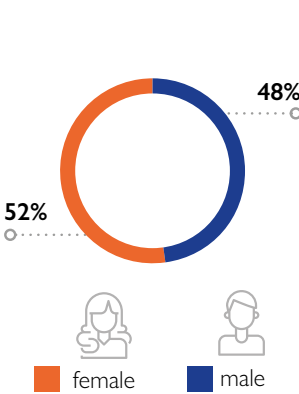


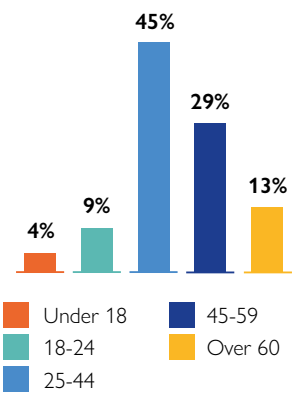
HUMAN TRAFFICKING: IOM UKRAINE 2025 CASELOAD

During 2025, IOM together with its implementing partners provided case management services to **187** survivors of human trafficking, 30% of them were internally displaced. A total of 20,681 trafficking survivors received individual-based comprehensive assistance between January 2000 - December 2025.

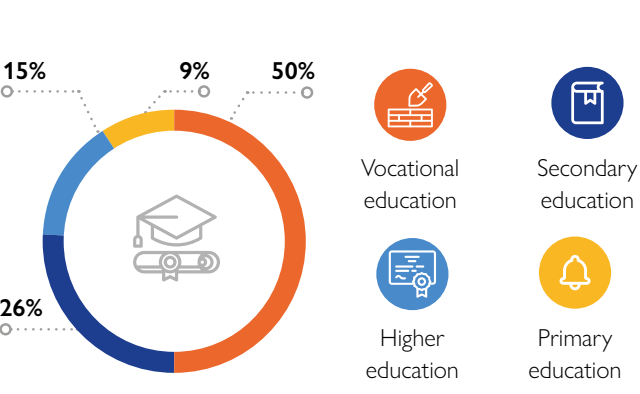
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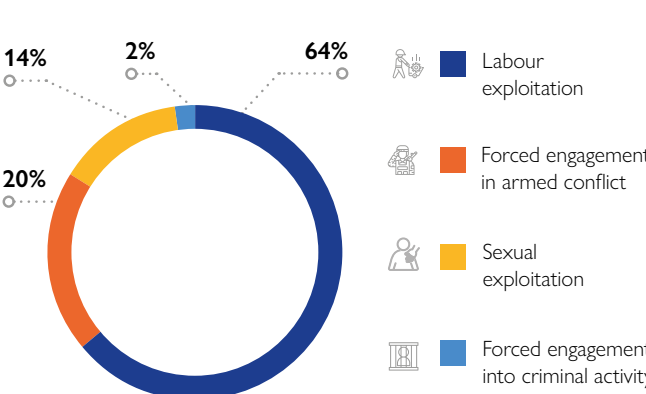
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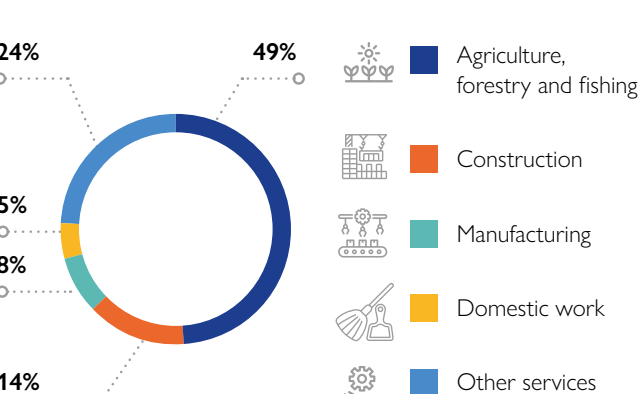
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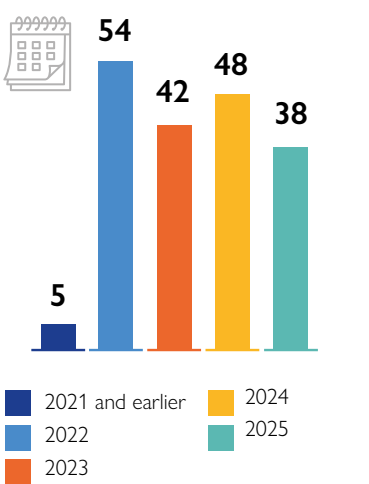
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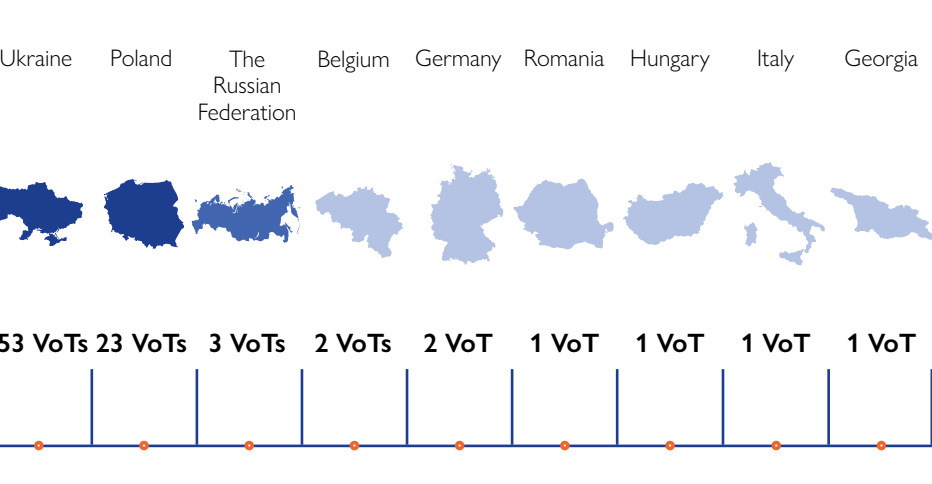
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YEAR OF TRAFFICKING



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A NEW BEGINNING: SERHII'S JOURNEY TO RECOVERY AND SUCCESS

Due to the full-scale war, Serhii (name changed) found himself in difficult life circumstances. Having lost his job and income, he was forced to leave his hometown in the temporarily occupied territory. After relocating to a safer region in central Ukraine, Serhii started searching for employment, but shortly after finding a job, he was dismissed and once again faced hardship.

He later found a job advertisement from a local farmer on social media and accepted the offer which seemed very attractive: good wages, decent living conditions, and free meals. Instead, Serhii ended up in a situation of labour exploitation. The so-called employer kept him and other workers in inhumane conditions, forcing them to work up to 16 hours a day doing tasks completely different from those described in the advertisement. Meals were scarce and of poor quality, and the farm conditions were unsanitary, with no access to hygiene or medical assistance. Their documents and phones were confiscated, and they were kept under constant watch behind a high fence with barbed wire. Severe exploitation, psychological abuse, threats, and physical violence deeply affected Serhii's well-being.

After two months, the local migration police rescued Serhii and other survivors and referred him to a local NGO, an IOM implementing partner, for support. Serhii received psychological

assistance to stabilize his emotional state, and the Department of Social and Youth Policy provided him with temporary accommodation. Once his basic needs were met, specialists conducted a comprehensive individual needs assessment and developed a case management plan. Under social support, Serhii's documents were restored. Continued psychological counseling improved his emotional well-being, restored confidence, and strengthened his motivation.

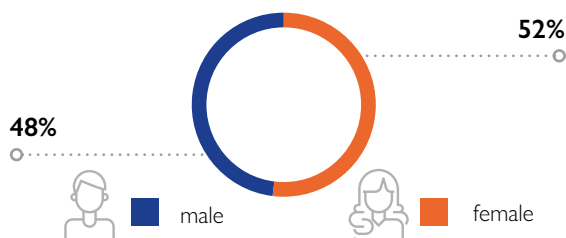
He was informed about the option of obtaining official status of a victim of human trafficking, granted by the Government of Ukraine. Initially, he wasn't ready, but as reintegration progressed, he reconsidered and is now prepared to apply. A mobile phone was also purchased for him, enabling communication with relatives and access to online services.

Highly motivated to achieve economic independence, Serhii found employment at a cemetery installing monuments. To support his work, IOM provided him with a bicycle and professional tools. Today, Serhii continues working, rents accommodation, and the comprehensive support he received has helped him restore faith in himself, in people, and in the future. His quality of life has improved, and his economic resilience has strengthened.

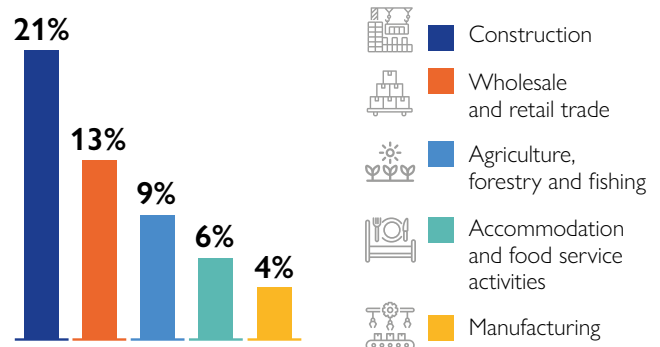
LABOUR EXPLOITATION

Between 1 January and 31 December 2025, IOM together with its implementing partners additionally identified and assisted **255** people, who suffered from labour exploitation without the signs of human trafficking.

SEX OF SURVIVORS



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