

ASSESSMENT OF RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES OF TARGET GROUPS TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN TIMES OF THE WAR



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RESEARCH DESIGN/ METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted by the Info Sapiens research agency at the request of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission in Ukraine, with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in September-October 2023.

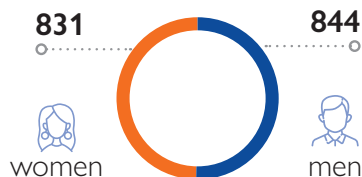
The study included a nationally representative survey through personal or telephone interviews with representatives of target groups and in-depth interviews with experts working with these population groups.

THE QUANTITATIVE STAGE



In total, 1,675 people were interviewed, at least 100 respondents in each of the following target groups (TG)*

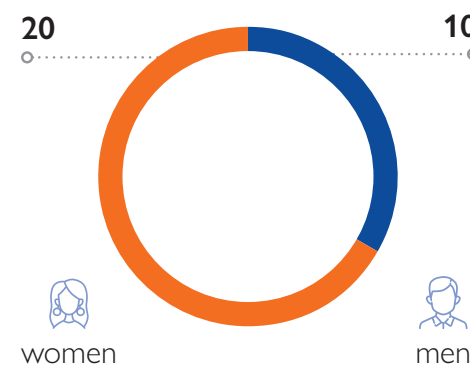
- ✓ internally displaced persons in places (centres) of collective residence
- ✓ internally displaced persons living in communities in separate accommodation
- ✓ people living in the territories under which the Government of Ukraine has regained its control
- ✓ labour migrants with migration experience (both abroad and within the country)
- ✓ unemployed job seekers
- ✓ employed persons with low wages who are looking for temporary part-time work and/or want to change their place of work
- ✓ persons with a criminal record or experience of imprisonment
- ✓ sex workers
- ✓ people with substance use disorder**
- ✓ people with alcohol use disorder
- ✓ homeless people
- ✓ people without housing who are staying in temporary accommodation facilities
- ✓ persons with disabilities (including people with amputations as a result of the war)
- ✓ students and graduates of technical and vocational schools
- ✓ representatives of the LGBT community
- ✓ a control group of people who do not belong to any of the abovementioned vulnerable groups



THE QUALITATIVE STAGE



In total, during the quantitative stage, **30 in-depth interviews (IDIs) were conducted with experts** who specialize in working with target audiences (at least 2 experts for each target group, except for the control group). The IDIs were conducted online via Zoom or by phone.



*excluding the territories under temporary military control of the Russian Federation

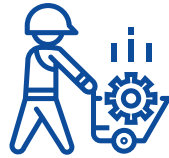
**Not including alcohol use disorder



SITUATIONS INVOLVING HUMAN EXPLOITATION OR TRAFFICKING LISTED IN THE SURVEY



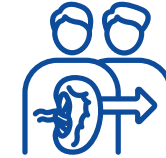
Forced to beg
or sold for
this purpose



Sold for some kind
of work or forced to
work physically —
for example, on
construction sites,
or in agriculture



Forced into
prostitution or filming
of pornographic
materials, sold for
sexual relations



Sold or transferred for
organ removal



Forced to participate
in criminal activities,
e.g. robbery, fraud/drug
trafficking



Exploited by armed
groups



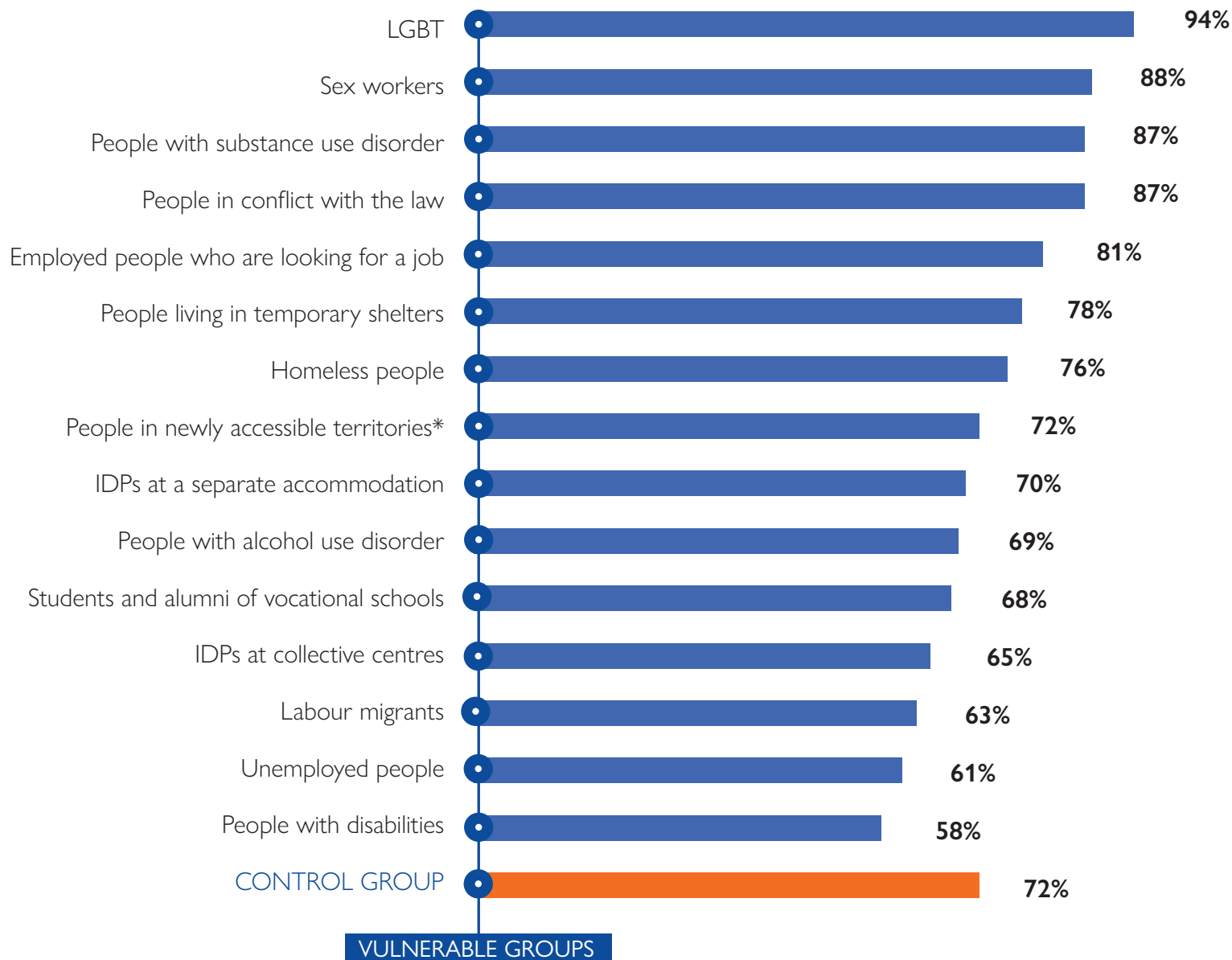
Illegally adopt children
for further use (forced
labour, prostitution)



AWARENESS OF THE SITUATIONS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION WITHIN THE TARGET GROUP

Awareness of situations related to exploitation or human trafficking

Heard about at least one situation



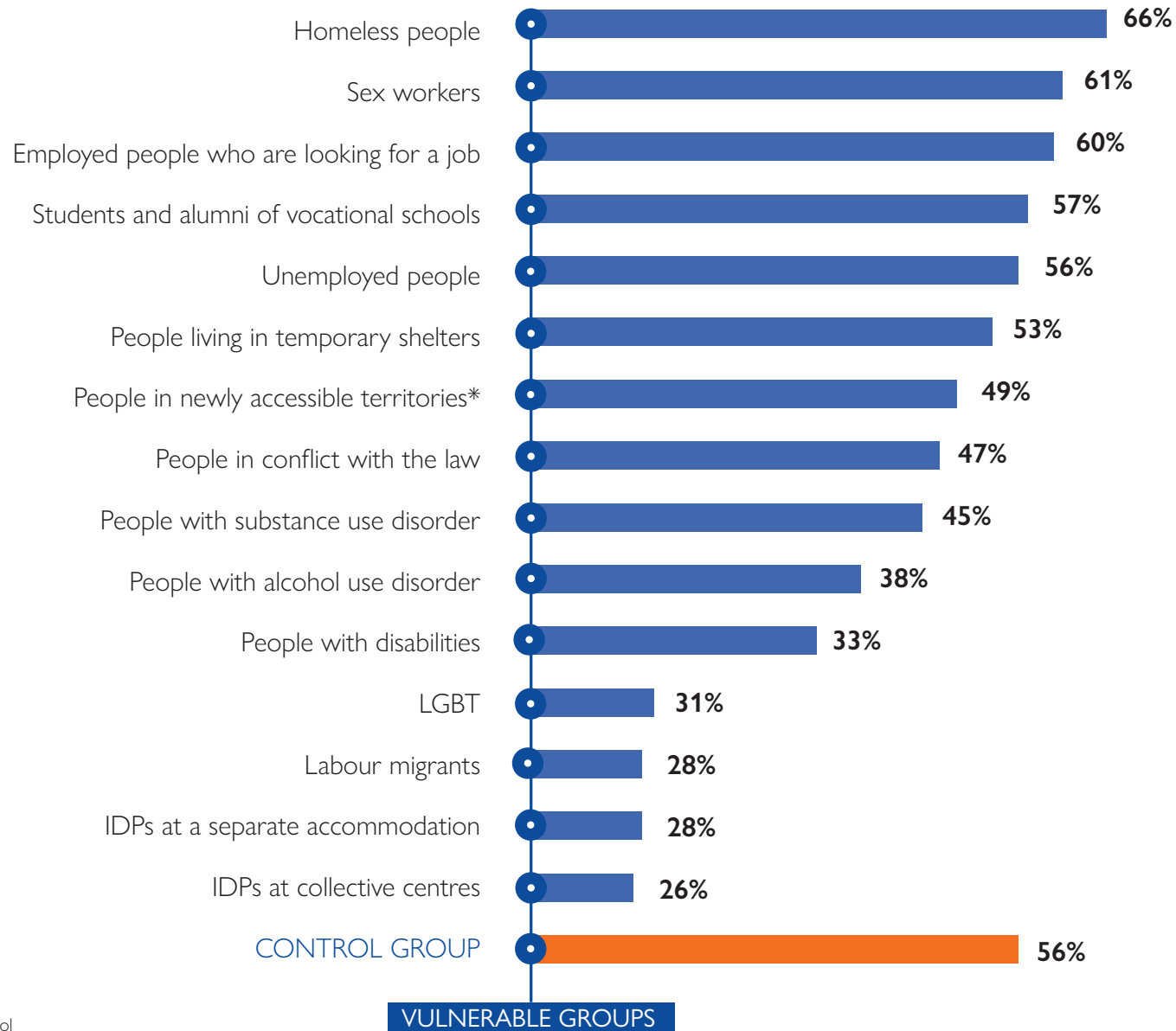
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PROBABILITY OF GETTING INTO AN EXPLOITATIVE SITUATION WITHIN THE TARGET GROUP

The likelihood of 'people like you' getting into at least one situation of human exploitation or trafficking

Can happen at least one of the situations



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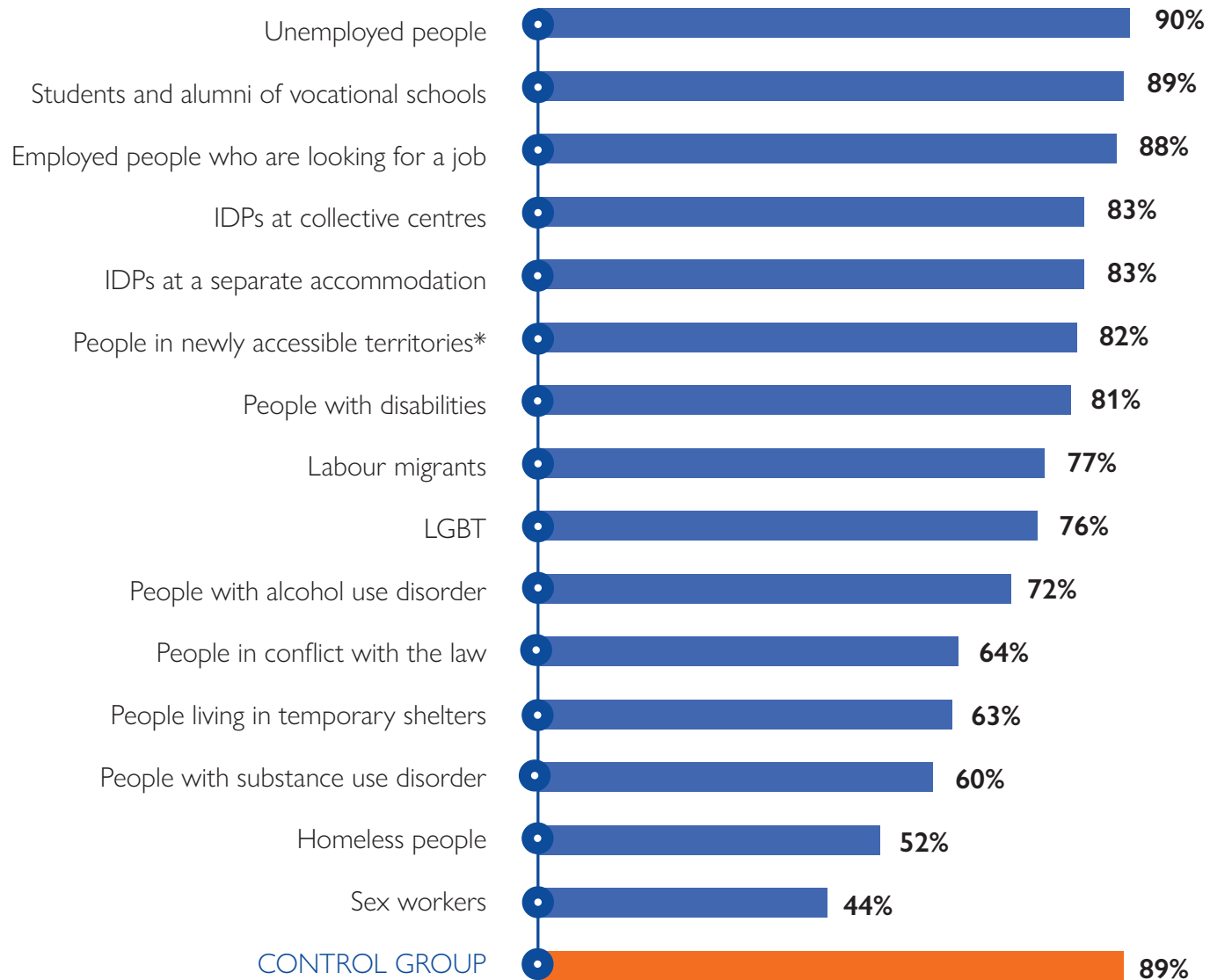


ASSESSMENT OF THE PERSONAL RISK OF FALLING INTO A SITUATION OF HUMAN EXPLOITATION OR VIOLENCE



Answers to the question
“Is there a possibility that someone will try to involve you in any situation of human trafficking?”,
% of respondents.

It will never happen to me



VULNERABLE GROUPS

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OFFERS THAT HAVE SIGNS OF RISKINESS LISTED IN THE SURVEY:



To work in Ukraine, in any other location (not where you live) without a legally signed job contract



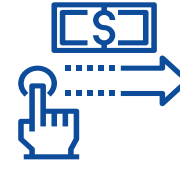
Work in another country without a legally signed job contract



Travel to another country and illegally cross the border



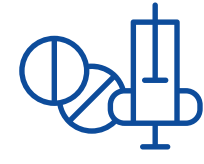
Meet wealthy people for dating or marriage



Perform dubious or illegal work that pays well



Borrow a large amount of money



Try drugs (including legal drugs sold in a pharmacy)



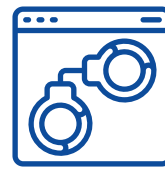
Participate in erotic photo shoots or work in the sex business



Go abroad to participate in armed groups as a mercenary



Travel to the frontline zone or occupied territories to earn money (not including military conscription)



Work for an illegal enterprise



Send packages with unknown contents



Work in exchange for free meals and accommodation



Travel to an unknown destination without an exact itinerary

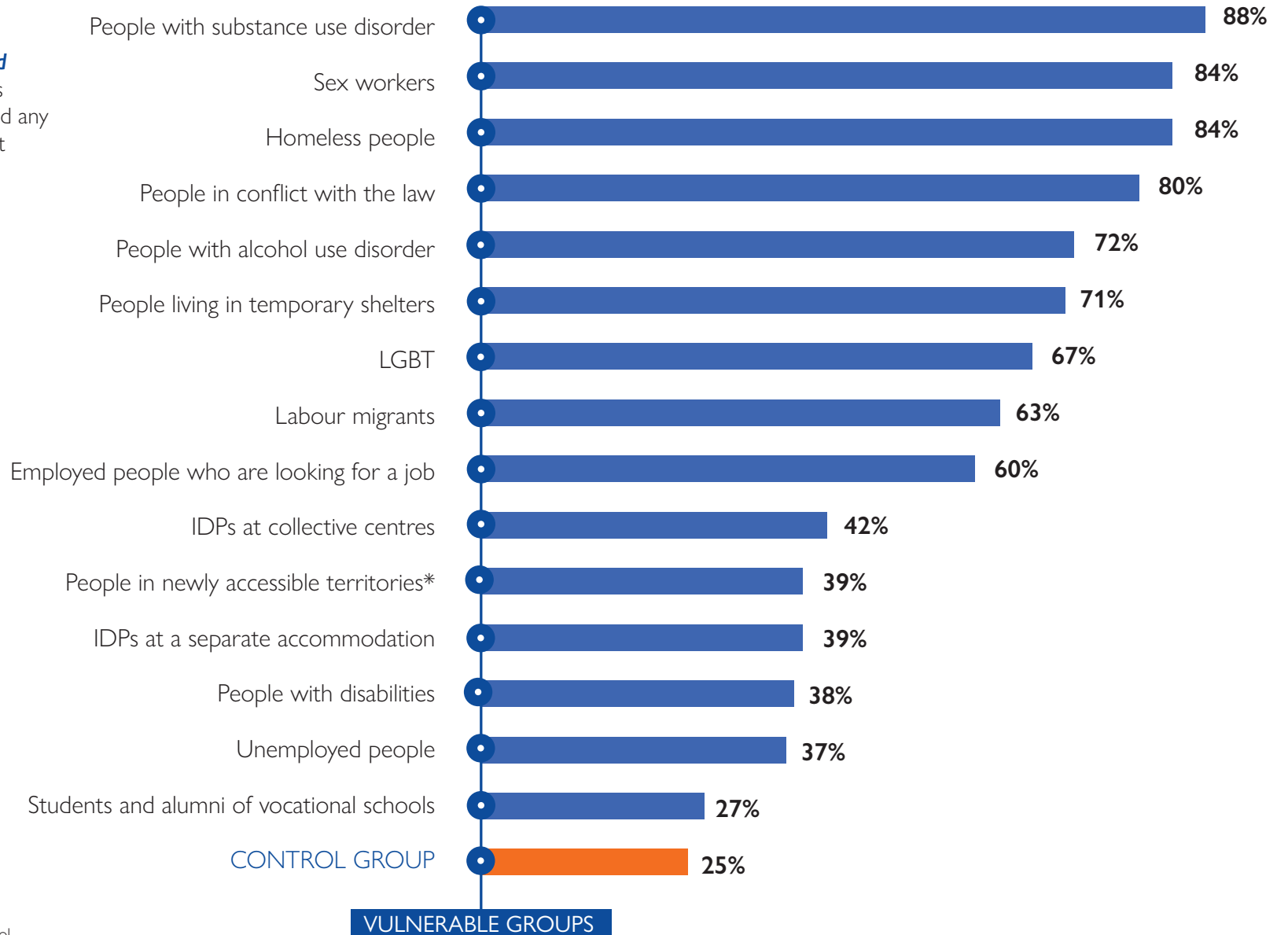


EXPERIENCE OF RECEIVING RISKY OFFERS



Answers to the question **“Has anyone ever offered you...?”**, % of respondents who have not been offered any of the actions from the list

Received at least one risky offer

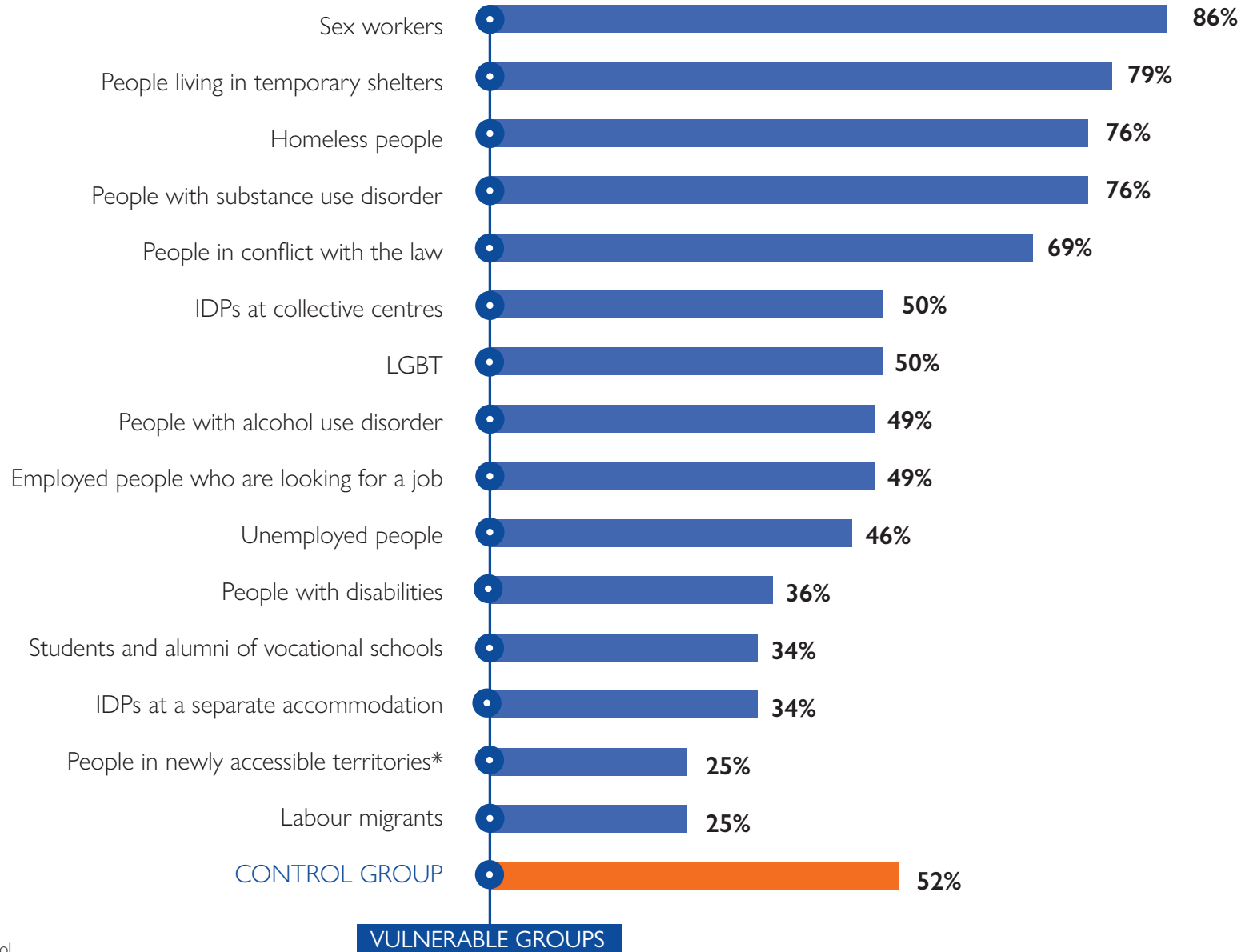


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WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RISKY OFFERS

Would accept at least one risky offer



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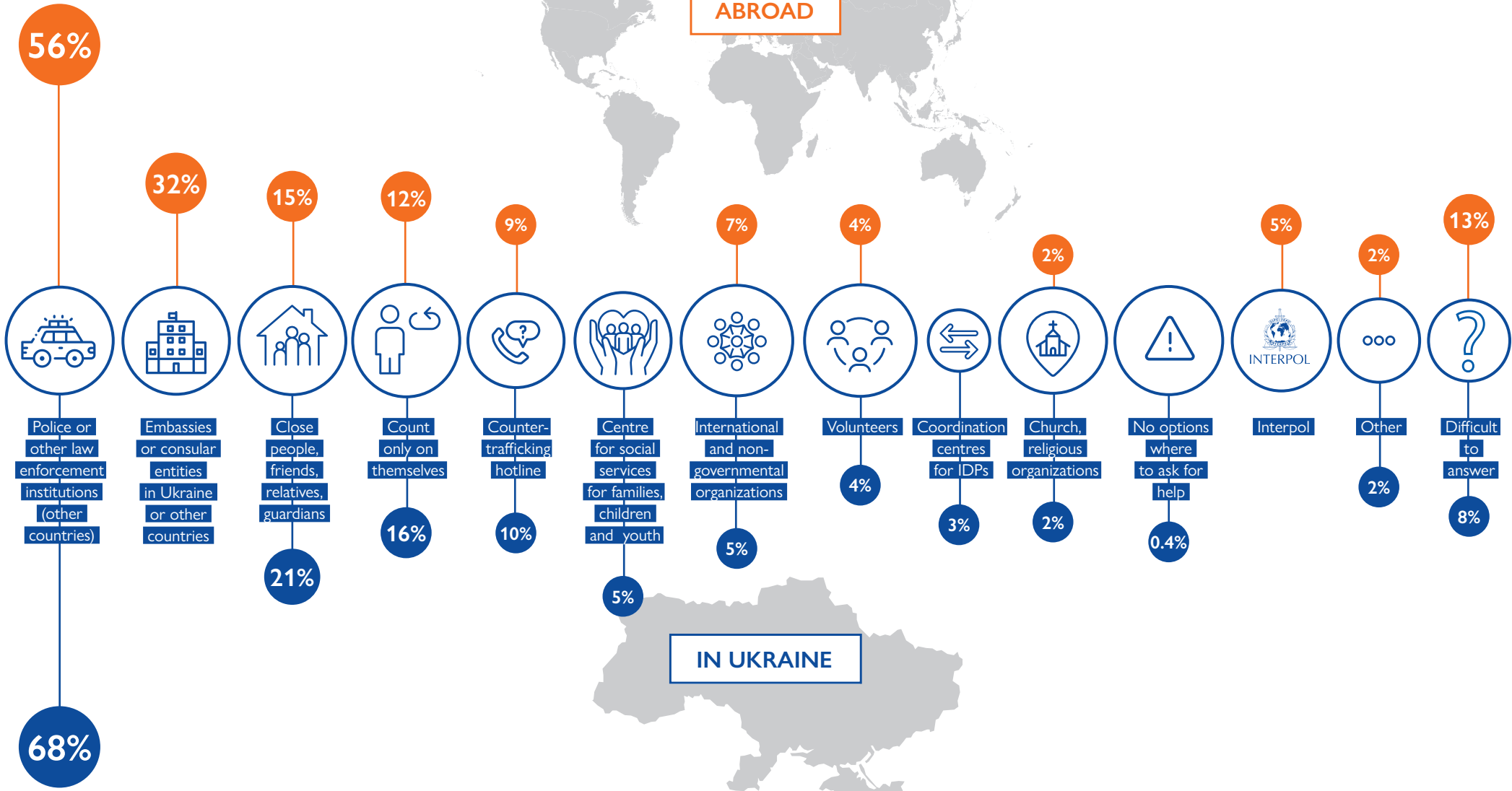
WHERE TO ASK FOR HELP?



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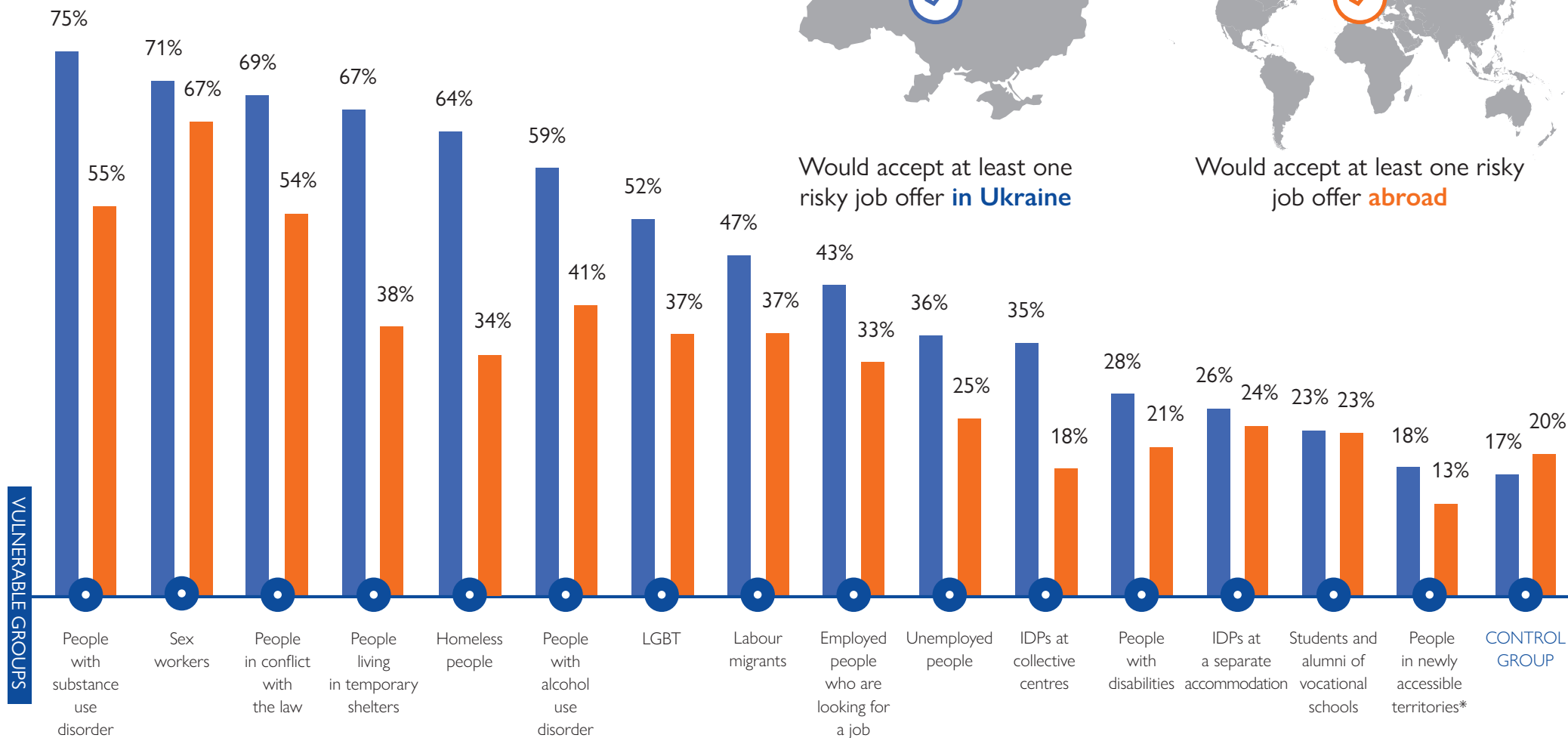


IN UKRAINE





ATTITUDE TOWARD UNOFFICIAL JOB OFFERS IN UKRAINE AND ABROAD



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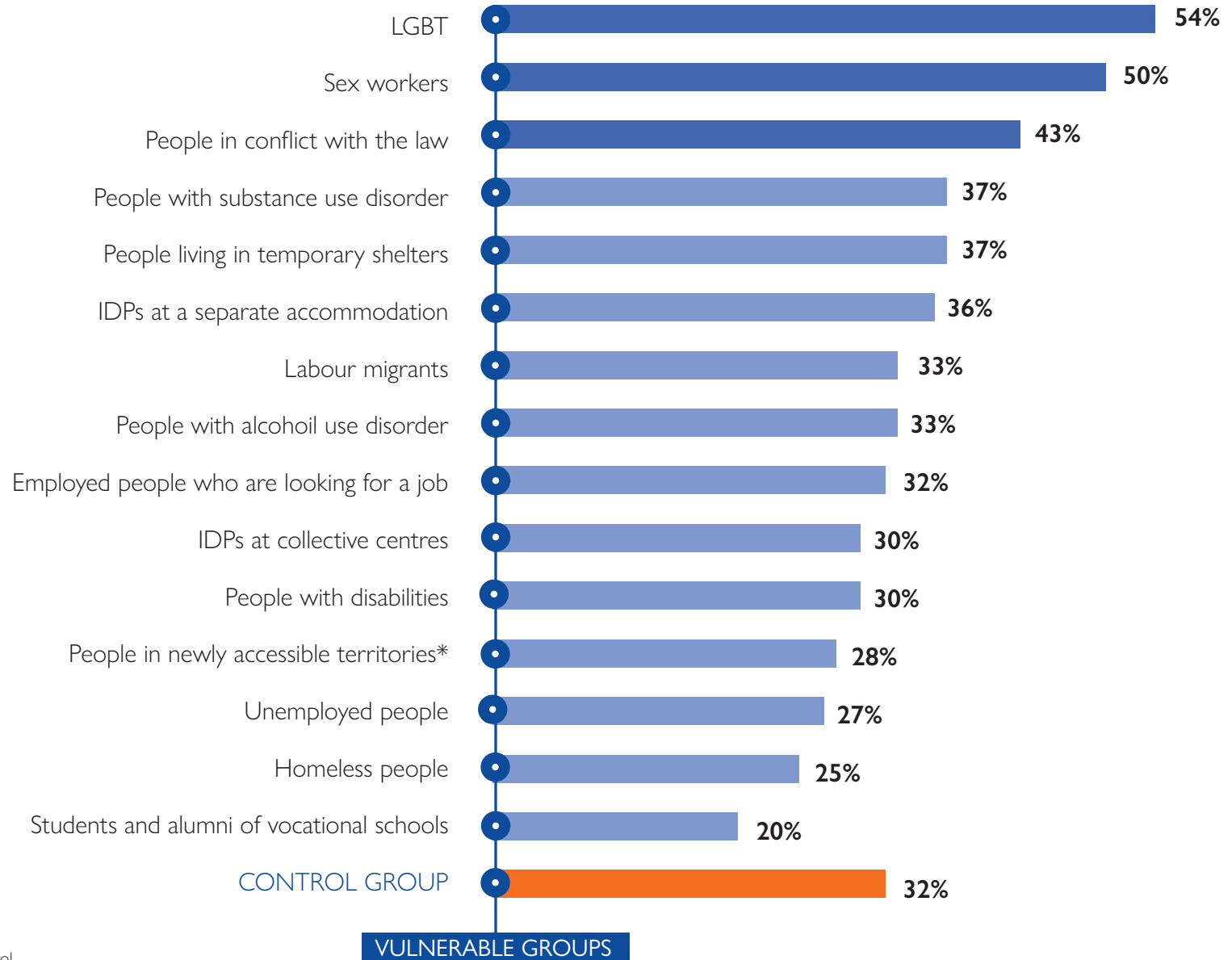


RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Have you heard or seen any information about human trafficking in the last year?*, % of respondents

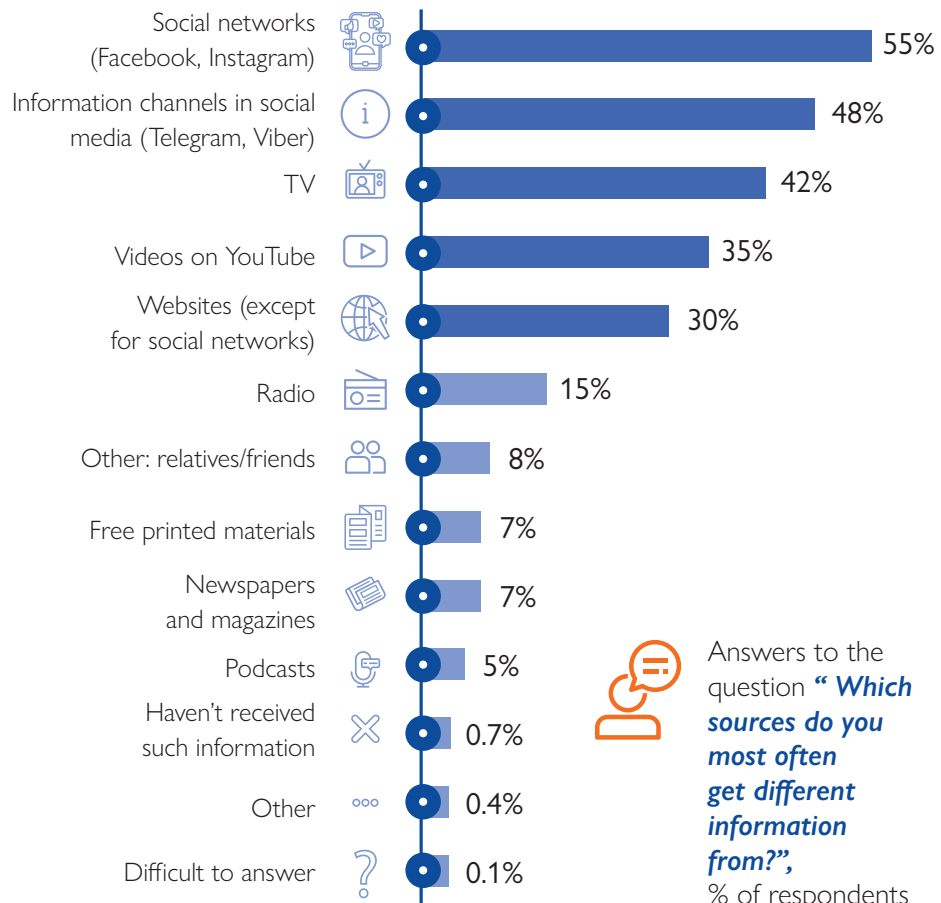
✓ Yes



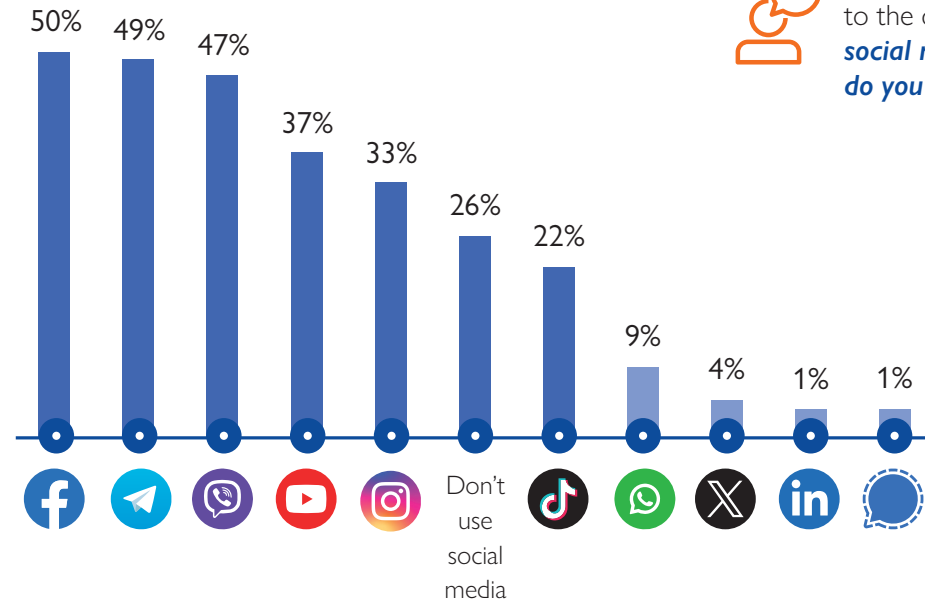
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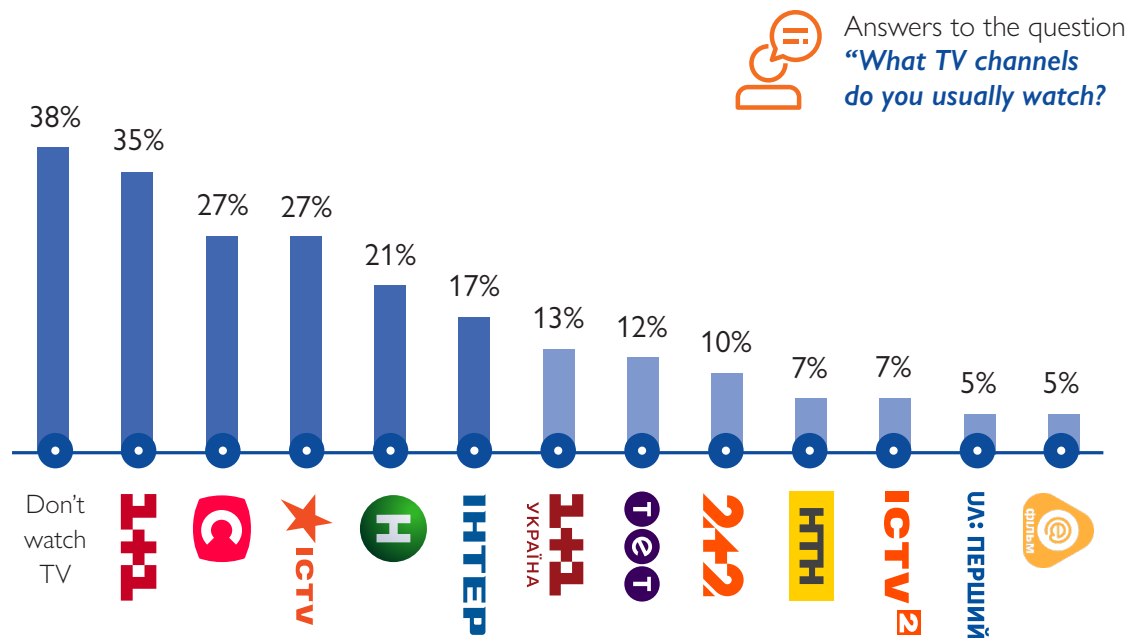
COMMUNICATION CHANNELS ON THE INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



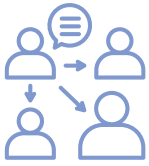
Answers to the question "Which sources do you most often get different information from?", % of respondents



Answers to the question "What social networks do you usually use?"



Answers to the question "What TV channels do you usually watch?"



EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKING WITH GROUPS VULNERABLE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING/EXPLOITATION

Group/individual counselling.

Conducting counselling for all vulnerable groups on the topic of human trafficking/exploitation. During small group counselling or personal communication, it is easier for people from vulnerable groups to perceive information and they have a better opportunity to understand the problem.

Awareness-raising events involving professional specialists (lawyers, psychologists).

Holding and advertising events related to human trafficking/exploitation will help attract vulnerable group representatives, help them receive free psychological or legal services, and resolve their problems.

Showing documentaries on relevant topics in community centres and discussing them.

Conducting tests to determine the level of vulnerability of different groups to human trafficking/exploitation. Providing information about the testing.

Development, organization and conducting tests of different vulnerable groups allows us to understand the level of awareness of the problem, identify gaps in knowledge, and see areas for further work.

MESSAGES RECOMMENDED BY EXPERTS

Information about the dangers of human trafficking/exploitation should be concise and easy to understand, whenever possible. It is also desirable that such messages have the potential to go viral among vulnerable groups, and to do so, they should be catchy and easy to remember. In particular, experts have formulated several messages that can serve as markers of danger and be used in information campaigns:

“Sky-high wages are illusions.”

“If you encounter cases of trafficking or exploitation — call, and report to the relevant service”

“Does the company offering the job look untrustworthy? — Check it out.”

“If you have doubts about the job offered, call and consult.”

“No guarantees are provided? — Think about it.”

“If they are asking you to give them your documents, think twice.”

“Before you agree to a sky-high salary, check how much similar specialists are paid in the labour market.”

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