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Statistics covering programme evaluation for VIRK Vocational Rehabilitation fund

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Introduction

- In this presentation the focus is on three factors to evaluate VIRK
 - The financial gain from those who return to work after Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
 - Do people who return to work after VR remain in employment after 6 and 12 months?
 - How do people evaluate their health in the beginning and end of VR?

Participants

- VIRK is the only Vocational rehabilitation fund in Iceland and therefore we can gather data from the population of people seeking vocational rehabilitation in Iceland
- When talking about return to work we group together individuals who are receiving salaries in the labour market, people on student loans and people on unemployment benefits
- VIRK is gathering information from individuals both with general and standardized questionnaires

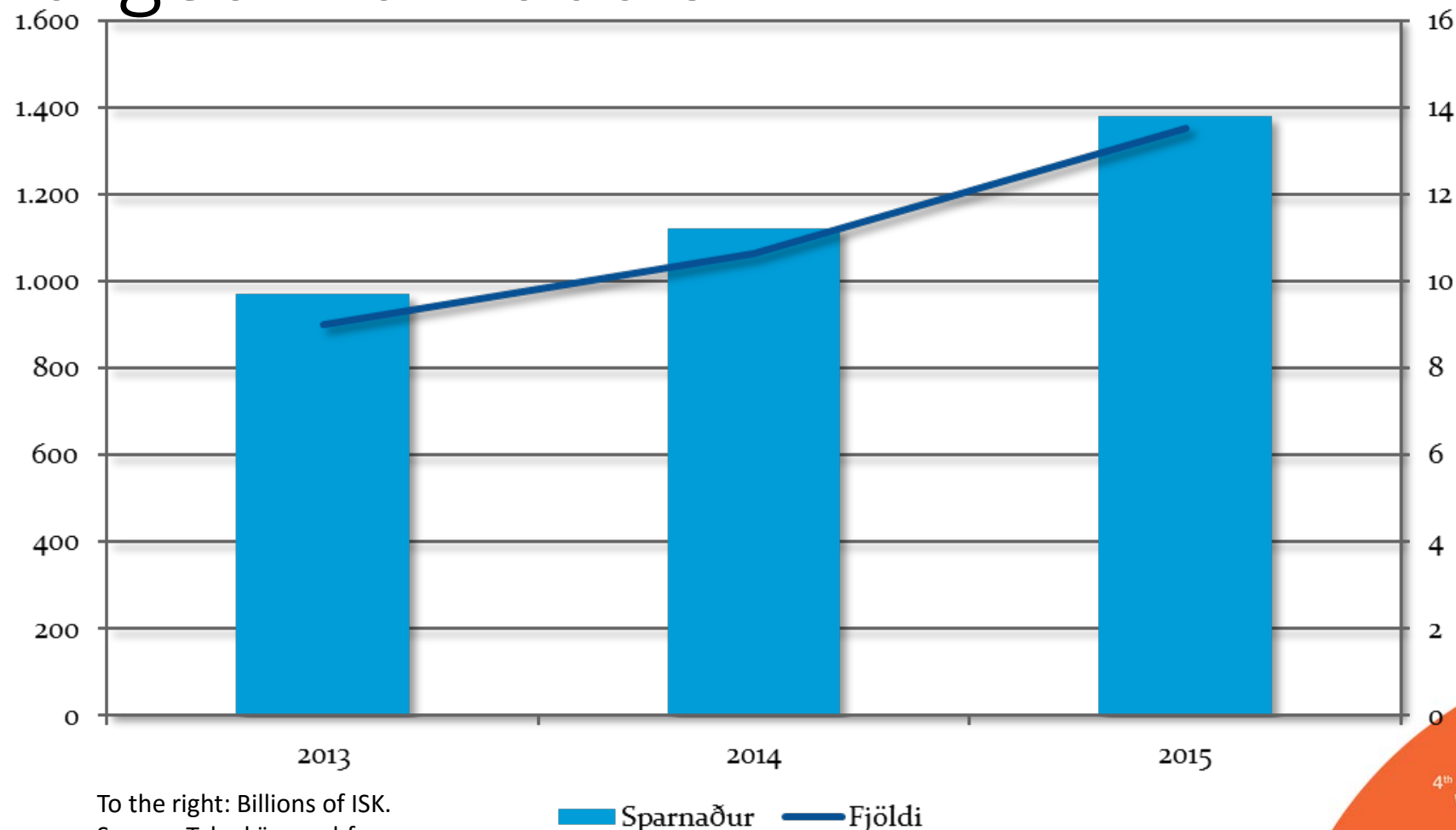
The financial gain for society of individuals returning to work after VR

- The possible financial gain from those who returned to work after VR has been calculated by an independent evaluating company named Talnakönnun hf.
- The calculations are based on those who returned to work after discharged from VIRK in the years 2013 (n = 899), 2014 (n = 1066) and 2015 (n = 1346).
- For each individual his salary was calculated for 60 months (5 years) minus the months that the individual spent in the VR.
- For an individual that returned to work after staying 20 months in VR his possible salary would be $(60 - 20) \times \text{monthly salary (imputed)}$

The financial gain for society of individuals returning to work after VR

- In the year 2015 this financial gain was calculated to be 13.8 billions ISK (106 million EUR)
- If the time period is shortened from 60 months to 36 months the financial gain is calculated to be 8.3 billions ISK (64 million EUR)
- The calculations are based on individuals attending VR. It is hard to predict what would have happened with these individuals if they had not attended VR, i.e. if and when they would have returned to work
- The average length of time discharged individuals are receiving VR service is 13 months

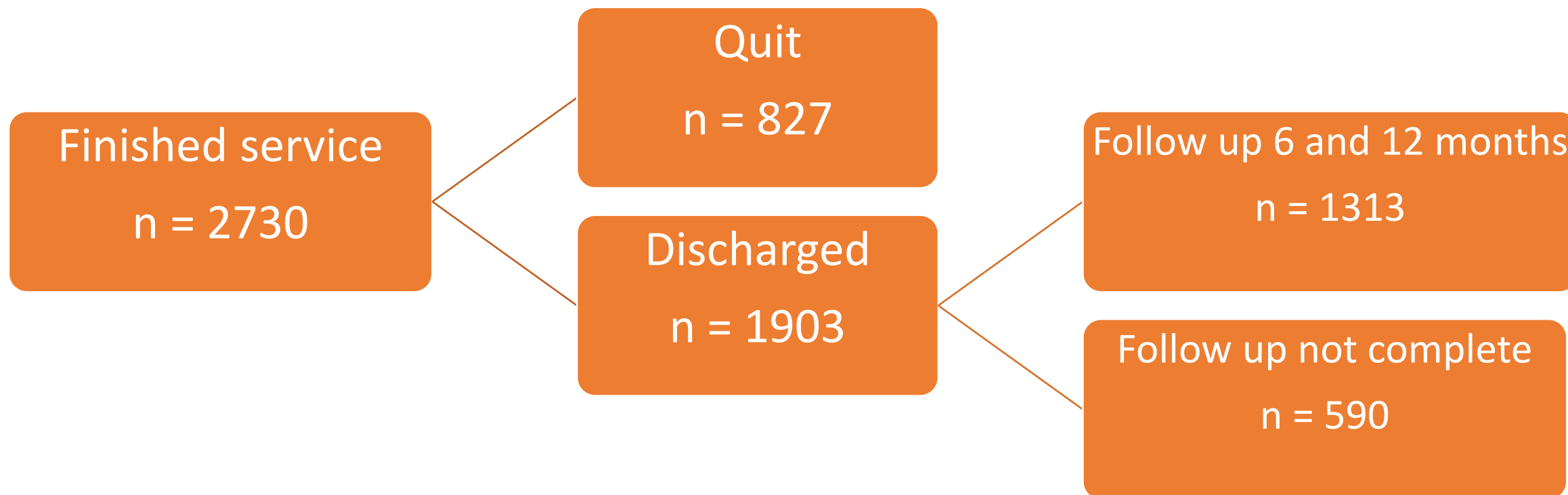
Calculated savings and number of discharged individuals



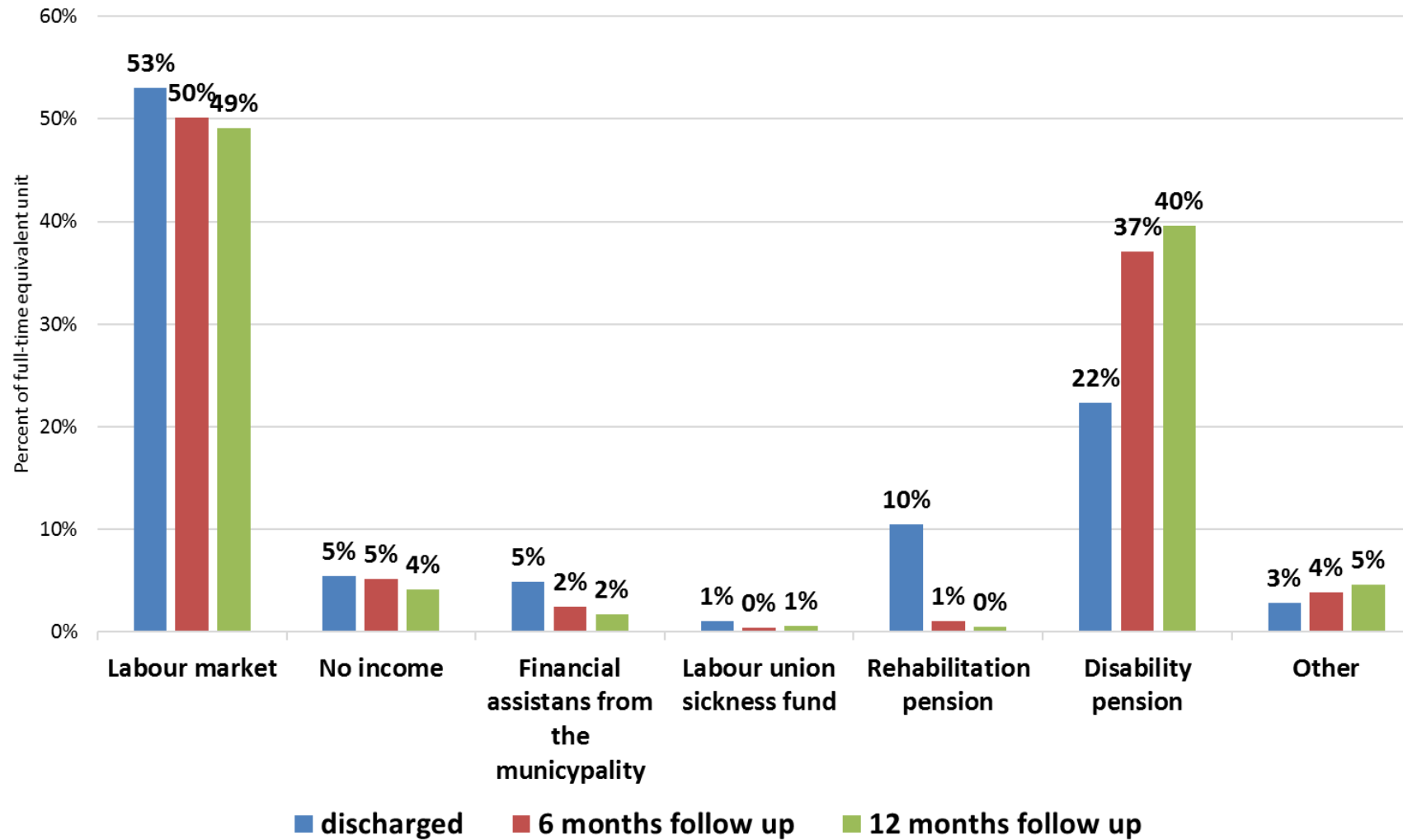
Are individuals still at work at follow up?

- VIRK follows individuals who have discharged from VR for three years
- The follow up is performed at 6, 12, 24 and 36 months
- VIRK registers their source of income and their status in the labour market
- This presentation presents statistics from follow up performed at 6 and 12 months
- Figures are extracted from VIRK 's data base and further statistical analysis is ongoing

Individuals that finished service between 1.11.2013 – 30.6.2015



Income sources



How do people evaluate their health in the beginning and end of VR?

- It is important to know if the individuals are feeling better after VR
- At the beginning and at discharge individuals are asked to indicate how they evaluate their health state (on a scale from 0-100)
- 5378 individuals have been discharged from VIRK from the beginning, 5155 of those answered the question both at the beginning and at discharge

How do people evaluate their health in the beginning and end of VR

