

IOM UKRAINE COUNTER-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



According to IOM's estimates, 230,000 Ukrainians were trafficked since 1991.

The IOM Ukraine Counter-Trafficking (CT) Programme was launched in 1998 to support government and civil society efforts to combat trafficking in human beings and to ensure victims' access to assistance and justice.

CT Programme works with a robust partnership network of over 30 local civil society organizations in all regions of Ukraine with experience in advocacy and capacity building, awareness raising, identification of victims of trafficking (VoTs), rehabilitation and reintegration, as well as monitoring and evaluation.



The CT Programme has supported the Government of Ukraine in developing **national counter-trafficking legislation and anti-trafficking action plans**, establishing and building capacity of the National Referral Mechanism for VoTs, including training of over **7,350** state and non-state service providers.



The CT Programme cooperates with **law enforcement** in, inter alia, prosecution of trafficking-related crimes, networking with countries of transit and destination, development of witness protection systems, and other areas.



Since 2000, IOM has provided **reintegration assistance to over 15,200 VoTs**, which included legal aid, medical care, psychological counselling, family support, vocational training, and other types of assistance based on individual needs.



IOM operates a **Medical Rehabilitation Centre** which to date has provided free-of-charge comprehensive medical care to **almost 3,500 VoTs**.

1,080 former victims of trafficking have benefited from IOM's Economic Empowerment Programme, creating hundreds of new jobs and contributing to local budgets with tens of thousands of UAH in taxes.



IOM runs the **National Counter-Trafficking and Migrant Advice Hotline 527**, which assists up to 20,000 persons annually.



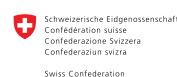
IOM implements a variety of **human trafficking prevention** activities targeting vulnerable and at-risk populations, including youth, IDPs, unemployed, potential labour migrants as well as state and civil society professionals, who might be in contact with potential victims.



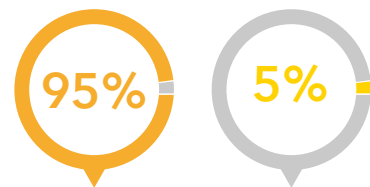
CURRENT AND FORMER SUPPORTERS OF IOM UKRAINE'S CT PROGRAMME:



Norwegian Ministry
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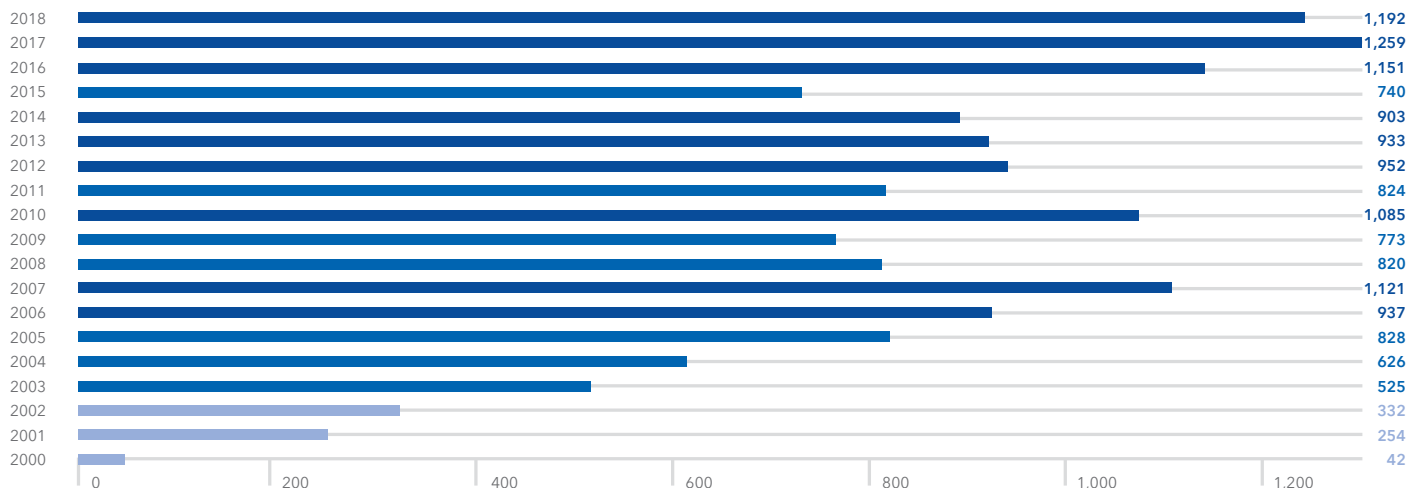
VICTIMS IDENTIFIED AND ASSISTED



ADULTS

CHILDREN

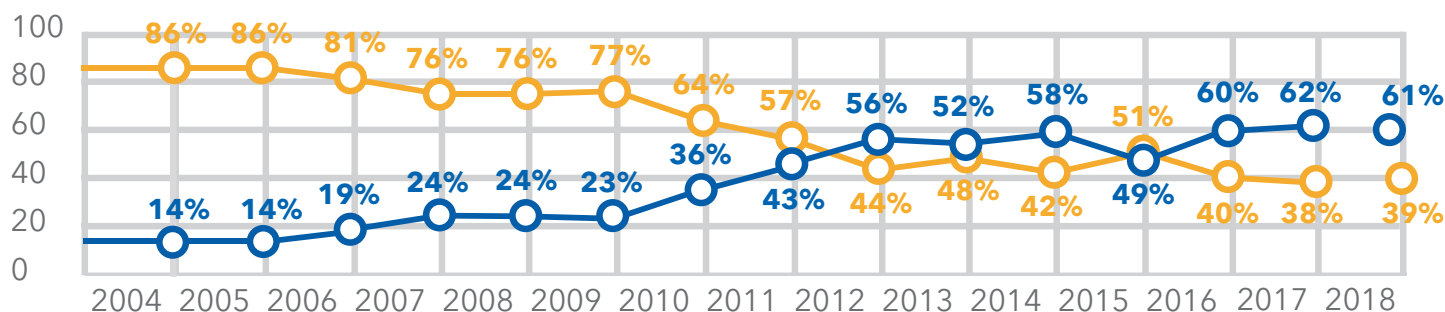
Number of identified VoTs (2000–2018): 15,262 persons



Types of exploitation (Jan 2004 – Dec 2018)

Type of exploitation	2004–06	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sexual ¹	65%	52%	48%	51%	34%	25%	13%	8%	6%	7%	4%	6.8%
Forced labour ¹	31%	45%	49%	44%	56%	70%	81%	89%	91%	91%	94%	90%
Mixed	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0.1%	0.1%	0%	0%	0.1%	0.1%
Begging	1%	0.4%	2%	2%	6%	2%	6%	1.5%	2%	1.8%	0.9%	1.3%
Other ²	0.1%	0%	0.4%	0%	1%	3%	0.5%	1%	1%	0.2%	1%	1.8%

Gender of VoTs (Jan 2004 – Dec 2018)



Female



Male

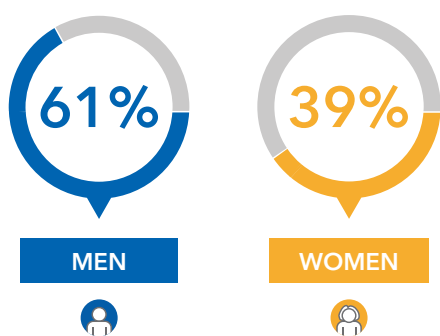
¹ Includes: 58 attempts (2017); 33 attempts (2016); 39 attempts (2015); 21 attempts (2014); 31 attempts (2013), 11 attempts (2012), 21 attempts (2011), 27 attempts (2010), 32 attempts (2009), 20 attempts (2008), 41 attempts (2007), 31 attempts (2006), 58 attempts (2005) and 21 attempts (2004) of trafficking for sexual exploitation; two attempts (2017), five attempts (2016), three attempts (2013), 11 attempts (2010); two attempts (2009); and two attempts (2007) of trafficking for labour exploitation.

² 23 cases of involvement into criminal activity, 24 cases of organ trafficking and one attempt of organ trafficking, 46 cases with high risk of being trafficked were included.

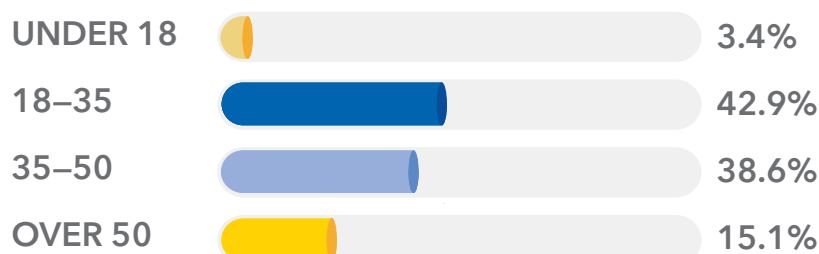
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS: IOM UKRAINE 2018 CASELOAD

In 2018, IOM identified and assisted 1,192 VoTs. Heightened vulnerabilities of population to risks of human trafficking are connected, inter alia, with the protracted conflict as well as with social and economic instability in Ukraine.

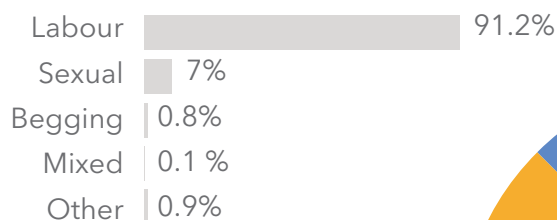
Gender of VoTs



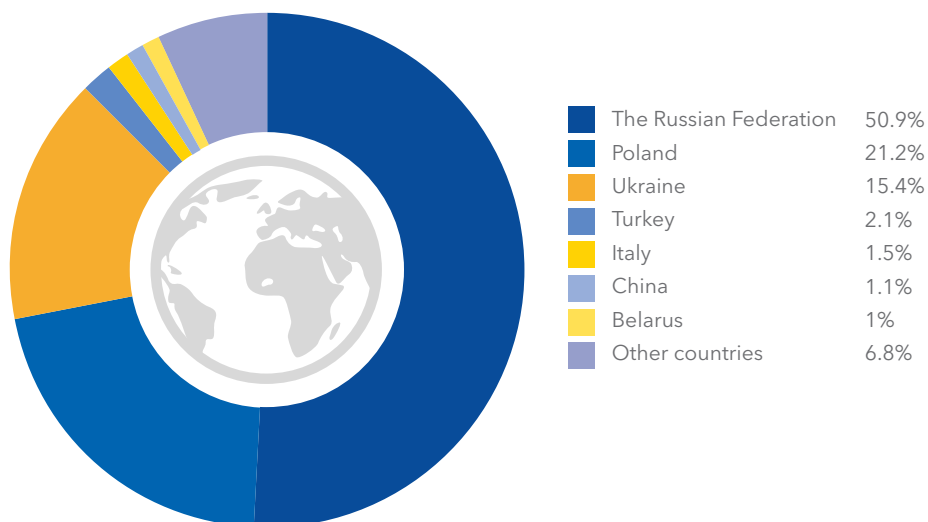
Age of VoTs



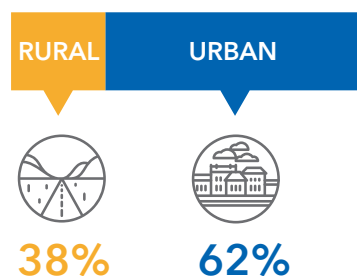
Types of exploitation



Key destination countries in 2018



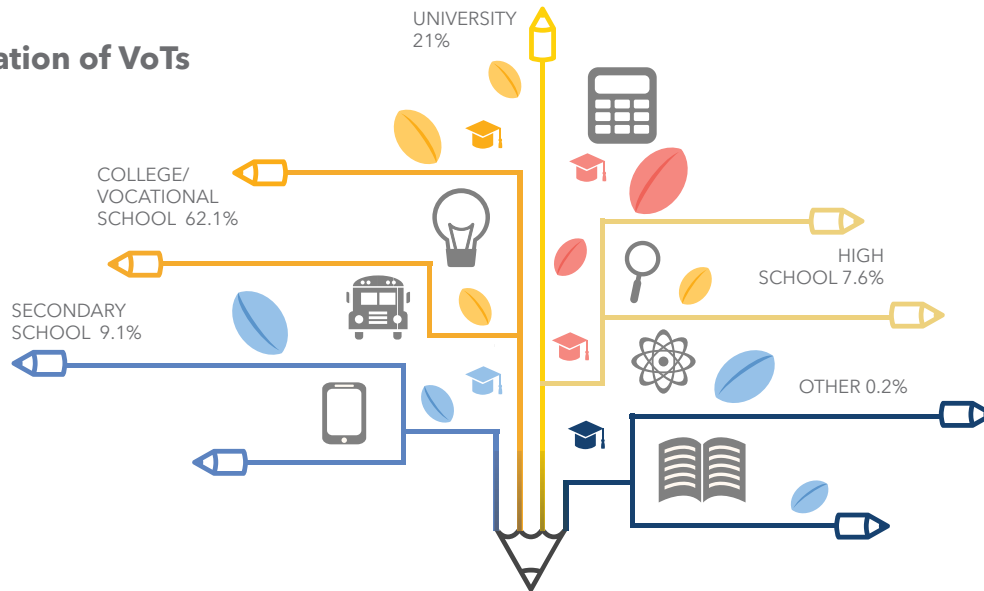
Origin of VoTs



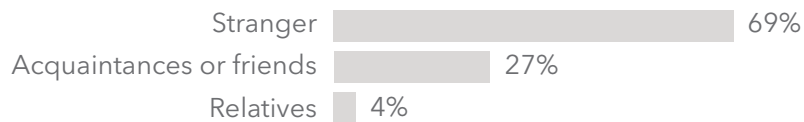
The number of domestic trafficking cases rose to 184 in 2018 in comparison with 115 in 2017. This includes 17 victims of forced labour in the non-government controlled area (NGCA) in eastern Ukraine.



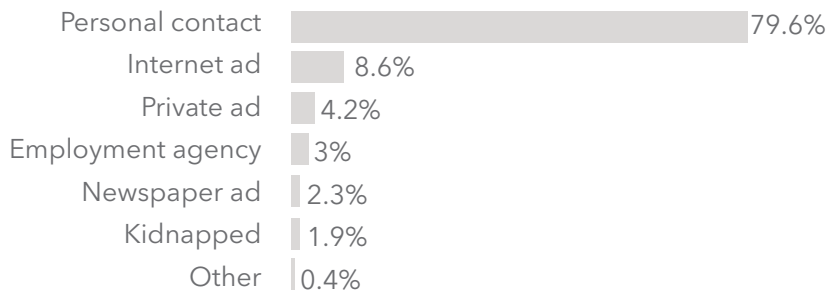
Education of VoTs



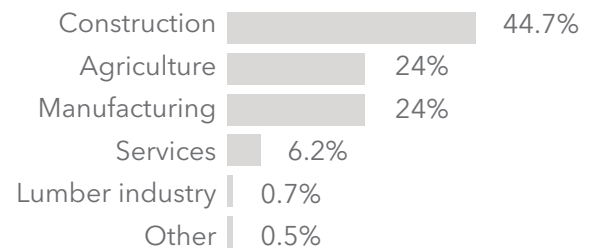
VoT – recruiter relations



Recruitment forms



Labour exploitation



Hanna

Trafficking for labour exploitation, Poland

Hanna*, a single mother of three, worked as a hairdresser and wanted to open her own beauty salon but did not have enough funds. To make ends meet, she was looking for opportunities to work abroad and found a job offer to pick strawberries in Poland. The recruiter promised her a good salary and decent working conditions. But the reality turned out to be totally different: the workers had to live and work in appalling conditions with no access to medical assistance. The exploiter confiscated their passports, and they were routinely threatened and psychologically abused. After three months of exhaustive work, Hanna and other captives were released without being paid.

Shortly after returning to Ukraine, during one of the trafficking awareness raising events in her hometown, Hanna picked up a leaflet with self-identification information for trafficking survivors and contacts of a local IOM partner NGO. When she came for a consultation, Hanna was identified as a victim of trafficking by the NGO staff. She was referred to IOM's reintegration programme and provided with individually tailored rehabilitation and reintegration package, which included medical and psychological assistance, as well as the vocational training which helped Hanna to advance her hairdresser skills.

Upon completion of the medical and psychosocial rehabilitation, the NGO referred Hanna to IOM's Economic Empowerment Programme available for trafficking survivors. Supported with generous funding from international donors, the Programme builds capacities of trafficking survivors in business and career development and provides self-employment grants for those who develop and defend their business plans. Having completed the training and successfully defended her business plan for a hairdressing salon, Hanna received an in-kind grant to start her business. The salon she runs employs two people from her community. Hanna's business is growing as her clientele is constantly expanding.

TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN: SITUATION AND CHALLENGES

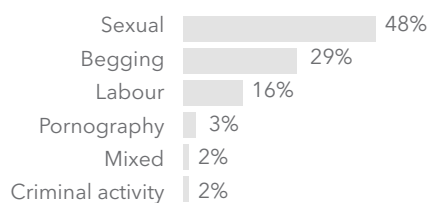


A sociological survey commissioned by IOM indicated that 66% of vulnerable children aged 13–17 years would accept a risky proposal that could lead to human trafficking. The survey revealed that children in detention and in probation, students of vocational schools and street children are the least informed about the risks of human trafficking.

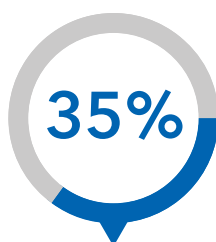
From January 2000 to December 2018, IOM Ukraine identified and provided assistance to **680 VoTs¹ who were trafficked as children (under the age of 18)**. Of them, 650 are citizens of Ukraine, 23 are citizens of Moldova; 3 — of the Russian Federation, 1 — of Kyrgyzstan, 1 — of Nigeria, 1 — of Afghanistan, and 1 child whose citizenship could not be established.

Child VoTs assisted by IOM Ukraine:

Types of exploitation of child VoTs:

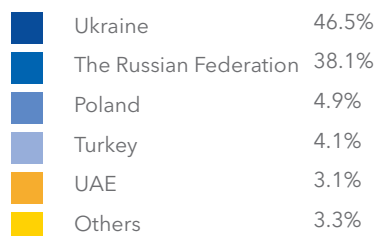


GIRLS



BOYS

Top 5 countries of destination for child VoTs



Other destinations include: Moldova, Israel, the Czech Republic, Kosovo², Cyprus, Belarus, Italy, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Guinea, China and Germany.

Identification of child victims remains a challenge, and the available statistics presents only the tip of iceberg. Children have limited capacity to protect themselves and report the crime, thus often remaining invisible to social services and criminal justice.

¹ Includes 12 attempts in 2006, 11 in 2007, 7 in 2008; 18 in 2009, 16 in 2010, 8 in 2011, 1 in 2012, 2 in 2013, 1 in 2014, 1 in 2015, 1 in 2016, 5 in 2017 and 2 in 2018.

² References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).