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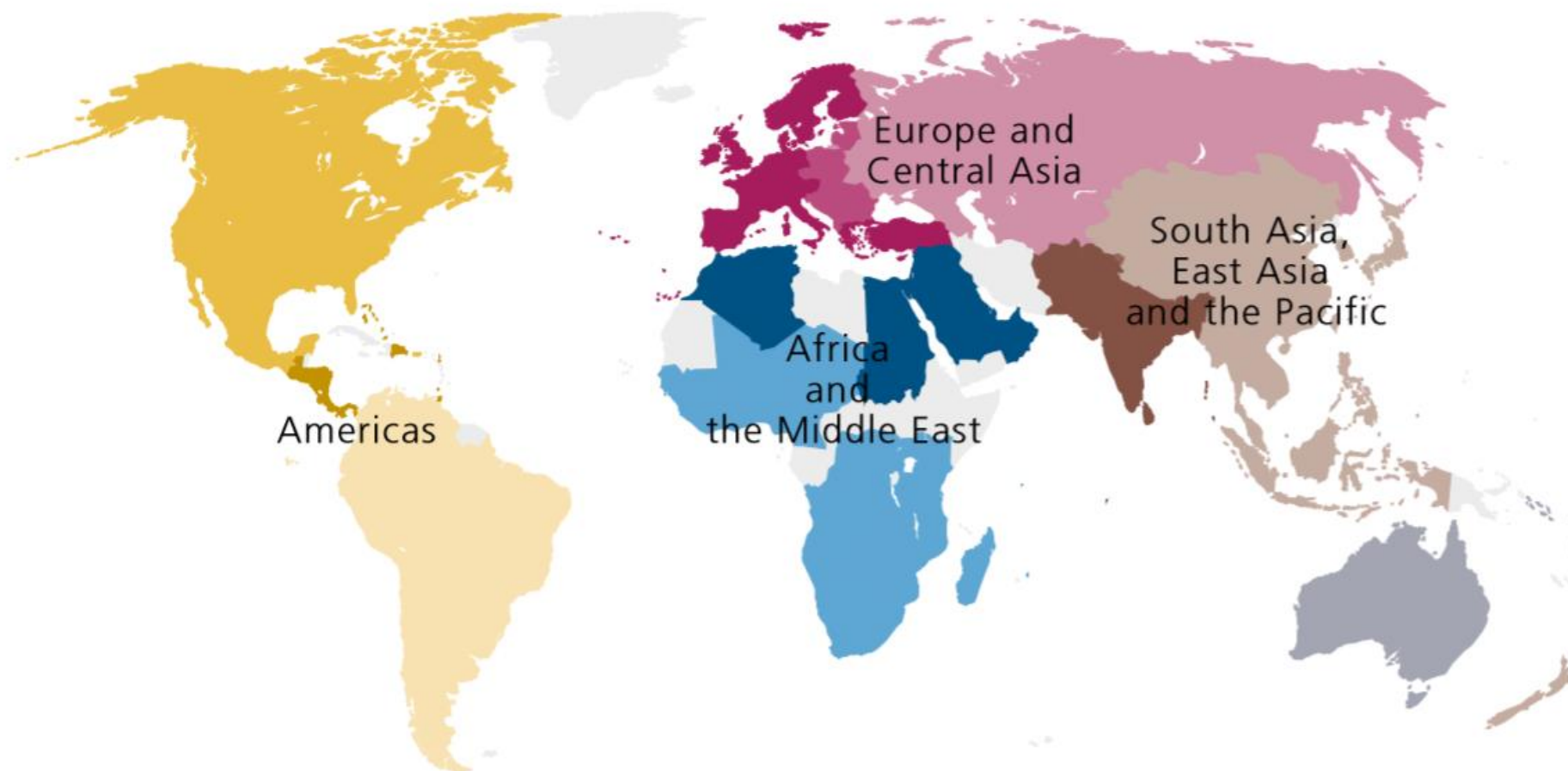
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148 countries covered, data from 2016 to 2018

Main forms of exploitation and profiles of detected victims, by subregions, 2018
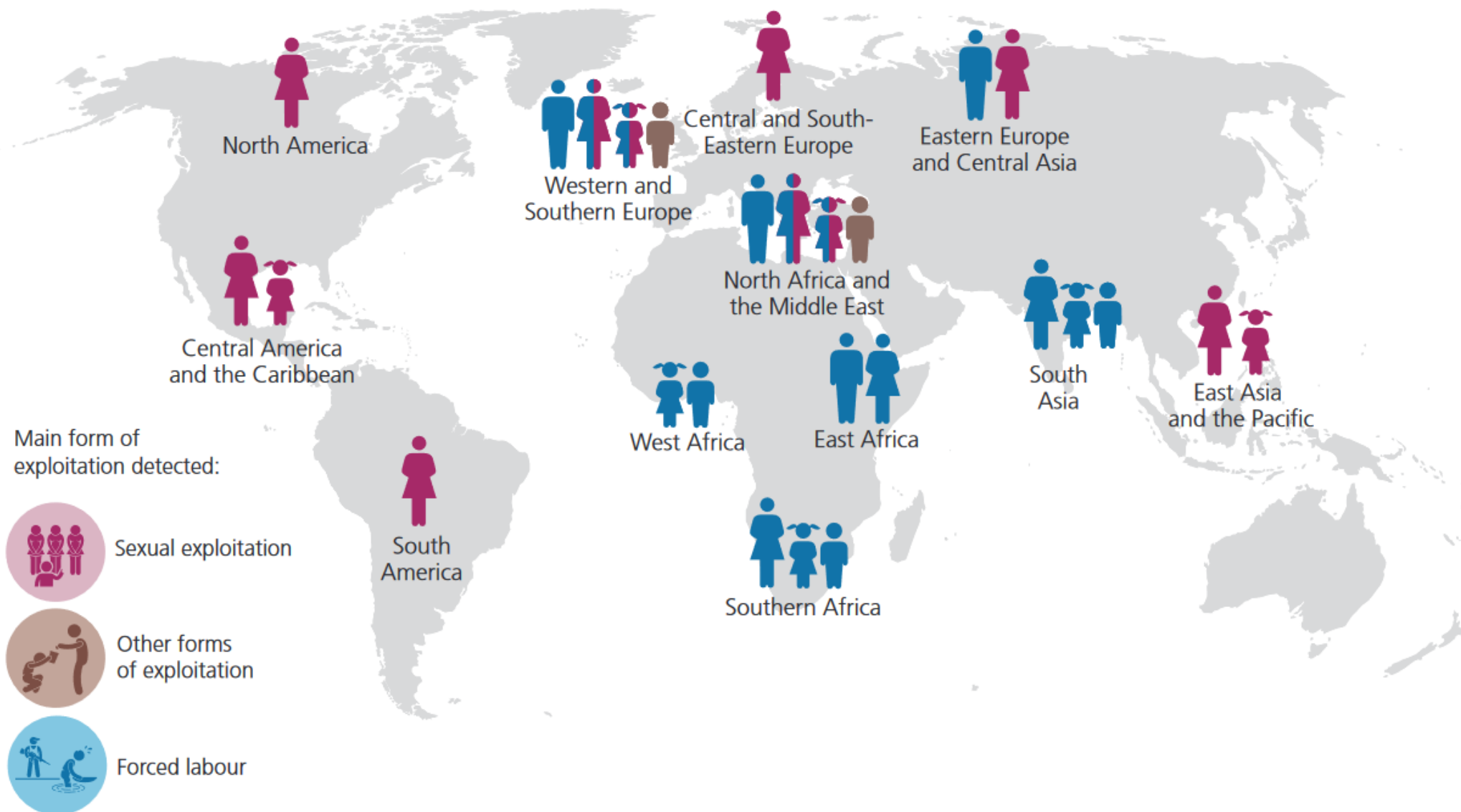
Most detected victims are women

Shares of detected victims, by age group and sex, 2018
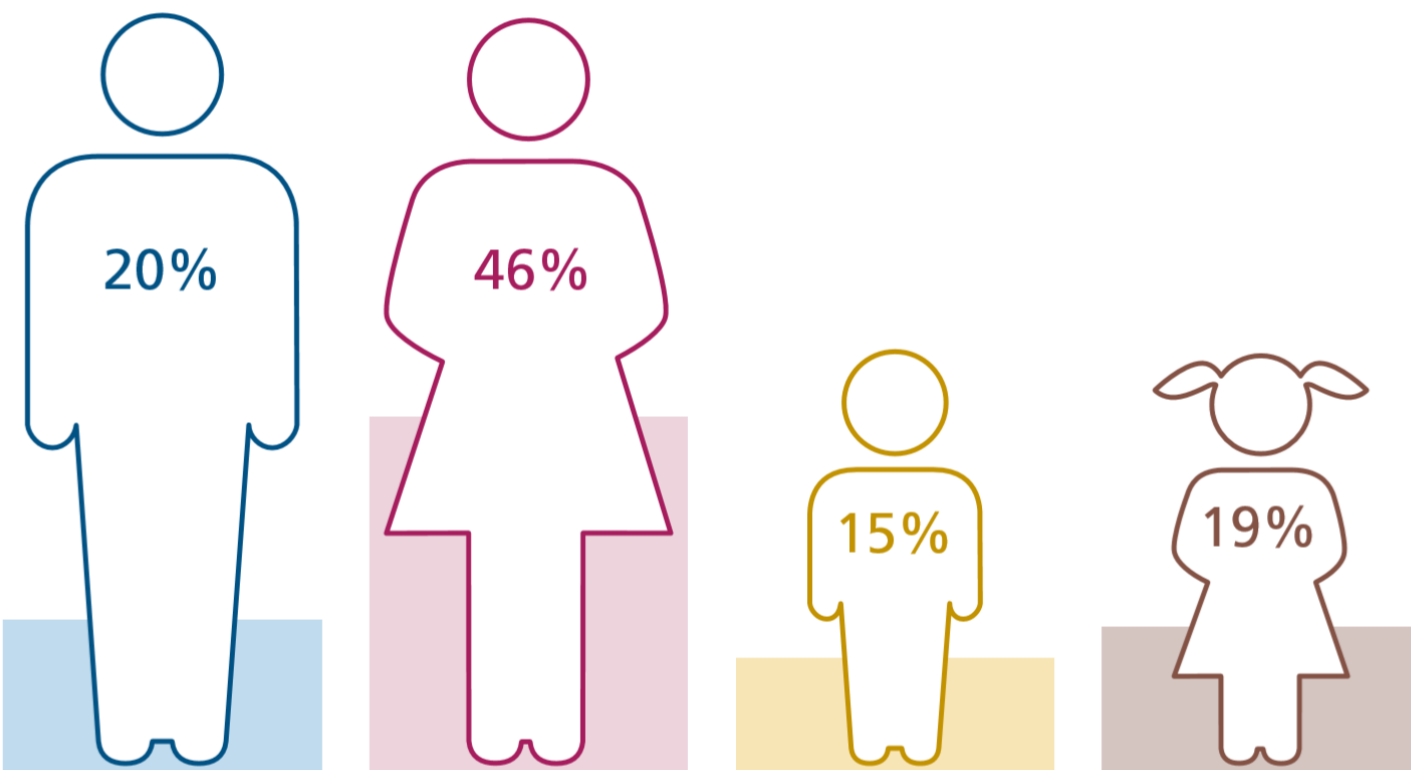
Trends in age and sex profiles among detected trafficking victims

	2004	2006	2009	2011	2014	2016	2018
Boys	3	9	10	13	8	7	15
Men	13	11	14	17	21	21	20
Girls	10	13	17	21	20	23	19
Women	74	67	59	49	51	49	46

Shares of detected victims, by age group and sex, 2018: Men 20%, Women 46%, Boys 15%, Girls 19%
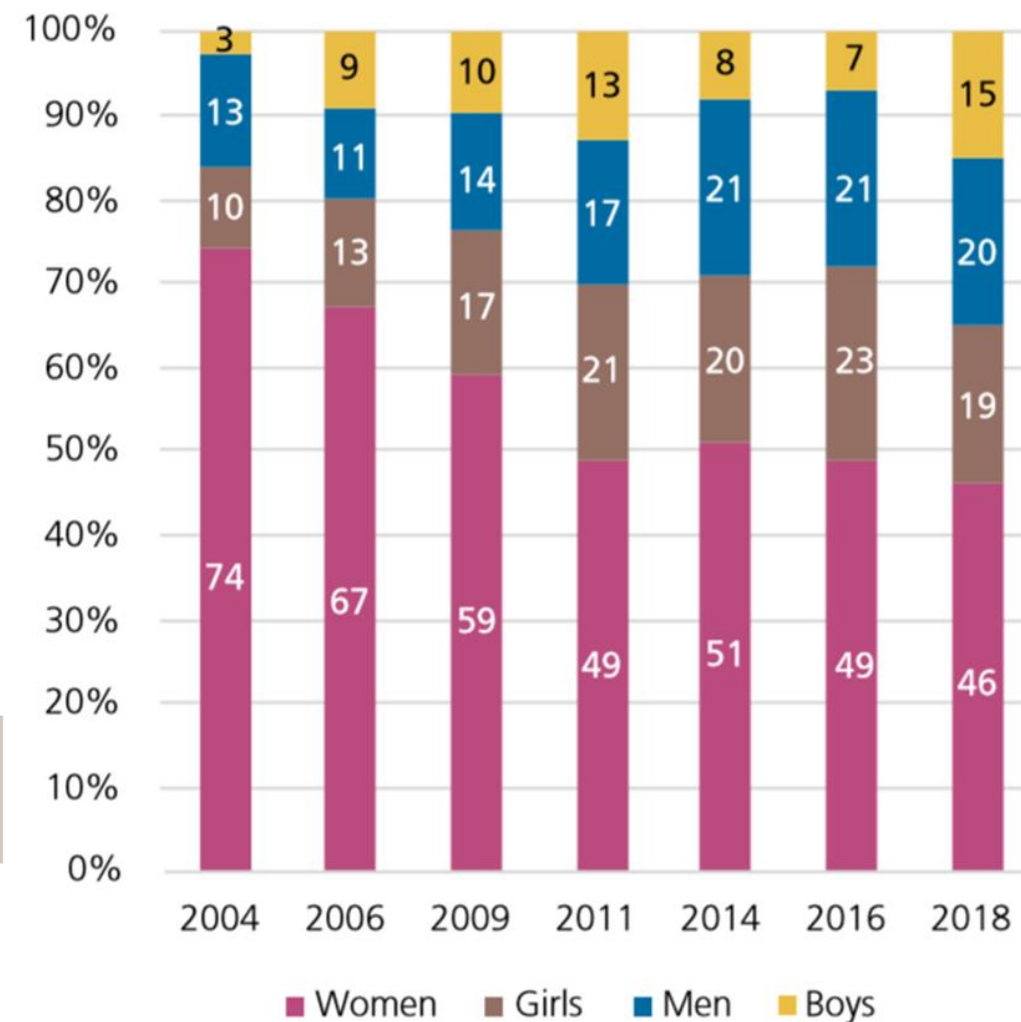
Victims of trafficking detected in Western and Southern Europe

**Shares of detected victims in Western and
Southern Europe, by age group and sex, 2018**

28%

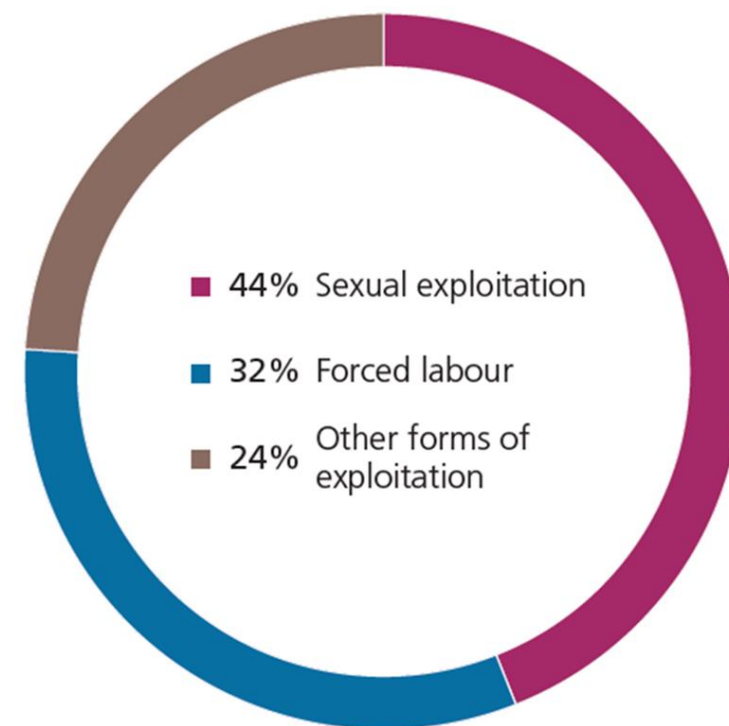37%

21%

14%
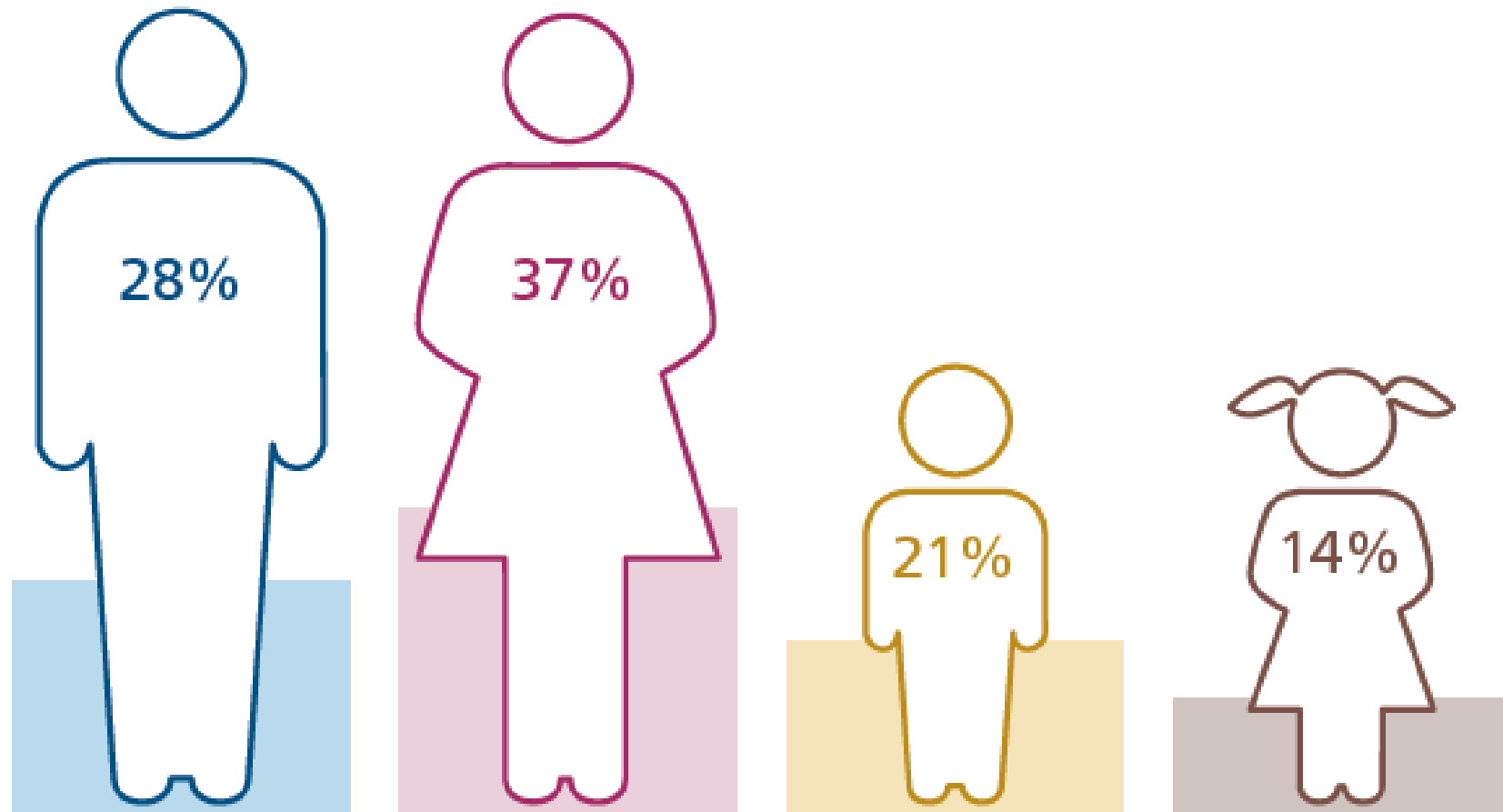
Most detected victims are trafficked for sexual exploitation

Forms of exploitation among detected trafficking victims

Shares of detected victims in Western and Southern Europe, by forms of exploitation, 2018

- 44% Sexual exploitation
- 32% Forced labour
- 24% Other forms of exploitation

Regional difference in the forms of child trafficking

Shares of child victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation among total detected victims, 2018
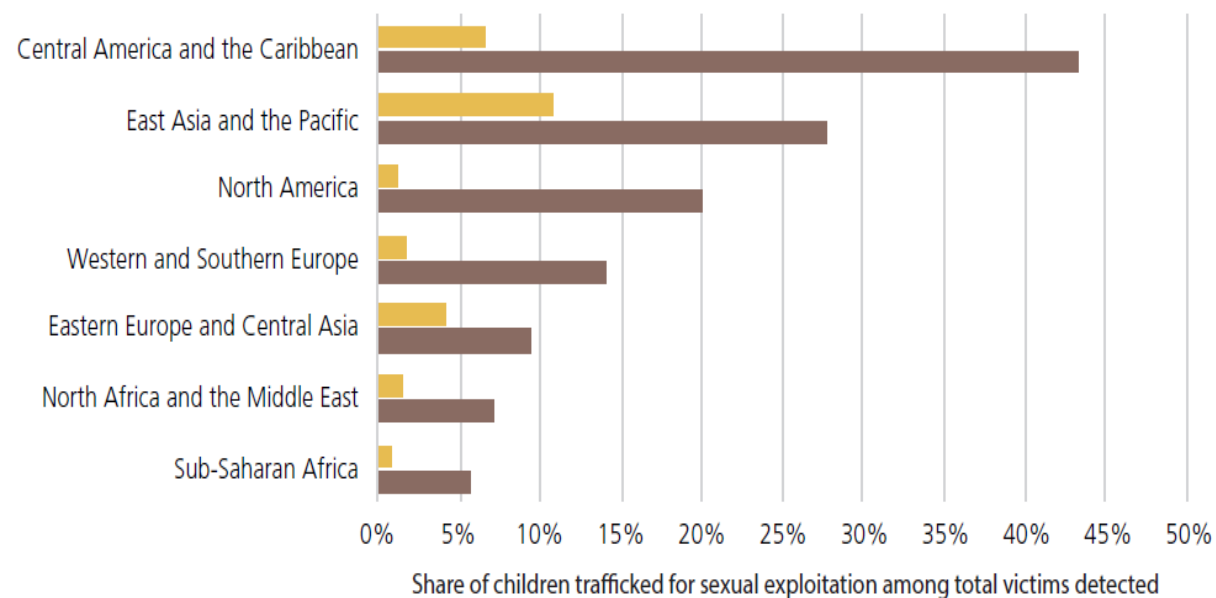
Shares of child victims of trafficking for forced labour among total detected victims, 2018

Share of children trafficked for sexual exploitation among total victims detected

Share of children trafficked for forced labour among total victims detected

Boys ■ Girls

Trafficking of children disproportionally affects low-income countries
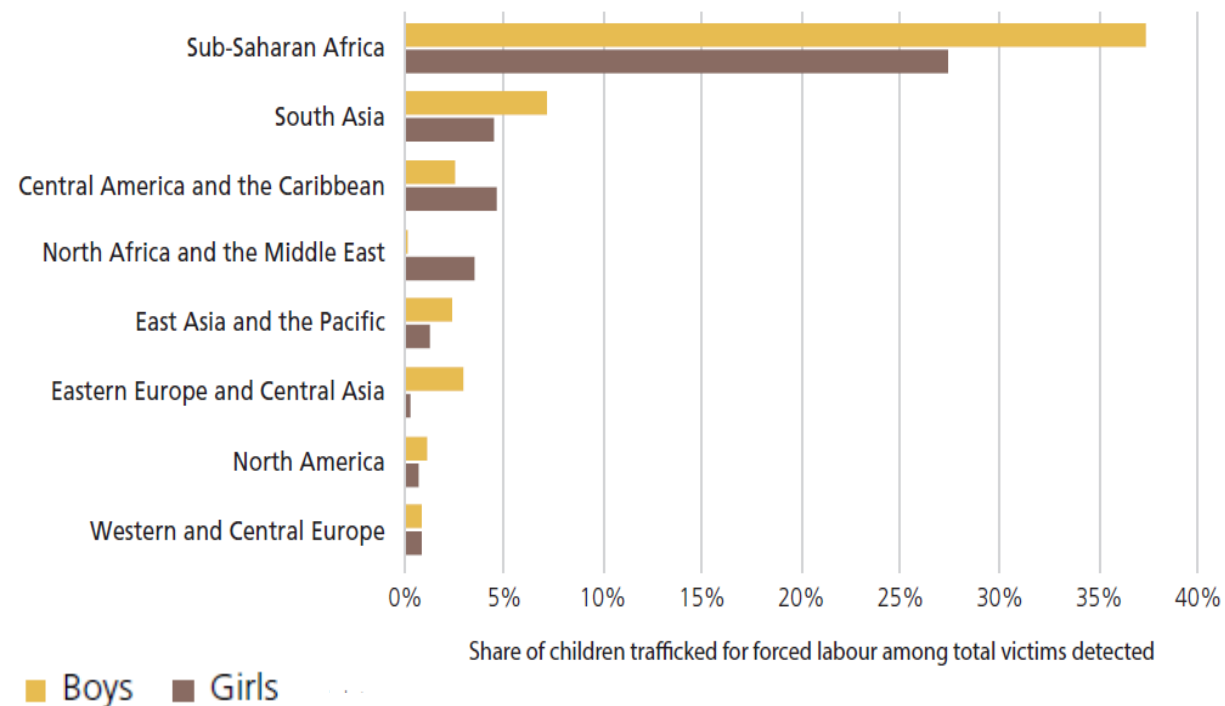
Shares of detected victims of trafficking, by age group and national income, 2018

Legend:
- Share of adult victims detected (18 years old or above)
- Share of minor victims detected (under the age of 18)
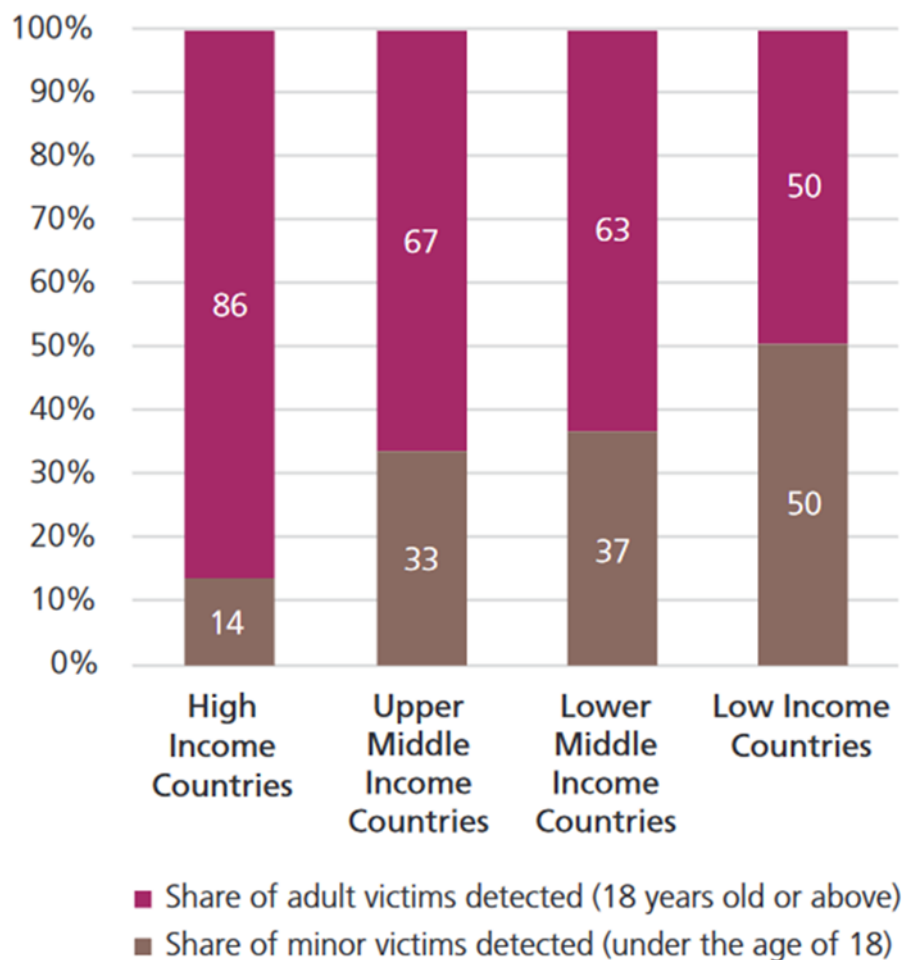
Shares of detected child victims of trafficking, by form of exploitation and national income, 2018

Legend:
- Trafficking for forced labour
- Trafficking for other forms of exploitation
- Trafficking for sexual exploitation
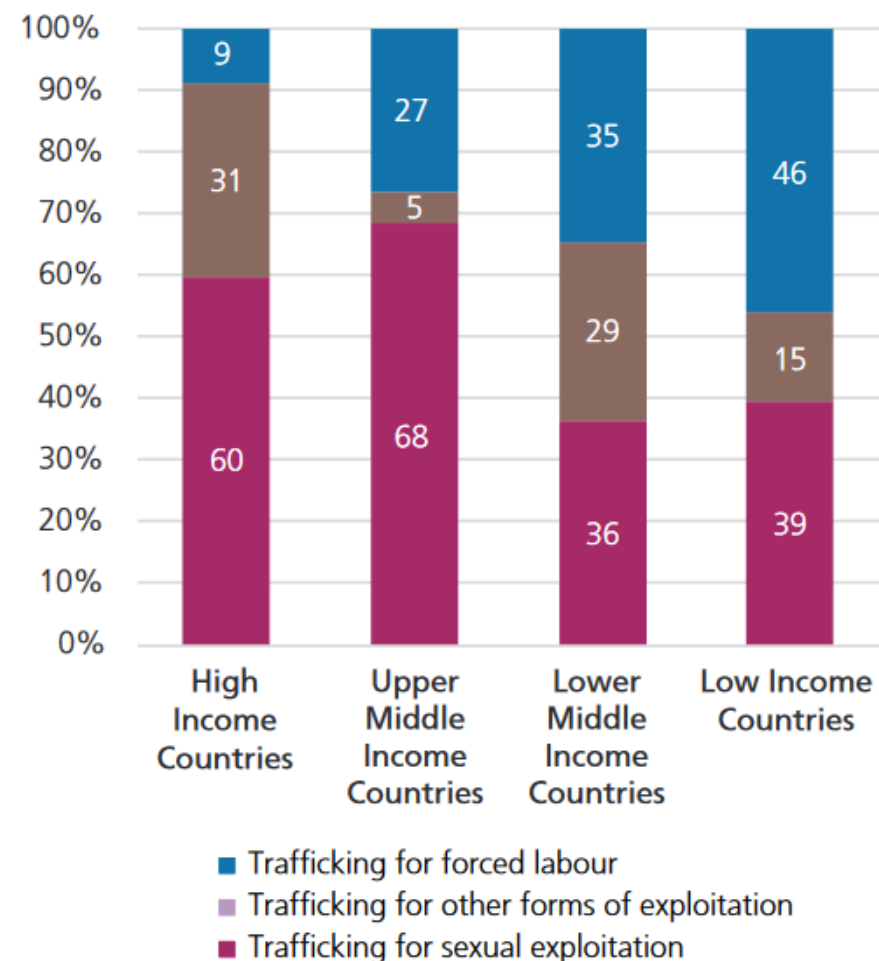
Victims are targeted when they are more vulnerable

Percentage of cases by pre-existing factors that traffickers have taken advantage of

Economic need
51%

Child with a dysfunctional family
20%

Intimate partner as trafficker
13%

Mental, behavioural or neurological disorder
10%

Immigration status
10%

Child deprived of parental care
9%

Limited education or knowledge of foreign language
6%

Physical disability
3%
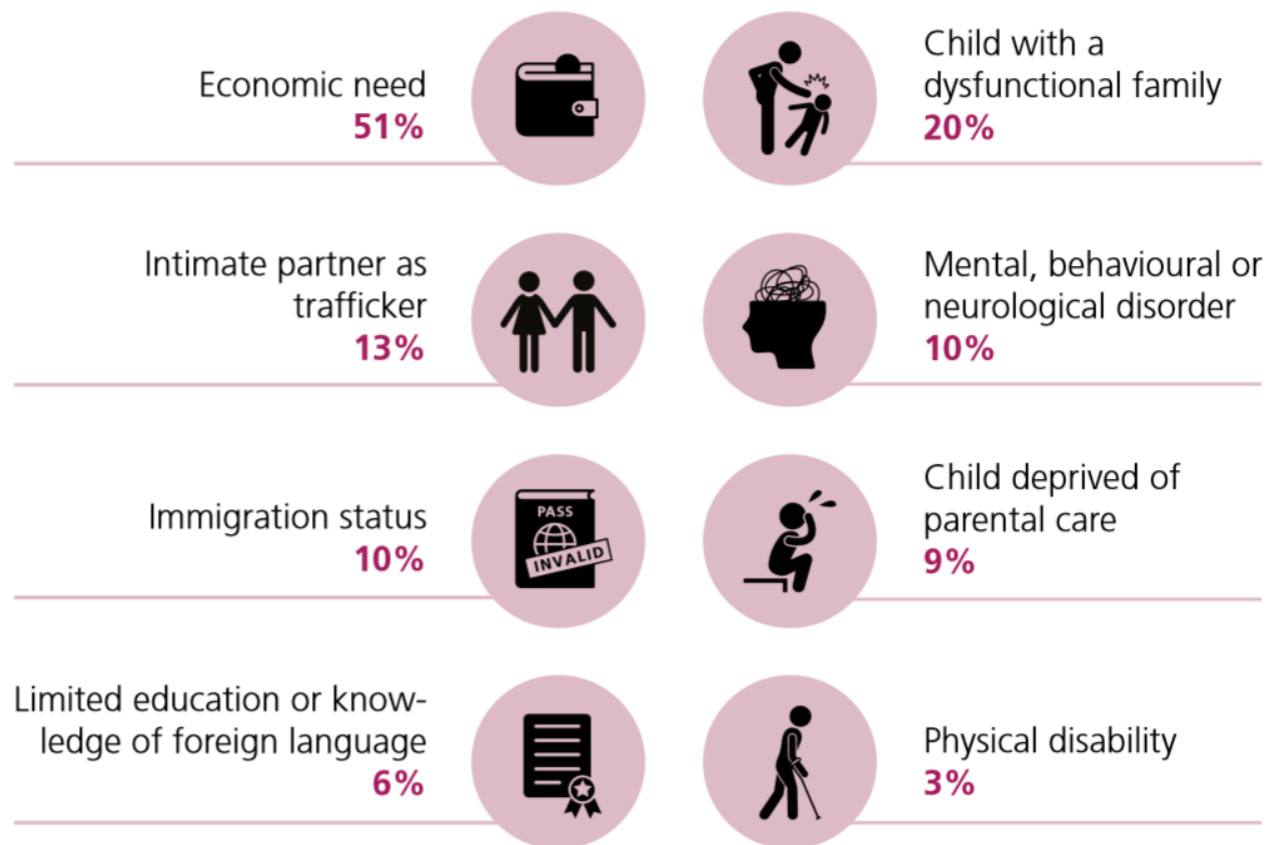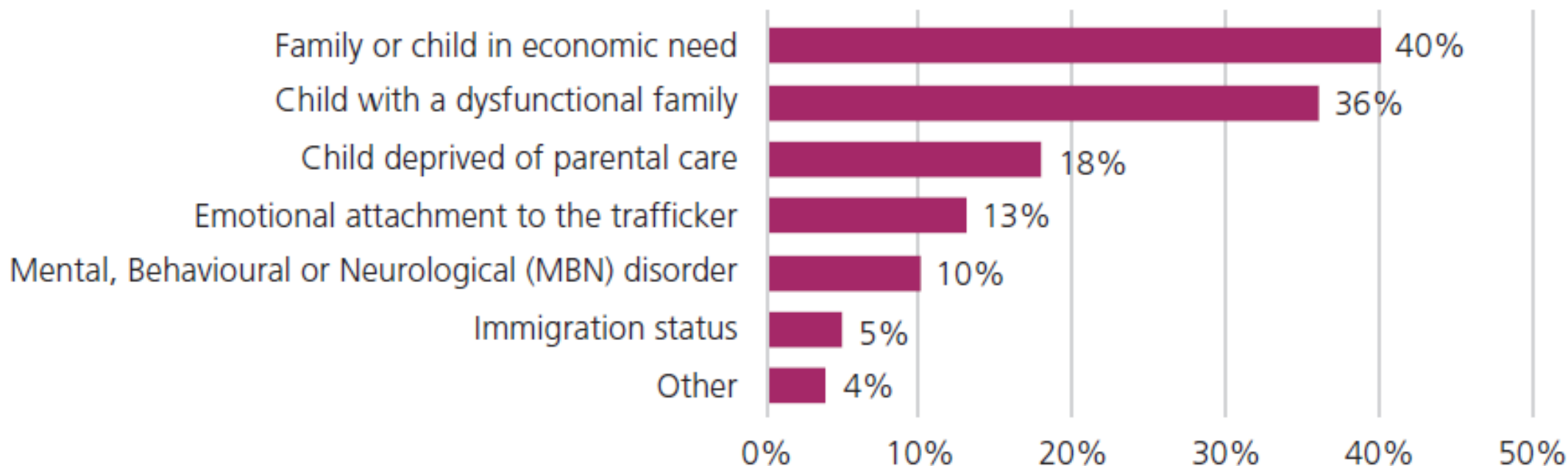
COVID-19 economic recession will result in more people at risk of trafficking

Risk of increasing human trafficking flows from poorest communities to those parts of the world recovering faster

Source: GLOTIP collection of court case summaries

Factors related to child trafficking

Percentage of child trafficking cases by pre-existing factors that traffickers have taken advantage of

Some cases reported multiple conditions

Conditions listed in the child trafficking court cases analysed

Condition	Percentage
Family or child in economic need	40%
Child with a dysfunctional family	36%
Child deprived of parental care	18%
Emotional attachment to the trafficker	13%
Mental, Behavioural or Neurological (MBN) disorder	10%
Immigration status	5%
Other	4%

Digital hunting fields

Internet tools are used at every stage of the trafficking process

INTERNET USE: recruitment, advertisement and exploitation

Recruitment on social media and webpages

Advertisement of job offers and exploitative services on the internet

Use of video equipment to stream and broadcast exploitative services

Hunting and Fishing Strategies

Hunting strategies
Perpetrators actively approach victims in online spaces

Fishing strategies
Perpetrators wait for victims or consumers to respond to ads

Hunting: Traffickers proactively approach victims or potential customers online

Fishing: Traffickers post advertisements online and wait for potential clients or victims to respond