

# GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Since 2011, Ukraine has made a number of important steps towards the establishment of a viable State counter-trafficking (CT) response and government-owned National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to identify, assist and protect VoTs.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

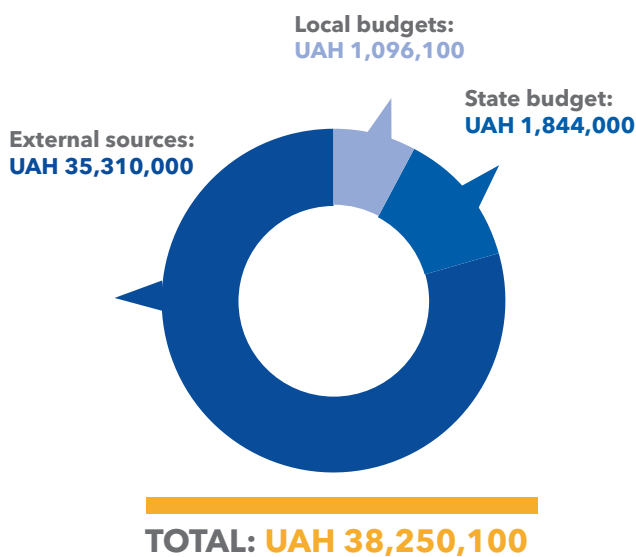
### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS:

- Protocol to prevent suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, ratified by Ukraine in 2004
- Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, ratified by Ukraine in 2010

### NATIONAL LEGAL ACTS:

- Law of Ukraine On Countering Human Trafficking, adopted in 2011
- The National CT Action Plan for 2016-2020
- Cabinet of Ministers Decrees: On the National Counter-Trafficking Coordinator (2012), On the adoption of the Victim Identification Procedure (2012), On the adoption of the Procedure to Pay One-Time Financial Aid to Victims of Trafficking (2012, revised in 2016), On the adoption of the National Referral Mechanism (2012)
- Standards of Services for Victims of Trafficking (2013)
- Recommended Standard Operating Procedures for NRM stakeholders

## THE NATIONAL CT ACTION PLAN FOR 2016-2020



## STATE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING:

- information and counseling
- medical, psychological, social, legal and other needs-based assistance
- temporary shelter
- one-time financial aid
- employment counseling, education, and/or vocational training

## FOREIGN NATIONALS AND STATELESS PERSONS COULD ADDITIONALLY ACCESS:

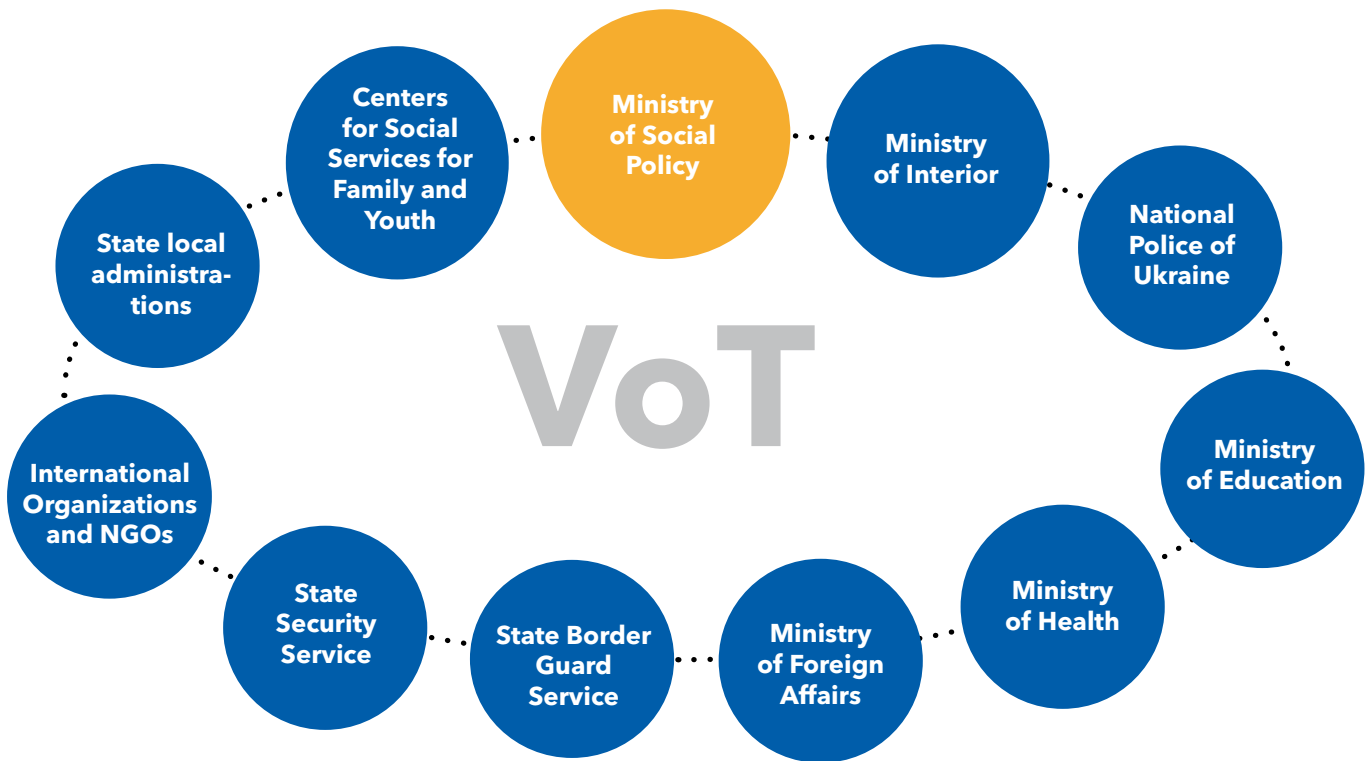
- free of charge interpretation services
- temporary legal stay in Ukraine
- voluntary repatriation

In November 2016, the GoU raised the one-time state financial aid for VoTs from one to up to three minimal living allowances (approx. 180 USD).

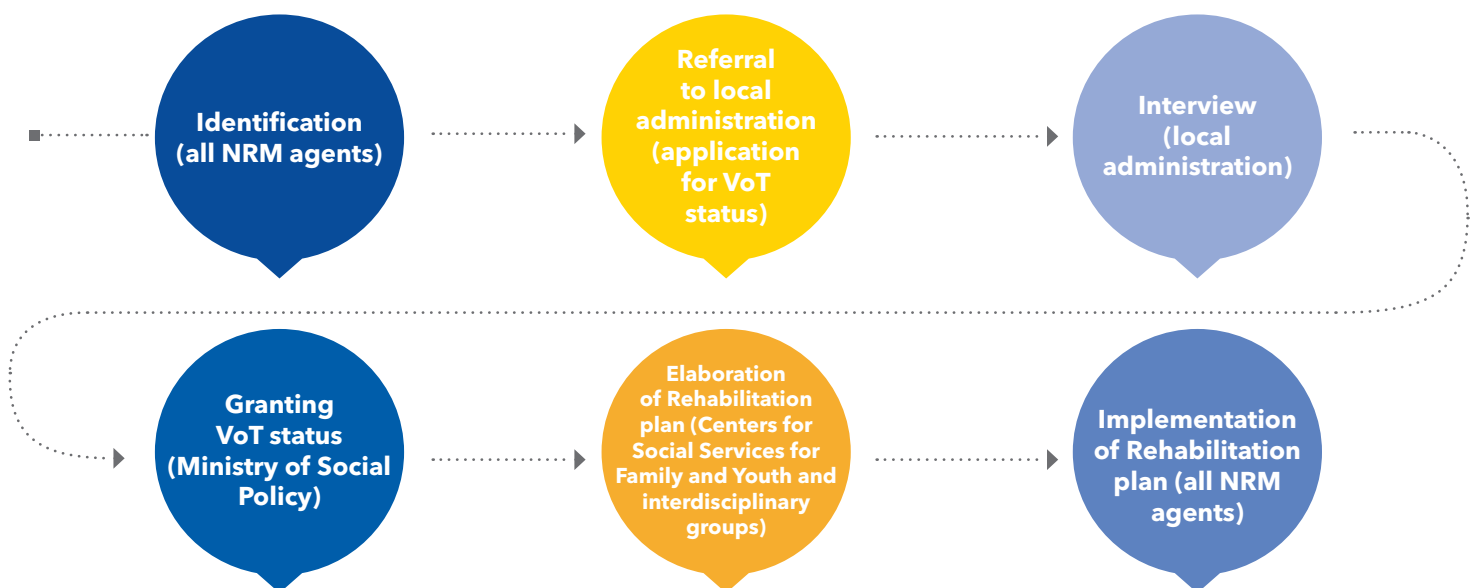


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### NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM IN UKRAINE: STAKEHOLDERS

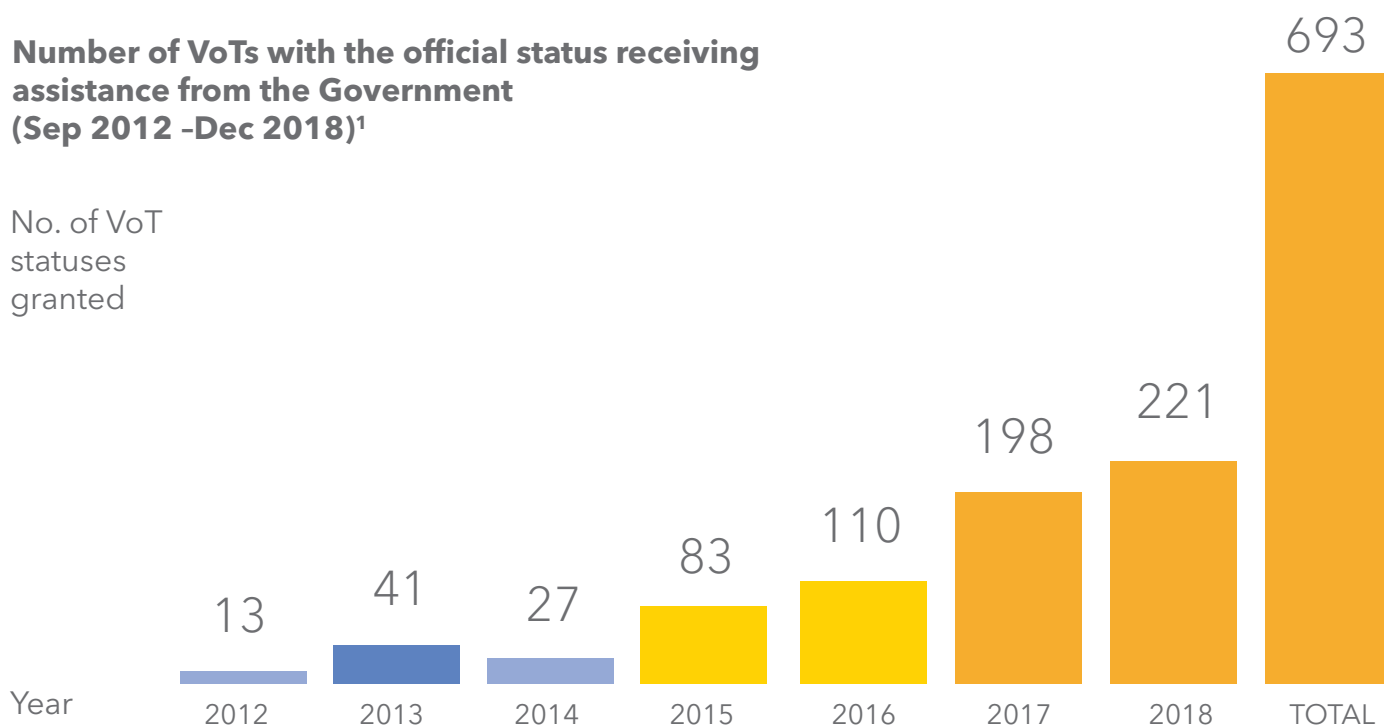


### OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM:



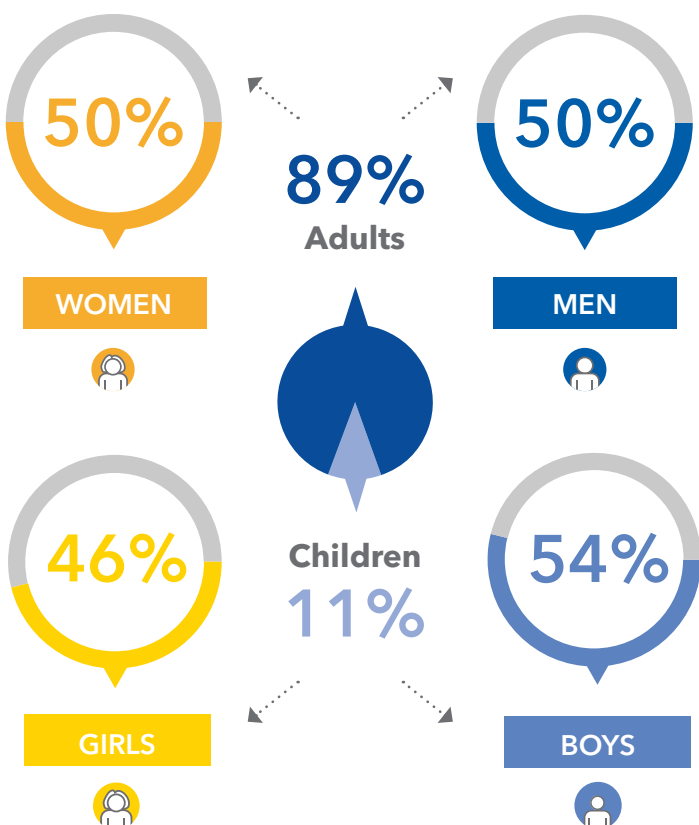
**Number of VoTs with the official status receiving assistance from the Government (Sep 2012 -Dec 2018)<sup>1</sup>**

No. of VoT statuses granted

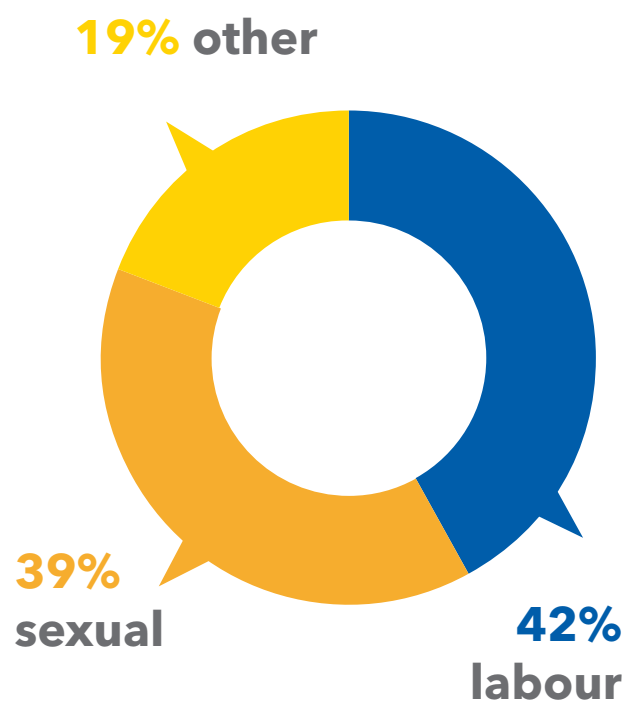


Since the adoption of NRM-related regulations in fall 2012, 693 persons were certified as victims of trafficking and received state social assistance.

**VoTs profile:**



**Types of exploitation:**



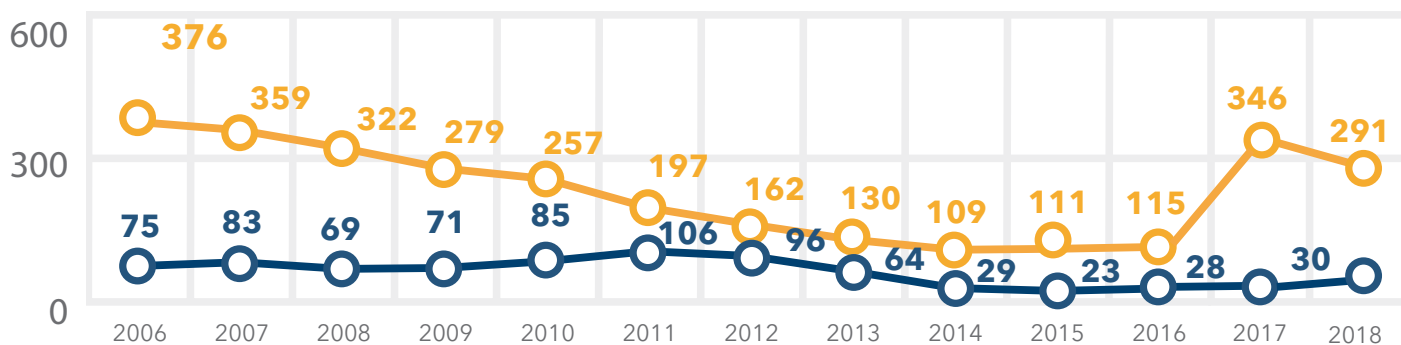
## Prosecution of trafficking in persons in Ukraine

Counter-Trafficking Department within the Ministry of Interior is established in each region of Ukraine to detect and investigate CT Crimes.

Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine prohibits all forms of trafficking in human beings and prescribes penalties in the form of imprisonment for a period of three to fifteen years.

### The Criminal Code of Ukraine, Art. 149 Trafficking in Persons (from 2006 to December 2018)

○ Number of registered crimes  
 ○ Number of court verdicts



On 6 September 2018, the Law Amendments to Art. 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine Aligning it with International Standards was adopted by the Parliament to ensure full compliance with Palermo protocol and other international CT legislation



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Government Hotline  
 free of charge  
 from all mobile phones,  
 24/7

# 044 280 8063

General Prosecutor's Office  
 line to report  
 human trafficking crimes

# 063 195 0058

# 098 481 0345

# 050 023 4678

CT department of the National  
 Police of Ukraine