source: Pew Research Center estimates for 2005-2015 based on augmented American Community Survey data (IPUMS); for 2016 and 1995-2004 based on March Supplements of the Current Population Survey. Estimates for 1990 from Warren and Warren (2013).

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Refugees and Development

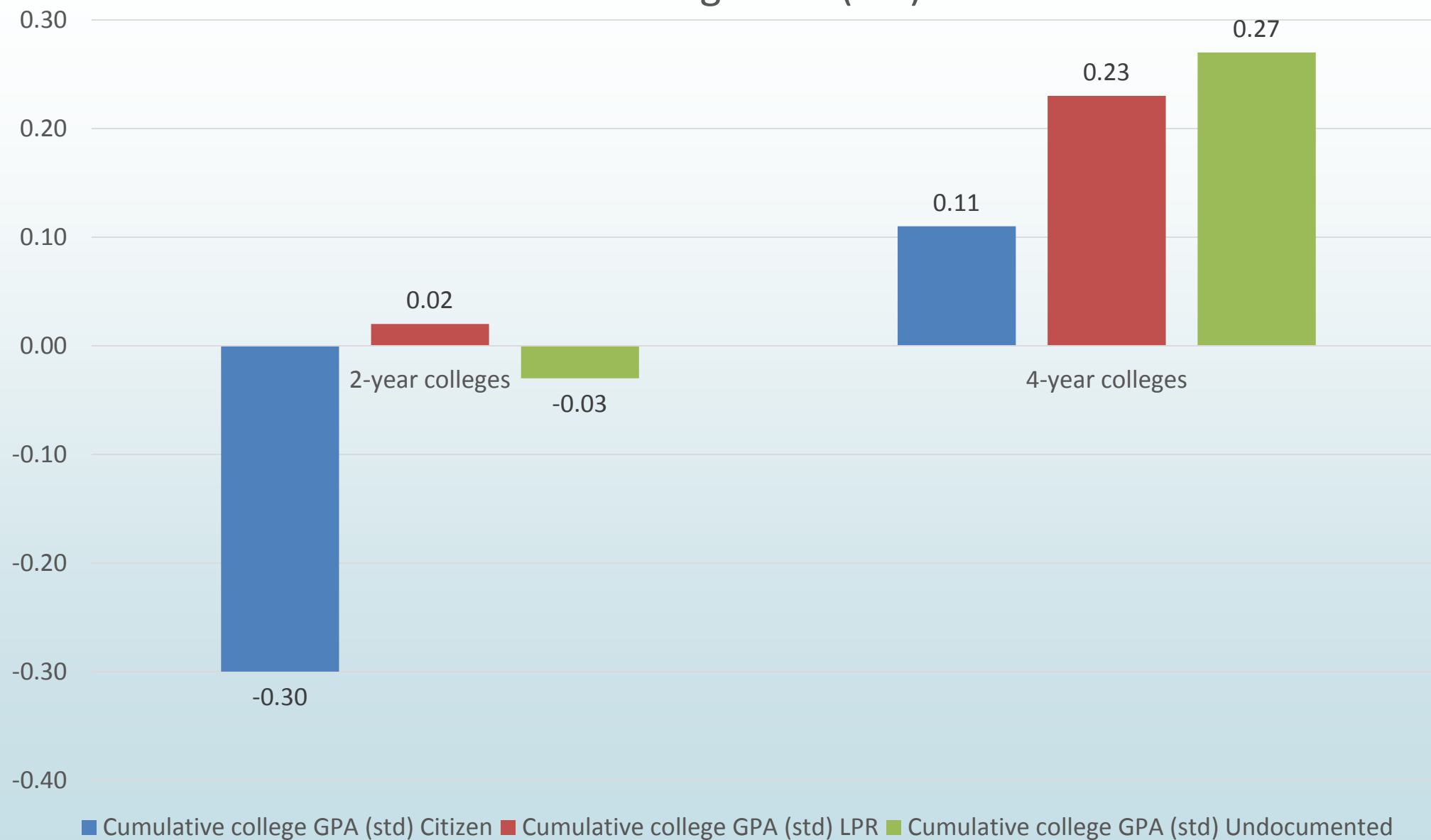
- Over half the world's refugees are living in urban settings
- Only 23 % live in planned or managed camps; majority live in private homes—"self-settled"
- Thus, while we know a great deal about providing health and well-being to camp refugees, we need to know much more about service provision and access among self-settled refugees
- Lack of proper documentation can create difficulties in accessing the labor market and public services, if eligible



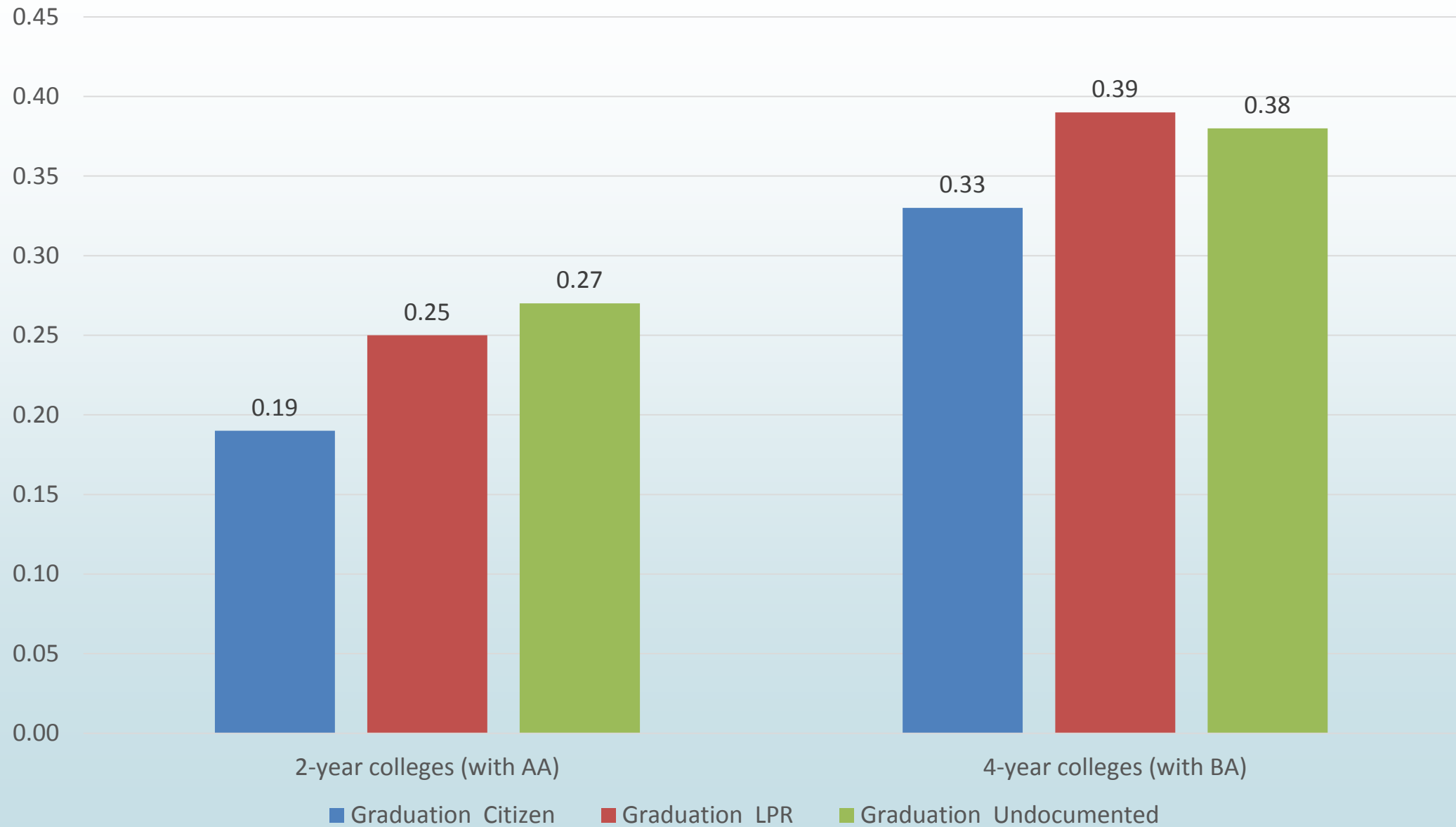
Migrants and development

- Many economists argue that migrants are engines for development, because they are instruments for knowledge transfer
- There is evidence that both refugees and undocumented migrants contribute to development
 - Refugees: high rates of entrepreneurship, knowledge transfer, and skilled work
 - Undocumented migrants: Passing the DREAM Act (or legalizing status of all undocumented migrants in the U.S. would increase U.S. GDP by up to \$1 trillion (Center for American Progress))

Cumulative College GPA (std)



College Graduation





New and innovative research approaches and collaborations

- Cross-national surveys and ethnosurveys (e.g., MAFE, LAMP, MMP)
- New survey sources (e.g., Annual Survey of Refugees)
- NAS CPOP workshop
- Administrative data sources on integration (e.g., CUNY Project on Immigration and Higher Education; Longitudinal Immigration Database in Canada)



Where do we go next?

► RESEARCH:

- More research using these unique and innovative data sources
- Need more disaggregated data (census microdata) (IUSSP Statement)
- Think about other existing data sources (e.g., DHS surveys)
- New “big data” sources?—social media and networking data

► POLICY:

- Improve migrants’ access to services, social and economic integration
- Look to national best practices, but also subnational entities (e.g., NYC)
- Promote understanding of migrants’ contributions to encourage integration and status regularization