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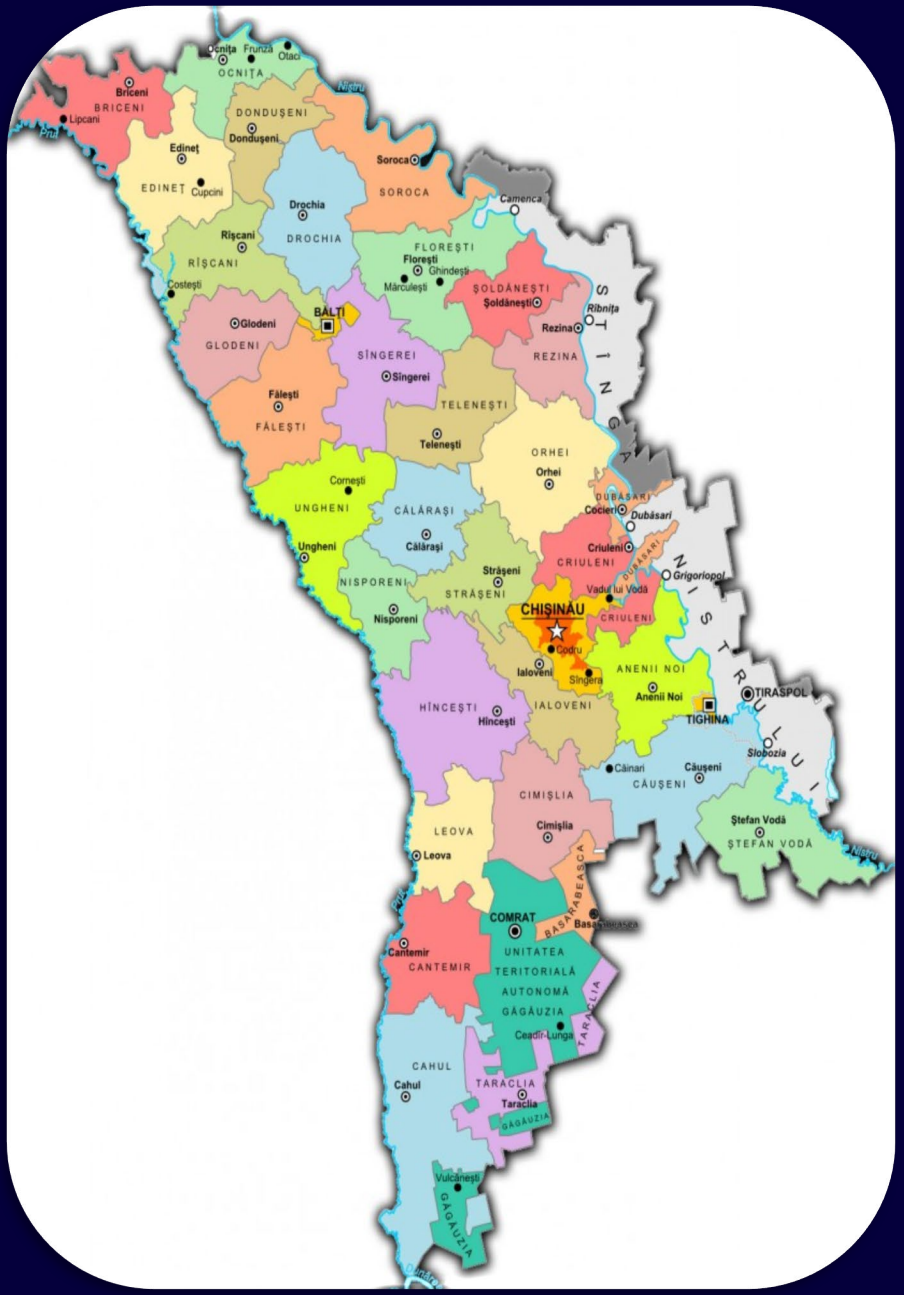
GENERATE EVIDENCE ON REFUGEE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO RELEVANT SERVICES BY CONDUCTING MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

The goal: Generate evidence on refugee children with disabilities to improve access to relevant services (education, social, health)

Planned duration:
19 June - 19 October 2023

Geographical coverage:
National



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Objectives

Output 1 — Mapping of refugee Ukrainian children with disabilities and development of the research methodology

Output 2 — Initial individual assessment of needs of refugee Ukrainian children with disabilities

Output 3 — Complex assessment and identification of individual needs of children with disabilities

Implementation period

June 19 – July 25 | **July 25 – August 30** | **September 1 – October 19**

Target Group - Refugee Ukrainian children with disabilities

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Methodology and tools

1. General data regarding Ukrainian refugee children with disabilities who live on the territory of the Republic of Moldova (name of the child, city, type of disability, adress, caregiver,...) → Social community workers

2. Assessment of individual needs of the child with disabilities (General data, Health, Child functioning and developmental difficulties, Devices/equipment needed, Housing and income) → Education Specialists (PAS)

3. Assessment of individual health situation/ needs of the child with disabilities (general data of the child with disability, diagnosis, conclusions and recommendations of specialized doctors. → Specialized doctors

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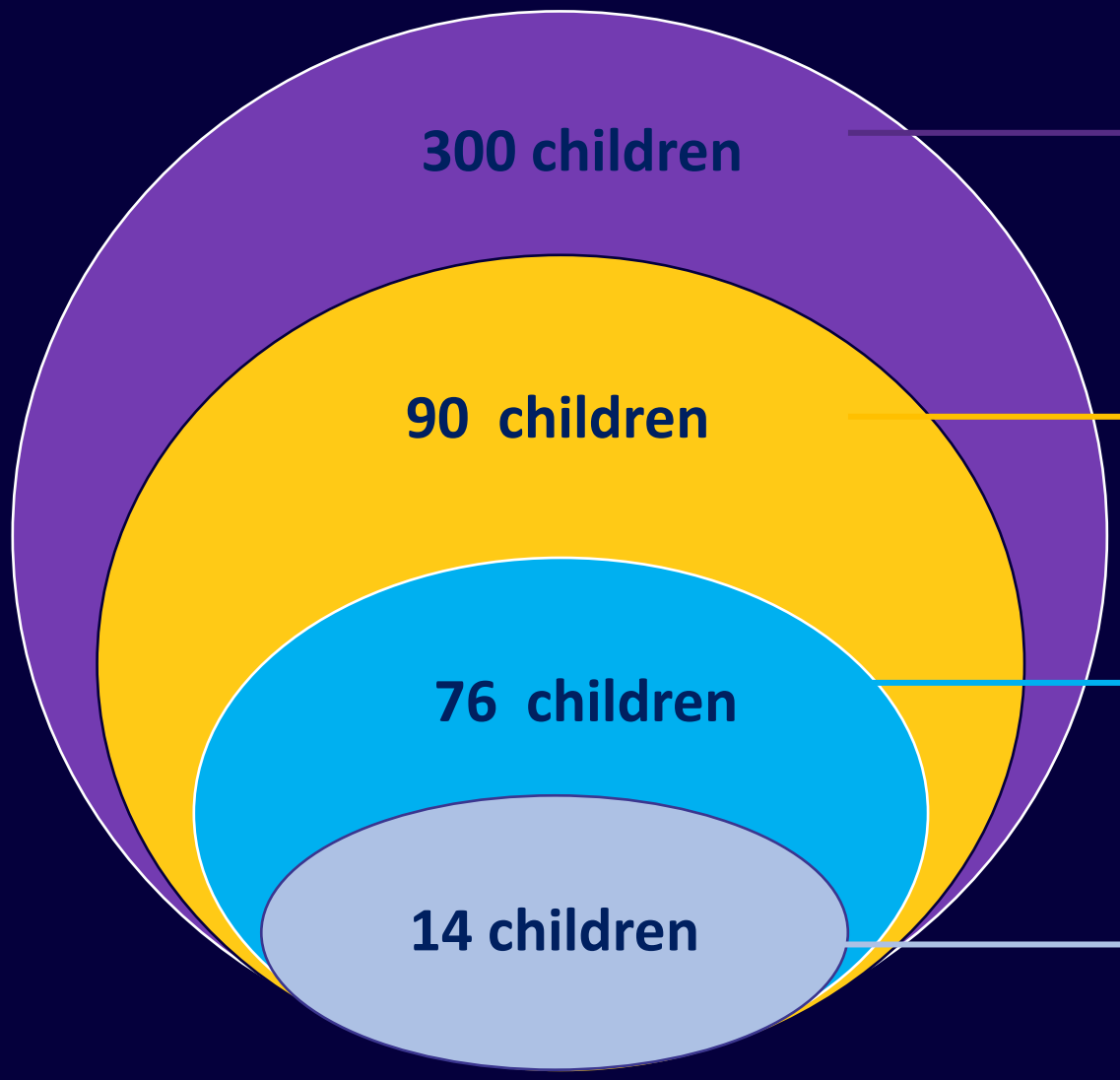


Refugee Children with Disabilities (RCWD), planned for assessment out of 37 UTA

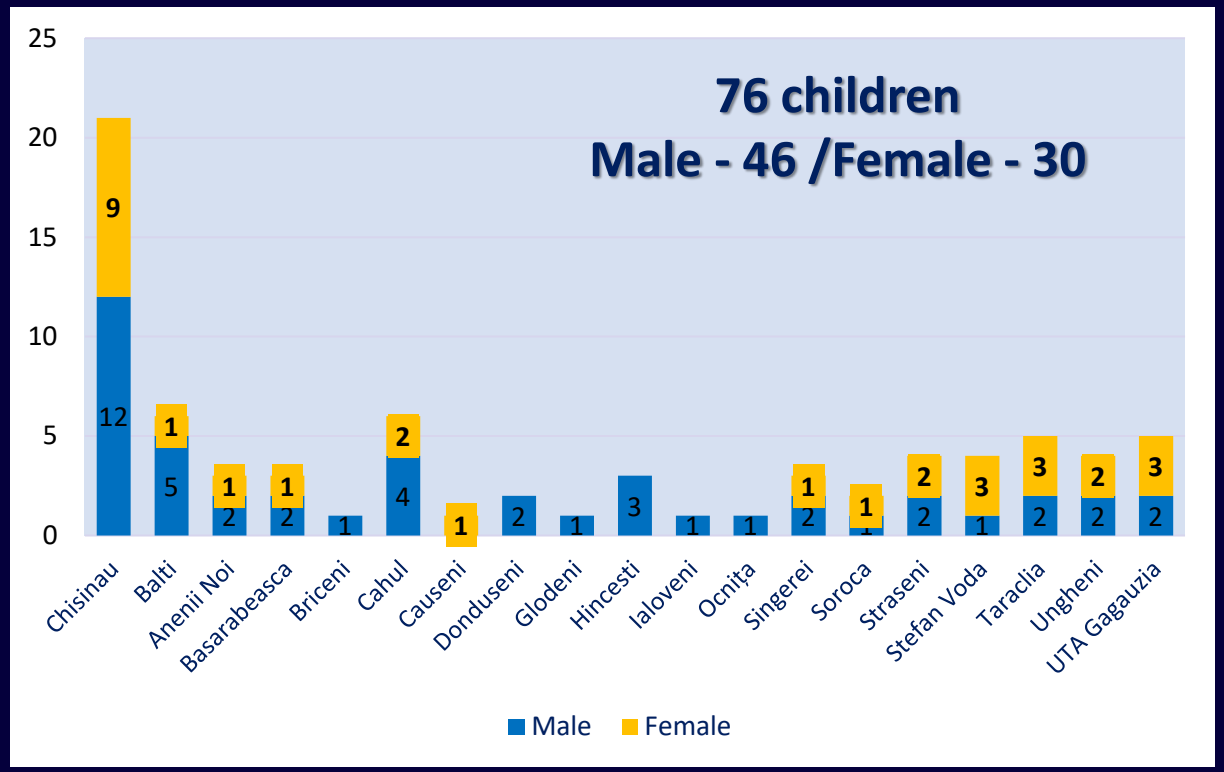
RCWD number, identified in the territory in 20 UTA

Consent for the assessment signed

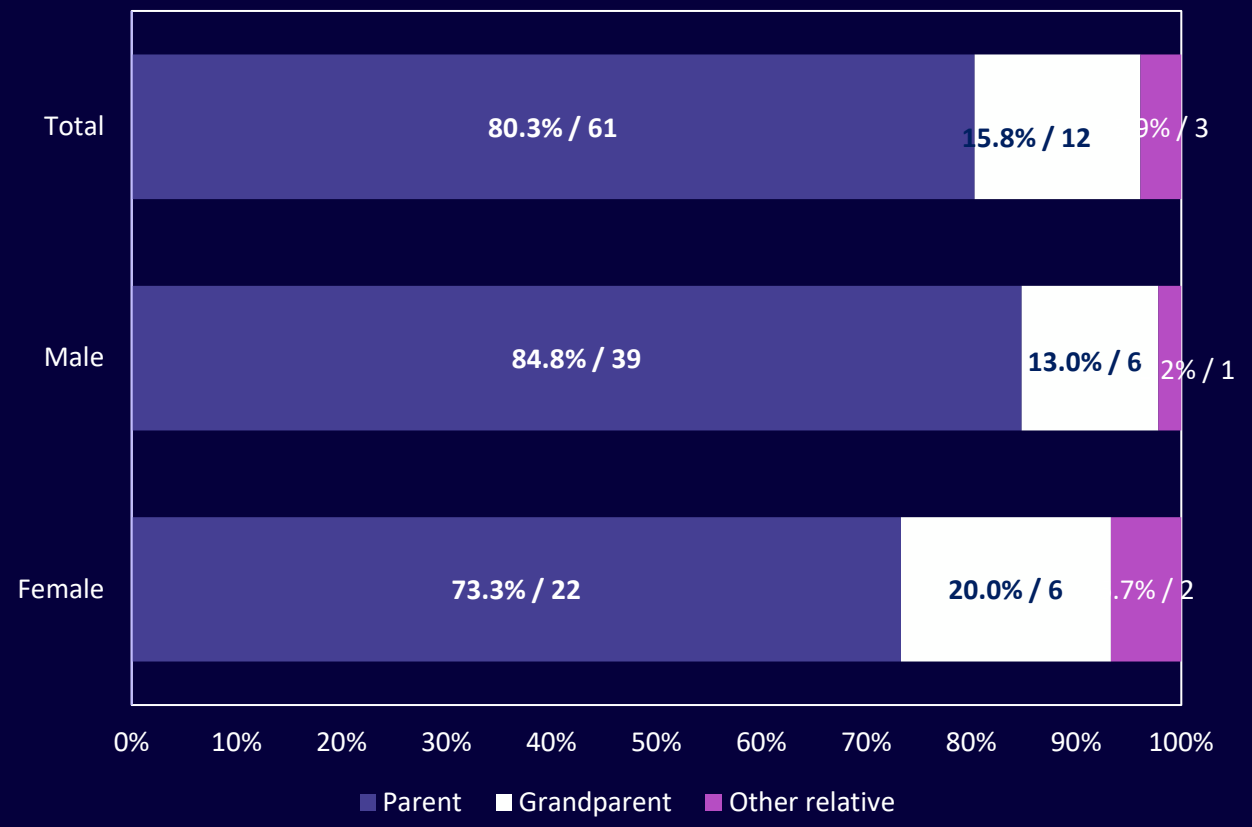
Parents/caregivers did not give the consent to the assessment

Mapping of CWD. General data.

District, where the child lives with the family



Relation of the caregivers to the child with disability



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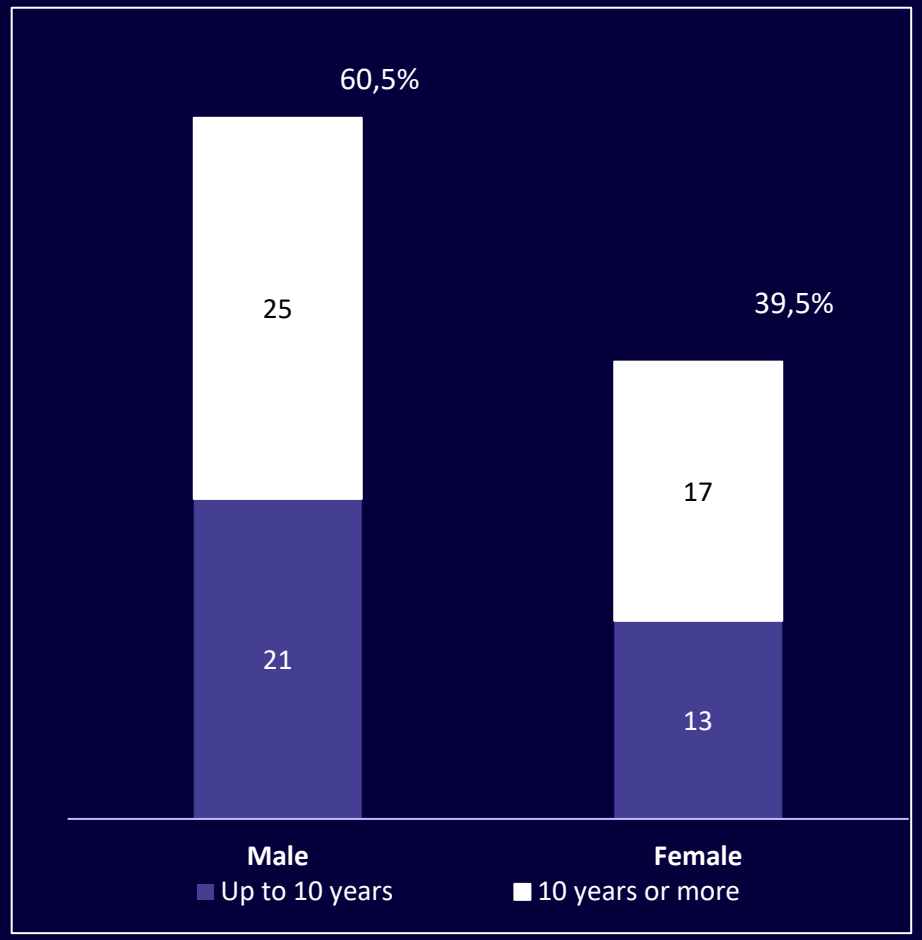
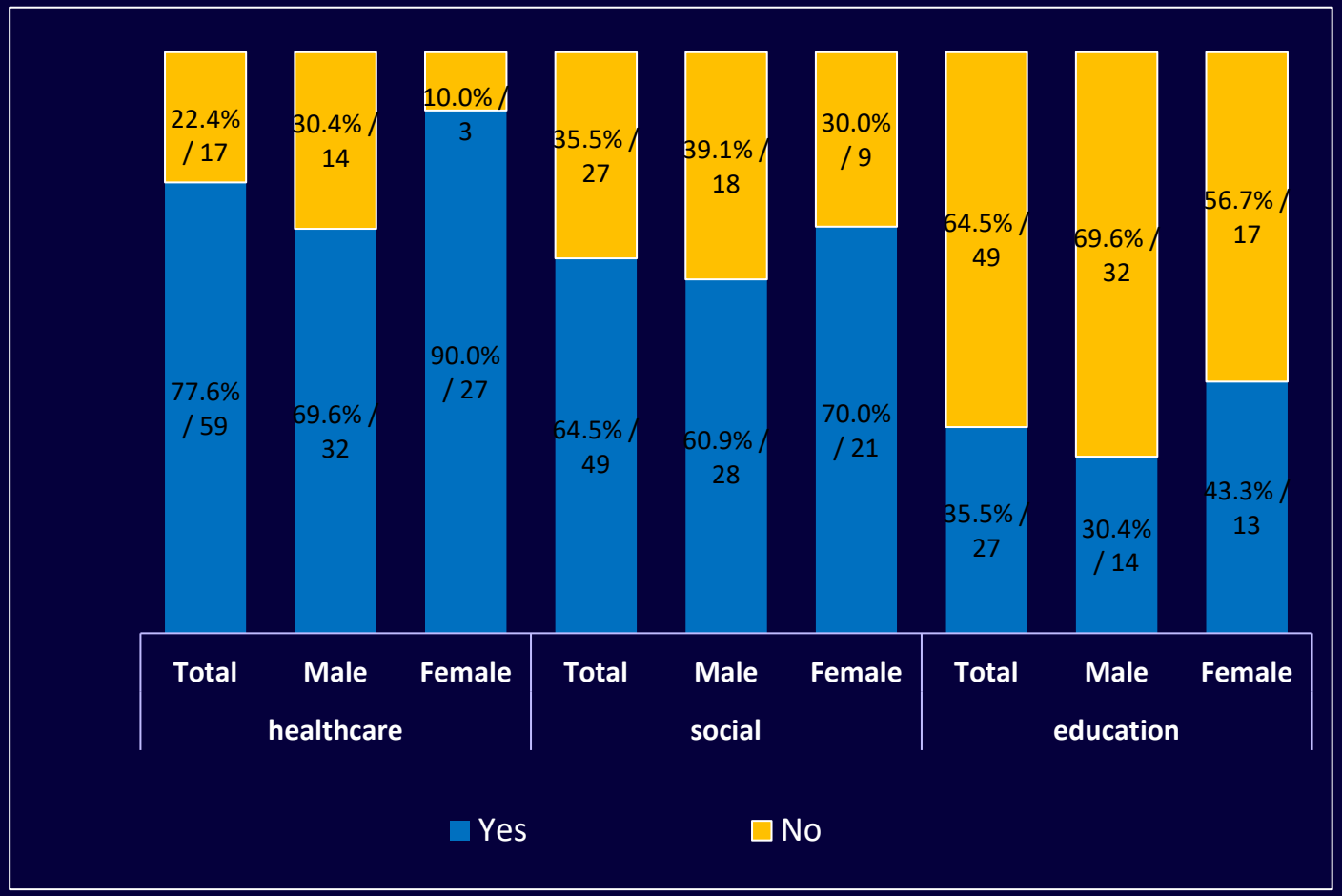
Assessment of individual needs of the child. General data.

Children's age



Children registered within the services from Moldova



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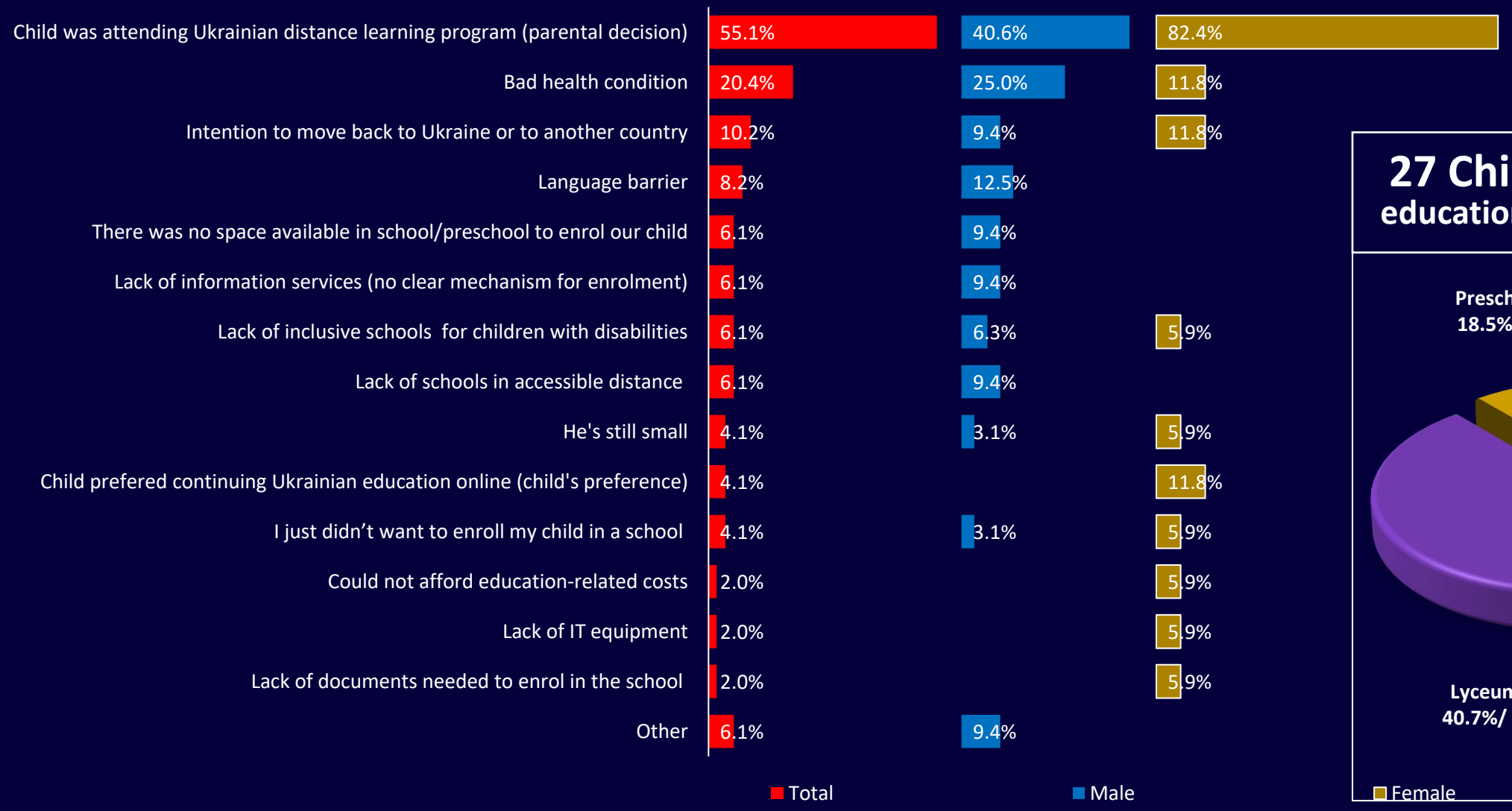
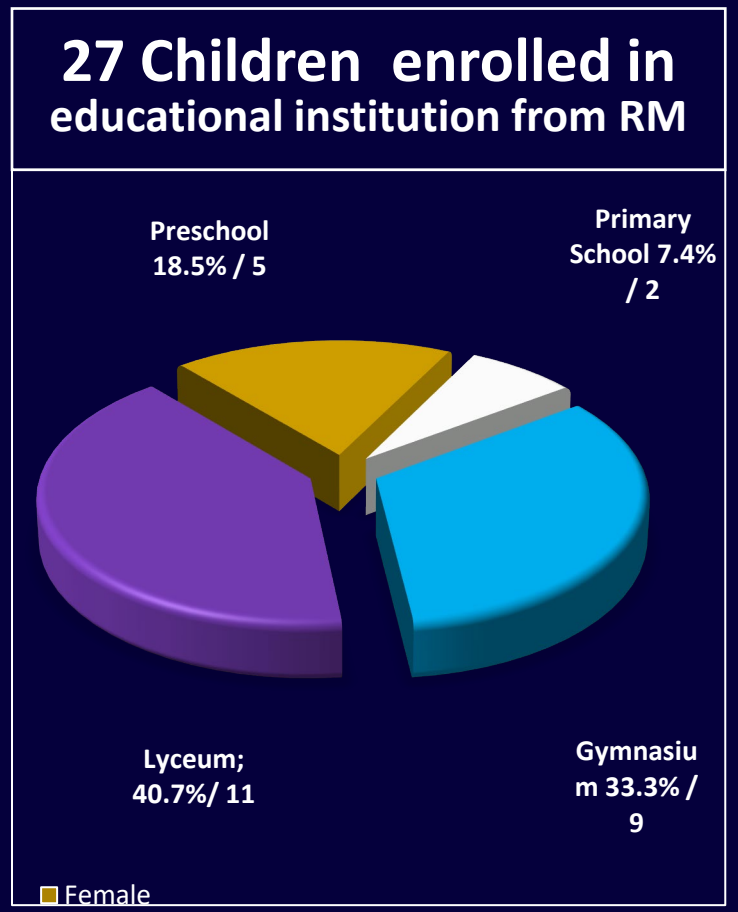
The causes of non-registration of refugee children with disabilities in the education system of the RM





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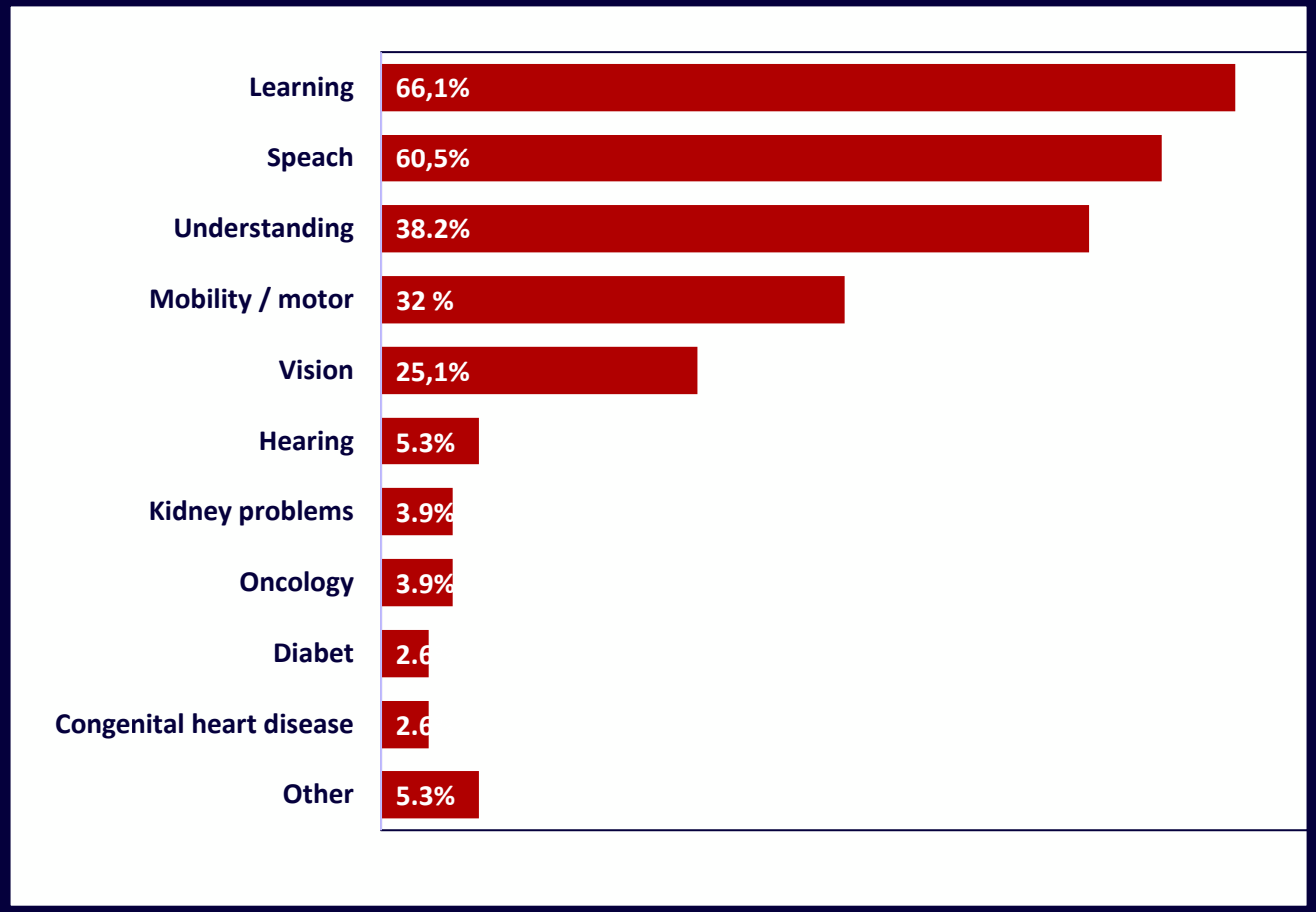
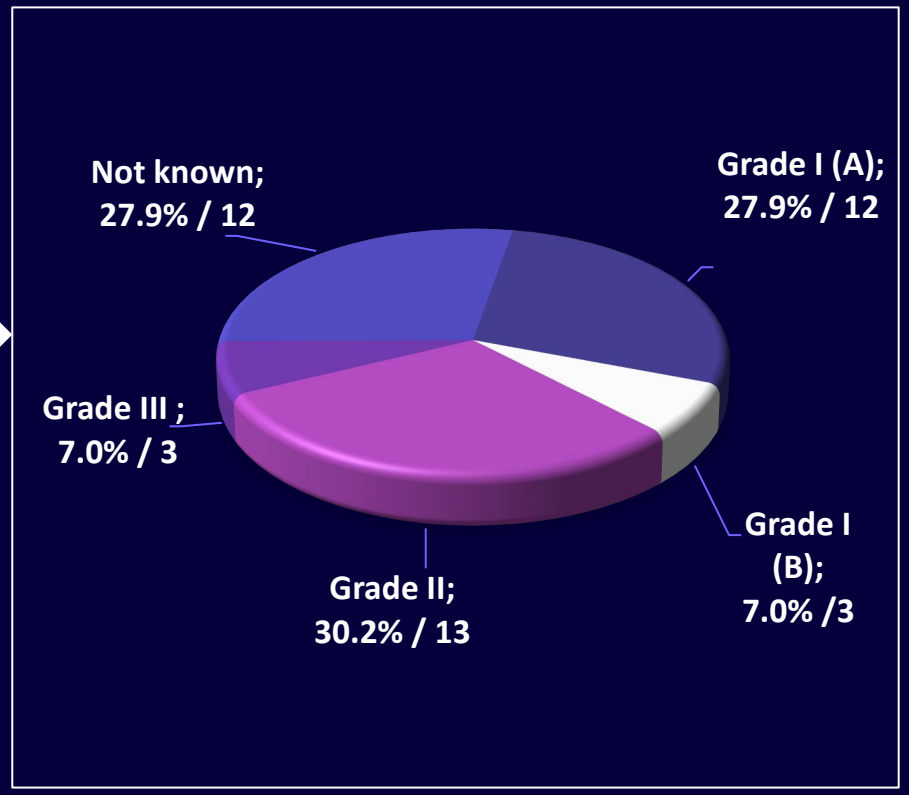
Assessment of individual needs of the child. Health.

Health problems of children



Disability grade of children



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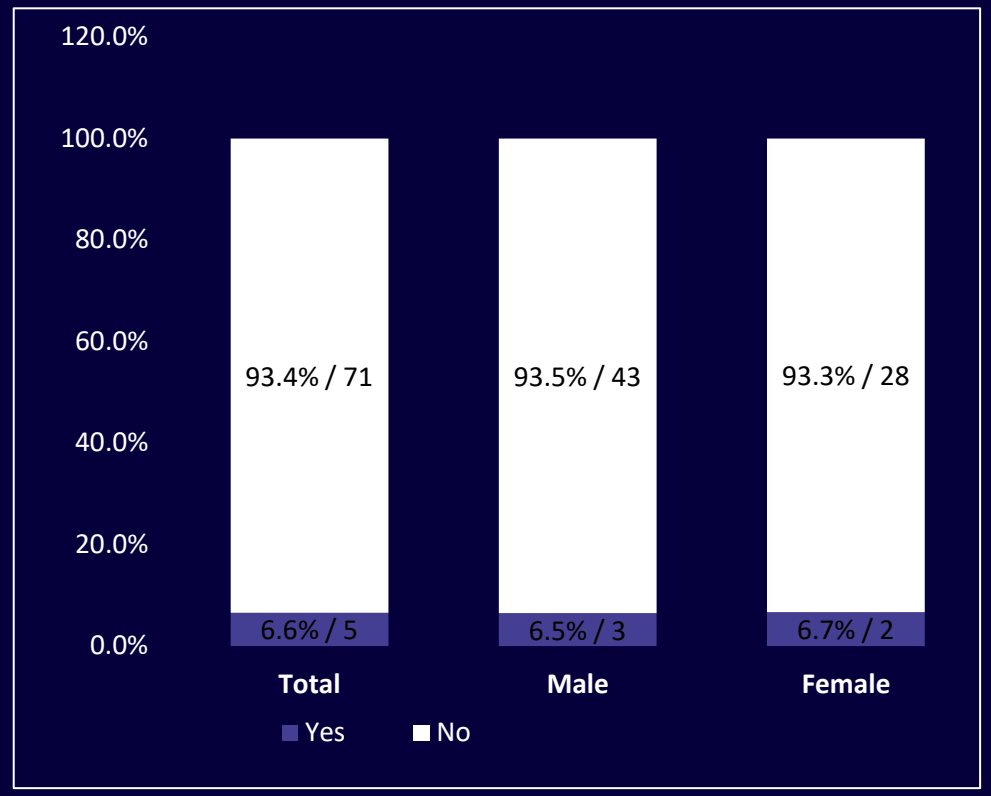
Assessment of individual needs of the child. Sensory (vision, hearing).

Vision impairments

Hearing difficulties



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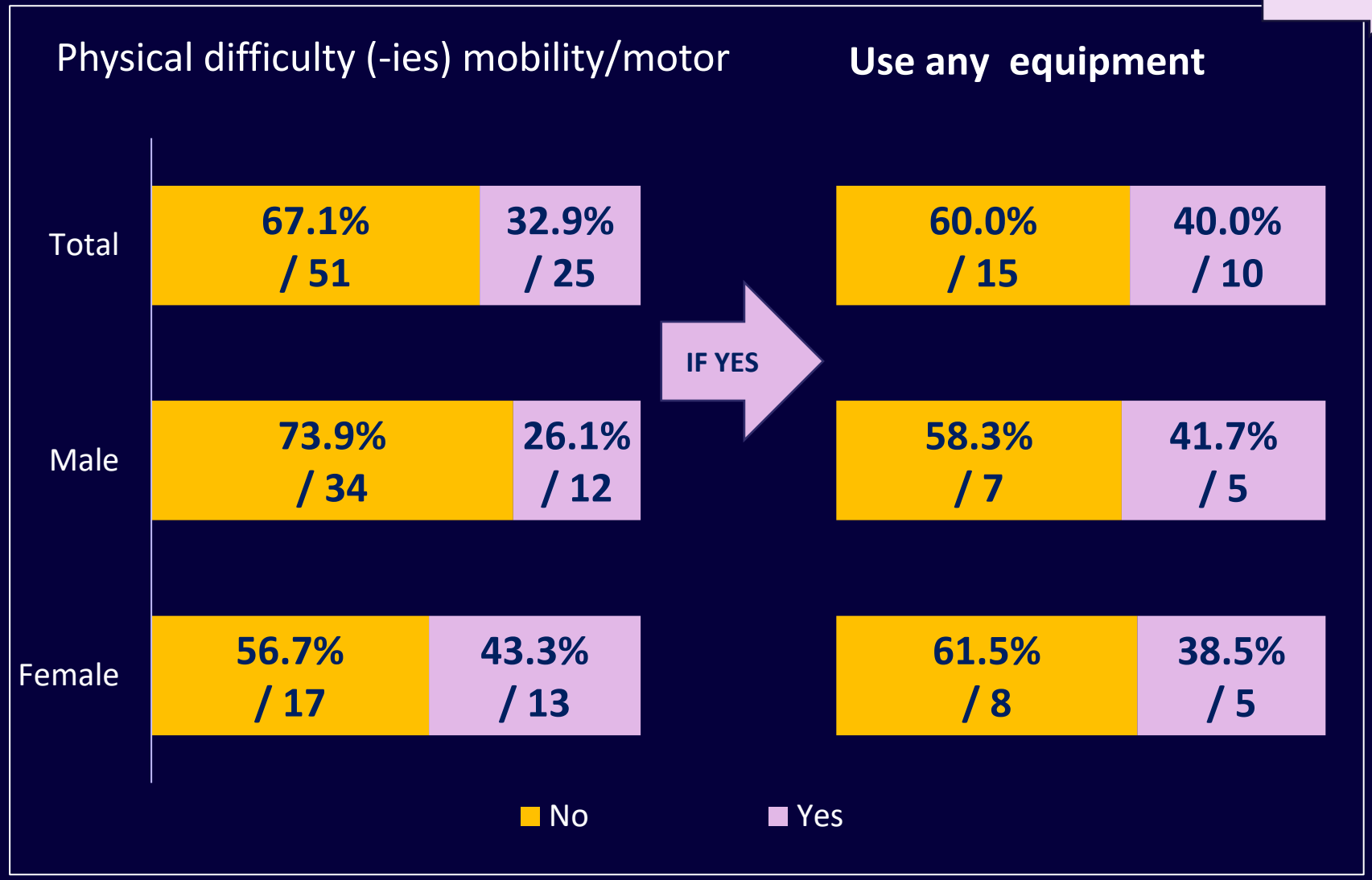
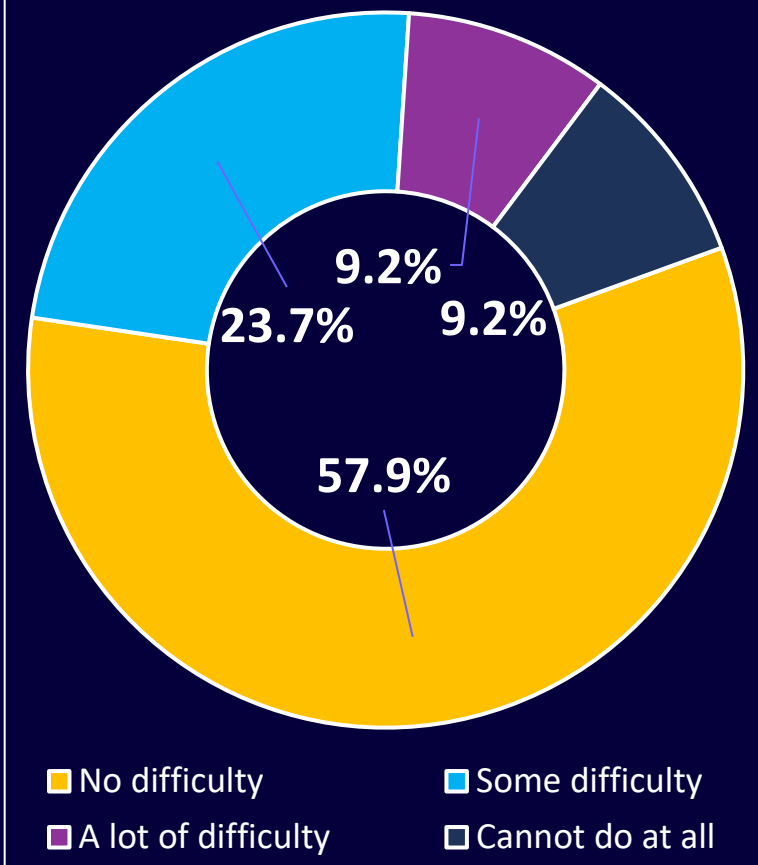
Assessment of individual needs of the child. Mobility/Motor.

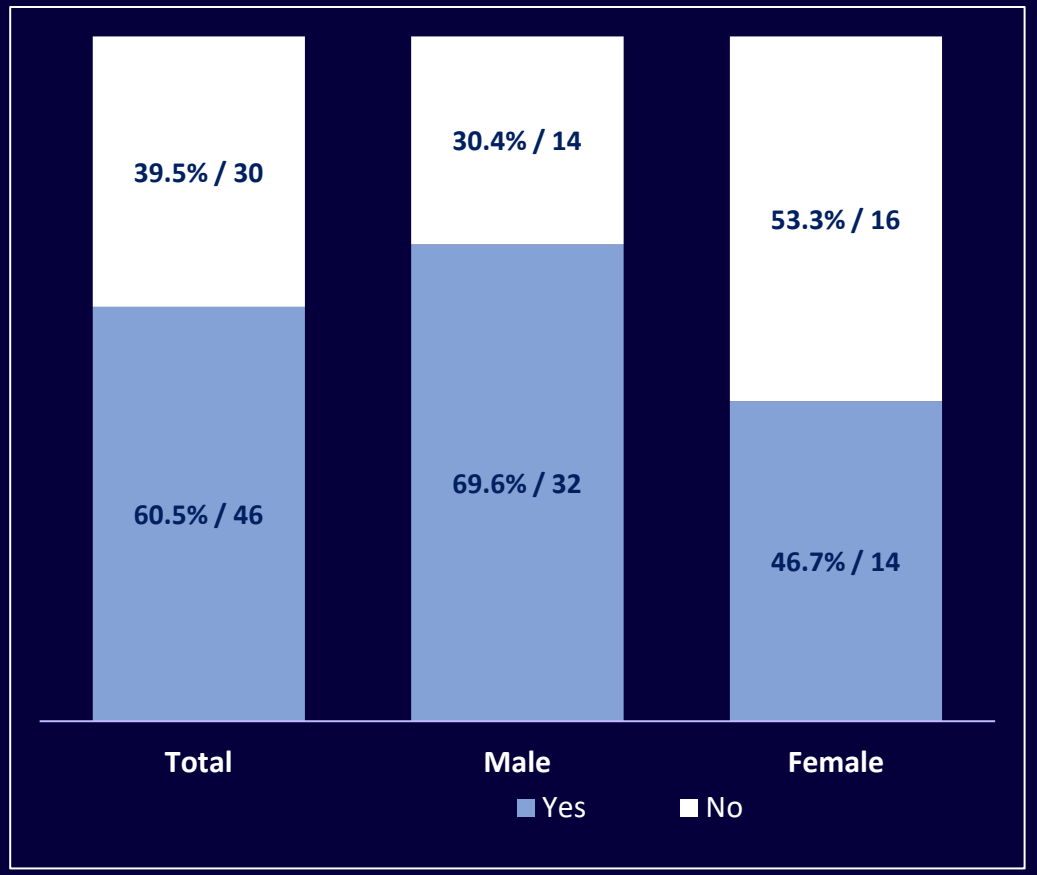


have difficulty with self-care such as feeding or dressing him/herself



Assessment of individual needs of the child. Speech&Communication.

Children with speech difficulties



If yes

Children have difficulty being understood by people, when they speak					
		No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty	Cannot do at all
Total	**nr.**	**7**	**17**	**9**	**13**
	%	**15.20%**	**37.00%**	**19.60%**	**28.30%**
Male	nr.	4	10	7	11
	%	12.50%	31.30%	21.90%	34.40%
Female	nr.	3	7	2	2
	%	21.40%	50.00%	14.30%	14.30%

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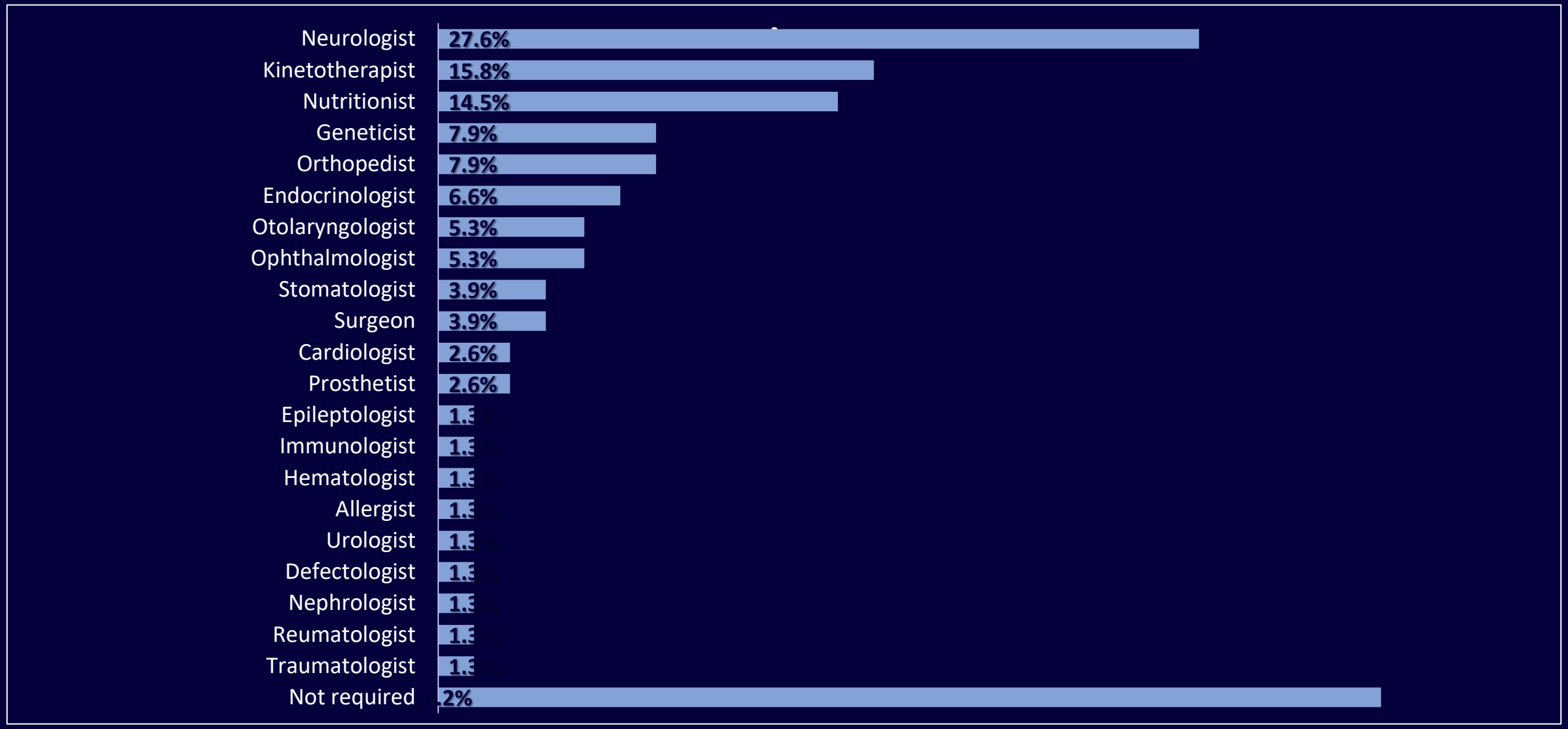
The type of specialists requested for consultation of CWD



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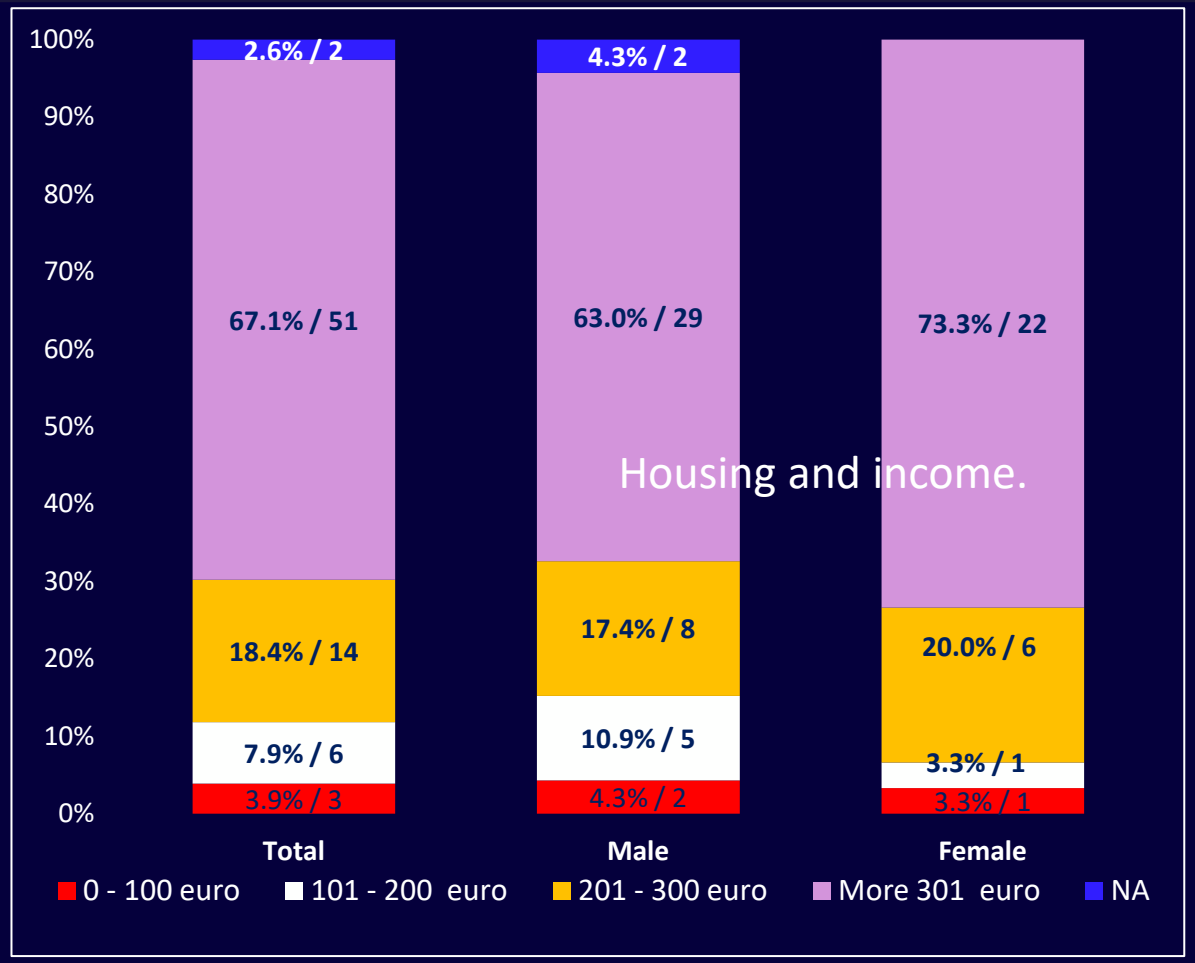
Assessment of individual needs of the children. Housing and income.



Refugee family income

Source(s) of family income

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Medical examination of RCWD

76 children

5 Caregivers have left the territory of the Republic of Moldova

23 Caregivers refused or didn't come to the medical examination

48 Caregivers accepted the medical examination of CWD

Medical specialists	Number of investigated children
Surgeon	2
Pediatrician	3
Audiologist	1
Speech therapist	18
Neurolgist	16
Dermatologist	4
Endocrinologist	4
Nephrologist	3
Cardiologist	4
Hematologist	2
Pulmonologist	1
Rheumatologist	1
Geneticist	1
Psychologist	12
Eye specialist	6
Pediatrician	48
Gastrologist	1
Neurologist	14
ENT specialist	1
Orthopedist	18
Allergist	2
Dentist	1
Gastrologist	1
Eye Specialist	2

Recommendations

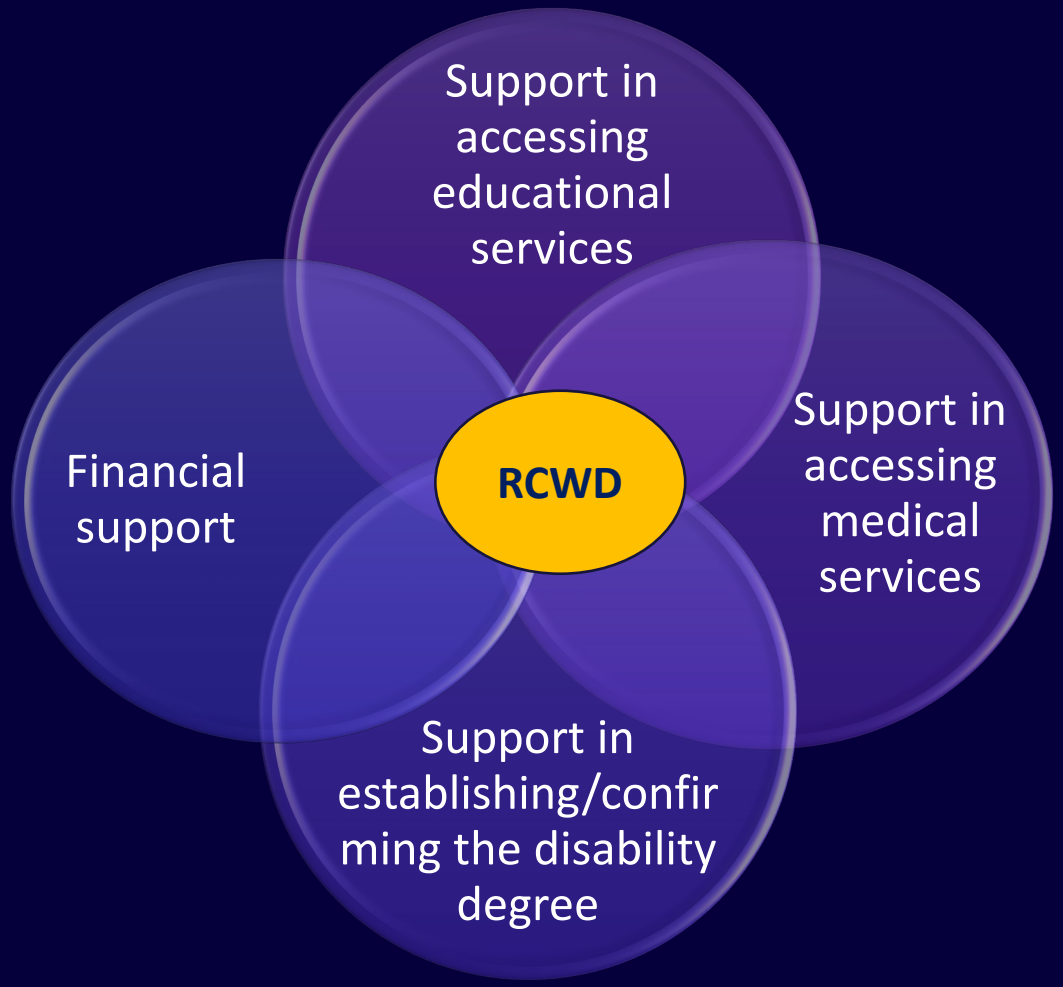
Recommendations as a result of the medical examination

35
- Pharmaceutical treatment

42
- Recovery services, therapies, trainings

36
- Elaboration of an individualized educational plan

Other needs for 76 CWD and caregivers/parents



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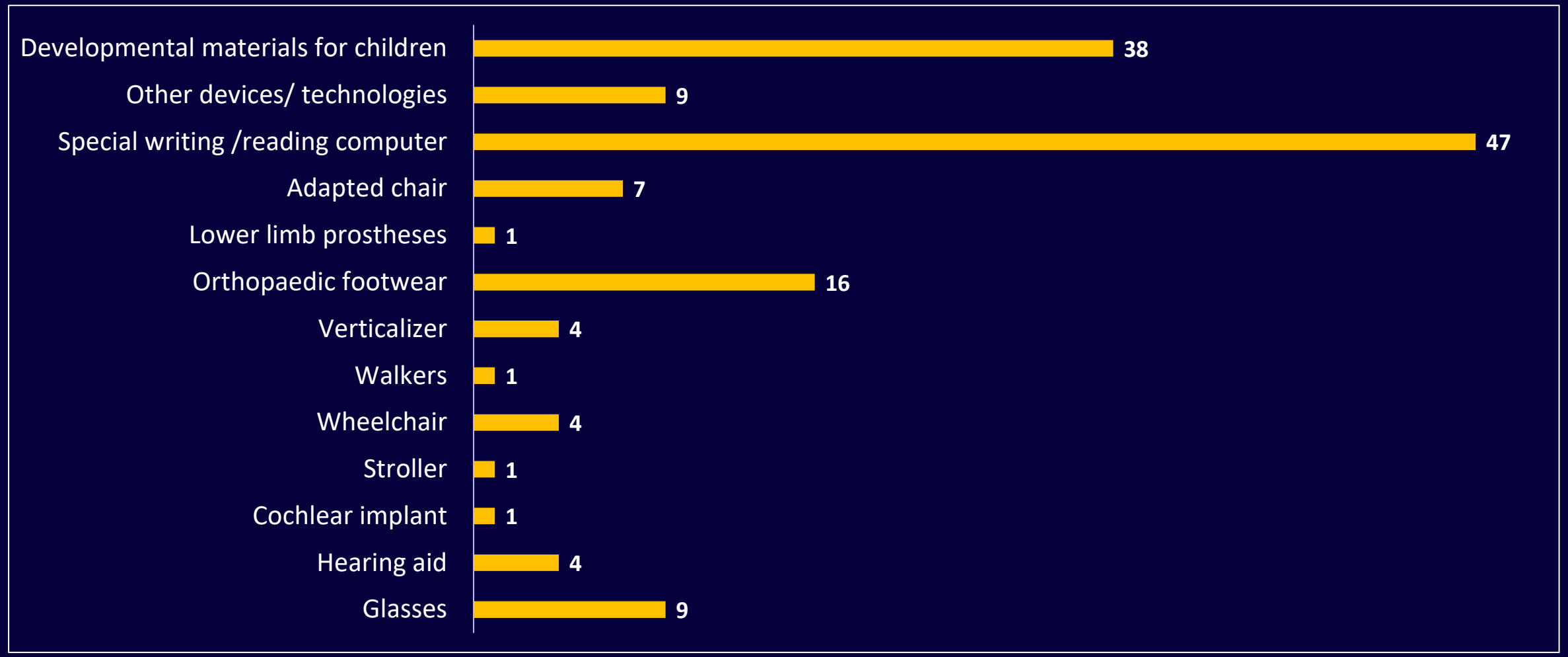
Type of devices/technologies that children with disabilities need (multiple choices) (76 CWD)



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Conclusions

1. The Mapping of Ukrainian refugee children with disabilities was a very difficult and arduous process.
2. Assessments at all stages have shown that the records of refugees/displaced persons, including of children with disabilities, held by the state / governmental organisations / institutions were not accurate.
3. The Mapping Process found that many families migrate from one district of Moldova to another or even leave the country. This made the data collection process very complicated, and the task of the operators became extremely difficult.
4. Throughout the Mapping process of Ukrainian refugee children with disabilities, it was found that the coordination between social assistance and education structures both at the central level and at the level of territorial administrative units was not strong, particularly in regard to the records of refugee children.
5. The evaluation highlighted the lack of a systemic approach, the lack of a single system for recording, updating, monitoring, and tracking the movement of Ukrainian refugee children within the Republic of Moldova.
6. The causes of limited access to education, social and health services are multiple, the main one being the low involvement of parents in solving these problems and the uncertainty of their situation.
7. The needs identified in the evaluation process were diverse, complex and required a cross-sector approach and the involvement of competent authorities and institutions in prioritizing and solving them.