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Preventing Violent Extremism Strategy

- Lack of definition of terms like ‘extremism’, ‘radicalisation’ ‘terrorism’ – any type of may be viewed as extremist ?
- Growth in technology makes radicalisation and recruitment easier
- Terrorists have a much better understanding of youth than authorities

What are we seeking to achieve?

- Identify Violent Extremism in communities
- Identify opportunities to confront and reduce the threat
- Identify local actors to help co-implement/implement PVE Strategies
- Focus is community engagement

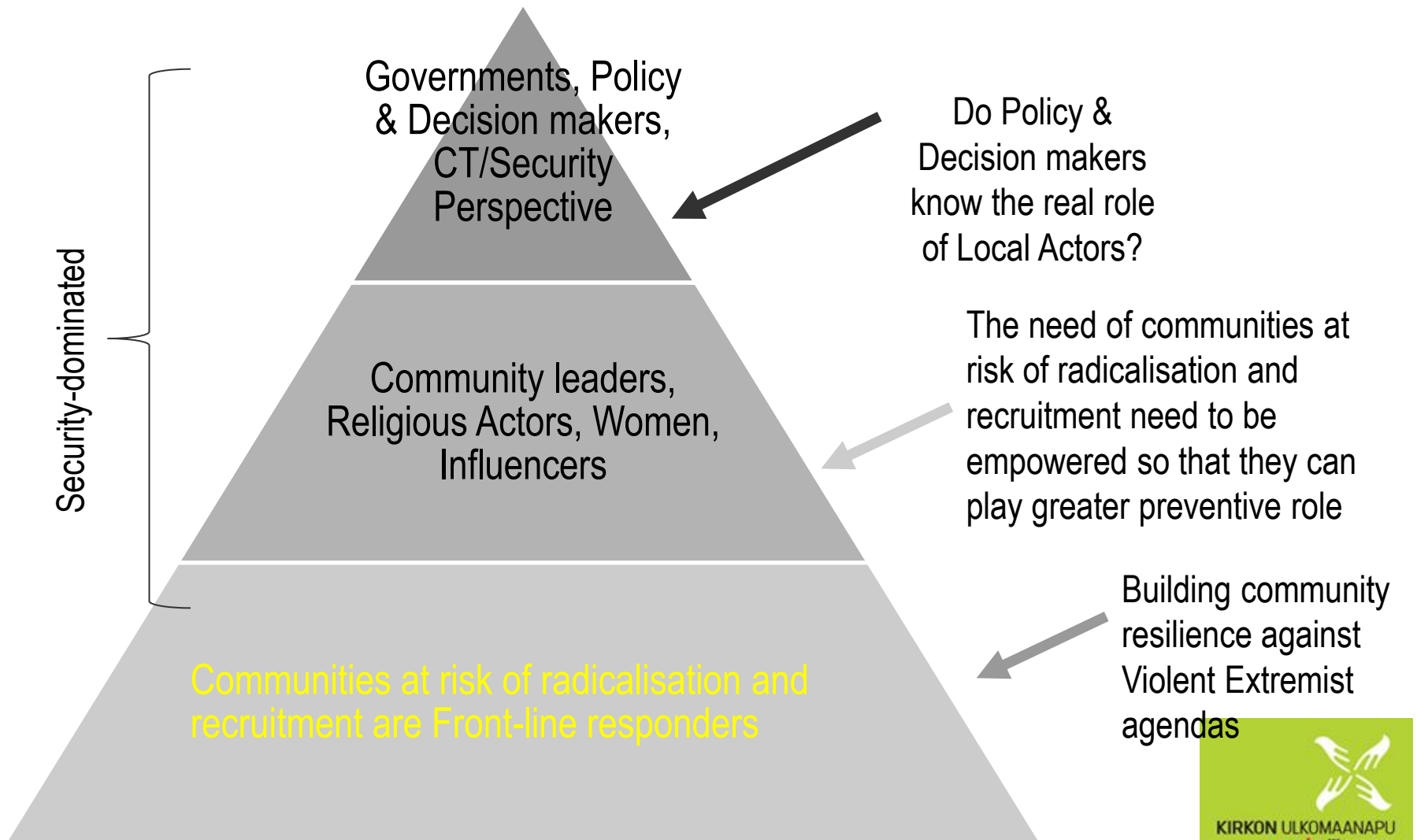
How to implement PVE strategies

- Good relations and relationships between communities and authorities are critical
- Communities as core strategic partners invaluable across multiple authorities
- Local steering group at the local level to provide accountability and facilitate delivery
- Try to use existing mechanisms rather than inventing news

The importance of Communities in preventing violent extremism

- Communities are and have been playing a frontline role in combating violent extremism in their communities.
- These include opposing violent extremist agendas and combating radicalisation countering recruitment narrative
- Local communities have the advantages of knowing their communities the needs and vulnerabilities, knows locally specific drivers of recruitment and radicalisation to violent extremism, they are able to identify locally based solutions, they know who to engage, they know where there is trust deficits and can sometimes identify and engage recruiters
- Local communities struggle to get support to launch local initiatives to build community resilience against violent extremist agendas

The PVE pyramid



Women's Role

- In modern days women play much greater roles in violent extremist groups
- Gone are the days when women roles were cooking and cleaning- today they are just as killers as their male counterparts.
- Increasingly women are being used in combat, explosive experts, intelligence, recruitment as leadership roles

POSITION HELD WITHIN BOKO HARAM (Research in December 2015)

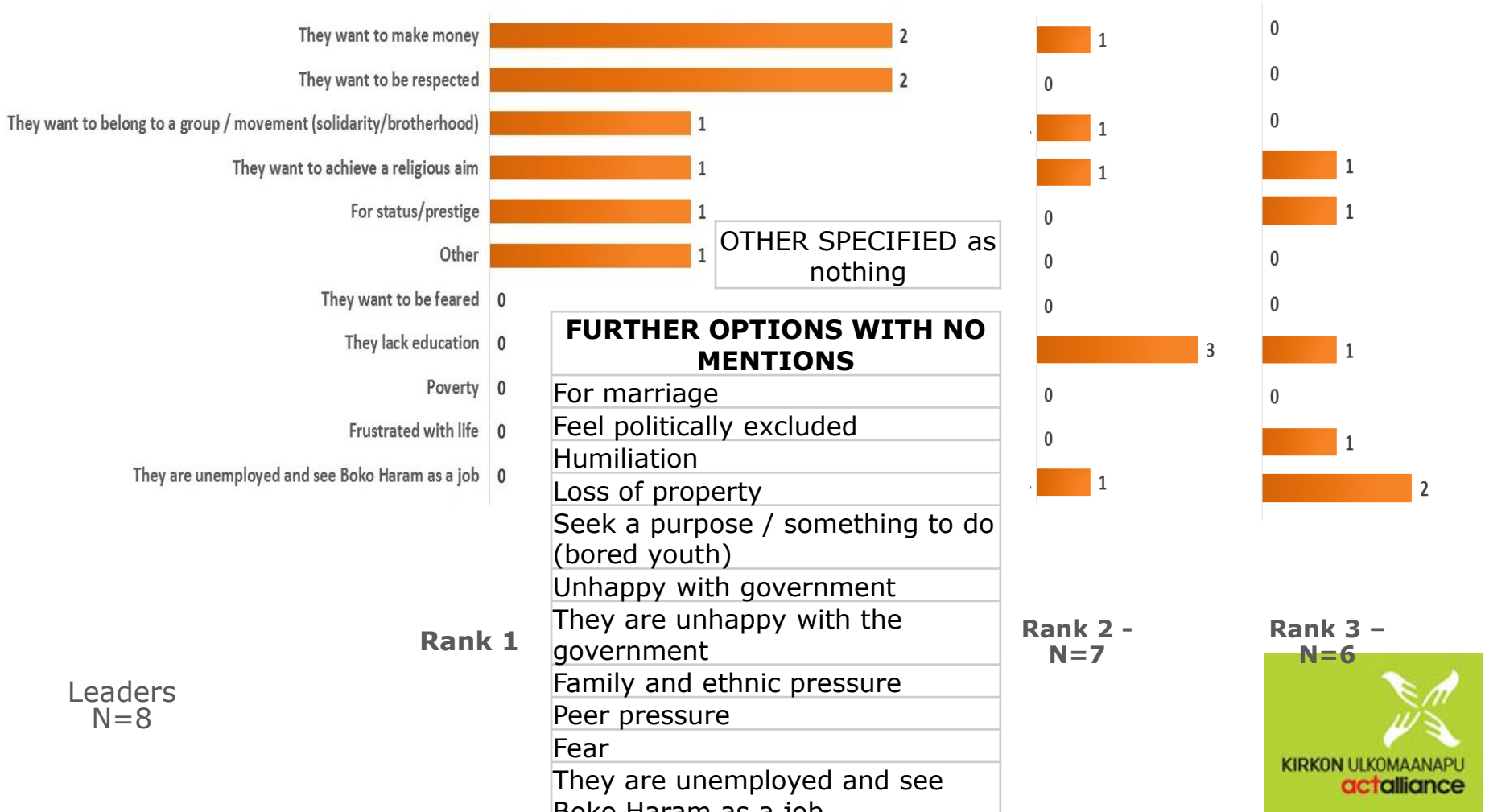
Position Held	Female	Male
Leader	2	6
Recruiter	12	7
Training provider	1	6
Explosion specialist	3	2
Field Operator (Foot soldier)	25	25
Boko Haram Intelligence	8	6
Cooking	4	
Just a Member	4	2
Held no position or didn't specified	4	2

SAMPLE BREAKDOWN OF MALE VS FEMALE

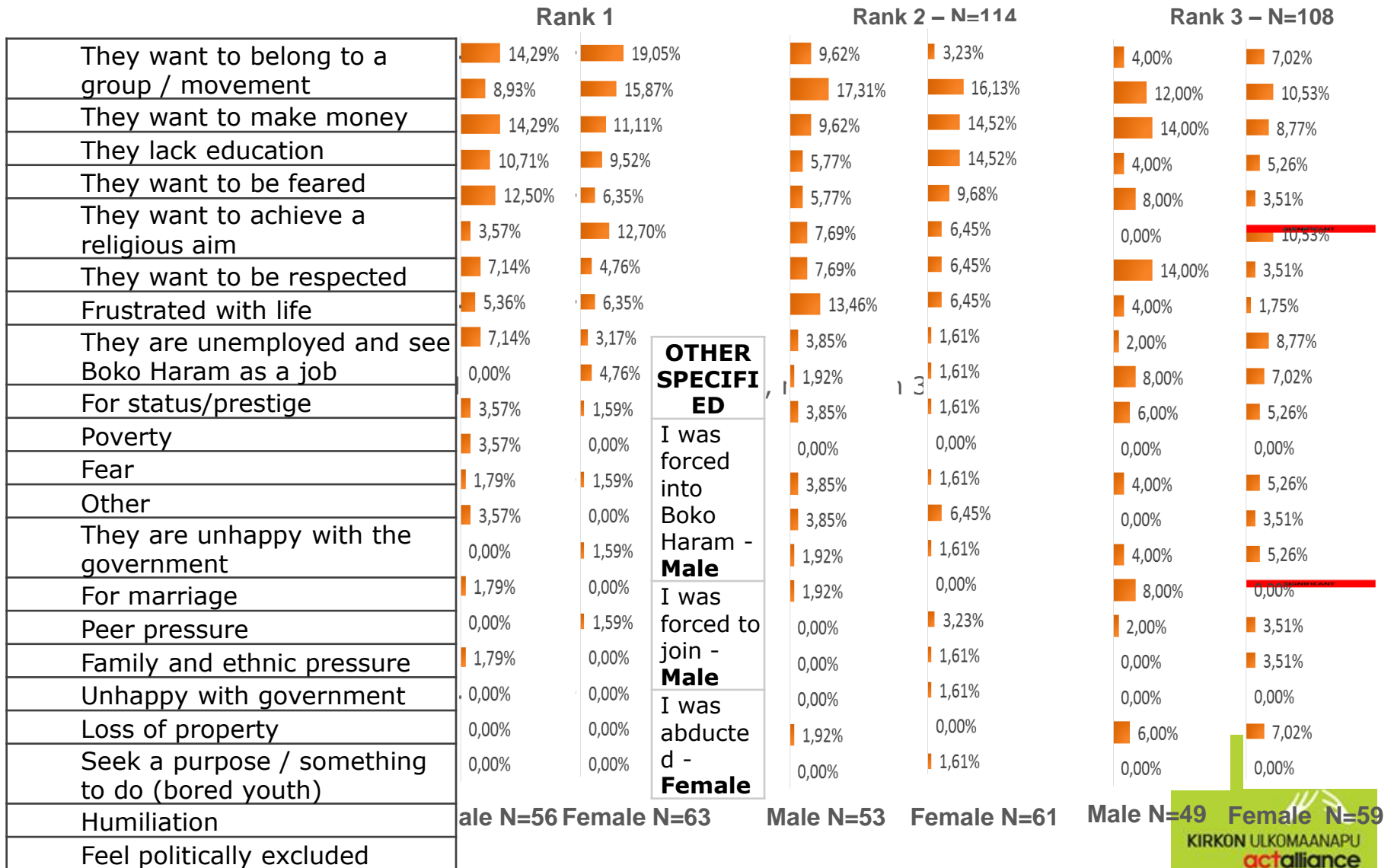
		GENDER				GENDER	
AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL	EMPLOYMENT – "BEFORE JOINING BH"	Male	Female	TOTAL
15-34	33	35	68	Self-employment (business)	7	16	23
35+	23	28	51	Private-sector	4	2	6
EDUCATION	Male	Female	TOTAL	Agriculture	14	9	23
Primary	16	19	35	Government (public)	6	1	7
Secondary	10	10	20	NGO	1	0	1
Finish sec. sch	0	2	2	Other (Specify)	0	1	1
College/Polytechnic	6	7	13	TOTAL	32	29	61
University	2	0	2	RELIGION	Male	Female	TOTAL
Vocational training	15	20	35	Islam	52	55	107
No formal education	7	5	12	Christianity	4	8	12
TOTAL SURVEY SAMPLE	56	63	119	TOTAL SURVEY SAMPLE	56	63	119

REASONS FOR JOINING BOKO HARAM

Q16) Why did you join Boko Haram? (multiple answers, maximum 3, ranked)

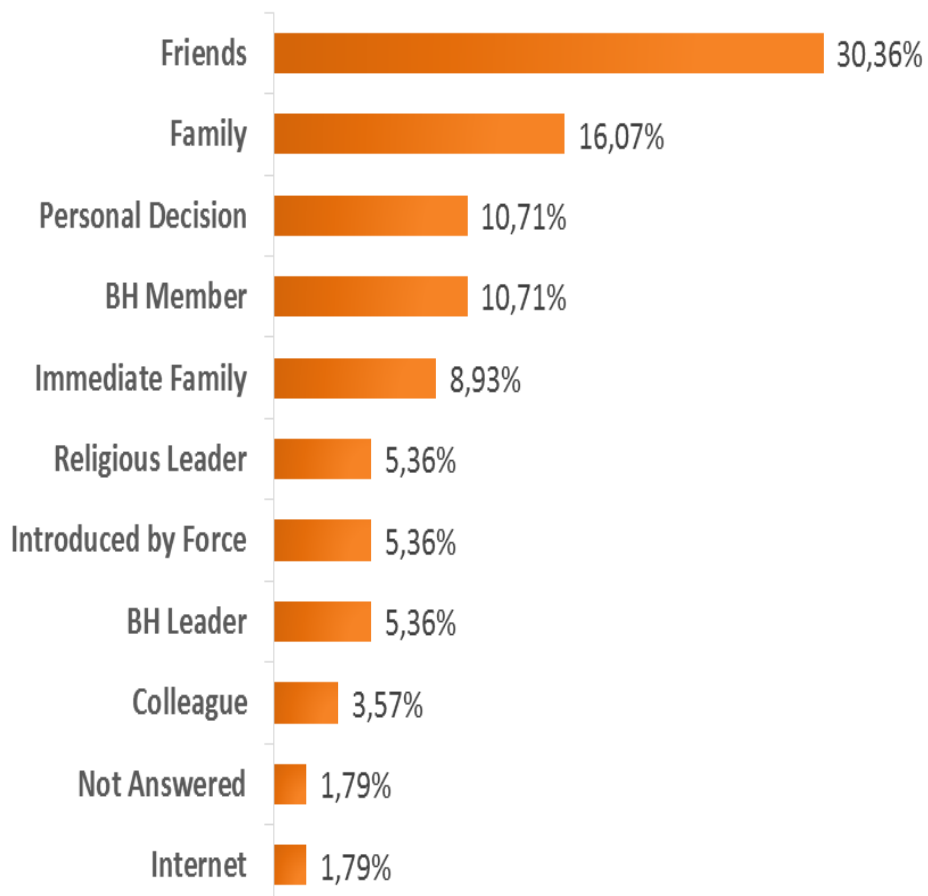


REASONS FOR JOINING BOKO HARAM



RECRUITMENT

Q20) Who introduced you to Boko Haram (Open ended)



Male N=56

Further Specified

BH Leader – Total 3 mentions	
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BH Member – Total 6 mentions	
Given Money	1
Neighbour	1
Amir/Imam	3
Family – Total 9 mentions	
Uncle	4
Cousin	1
Nephew	1
Friends – Total 17 mentions	
Friend of Family	1
Religious Leader – Total 3 mentions	
Islamic Preacher	1

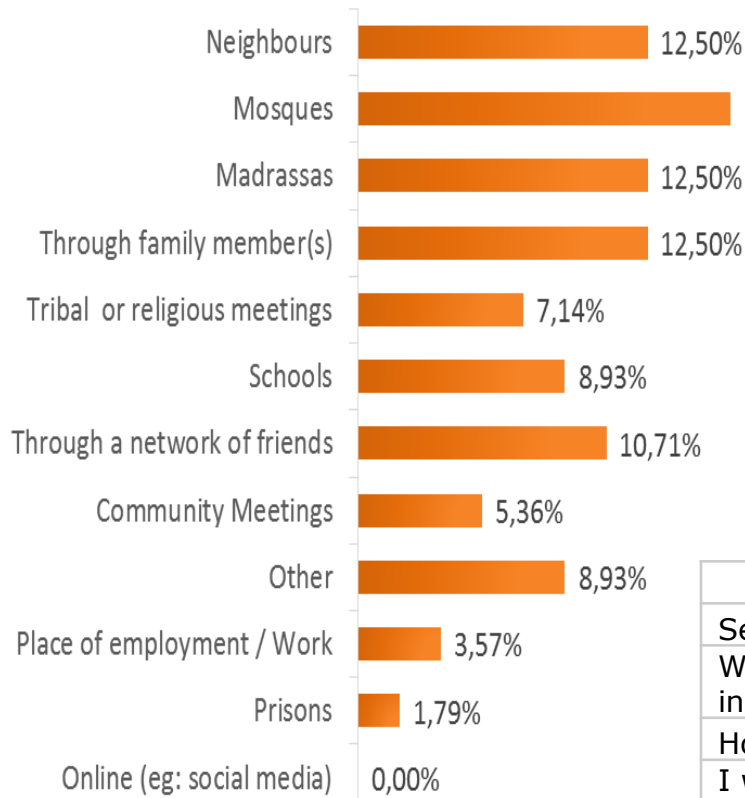
Immediate Family – Total 5 mentions	
Brother	
Given Money x	13
Father	1

Introduced by Force – Total 3 mentions	
Captured / Abducted	2
Neighbour	1

Personal Decision – Total 6 mentions	
Attended Seminar / Sermon	4
They fight for justice	1

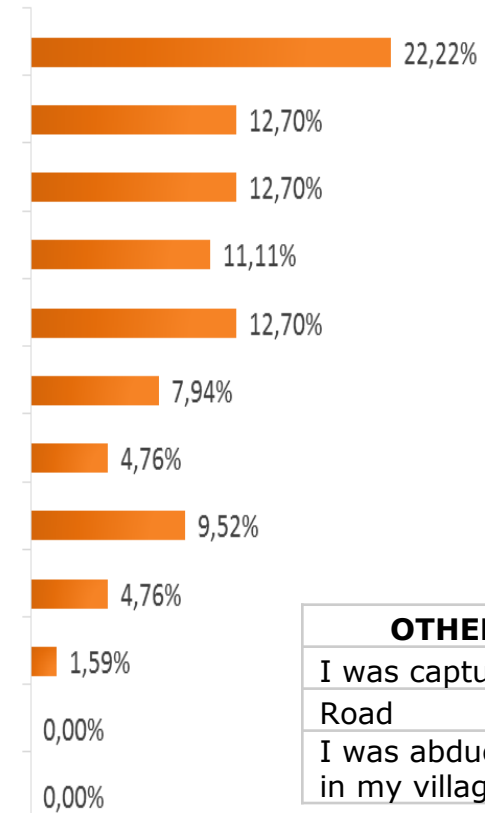
RECRUITMENT

Q21) Where were you introduced to Boko Haram?



Male N=56

OTHER
Secret group
When I was captured in our village
Home
I was captured in my community
In a public preaching within our town



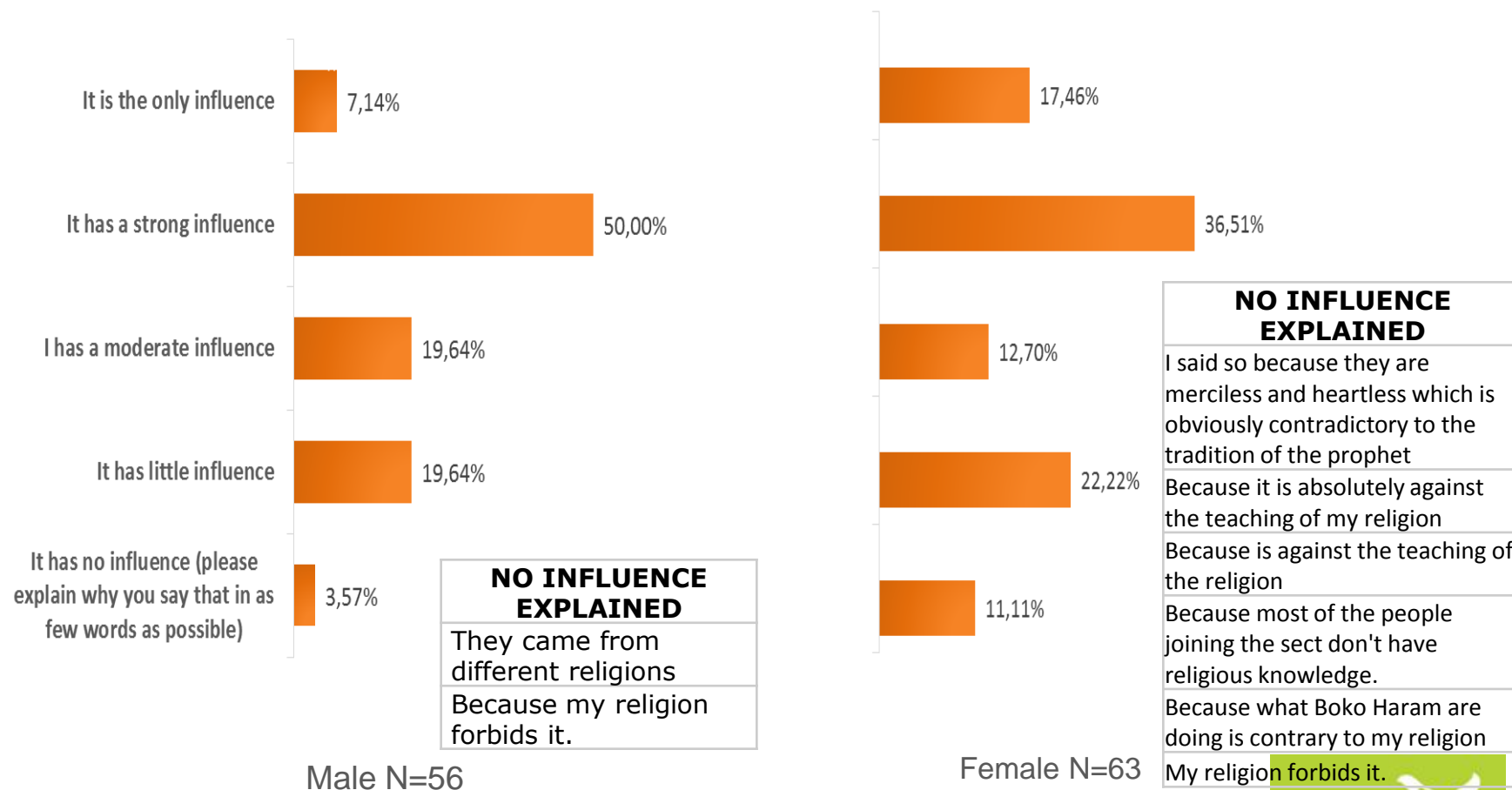
Female N=63

OTHER
I was captured
Road
I was abducted in my village



INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON JOINING BOKO HARAM

Q27) In your opinion how much influence does religion have on someone's decision to join Boko Haram?



THANK YOU

