

*POLICY AND EXPERIENCE:
SOCIAL NETWORKS
OVER TIME AND SPACE*

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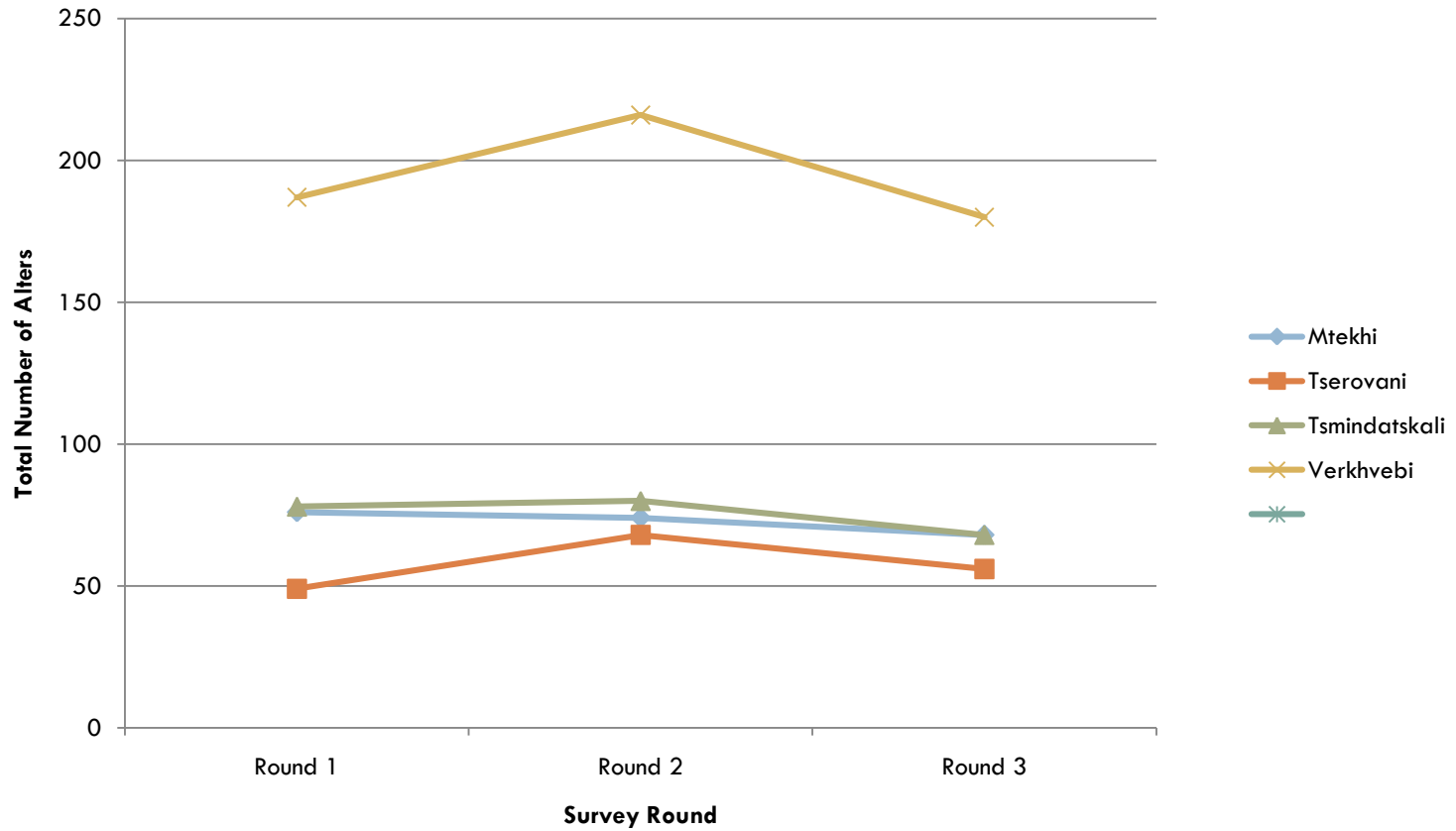
Retaining Social Networks Over Time and Space

- Policy
 - ▣ Immediate durable solution
 - ▣ Private accommodations in new settlements within one year
 - ▣ Social network preservation
- Rationale for preserving social networks
 - ▣ Maintain social and economic support in displacement
- Rationale for changing social networks
 - ▣ Expand access to financial/economic resources through local ties

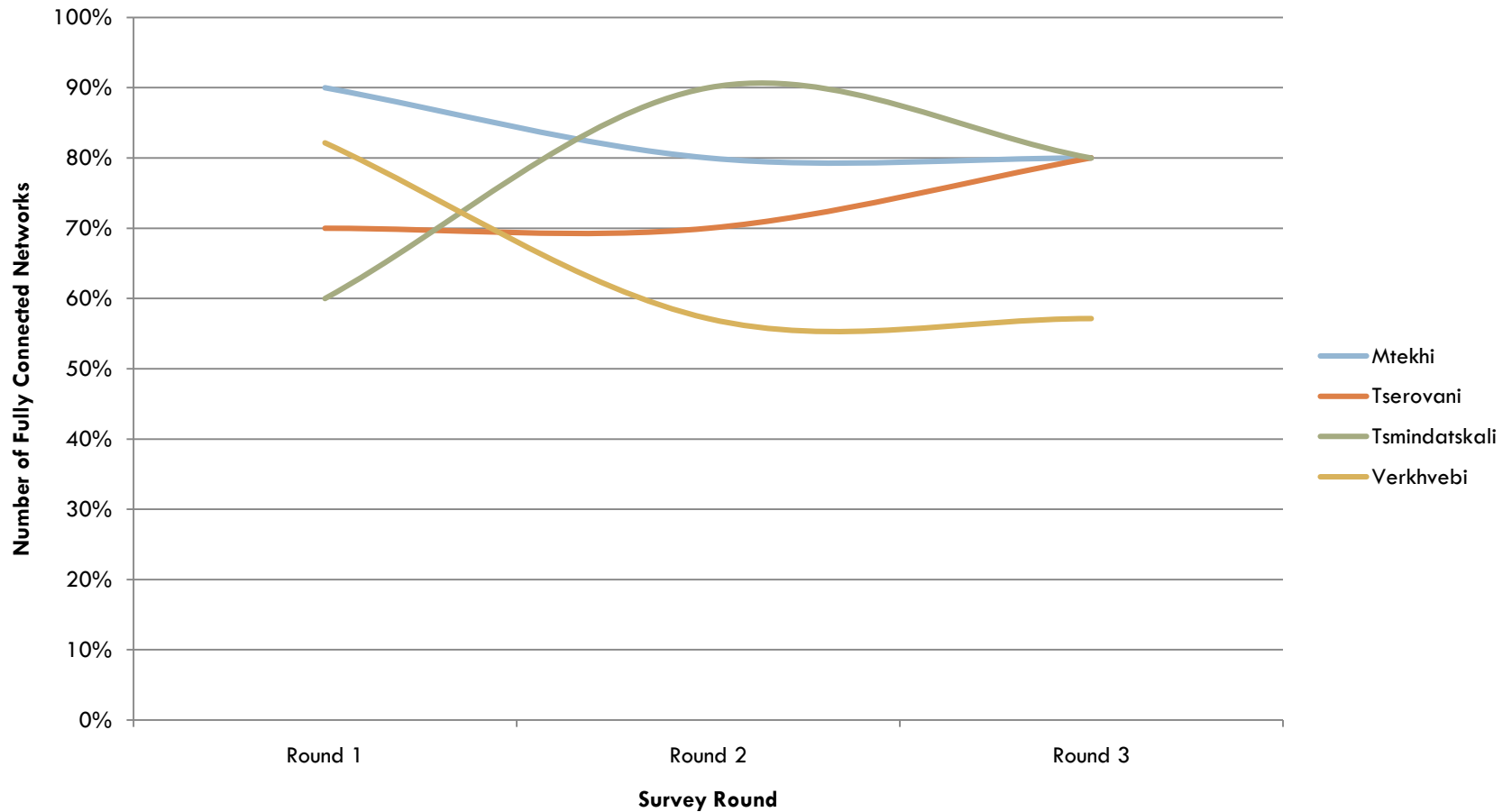
Benefits and Challenges of Preserving Social Networks

- Networks have myriad functions
 - ▣ Different network structures conducive to different functions
- Benefits- Emotional and Social Functions
 - ▣ Emotional and social support systems intact
 - Reduce emotional trauma of displacement
 - Preserve identity
 - ▣ Recommendation- Preserve the network in some form.
- Challenges- Financial Functions
 - ▣ Access to resources, livelihood limited if no ties to new community
 - ▣ Recommendation- Build the network locally.

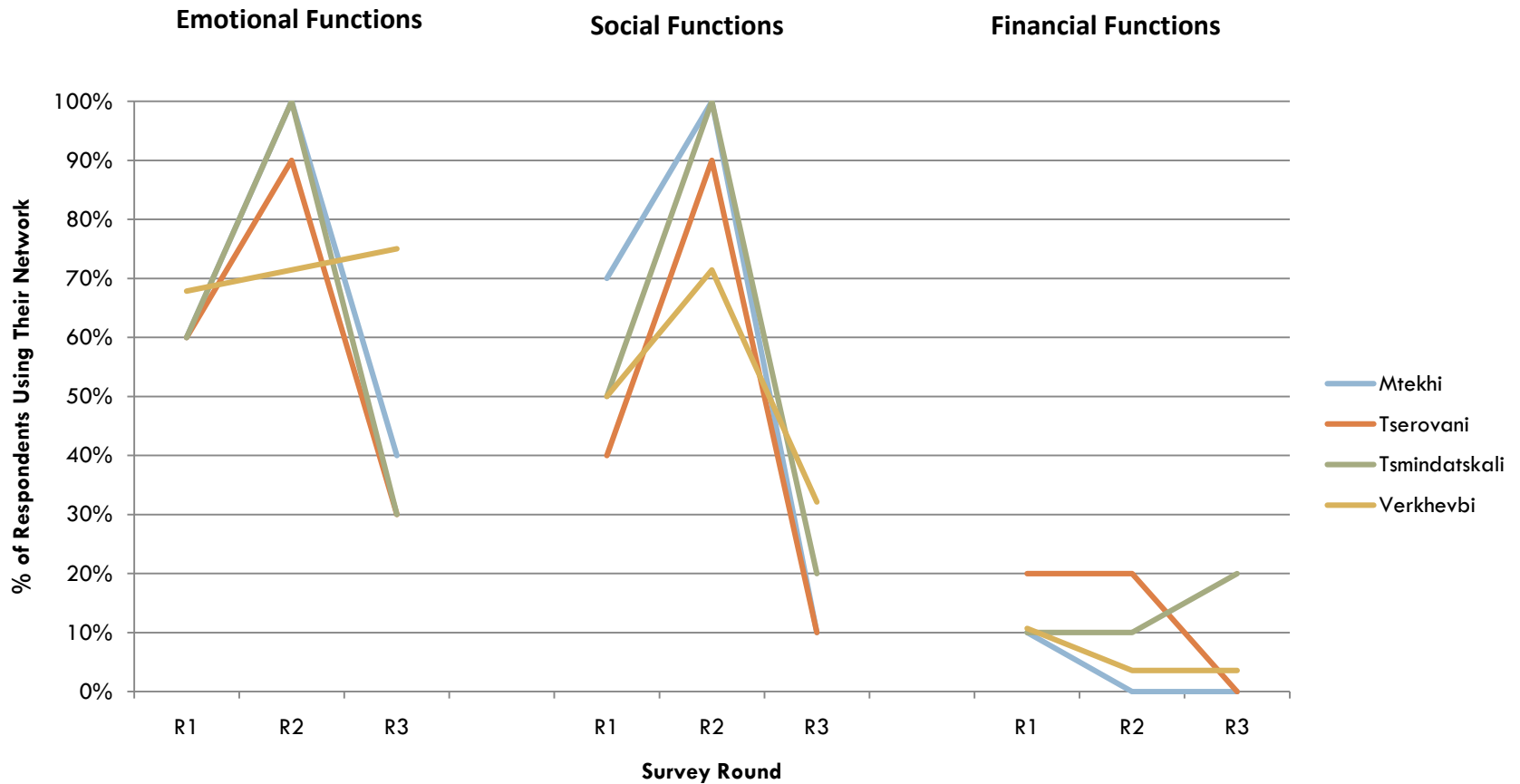
Dynamism and Space: Network Size over Time



Dynamism and Space: Network Density over Time

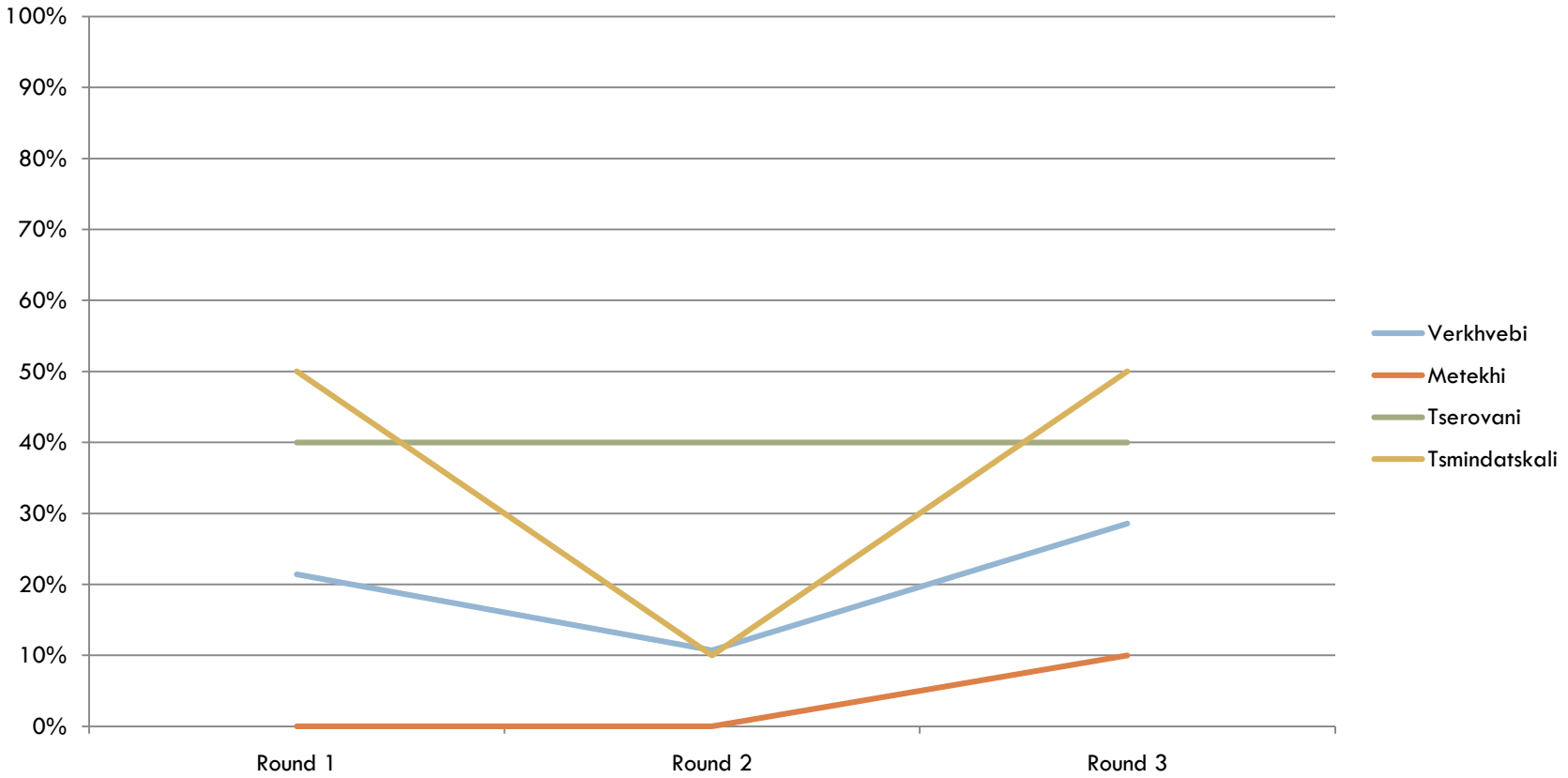


IDPs from South Ossetia: Network Functions over Time



Productive Networks?

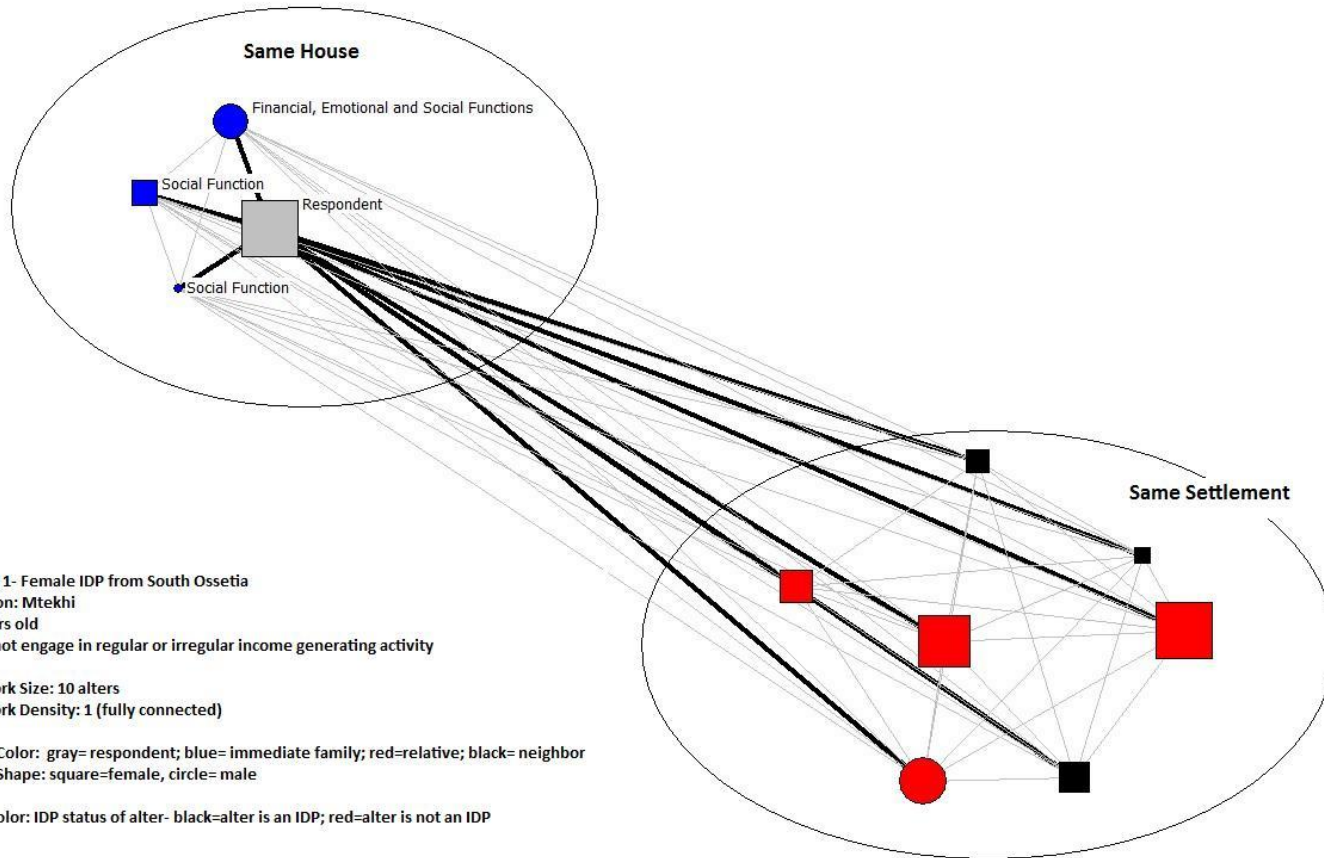
IDPs Engaged in Income Generating Activity (Percentage by Site)



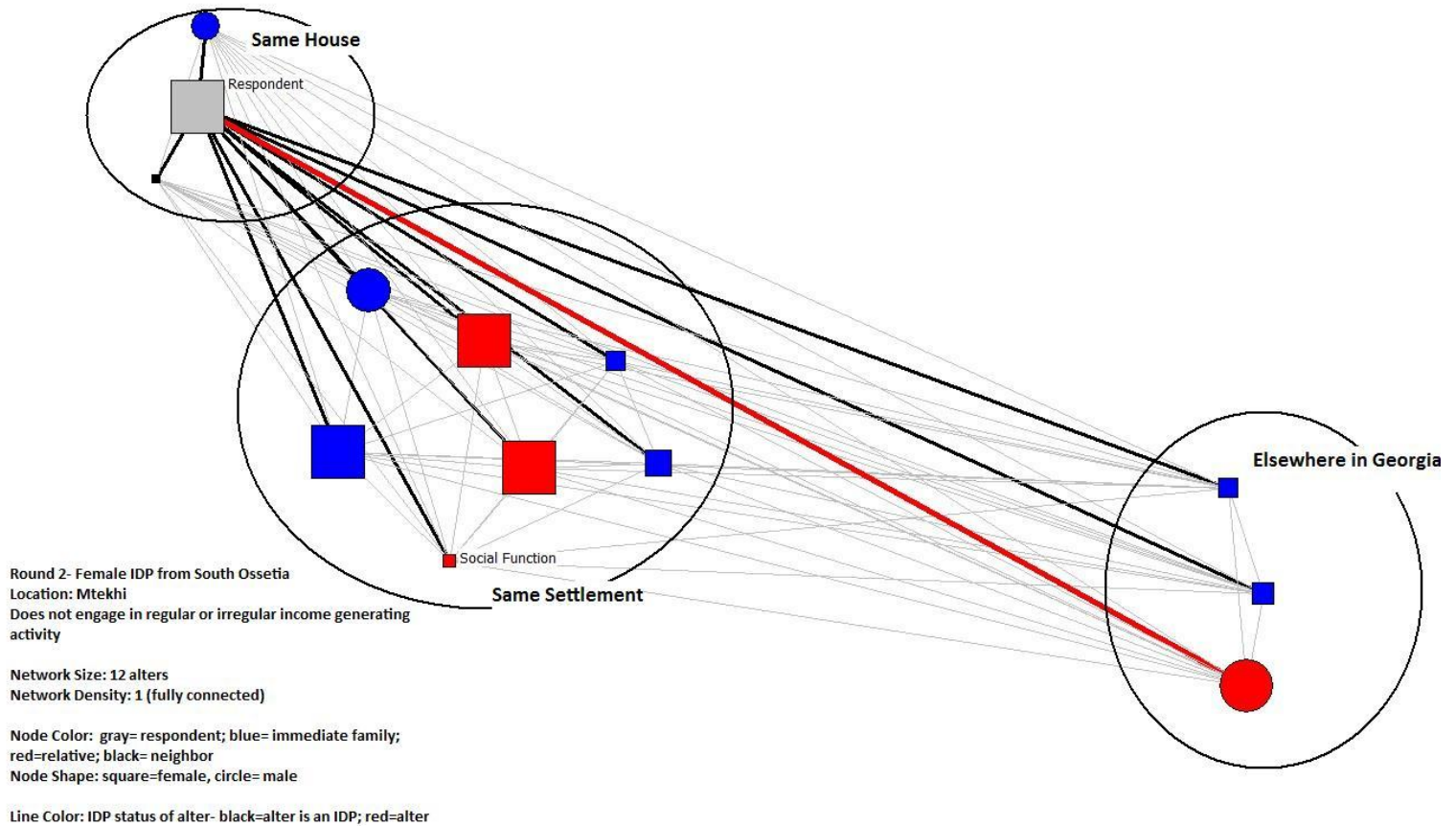
What does a network look like?

- Preserved Network
- Dynamic Network

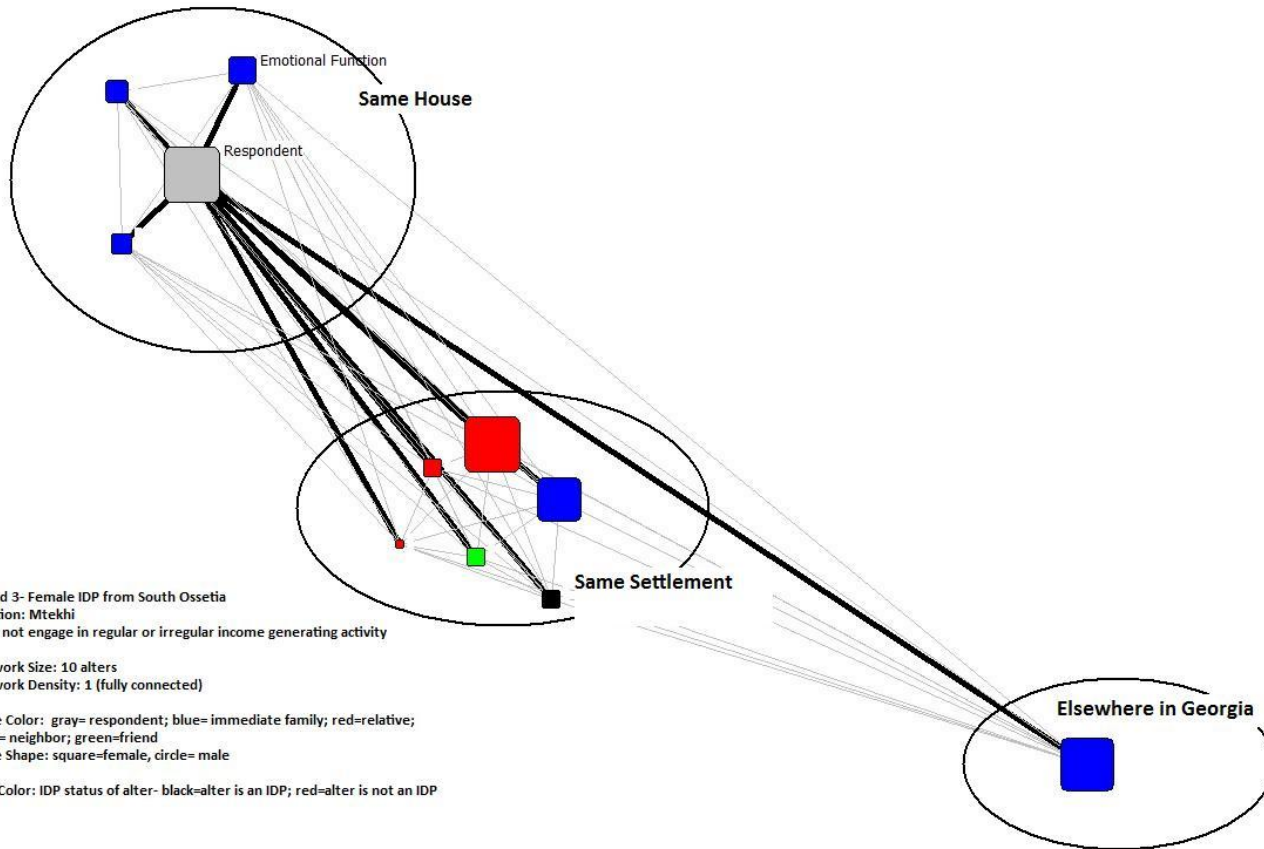
A Preserved Network



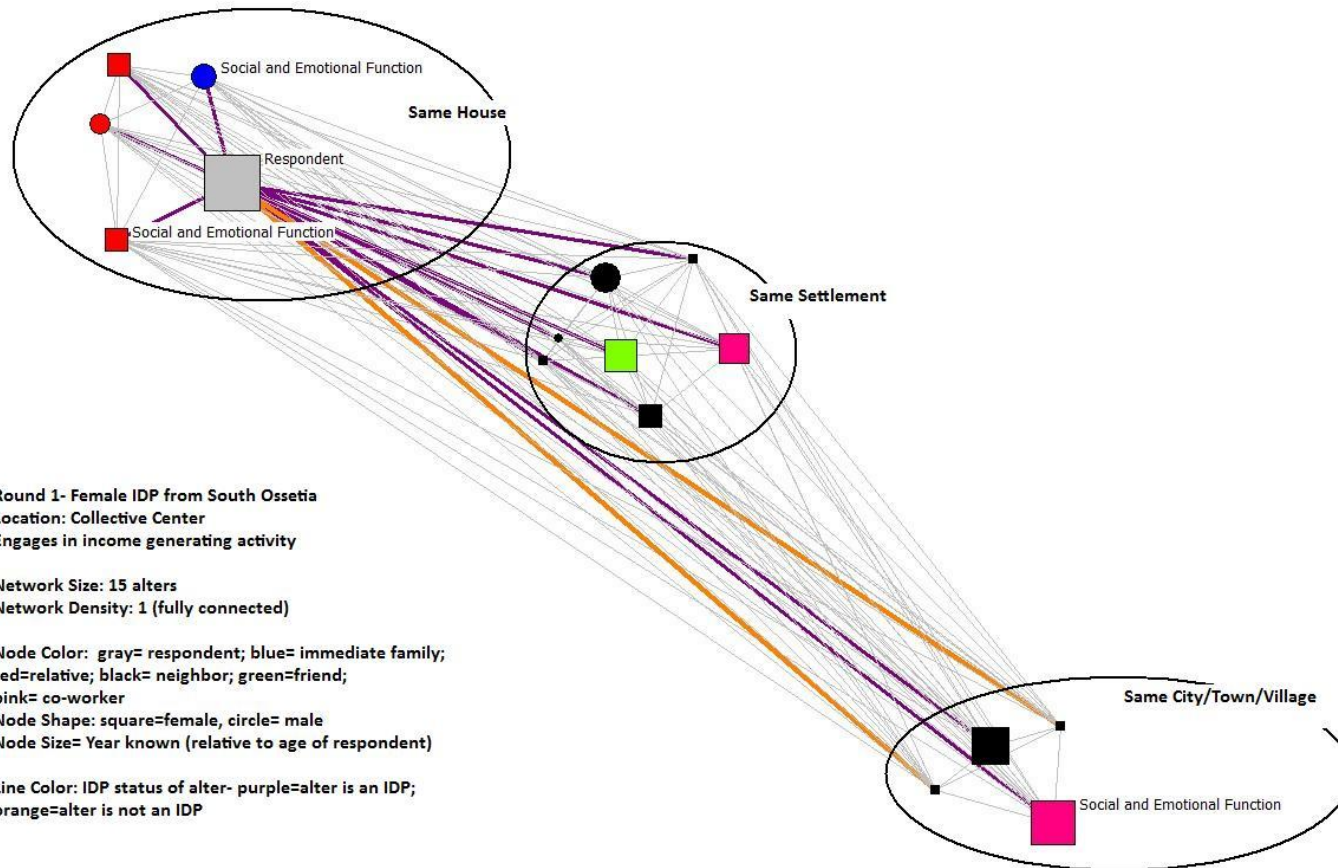
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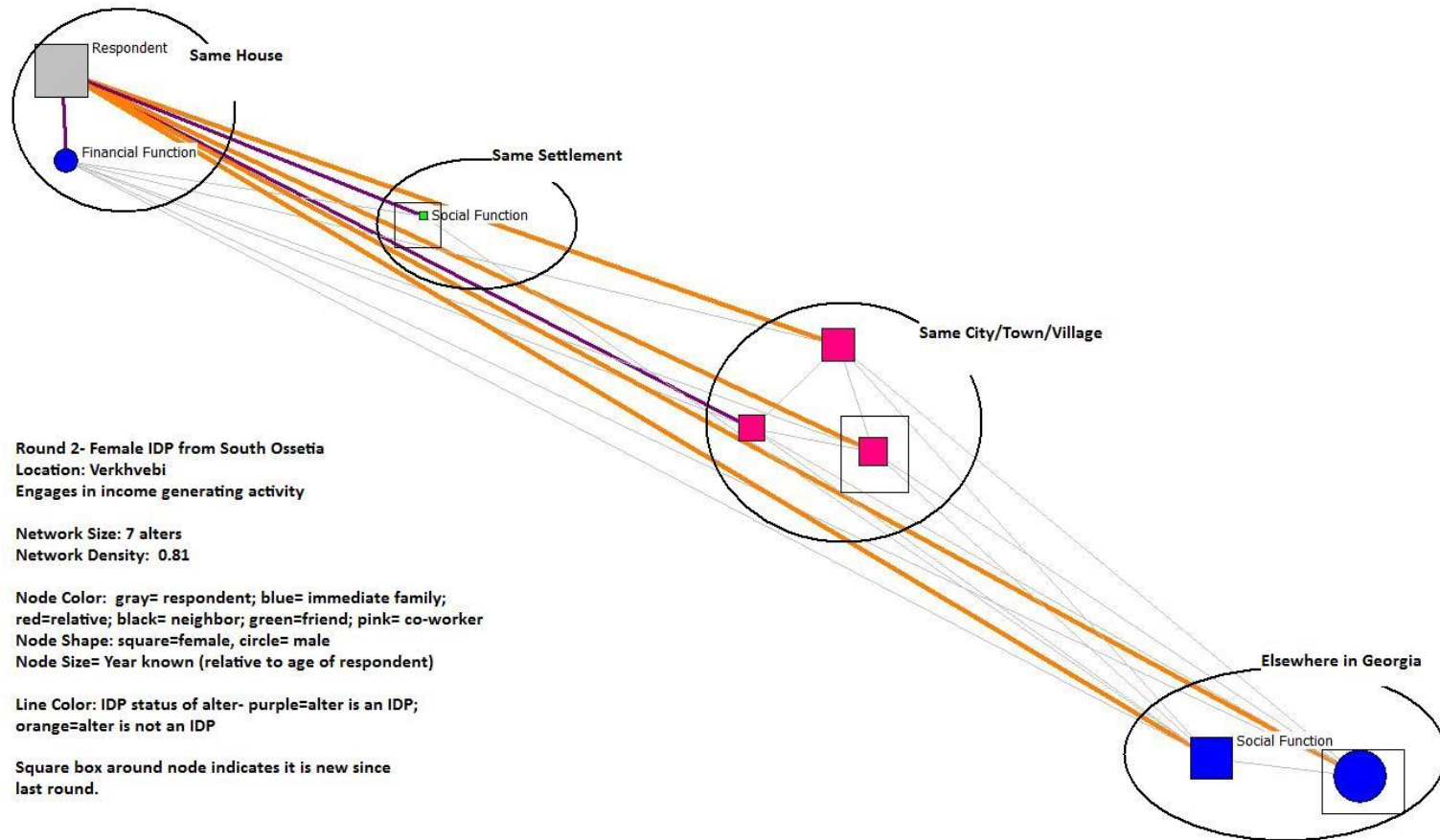
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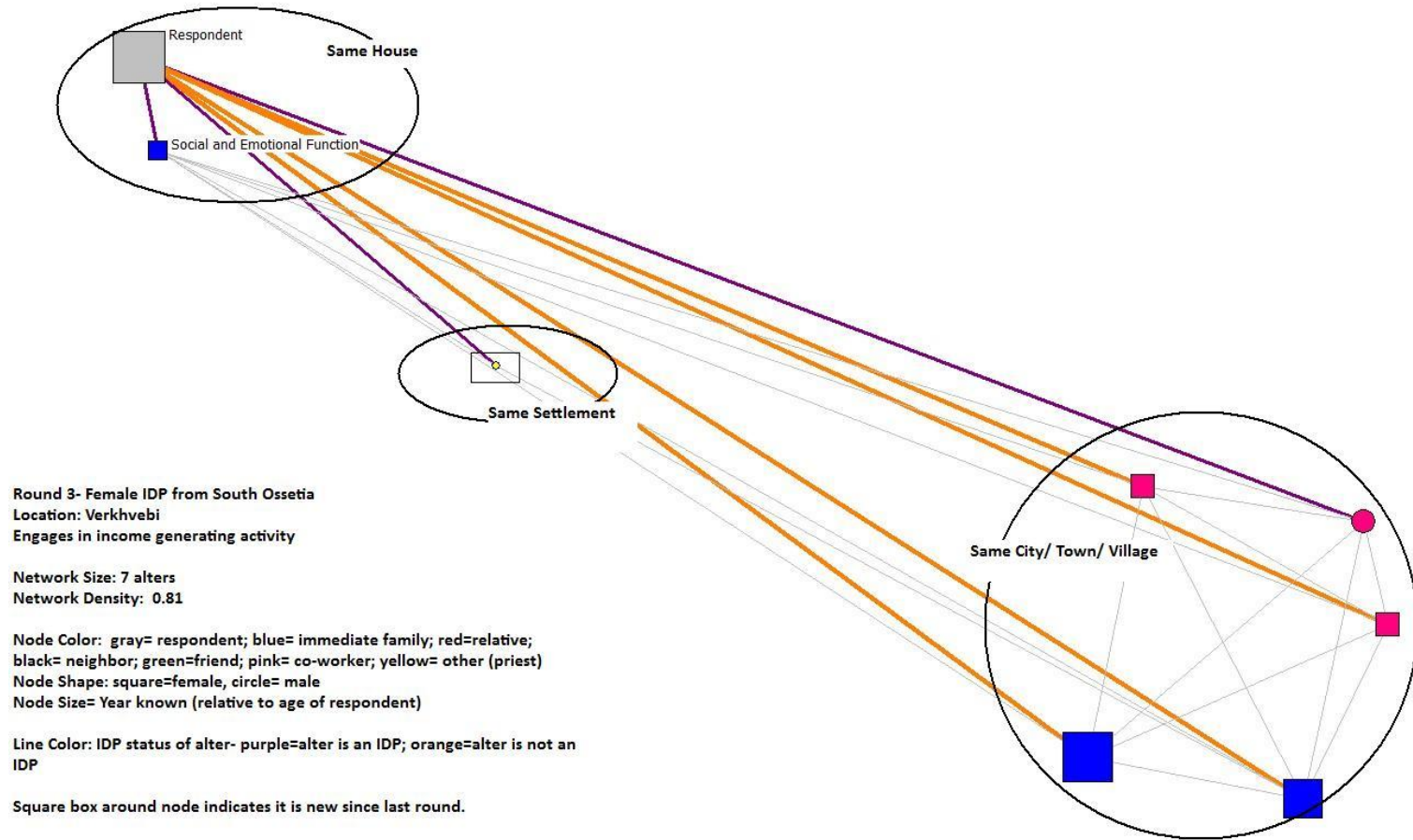
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Conclusions

- Policy Recommendations
 - ▣ Shift in policy goals should be linked to shift in implementation
 - Separate financial functions from emotional and social functions when considering how to preserve and expand networks when integration (even temporary) is a goal
 - ▣ Emotional and Social Functions
 - Recommendation- Preserve the network in some form.
 - ▣ Challenges- Financial Functions
 - Recommendation- Build the network locally.

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Thank You.

