The original shelter sector decision tree

- Basic House Assets
- House crowding
- Quality of dwelling
- Enumerator judgment
- Debt per capita
- Rental contract
- Occupancy type
- Head of the household
- Dependency ratio

Challenges
- Not adapted to the context of urban setting
- Highly dependent on enumerator judgment
- Did not capture eviction threat & Accessibility
- Included some duplication of atomic indicators
- Did not reflect reality in terms of vulnerability
The revised shelter sector decision tree

- Reformulated the concept of crowdedness in the house to reflect number of people per room and number of families living in the same house – rather than sqm per person
- Broken down the different things to look at in order to identify the physical condition of the shelter – included condition of roof, leakages, ventilation, openings, safety from elec hazards, dampness, privacy and light
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The decision tree includes:

- Shelter Type
- Basic House Assets
- House crowding
- Quality of dwelling
- Eviction
- Dependency ratio
- Head of the household
- Accessibility
- Occupancy type
- Rental contract
- Debt per capita
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The revised shelter sector decision tree

Result
The shelter score represents better the vulnerability of the household in terms of (1) quality of dwelling (2) crowdedness (3) security of tenure.
The sector overall score can only be used as a prioritization tool at national and local level, however the selection of both beneficiary and type of intervention should be based on a more sensitive analysis of the sub-categories scores.

In order to mainstream the use of VAF scoring across shelter actors, the Shelter Working Group will include considerations of the VAF sector and sub-category scores in the existing technical guidelines for each of the shelter interventions.