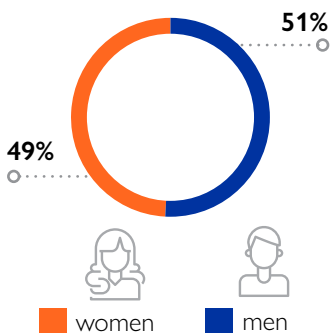


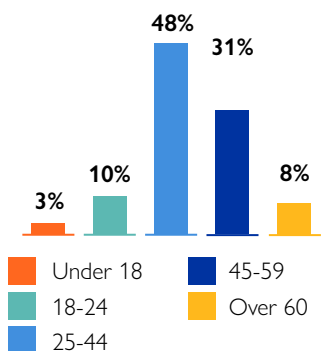
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: IOM UKRAINE CASELOAD (January-June 2024)

During 1 January–30 June 2024, IOM identified and assisted 186 victims of trafficking (VoTs). 21% of them were internally displaced. A total of 20,219 VoTs received comprehensive assistance based on individual needs between January 2000–June 2024.

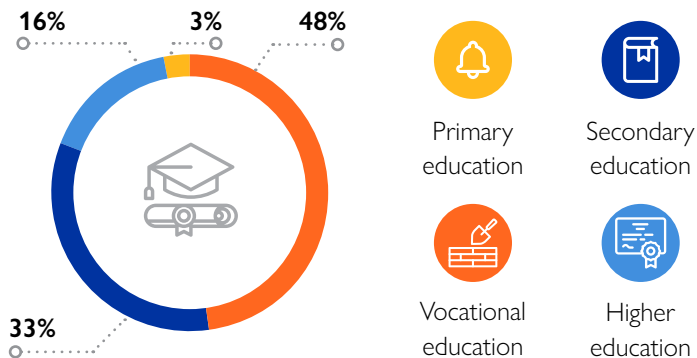
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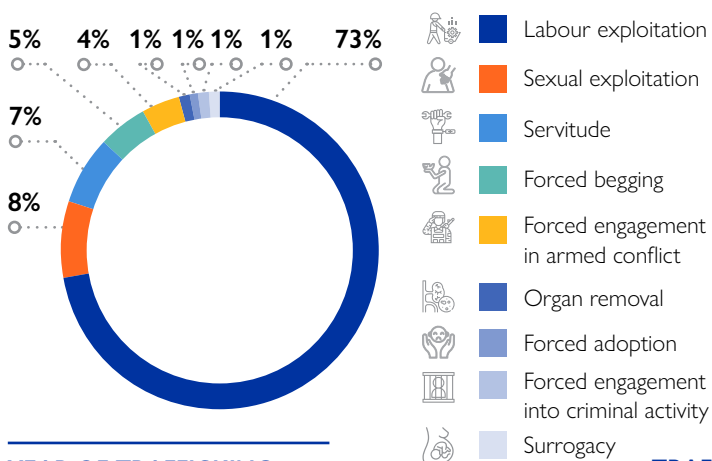
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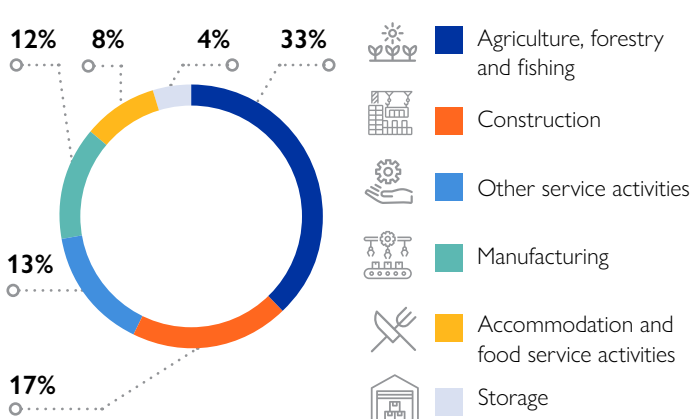
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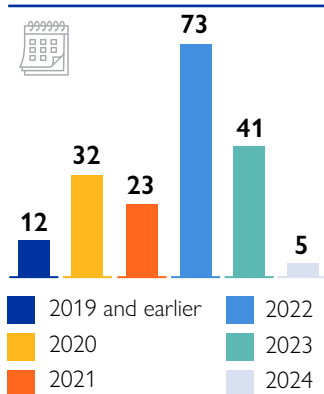
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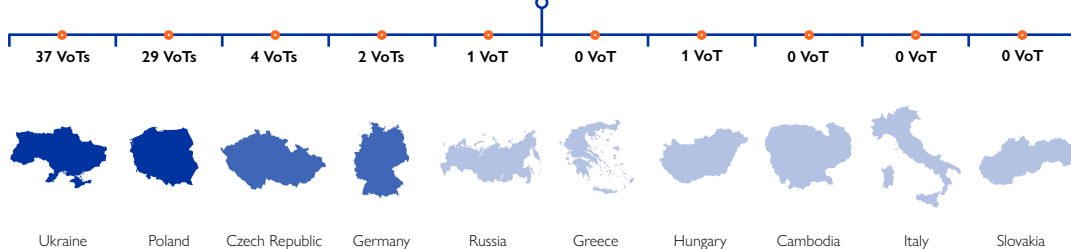
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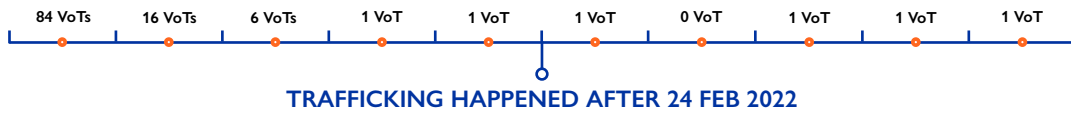
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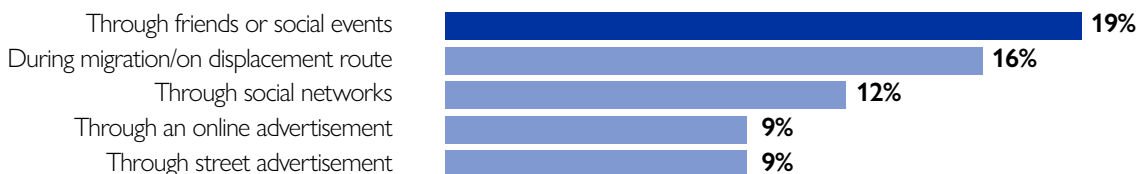
TRAFFICKING HAPPENED BEFORE 24 FEB 2022



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MOST POPULAR RECRUITMENT METHODS





Maria, 48, survivor of trafficking for labour exploitation

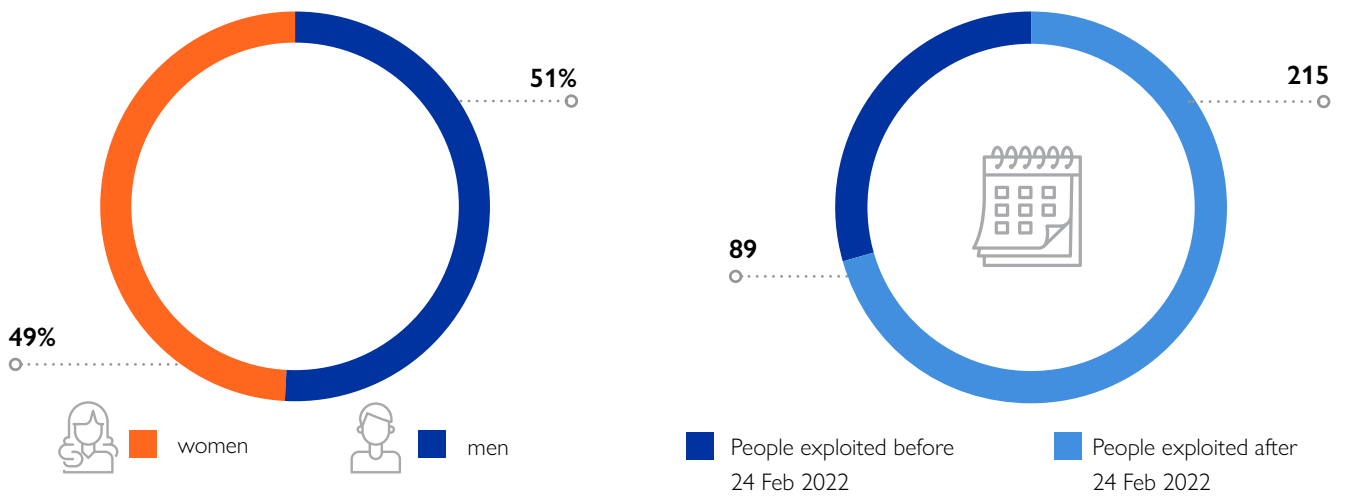
Maria lived in Donetsk region. After the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, she received a call from an old friend who had moved to Poland for permanent stay back in 2014. She offered Maria a place to live and a well-paid job packing goods with a salary of EUR 500 per month if she moved to Poland. At first, Maria was hesitant, but later decided to leave the country.

A friend met her and four other women at the border crossing point. They were taken to a shelter where a large number of people have been already living. Maria gave her documents to the friend as she promised help with regularization.. The next day Maria started working but the job was different than it was promised: she worked in a cold storage, disassembling frozen meat products for 10 hours a day. At the end of the first month, Maria developed health problems due to constant hypothermia (extensive inflammation of the joints in her arms and legs, acute back pain). Maria tried to contact her friend, but she did not answer her calls. Maria reported health problems at work, for which she was given some medication without a doctor's examination. The woman asked for salary, but received only EUR 120 for two months of work. The rest of the money was deducted for accommodation, medicines and food. Maria could not call anyone because her phone number was blocked. She had no freedom of movement.

After some time, Maria's health deteriorated further, at one point requiring urgent medical assistance. She asked for help, but no one called an ambulance, instead Maria was injected with a drug, from which she does not remember anything further. She woke up in a hospital ward, after a surgery to remove her kidney that she had lost due to hypothermia while working in the shop. She had no documents or personal belongings with her. After rehabilitation, volunteers helped Maria get to the embassy of Ukraine, restore her documents and return home. She applied for a disability status and needed to undergo a number of health examinations. Upon return, she found out that her husband who joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine was missing, but did not lose hope for his return.

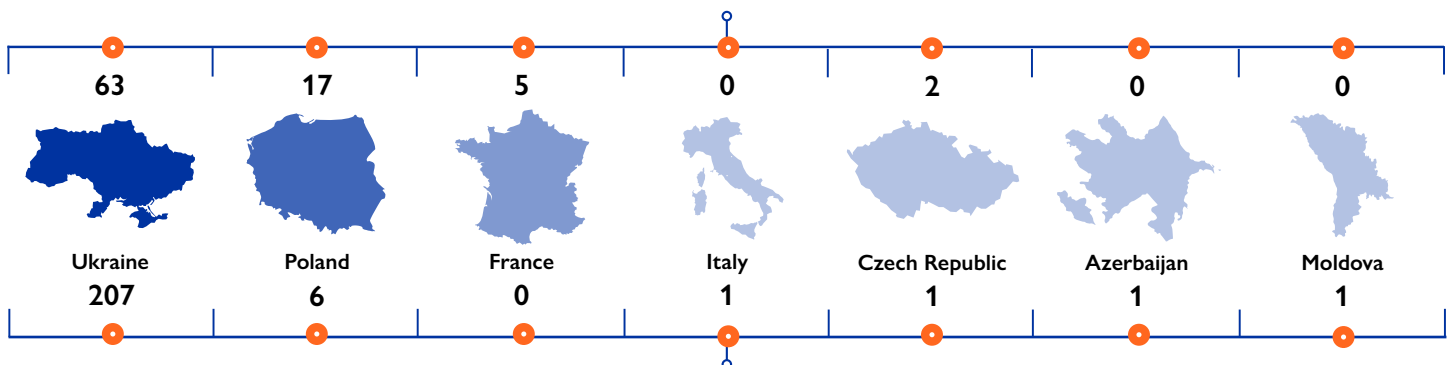
As part of the IOM assistance programme, Maria underwent necessary examinations and continued her treatment. IOM immediately provided her with food, hygiene items and household necessities. Maria was eager to start her own business baking cakes, pastries and pies, so she could earn money. IOM provided her with an electric oven, enabling Maria to bake cakes, pastries, and pies for sale. She already has regular customers. Maria quit her previous job as a cleaner in a local cafe. She changed her social circle and regained self-confidence and trust in people around her. Psychological counselling has significantly improved her condition. Maria gained motivation to move on.

During 1 January-30 June 2024, IOM additionally identified and assisted 304 people, who suffered from forced labour without the signs of human trafficking:



COUNTRIES OF EXPLOITATION

EXPLOITATION HAPPENED BEFORE 24 FEB 2022



EXPLOITATION HAPPENED AFTER 24 FEB 2022