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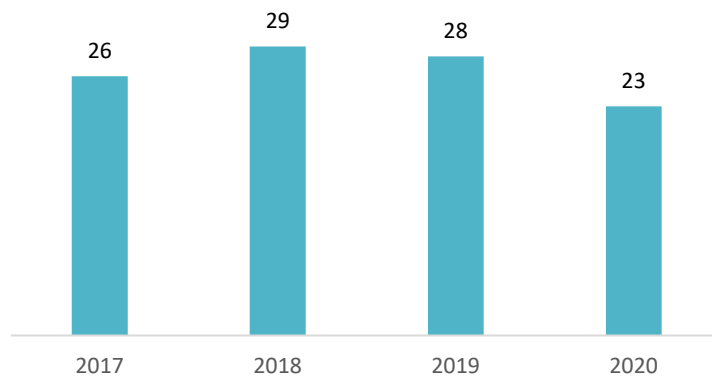
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– Angola –

Angola acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2014. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Angola– Articles 178, 190, and 196 of the Penal Code – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹

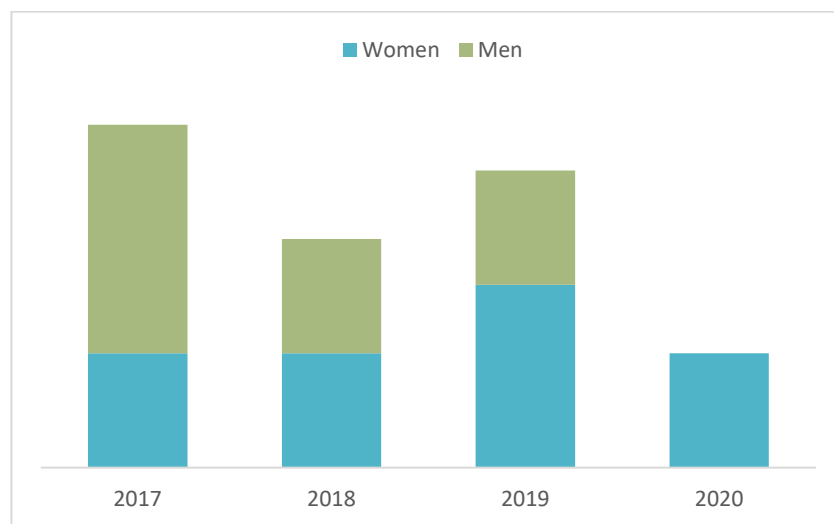
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of or arrested for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017- 2020*



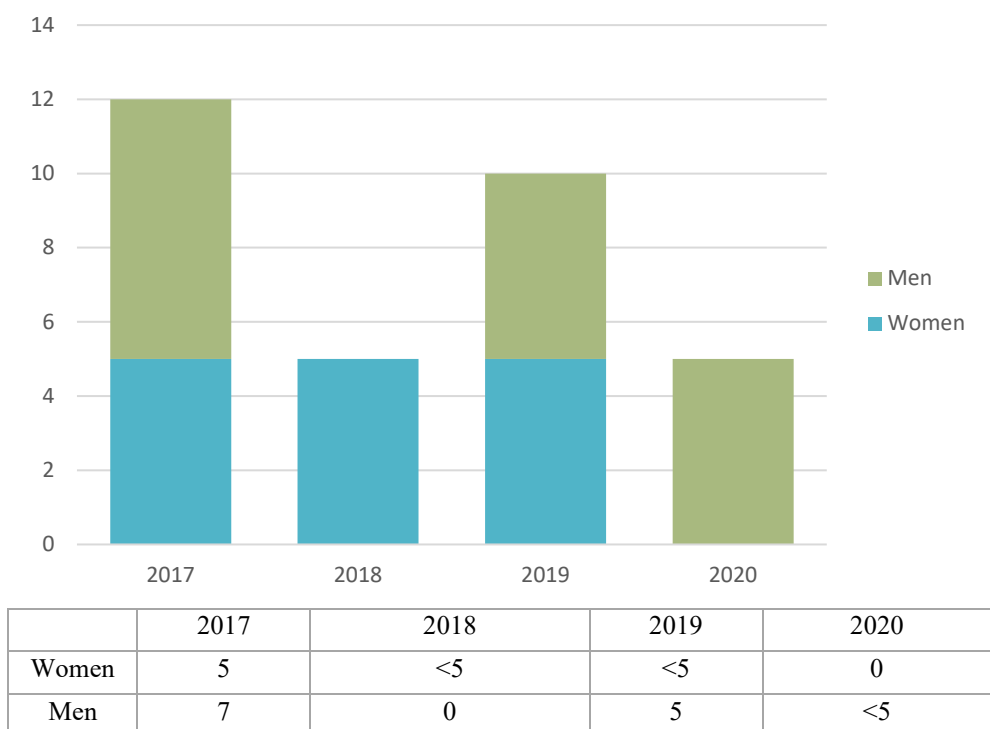
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Men	10	<5	<5	0
Women	<5	<5	8	<5

Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

*Due to privacy reasons, figures below five were presented as “<5”.

¹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

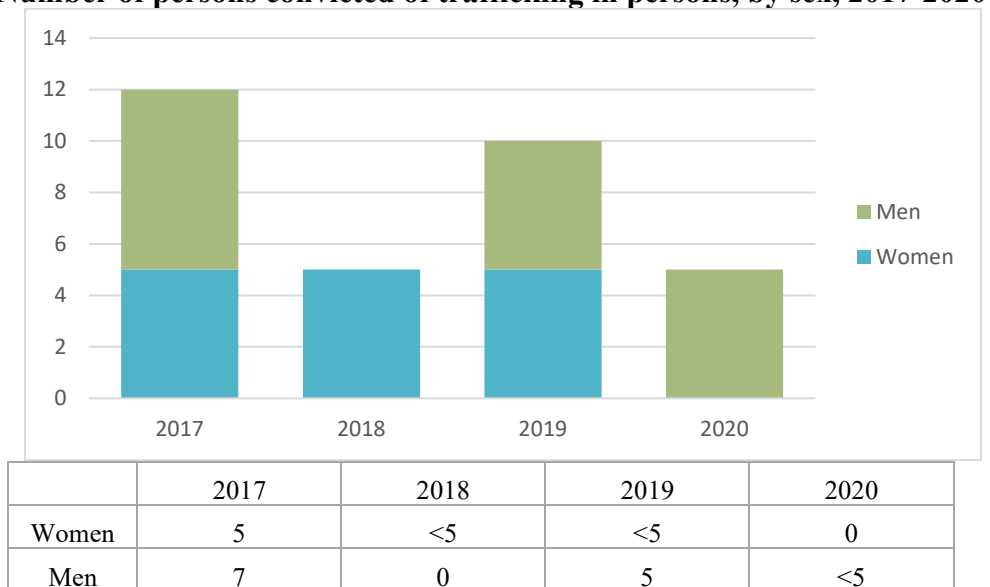
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex 2017-2020*



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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



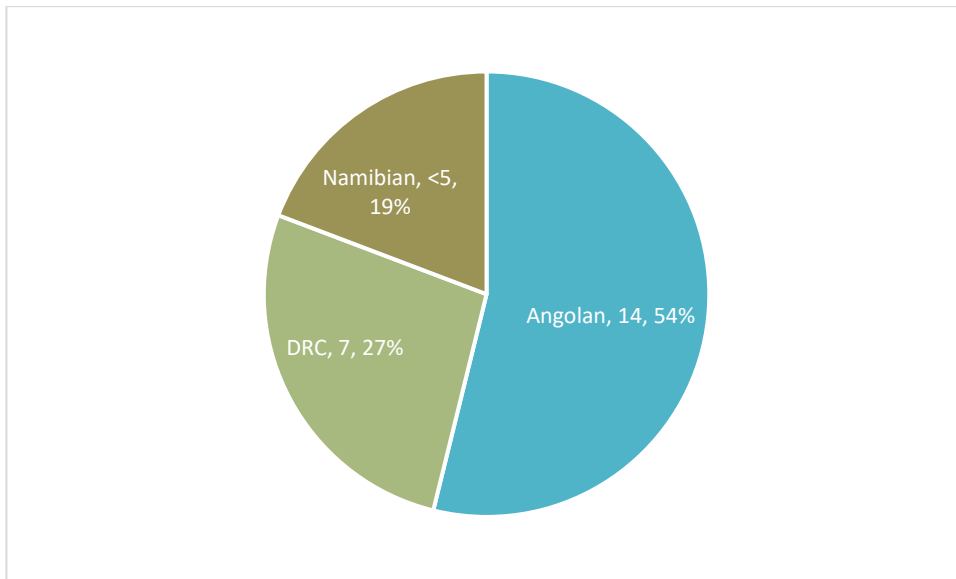
Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

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Between 2017 and 2020, all offenders were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour.

Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

Number of persons convicted for trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020*

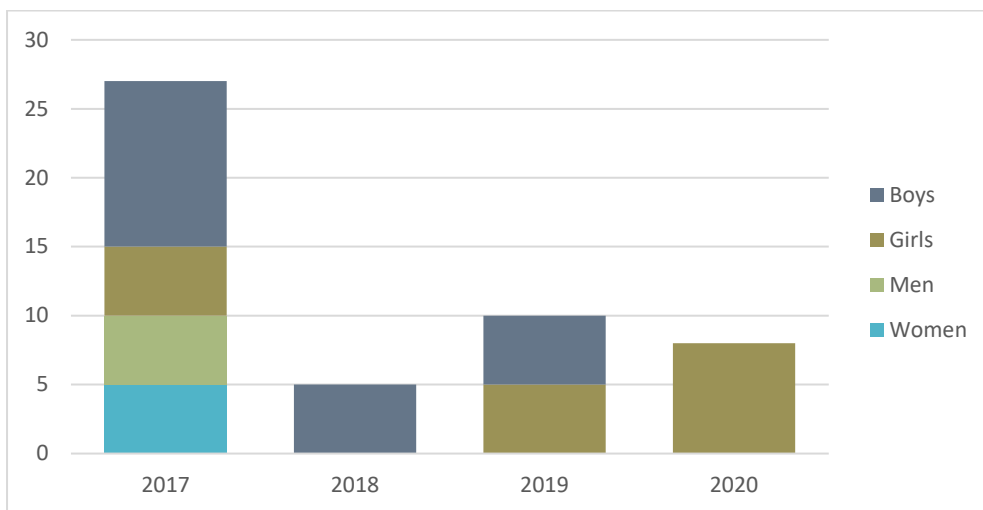


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Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*

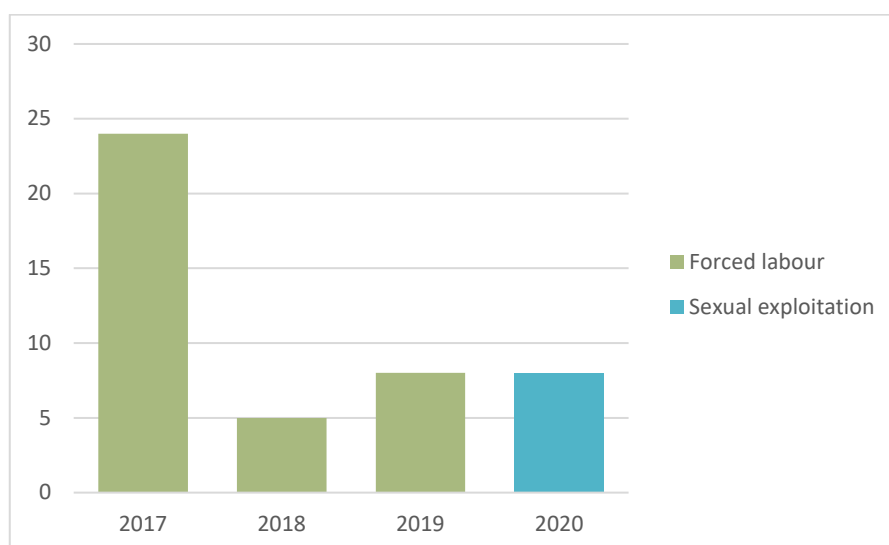


	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	<5	0	0	0
Men	5	0	0	0
Girls	<5	0	<5	8
Boys	12	<5	5	0

Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

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Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*

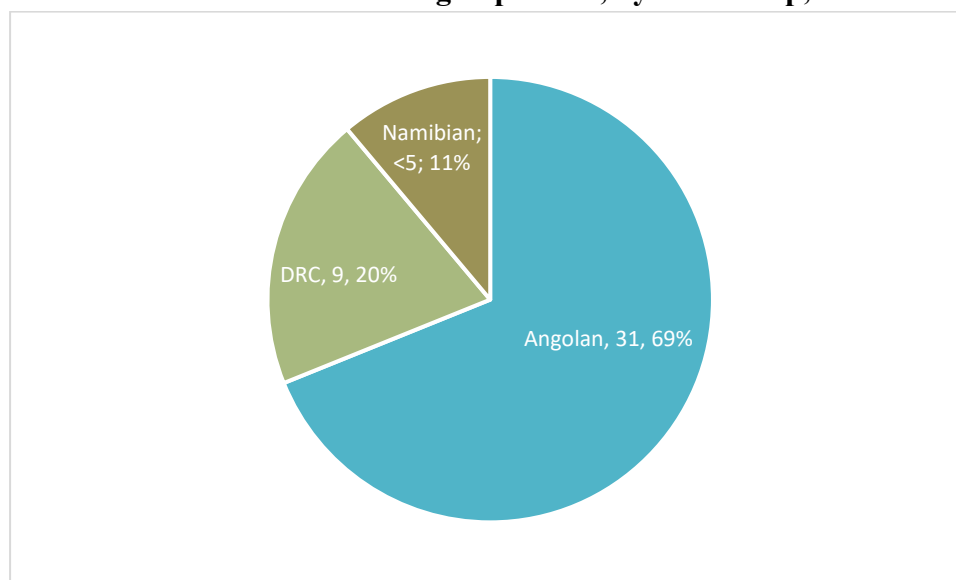


	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forced labour	24	<5	8	0
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	8

Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

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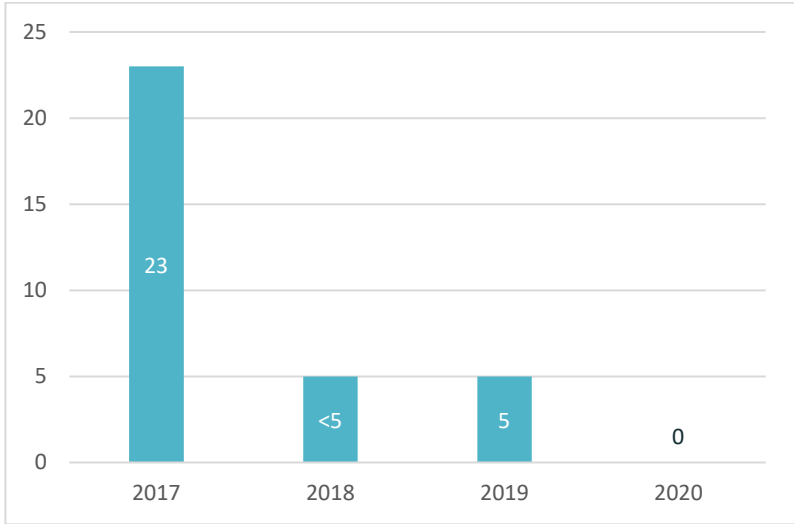
Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020*



Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

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Number of citizens of own country trafficked domestically, 2017-2020*



Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.
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Between 2017 and 2020, less than five victims of trafficking in persons were repatriated from a country in Western and Southern Europe.

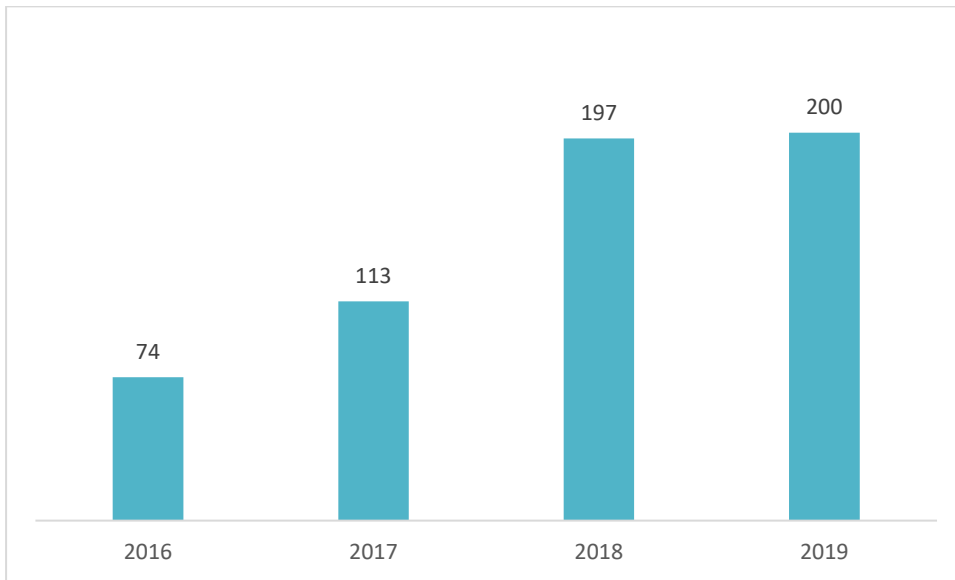
Source: Comisión Interministerial de Combate al Tráfico de Seres Humanos.

- Benin -

Benin ratified the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Benin² – Article 499 of Law No. 2018-16 on the Penal Code – covers all forms of trafficking in persons indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

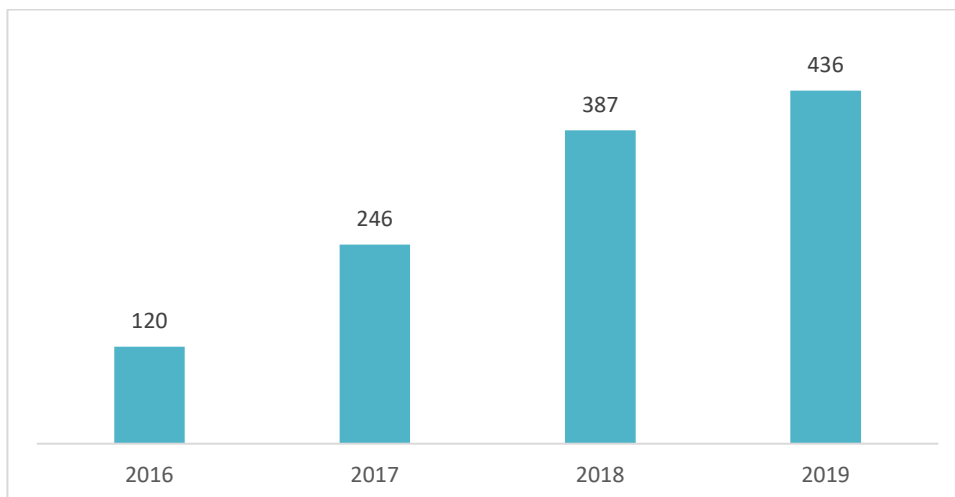
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2016 – 2019



Source: National Authorities of Benin.

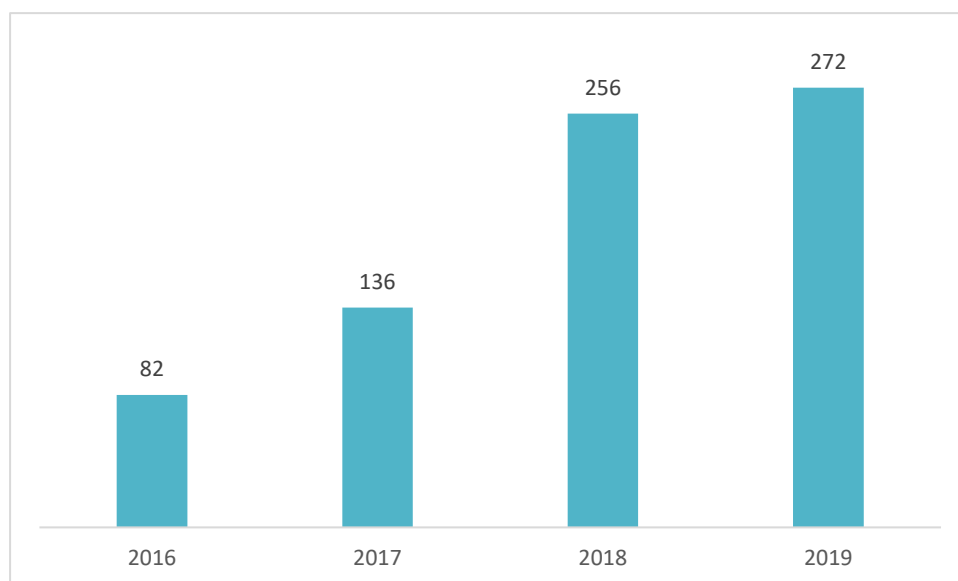
Number of persons investigated for trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation and forced labour, 2016– 2019



Source: National Authorities of Benin.

² See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2016 –2019



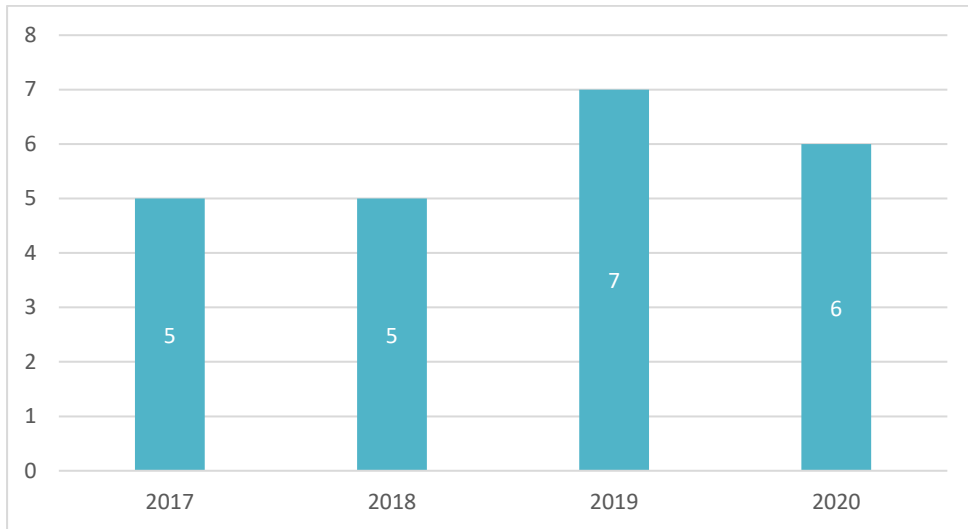
Source: National Authorities of Benin.

– Botswana –

Botswana ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Botswana³ – Section 9 of the Anti-Human Trafficking Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol. Additionally, Article 114 of the Children’s Act addresses child abduction and child trafficking.

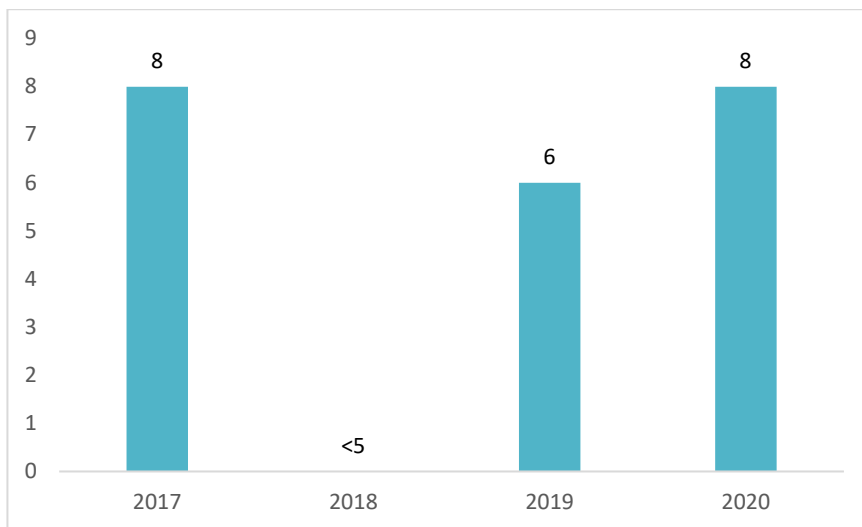
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Botswana Police Service.

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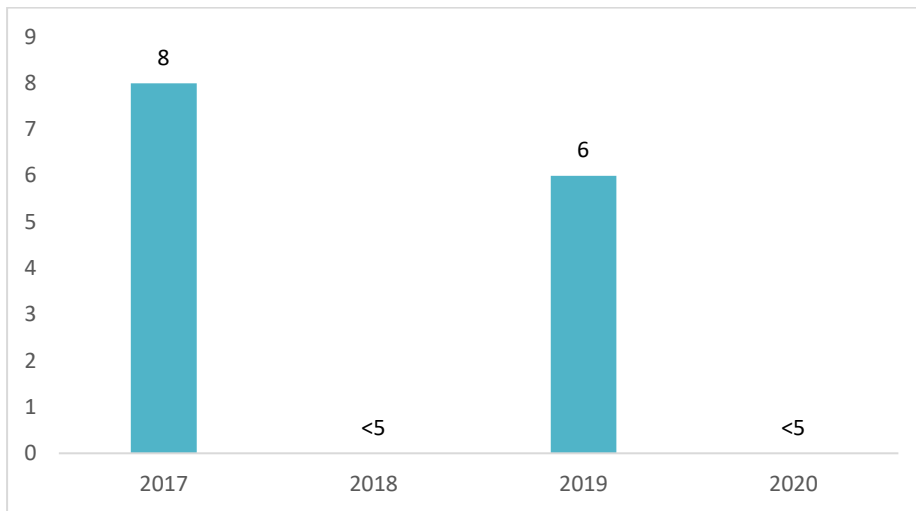


Source: Botswana Police Service.

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Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



Source: Botswana Police Service.

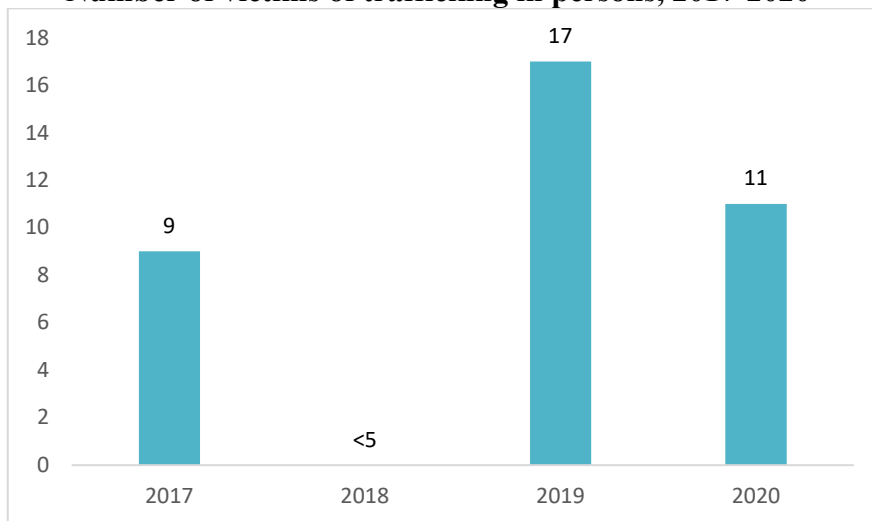
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Between 2017 and 2020, national authorities recorded no convictions of trafficking in persons.

Source: Botswana Police Service.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



Source: Botswana Police Service.

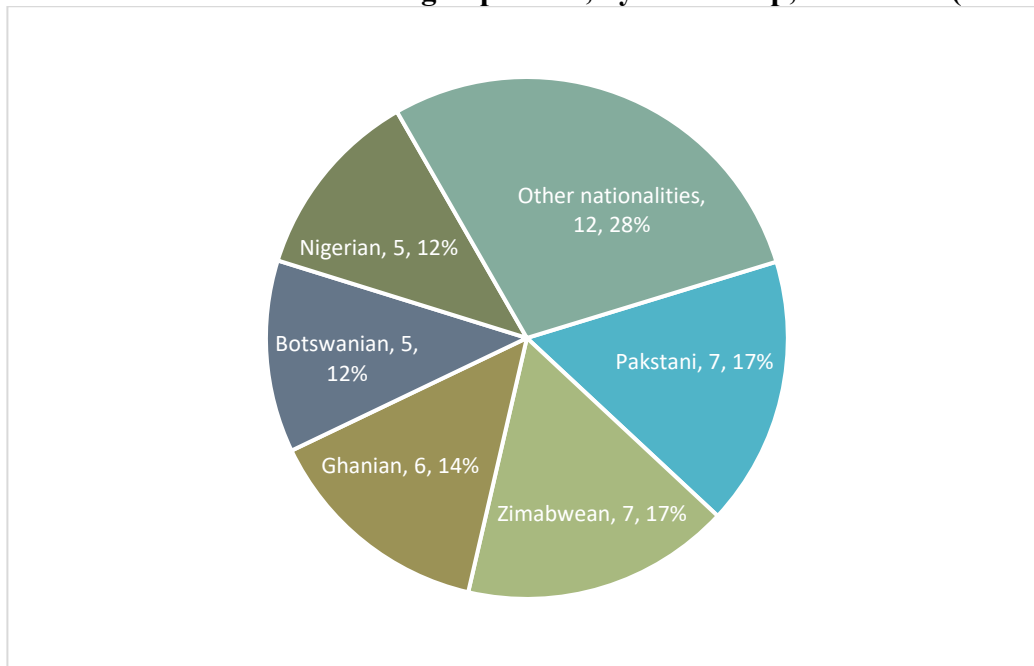
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Between 2017 and 2019, less than five victims, women and girls, were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Between 2019 and 2020, six victims were trafficked for the purpose of forced labour, and they included men, women and girls.

Source: Botswana Police Service.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 42)



Source: Botswana Police Service.

Between 2017 and 2020, less than five Botswanian citizens were identified as victims of domestic trafficking in persons.

Between 2018 and 2020, six Botswanian citizens were repatriated from other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and in East Asia and the Pacific as victims of trafficking in persons.

Source: Botswana Police Service.

– Cabo Verde –

Cabo Verde ratified the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in 2004. The current legislation criminalises trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour and sexual exploitation under Article 171 and 271a of the 2015 Criminal Code⁴.

Investigations and suspects

In the 2019/2020 judicial year, no new cases of trafficking in persons were registered, and 11 cases carried over from the previous judicial year remained pending.

Source: Relatório Sobre a Situação da Justiça - Ano Judicial 2019-2020 – Ministerio Publico.

Victims

Between 2015 and 2019, no case of trafficking in persons was reported by the authorities, although less than five cases of missing children were under investigation by the Judiciary Police in 2018.

Source: National Commission for Human Rights and Citizenship of Cabo Verde (CNDHC) Contributions for the Combined Periodic Report II, III and IV of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

⁴See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Central African Republic –

The Central African Republic acceded to the UN Protocol on Trafficking in Persons in 2006. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Central African Republic - Article 151 of the Penal Code⁵ - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

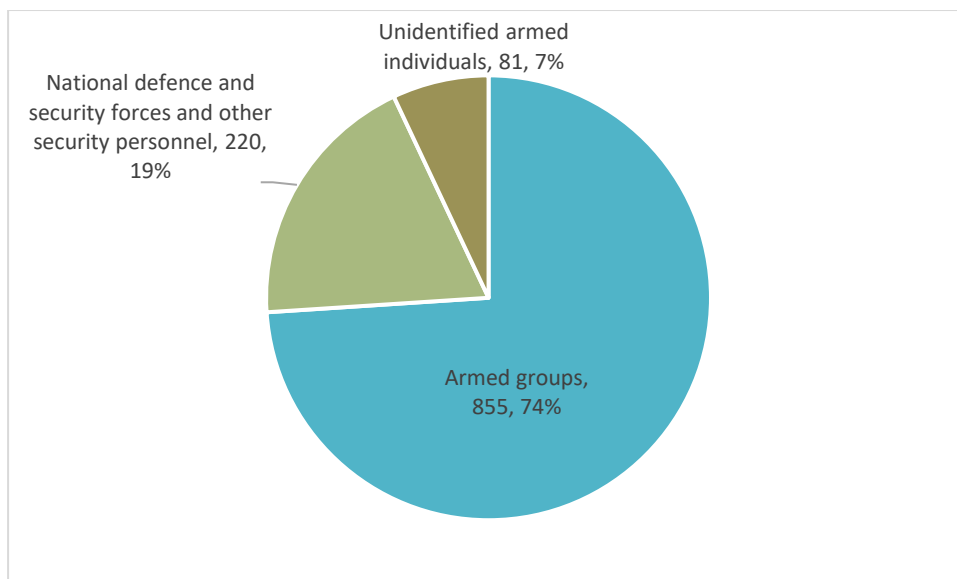
Between February 2021 to June 2022, armed groups were implicated in 457 incidents of conflict-related sexual violence. Other perpetrators of conflict-related violence were national defence forces, bilaterally deployed and other security personnel.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2021/146, S/2021/571, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

From October 2017 to April 2022, 112 new allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse involving uniformed United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) personnel were recorded, along with six paternity and child support claims.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2018/125, S/2018/611, S/2018/922, S/2019/147, S/2019/498, S/2019/822, S/2020/124, S/2020/545, S/2020/994, S/2021/146, S/2021/571, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

Number grave violations against children recoded verified by the national task force on monitoring and reporting, by type of perpetrators, 1 February 2021 to 1 June 2022 (tot: 1,156)

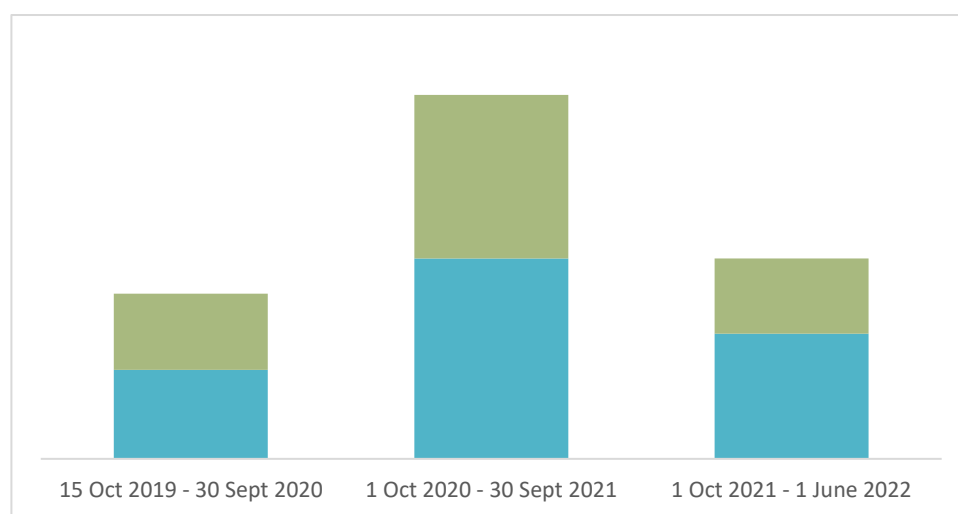


Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2021/146, S/2021/571, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

⁵ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Victims

Number of reported victims of conflict-related sexual violence (mostly rape), by sex, 15 October 2019 – 1 June 2022*

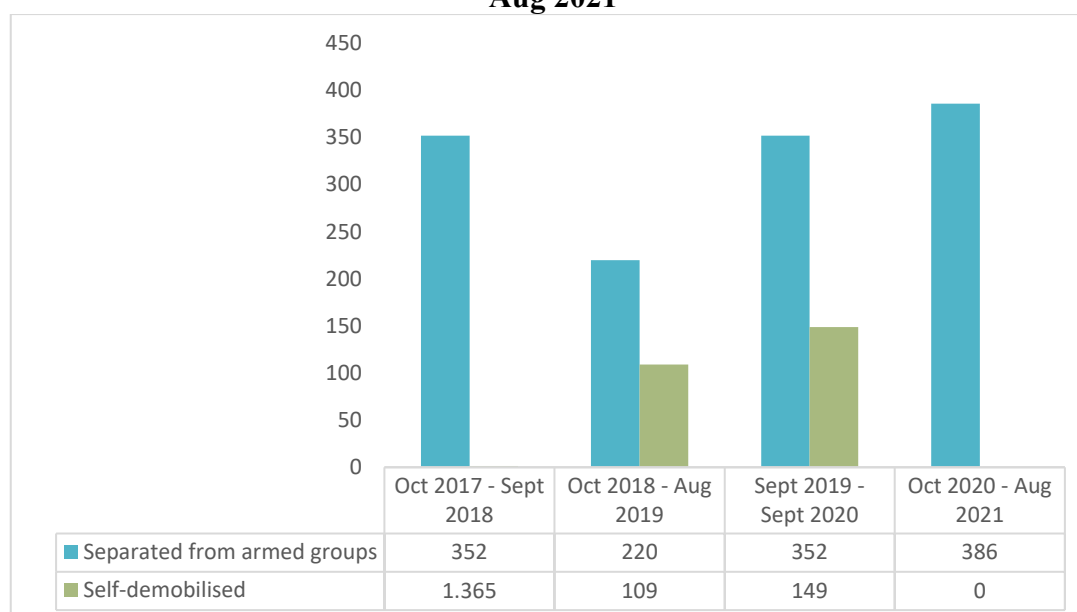


	15 Oct 2019 - 30 Sept 2020	1 Oct 2020 - 30 Sept 2021	1 Oct 2021 - 1 June 2022
Women	129	290	181
Girls	110	237	109
Men	<5	0	0

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2019/822, S/2020/124, S/2020/545, S/2020/994, S/2021/146, S/2021/571, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

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Number of children separated/released from armed groups or self-demobilised, Oct 2017 – Aug 2021

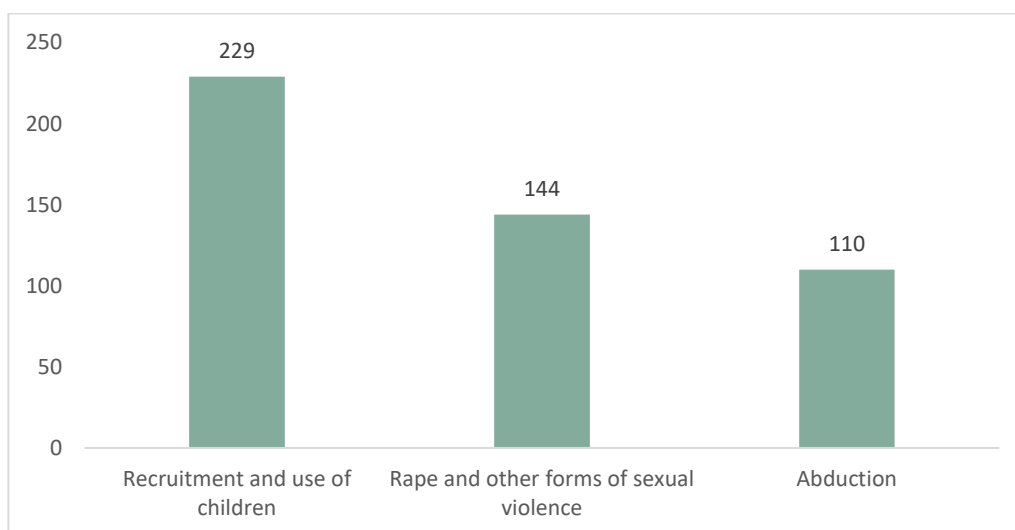


Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Report on the Central African Republic, S/2019/822, S/2020/124, S/2020/545, S/2020/994, S/2021/146, S/2021/571, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

From February to October 2020, two sexual violence cases resulted in death. During the same reporting period, ten forced marriage cases, and three sexual slavery cases were reported.

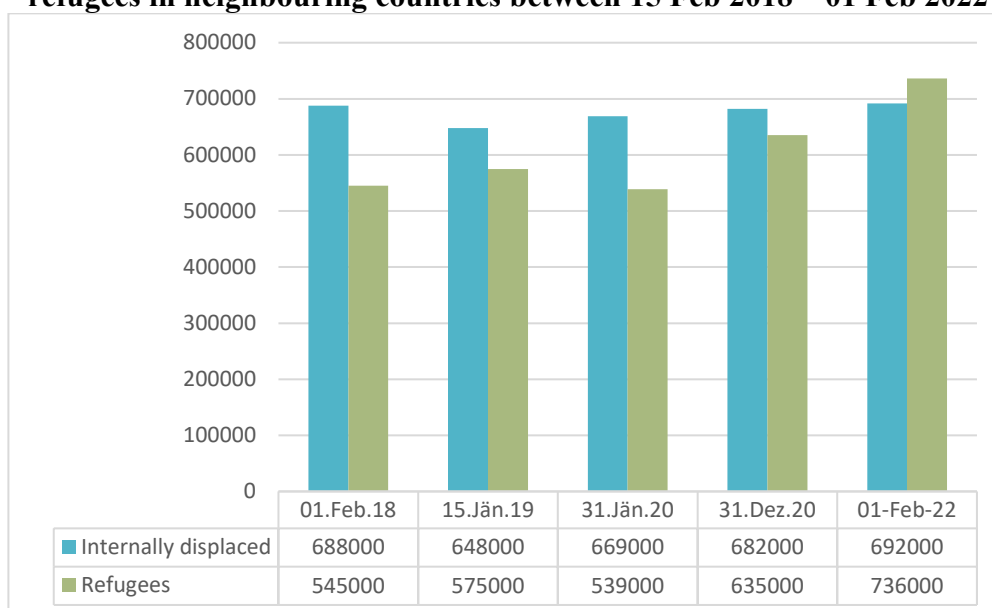
Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2020/124, S/2020/545, S/2020/994.

Number of reported grave armed conflict-related violations committed against children between 1 1 Oct 2021 and 1 June 2022, by type of violation



Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2021/867, S/2022/119, S/2022/491.

Number of internally displaced persons in the Central African Republic and Central African refugees in neighbouring countries between 15 Feb 2018 – 01 Feb 2022



Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on the Central African Republic, S/2018/125, S/2019/147, S/2020/124, S/2021/146, S/2022/119.

- Chad -

Legal overview

Chad acceded to the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in 2009. The legislation on trafficking in persons in Chad - Articles 330 and 331 of the Criminal Code - cover all forms of exploitation indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Trafficking in persons, including sexual and labor exploitation, was officially criminalized in Chad in 2018 by Law 006/PR/18.

Victims

Between 2019 and 2020, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) assisted over 330 victims of trafficking in persons in Chad.

Source: UN Chad - IOM Welcomes Landmark Decree Establishing Chad's First National Commission to Combat Human Trafficking, March 19, 2021.

- Democratic Republic of Congo -

The Democratic Republic of Congo acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo criminalizes the worst forms of child labour (Section 6 of the Labour Code), the enrolment of children under 18 years of age in armed forces (Act No. 09/001 of 2009), and child marriage (Family Code of 2016). In addition, the Sexual Violence Law of 2006 criminalizes and prosecutes child trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Victims

Between 2019 and 2020, the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office documented the abduction of 508 civilians (304 men, 116 children and 88 women) during attacks. The victims of abduction were frequently used to transport looted goods.

Sources:

United Nations Joint Human Rights Office OHCHR-MONUSCO (2020). Report on violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by the Allied Democratic Forces armed group and by members of the defence and security forces in Beni territory, North Kivu province and Irumu and Mambasa territories, Ituri province, between 1 January 2019 and 31 January 2020. United Nations (2020). The situation in Central Africa and the activities of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa S/2020/463.

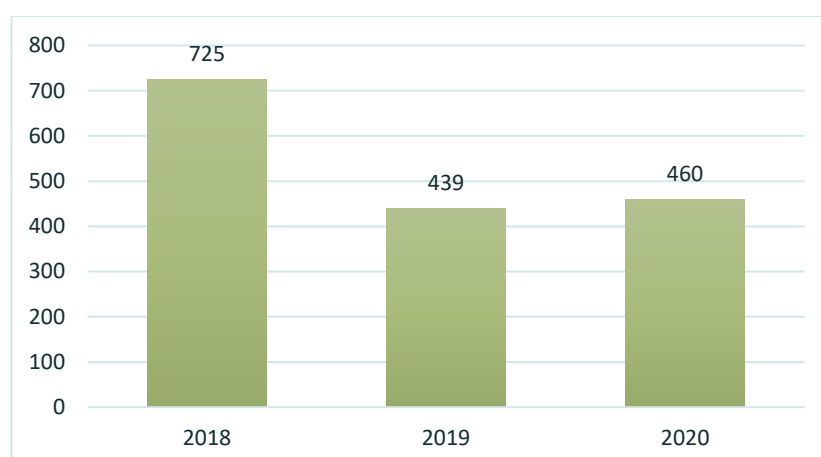
Between 2018 and March 2020, the UN country task force verified the abduction of 1,201 children (905 male children, 296 female children).

Source: United Nations (2020). Report of the Secretary-General - Children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo S/2020/1030.

In 2020, 460 children (307 boys and 153 girls) were abducted. Children were abducted for purposes of recruitment (273), sexual violence (88) and ransom (4) and for unknown reasons (95).

Source: United Nations (2021). Report of the Secretary-General - Children and armed conflict A/75/873-S/2021/437.

Number of children abducted by armed forces, 2018- 2020



Source: United Nations (2020). Report of the Secretary-General - Children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo S/2020/1030. Source: United Nations (2021). Report of the Secretary-General - Children and armed conflict A/75/873-S/2021/437.

In 2020, the United Nations verified the recruitment and use of 788 children (687 male children and 101 female children), all of whom were recruited, used and separated in the same year. In addition, the recruitment and use of 1,164 children (747 boys, 417 girls) by armed groups were verified at a later date. In a small number of cases (2 per cent), children who had escaped or were released from armed groups were rerecruited by the same or different armed groups, sometimes within days of family reunification.

Between 2018 and early 2020, 331 newly recruited girls were subjected to rape, sexual slavery or forced marriage during their association with armed groups.

Between 2018 and 2020, the number of children used as combatants decreased. While in 2018, 794 children were used in active combat, in 2019, there were only 342 children used in active combat and in 2020, 240 children. Armed groups were found to employ between 35 and 55 per cent of all the children associated with their forces as combatants.

Children were also used in a variety of supporting roles, including as bodyguards, tax and food collectors, porters, cooks, mine labourers, herders, spies and sexual slaves or “wives”. In 2020, 456 children were recorded to have served in support roles after recruitment.

Between 2018 and 2020, the vast majority of newly recruited children in armed conflicts were of Congolese (DRC) nationality. Other nationalities included children from Rwanda (6), Burundi (6) and Uganda (5).

Source: United Nations (2020). Report of the Secretary-General - Children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo S/2020/1030.

– Eswatini –

Eswatini ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2012. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Eswatini – Article 12 of the People Trafficking and People Smuggling (Prohibition) Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Between 2019 and 2020, eight cases of trafficking in persons were recorded. Ten offenders were investigated, prosecuted and/or convicted for trafficking in persons and related offences, among them six were men and four women. Less than five offenders currently under trial are public officials.

Between 2019 and 2020, seven offenders arrested for trafficking in persons were in the prosecution stage of their trial. During this period, three offenders were convicted of trafficking in persons offences.

Source: Secretariat for the Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling. Prime Ministers Office.

Victims

Between 2019 and 2020, national authorities identified nine girls and less than five boys as victims of trafficking in persons in Eswatini. The main forms of exploitation recorded in trafficking in persons cases were forced labour and sexual exploitation.

From 2019-2020, less than five girls were trafficked to Eswatini from South Africa and Mozambique respectively.

Source: Secretariat for the Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling. Prime Ministers Office.

- Gambia -

Gambia ratified the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Gambia – Article 28 of the Trafficking in Persons Act⁶ – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

In 2019, 12 cases of trafficking in persons were investigated by law enforcement authorities. Additionally, three prosecutions of trafficking in persons commenced in 2019. No convictions for trafficking in persons and related offences were reported in 2019.

Source: Annual Report on the Implementation of the ECOWAS TIP PoA 2019.

Victims

In 2019, 21 persons were identified as victims of trafficking in persons in Gambia, all of them were women and most of them had been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

In 2019, six Gambian victims were repatriated from Lebanon and Kuwait. National authorities report that adult victims of Gambian nationality were identified in Lebanon, Kuwait, Egypt and Oman. Gambian victims were mostly trafficked for the purpose of domestic servitude.

Ten Sierra Leonians victims were repatriated from Gambia in 2019. National authorities also identified victims of trafficking in persons from Nigeria (adults and children). Most victims were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Source: Annual Report on the Implementation of the ECOWAS TIP PoA 2019.

⁶ [See Sherlock database of legislation.](#)

- Kenya -

Kenya acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Kenya - Article 3 of the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act⁷- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. In the Kenyan legislation, the crime of trafficking for sexual exploitation includes also offences prosecuted under the Sexual Offence Act of 2006, such as child prostitution and child sex tourism. Furthermore, the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2010 includes removal of body parts in addition to organs as form of trafficking.

Investigations and suspects

The Judiciary reported a total of 18 trafficking in persons cases filed between 2018 and 2021, of which nine were resolved.

Between 2017 - 2020, 35 were convicted of trafficking in persons, among them 23 were men and 12 women. Twenty persons were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation and 12 persons of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour.

The Judiciary of Kenya reported that 28 Kenyans and seven Tanzanians were convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017-2020.

Source: The National Authorities of Kenya.

⁷ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Lesotho –

Lesotho ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Lesotho – Article 5 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.⁸

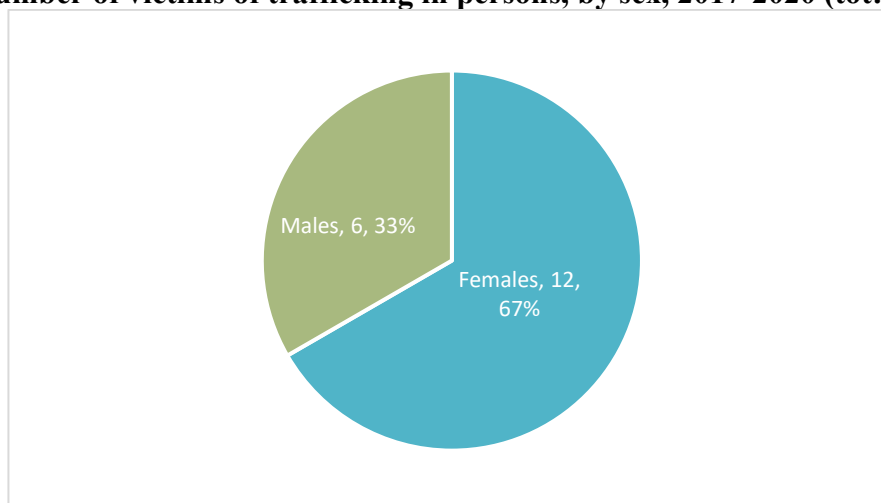
Investigations and suspects

Between 2017 and 2020, there were seven cases of trafficking in persons recorded. In the same reporting period, 26 cases were prosecuted for trafficking in persons. Between 2017 and 2020, eight males and less than five females were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020 (tot: 18)



Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

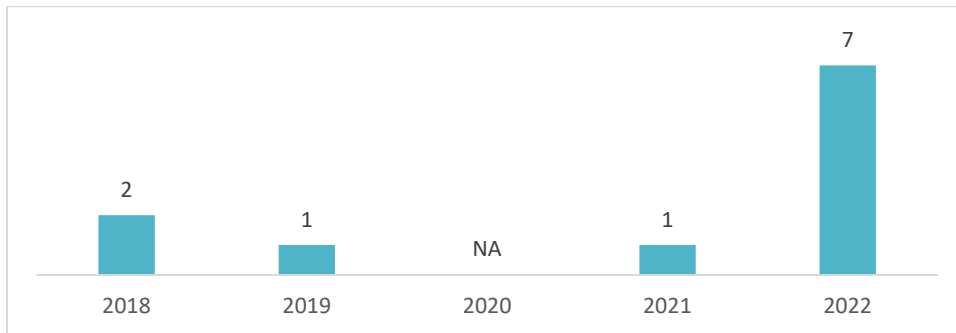
⁸ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

- Liberia -

Liberia acceded to the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2004. The Act to Ban Trafficking in Persons, approved in Liberia in 2005, covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. In addition, child trafficking is criminalized and prosecuted under the Child Law of Liberia.

Investigations and suspects

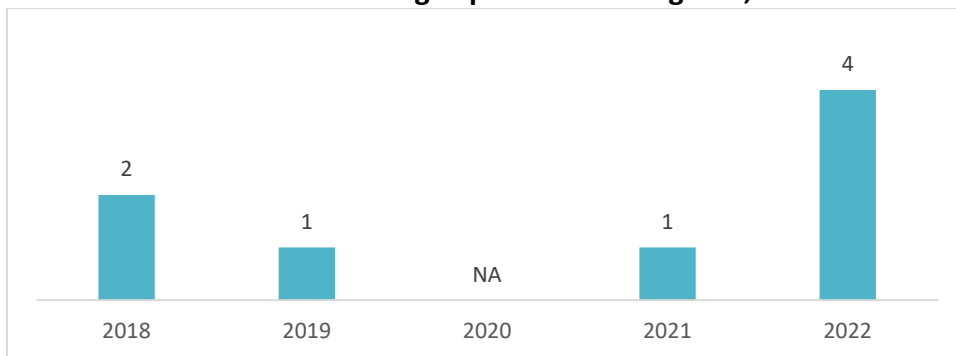
Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2018 – 2022*



Source: Ministry of Labour.

*Note: data for 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

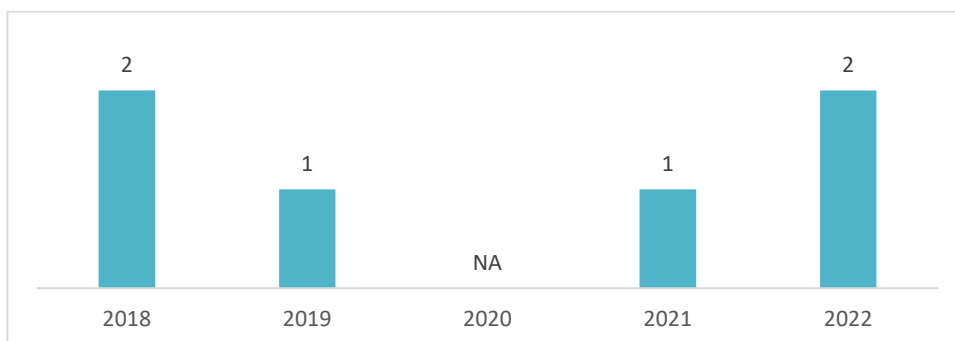
Number of cases of trafficking in persons investigated, 2018 – 2022*



Source: Ministry of Labour

*Note: data for 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

Number of cases of trafficking in persons adjudicated with a conviction, 2018 – 2022*

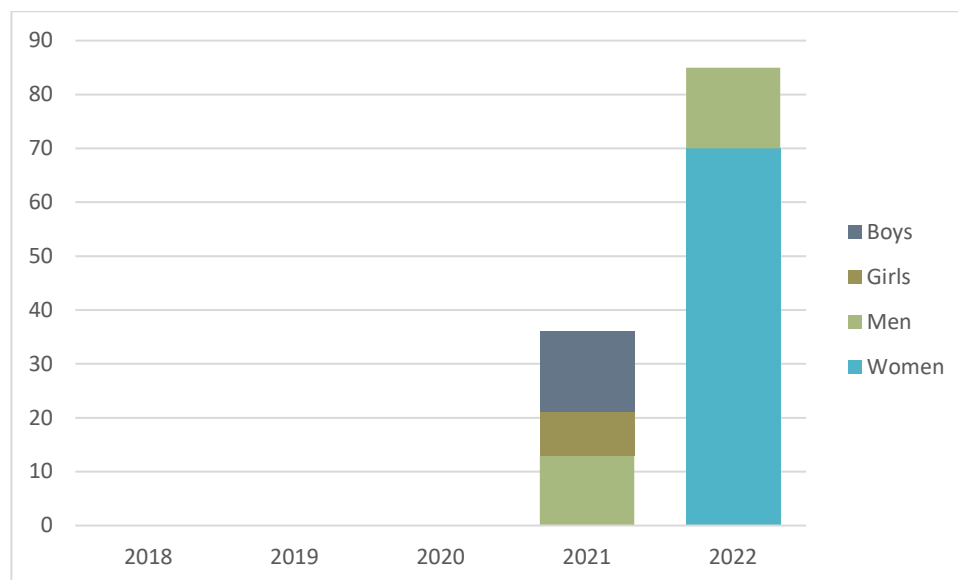


Source: Ministry of Labour.

*Note: data for 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2018, 2019, 2020 (not available), 2021, 2022*



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Women	0	0	NA	<5	70
Men	0	0	NA	13	15
Girls	<5	<5	NA	8	0
Boys	<5	0	NA	15	<5

Source: Ministry of Labour.

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as “<5”. Data for 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

Between 2018 and 2022, 106 victims of cross-border trafficking were identified by Liberian authorities, including Guinean nationals. Liberian victims were trafficked to Guinea and Nigeria. During the same period, 23 victims of domestic trafficking were identified in Liberia.

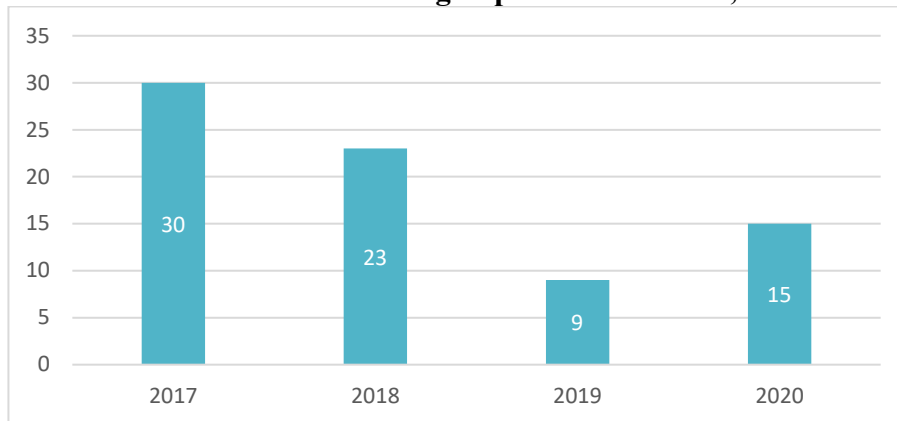
Source: Ministry of Labour.

– Malawi –

Malawi acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Malawi – Section 14 of the Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.⁹

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



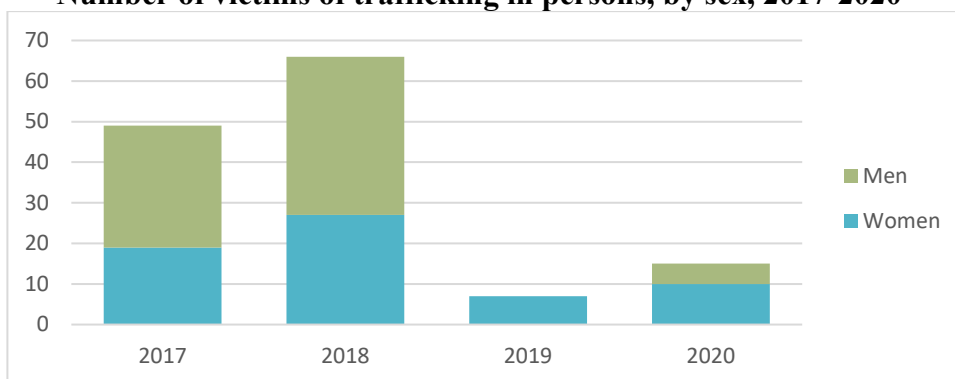
Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Between 2017 and 2020, 16 cases were prosecuted for trafficking in persons. In the same reporting period, 21 males and less than five females were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	19	27	7	10
Men	30	39	<5	5

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as “<5”.

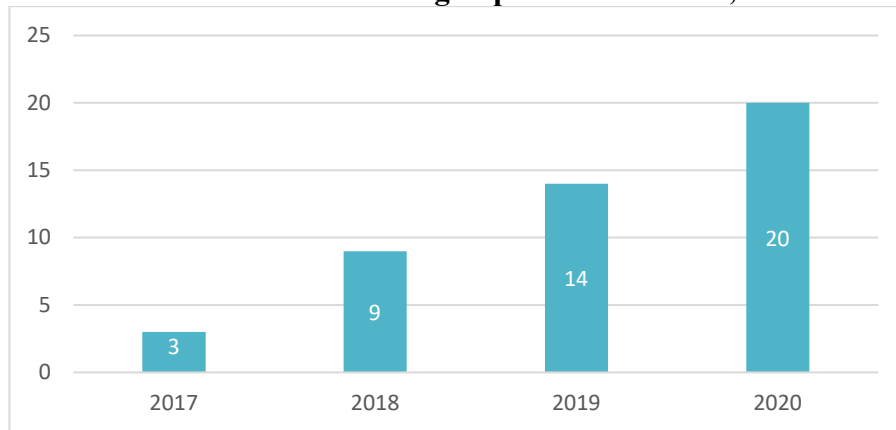
⁹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Mozambique –

Mozambique acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Mozambique – Articles 10-13 of the Law on Preventing and Combating the Trafficking of People – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁰

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



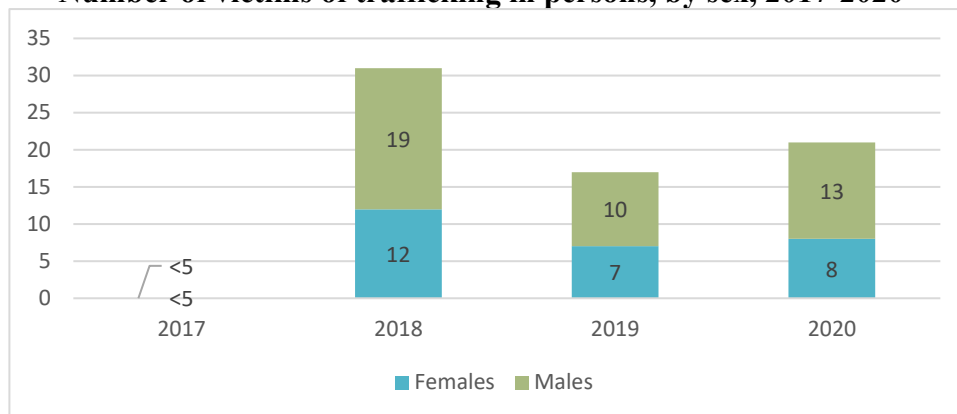
Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Between 2017 and 2020, 11 trafficking in persons cases were under prosecution. In the same reporting period, 24 males and 16 females were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Females	<5	12	7	8
Males	<5	19	10	13

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

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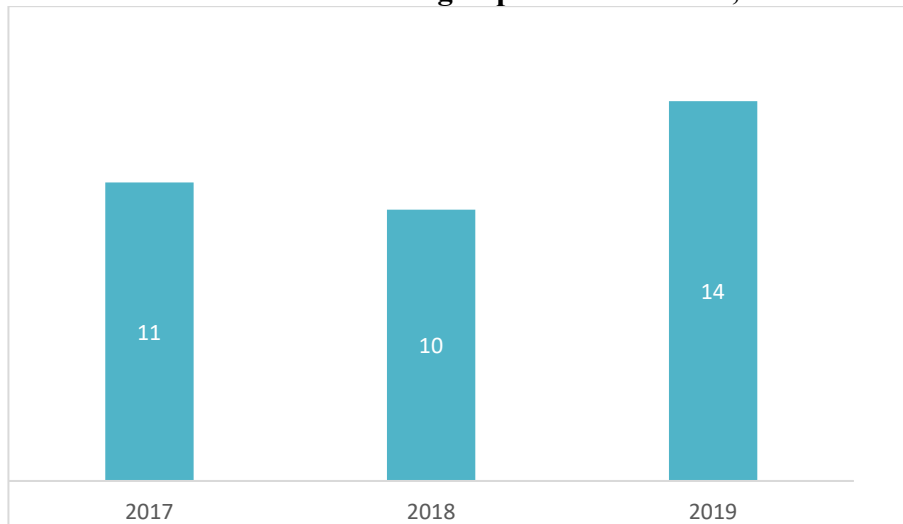
¹⁰ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#)

– Namibia –

Namibia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Namibia – Article 3 of the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹¹

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2019



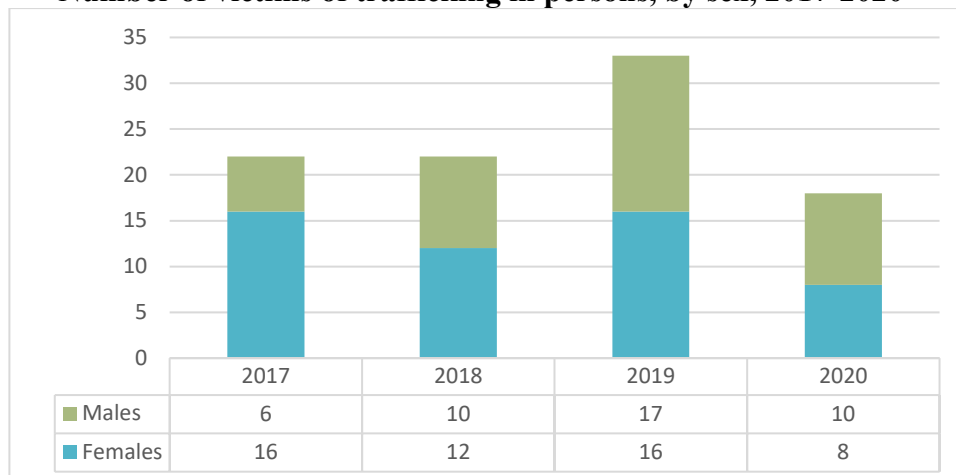
Source: Embassy of Namibia.

Between 2017 and 2020, five trafficking in persons cases were under prosecution. In the same reporting period, 15 males and eight females were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



Source: Embassy of Namibia.

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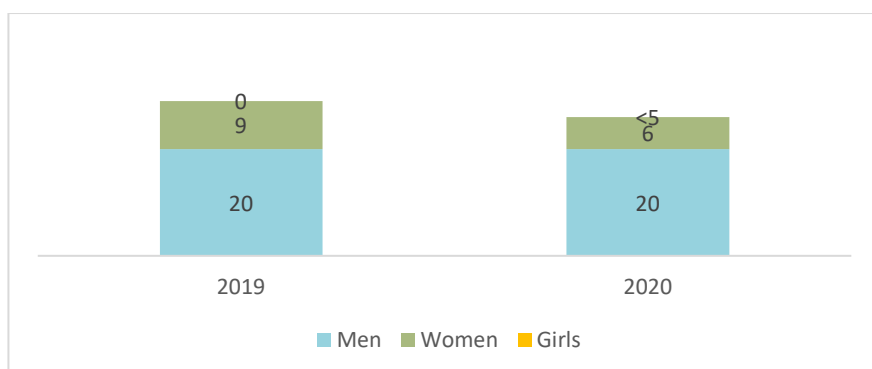
¹¹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Niger –

Niger ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Niger – Article 270 of the Penal Code¹² – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

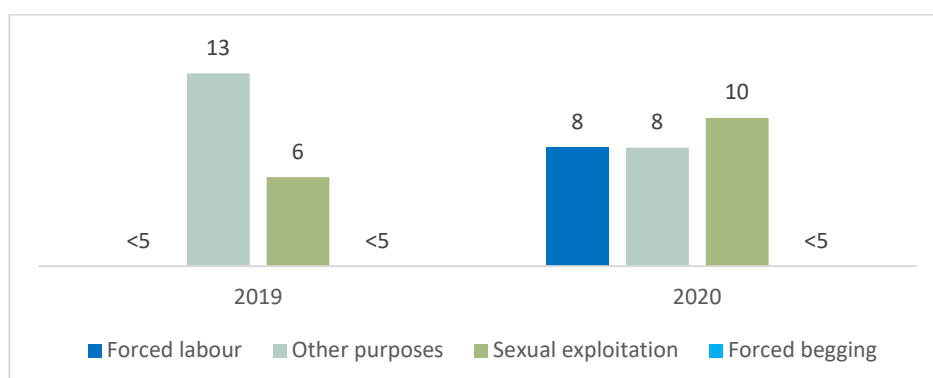
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2020*



	2019	2020
Girls	0	<5
Women	9	6
Men	20	20

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
* Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as “<5”.

Number of persons brought to court for trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2020*

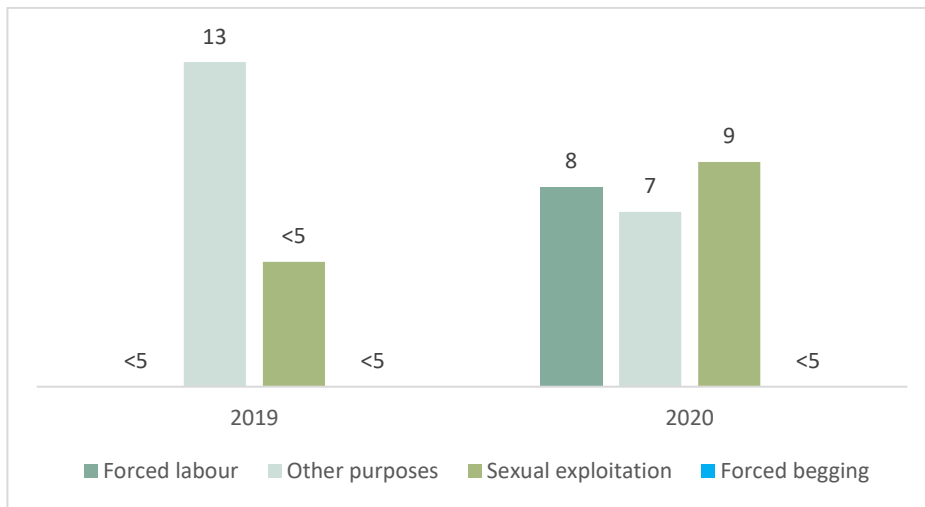


	2019	2020
Forced labour	<5	8
Other purposes	13	8
Sexual exploitation	6	10
Forced begging	<5	<5

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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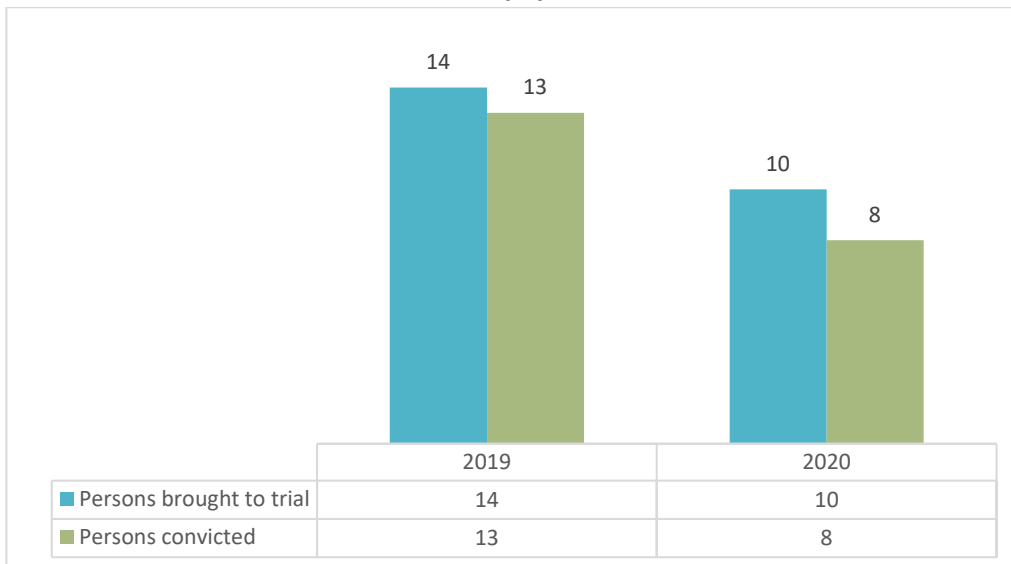
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2020*



	2019	2020
Forced labour	<5	8
Other purposes	13	7
Sexual exploitation	<5	9
Forced begging	<5	<5

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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Number of persons brought to trial ("jugées") and convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2020

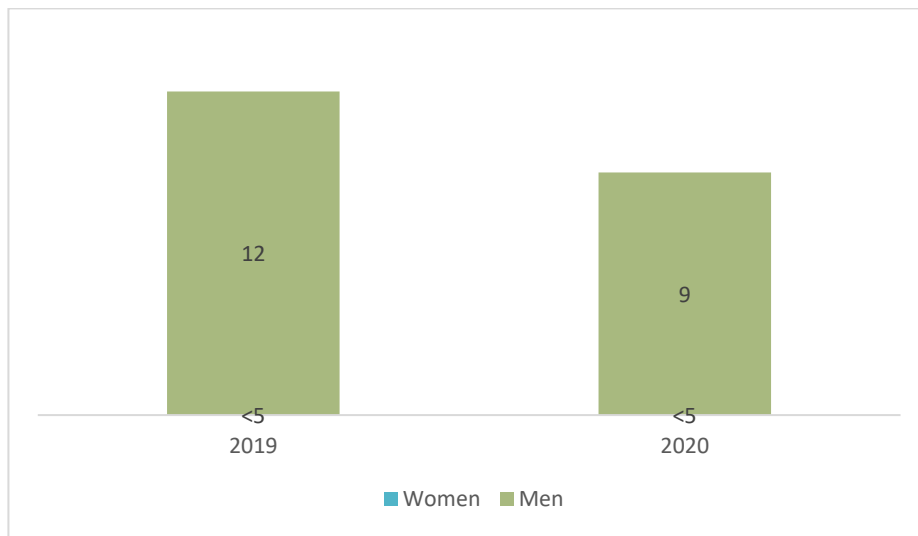


Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

Between 2019 and 2020, 21 men were brought to trial, and 19 were convicted. In the same reporting period, less than five women were brought to trial and convicted, respectively.

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

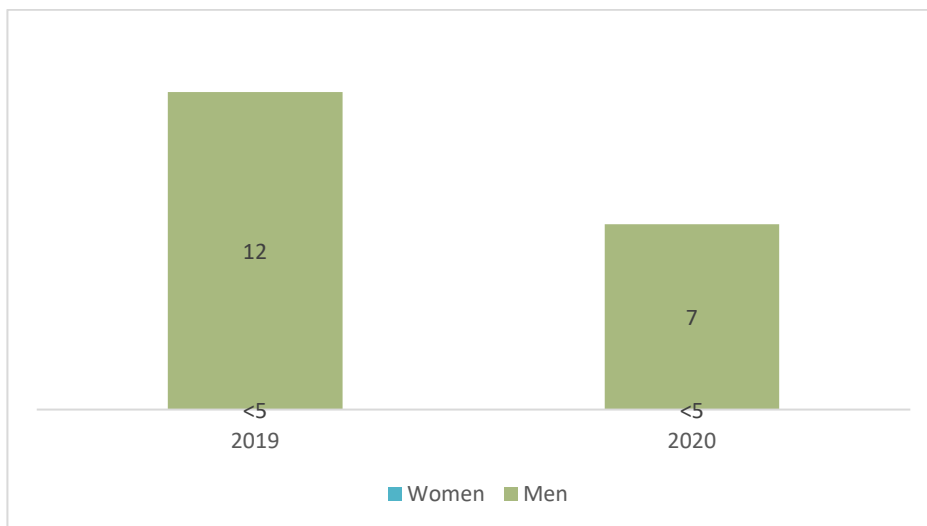
Number of persons brought to trial ("jugées") for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2020*



	2019	2020
Women	<5	<5
Men	12	9

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2020*



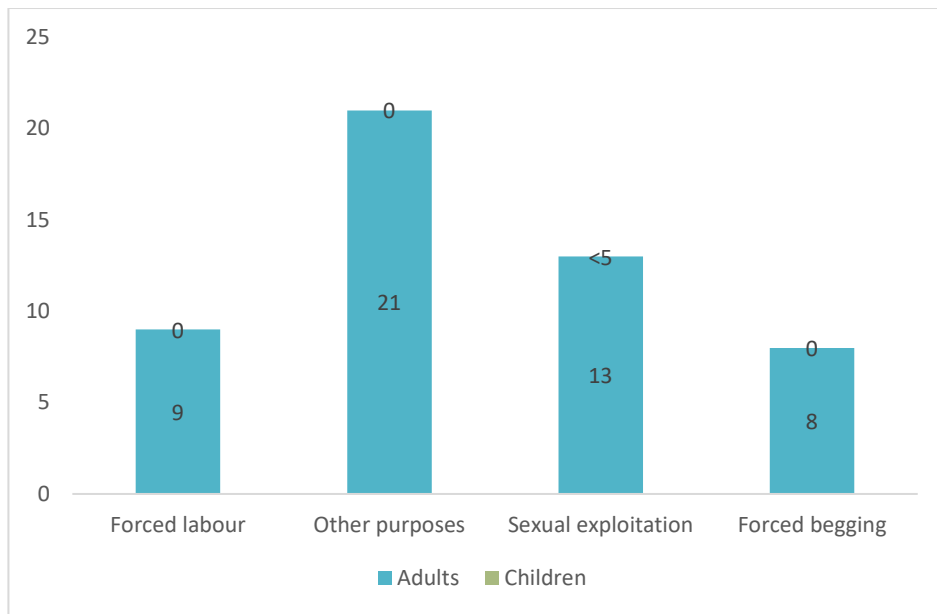
	2019	2020
Women	<5	<5
Men	12	7

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
 * Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as "<5".

In 2019, 14 persons were brought to trial for trafficking in persons, and 13 persons were convicted. In 2020, ten persons were brought to trial for trafficking in persons, and eight persons were convicted.

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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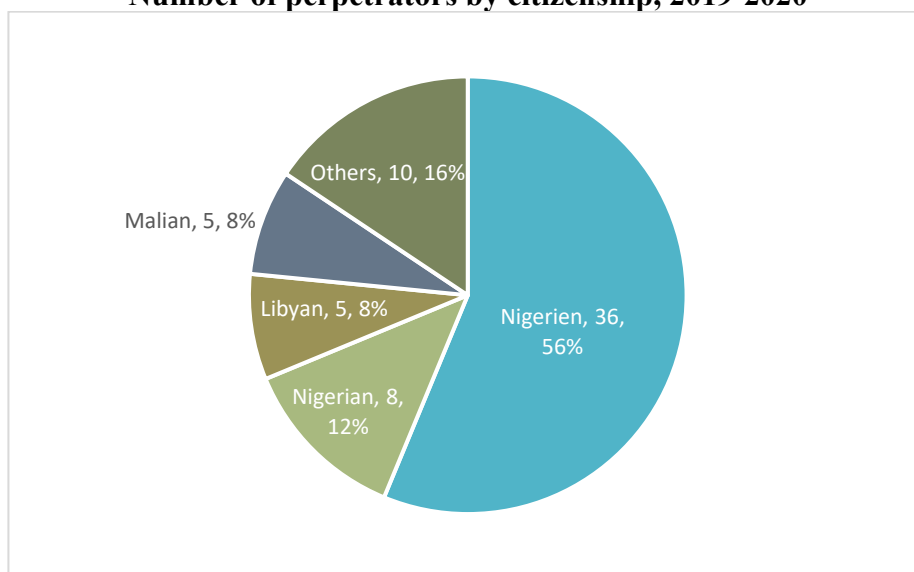
Number of perpetrators, by age and form of exploitation, 2019-2020*



	Adults	Children
Forced labour	9	0
Other purposes	21	0
Sexual exploitation	13	<5
Forced begging	8	0

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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Number of perpetrators by citizenship, 2019-2020



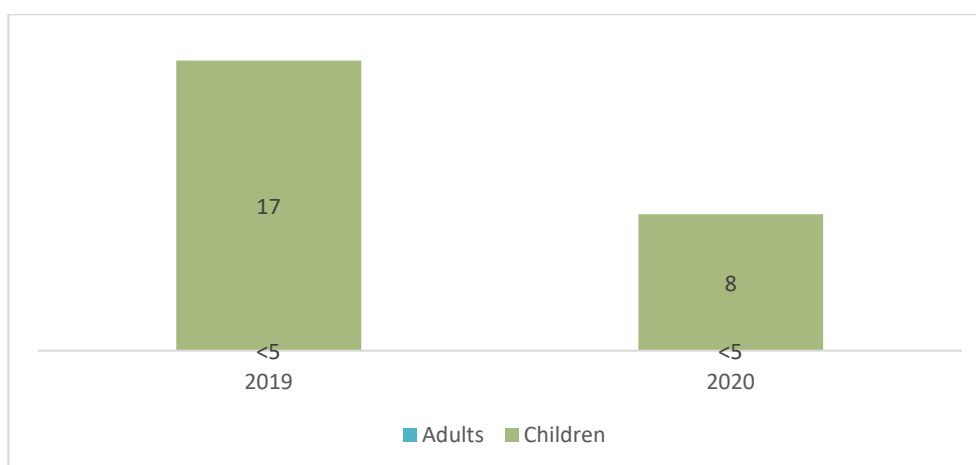
Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

Victims

From 2019 to 2020, 15 children were victims of trafficking in persons for other purposes. Less than five children were victims of trafficking in persons for purpose of forced labor, less than five children were victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, less than five children were victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced begging, and less than five children were victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of migrant smuggling.

From 2019 to 2020, less than five adults were victims of trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation and less than five adults were victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of migrant smuggling.

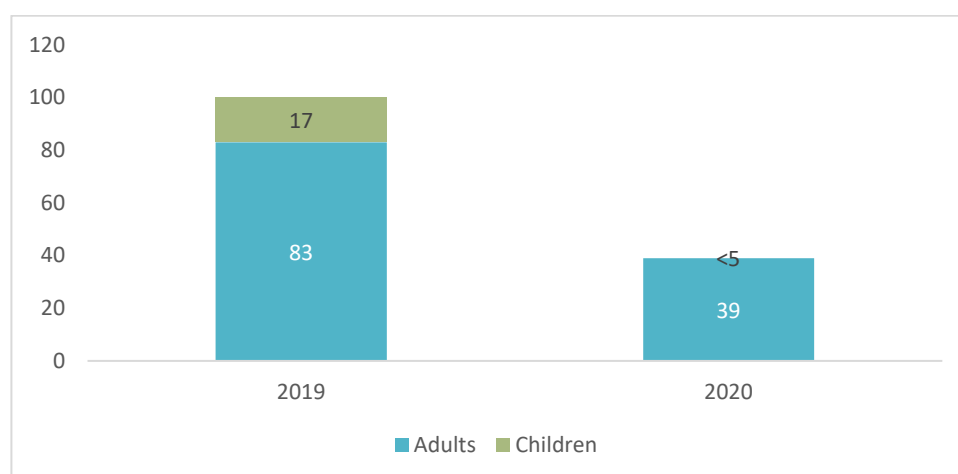
Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by age, 2019-2020*



	2019	2020
Adults	<5	<5
Children	17	8

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
* Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as “<5”.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by age, IOM-NIGER, 2019-2020*



	2019	2020
Adults	83	39
Children	17	<5

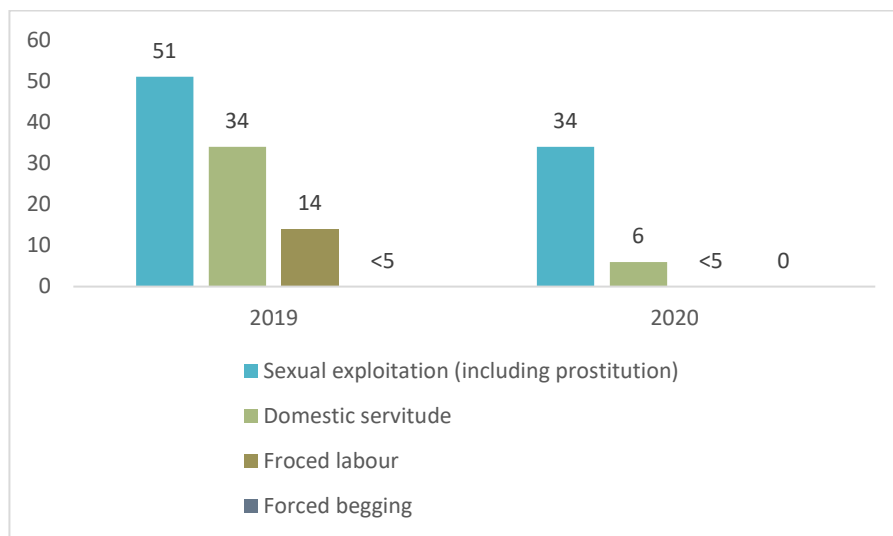
Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.
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National authorities reported that in 2019, 18 persons were identified as victims of trafficking in persons. The majority (14) was trafficked for other purposes, and less than five were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

In 2020, national authorities identified 12 victims of trafficking in persons. Less than five persons were trafficked for the purpose of forced begging, forced labour, migrant smuggling, sexual exploitation and other purposes, respectively.

Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

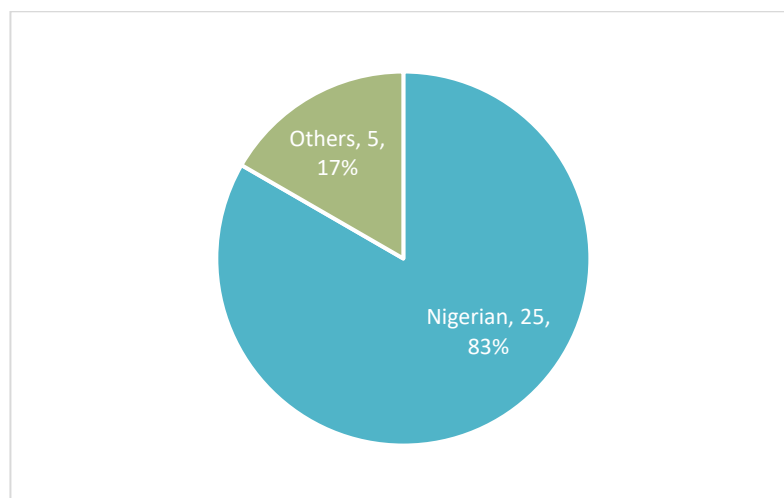
Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, IOM-NIGER, 2019-2020*



Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

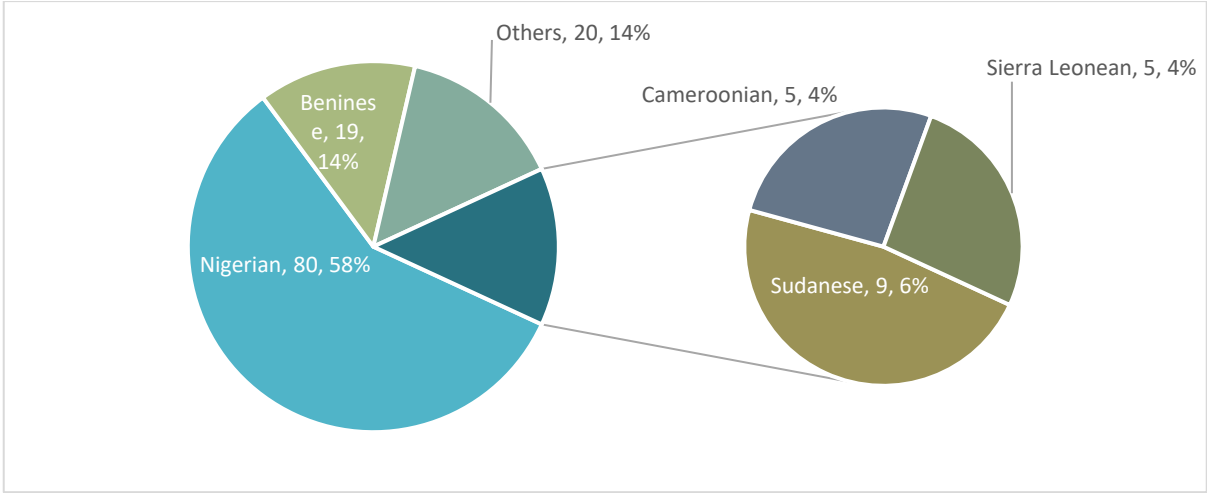
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2019-2020



Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

Number of foreign victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, IOM-NIGER, 2019-2020



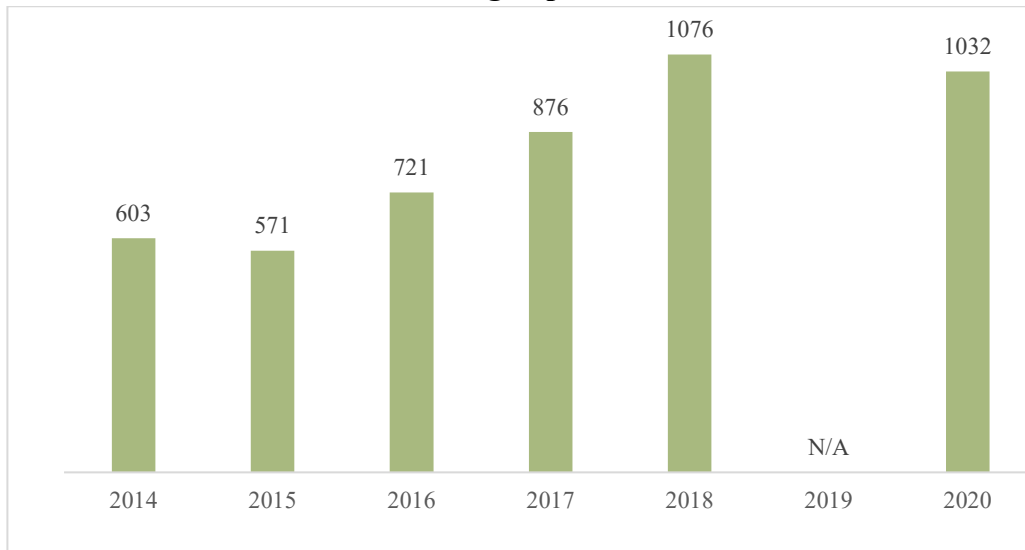
Source: Agence Nationale de Lutte Contre la Traite des Personnes.

–Nigeria–

Nigeria ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2001. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Nigeria- Articles 13-27 of the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition), Enforcement and Administration Act- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.¹³

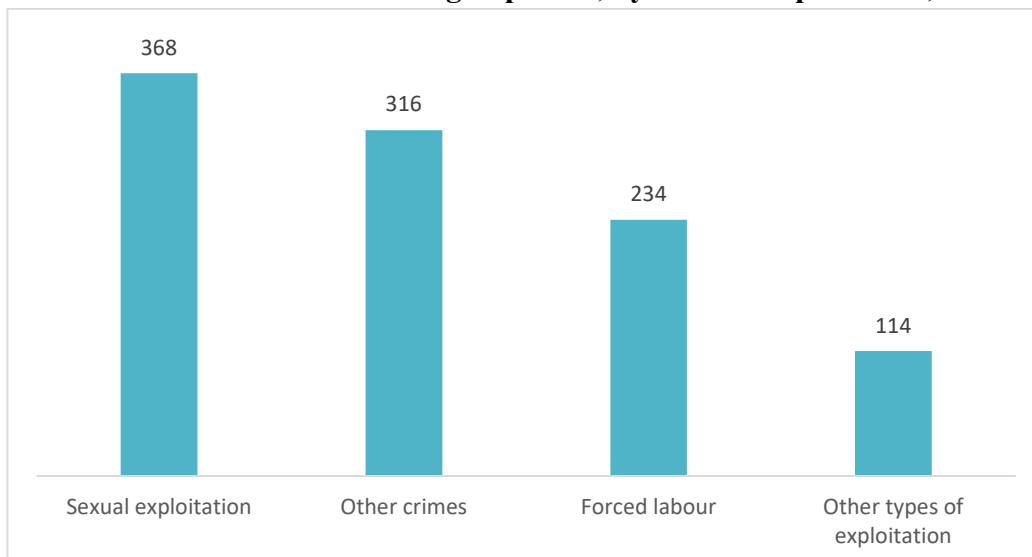
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – 2020



Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

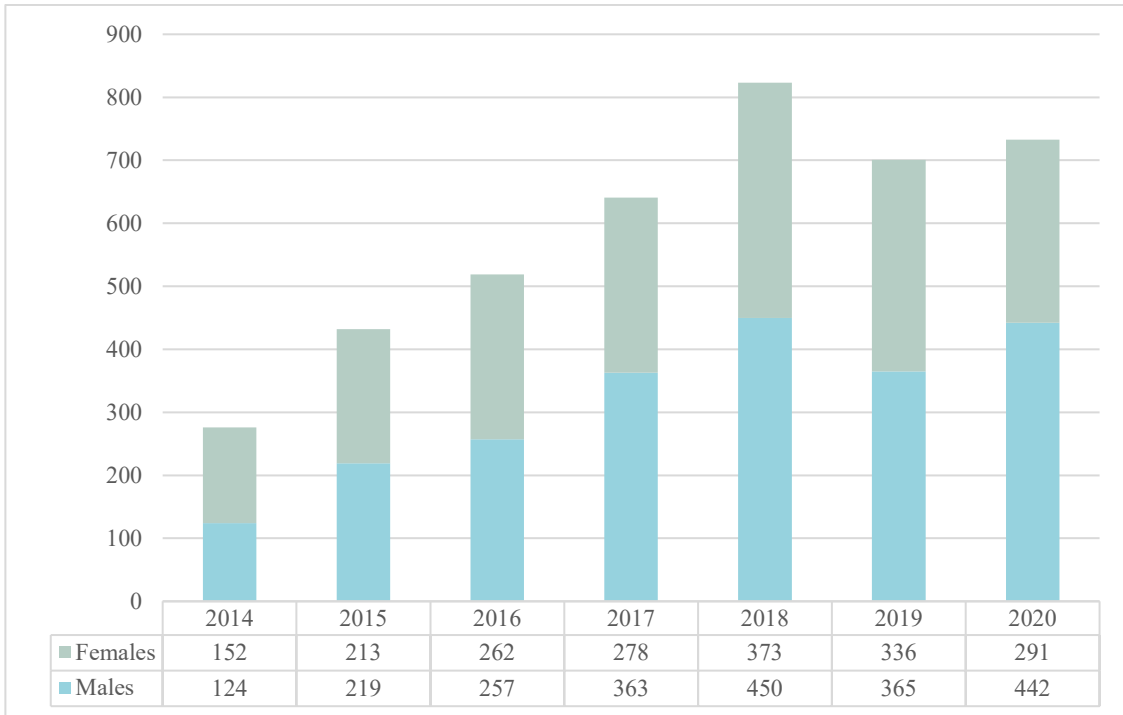
Number of cases of trafficking in person, by form of exploitation, 2020



Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

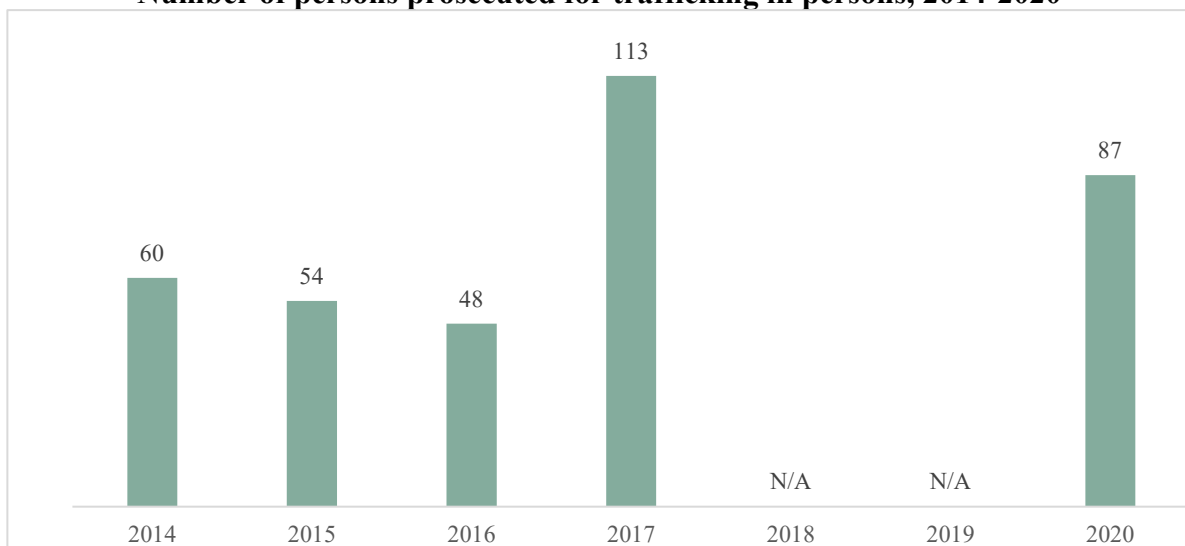
¹³ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of or arrested for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014- 2020



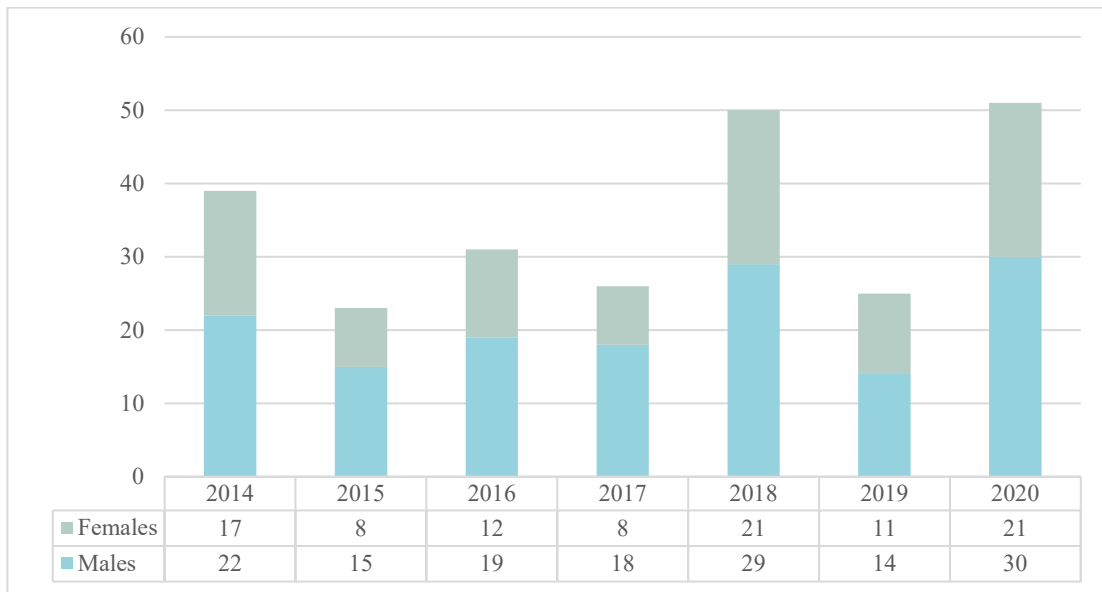
Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2014-2020



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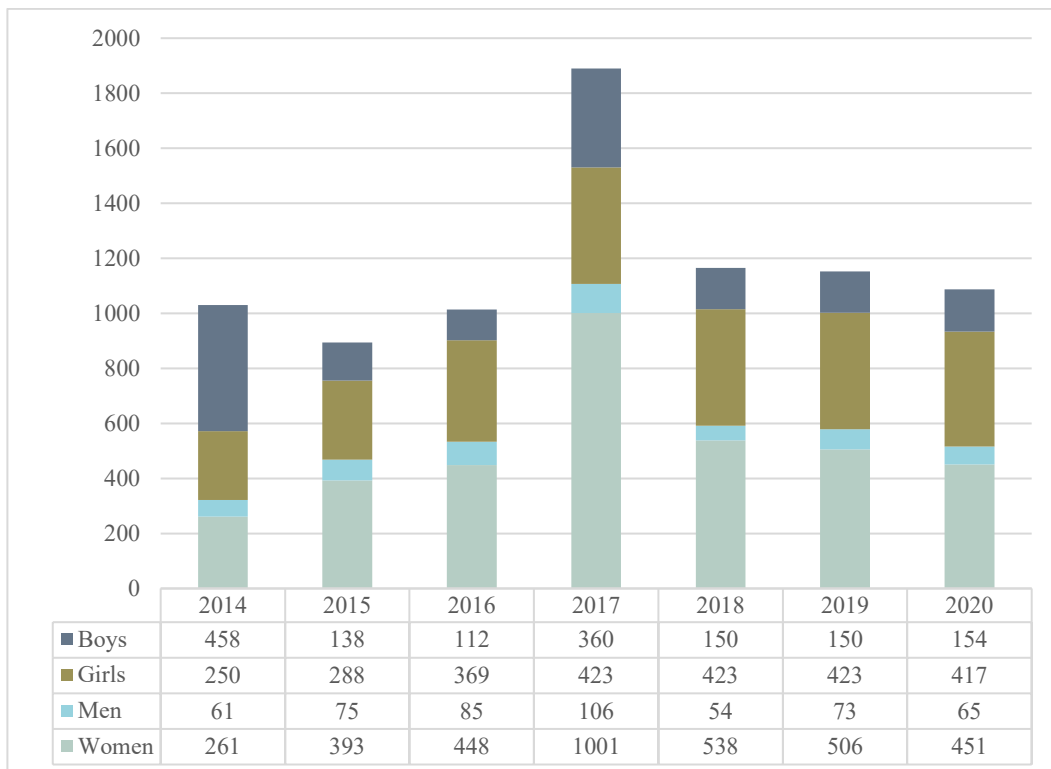
Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2014 – 2020



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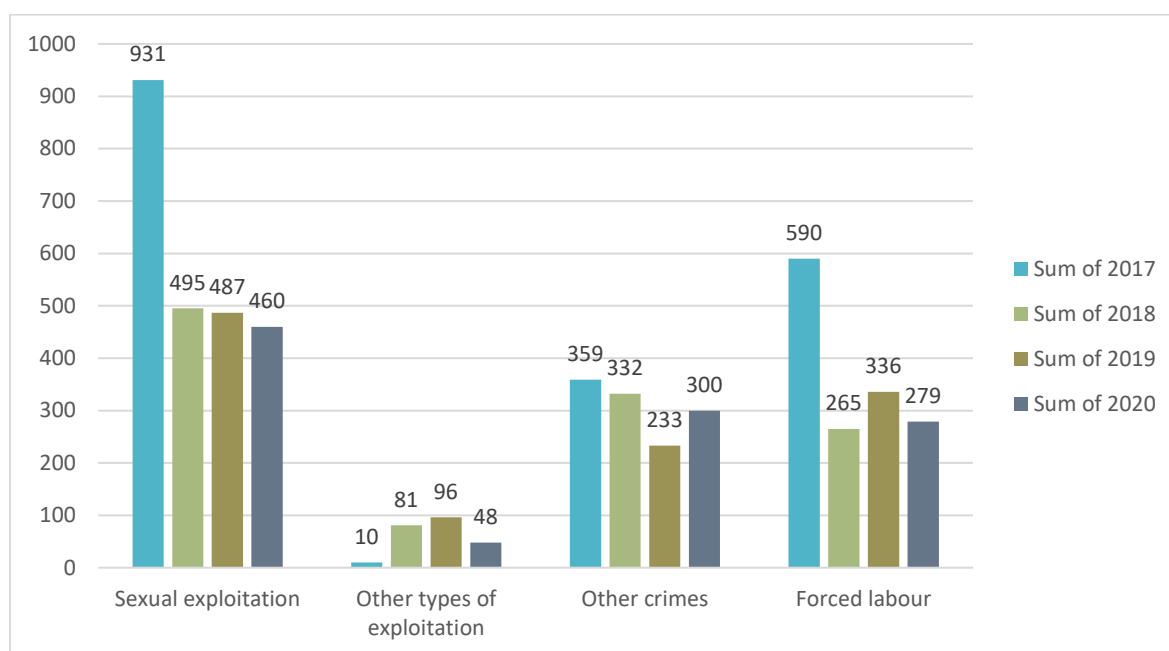
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 – 2020



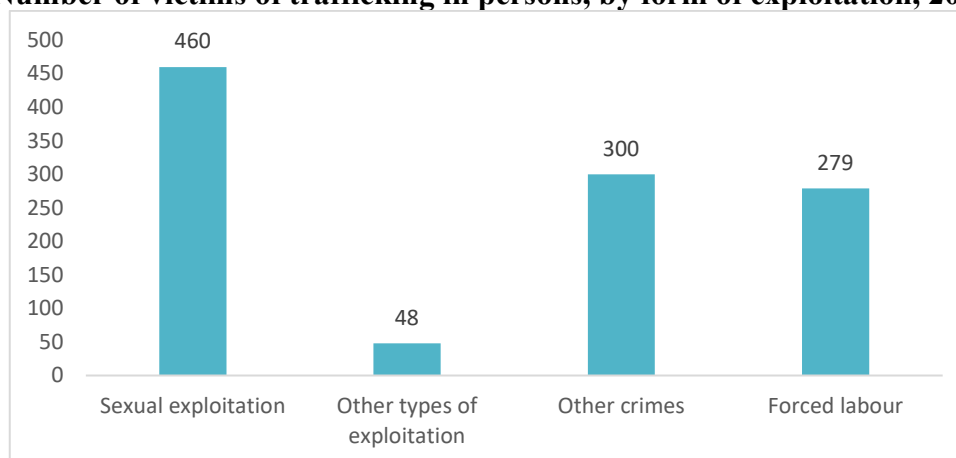
Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020



Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2020



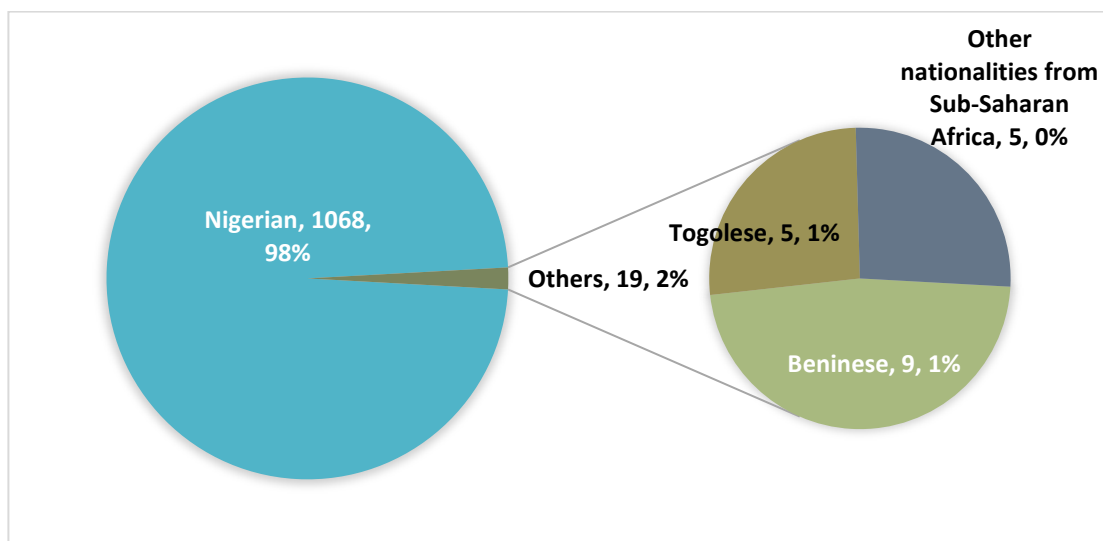
Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and form of exploitation, 2020



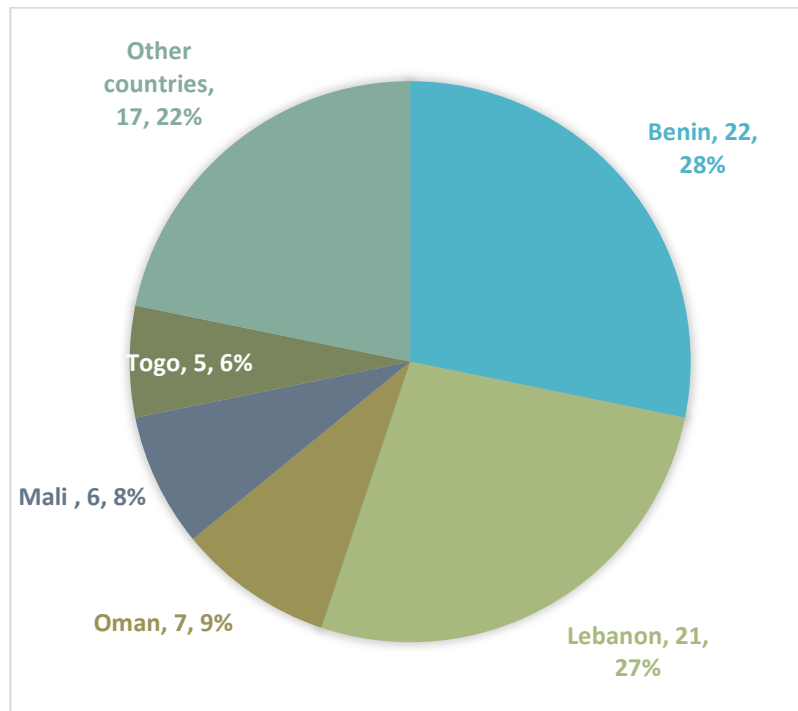
Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2020 (tot: 1,087)



Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

Countries from which identified victims were repatriated, 2020 (tot: 78)



Source: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons.

– Rwanda –

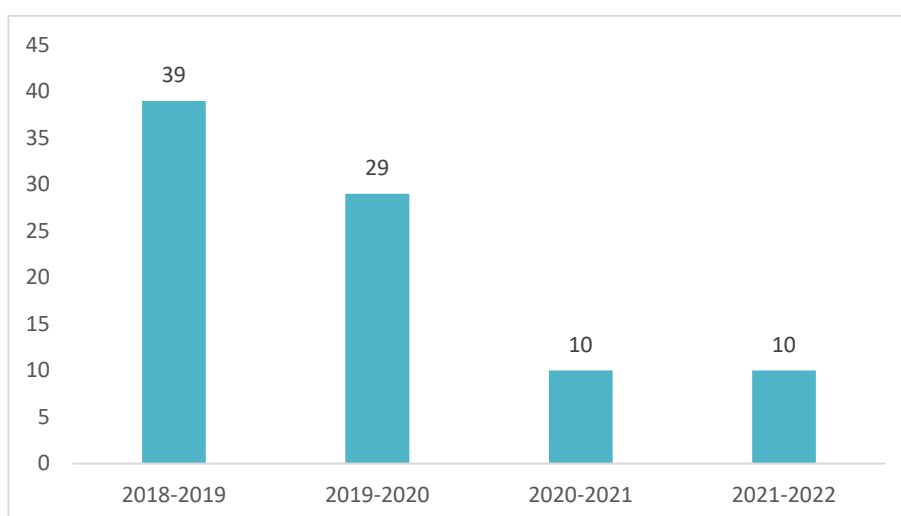
Rwanda ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Rwanda – Law N° 51/2018 Relating to the Prevention, Suppression and Punishment of Trafficking in Persons and Exploitation of Others – covers all forms of trafficking in persons indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.¹⁴

Investigations and suspects

From 2018 to 2022, 88 trafficking in persons cases were filed. The accused in these cases were 58 women and 56 men. During this period, 35 cases were brought to court involving 21 women and 20 men, 29 of these cases were successfully prosecuted by the General Prosecutor’s office.

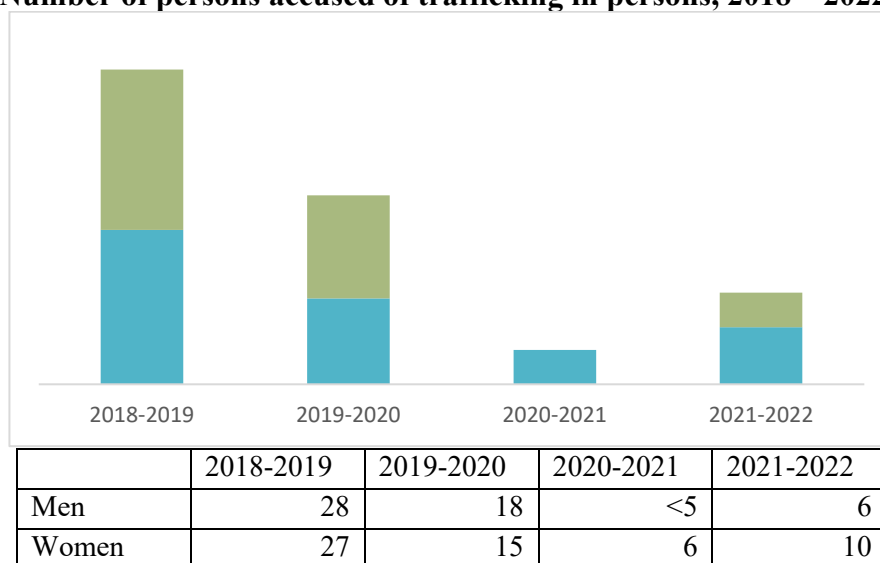
Source: National Public Prosecution Authority Annual Reports, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.

Number of trafficking in persons cases filed from 2018 to 2022



Source: National Public Prosecution Authority Annual Reports, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.

Number of persons accused of trafficking in persons, 2018 – 2022*

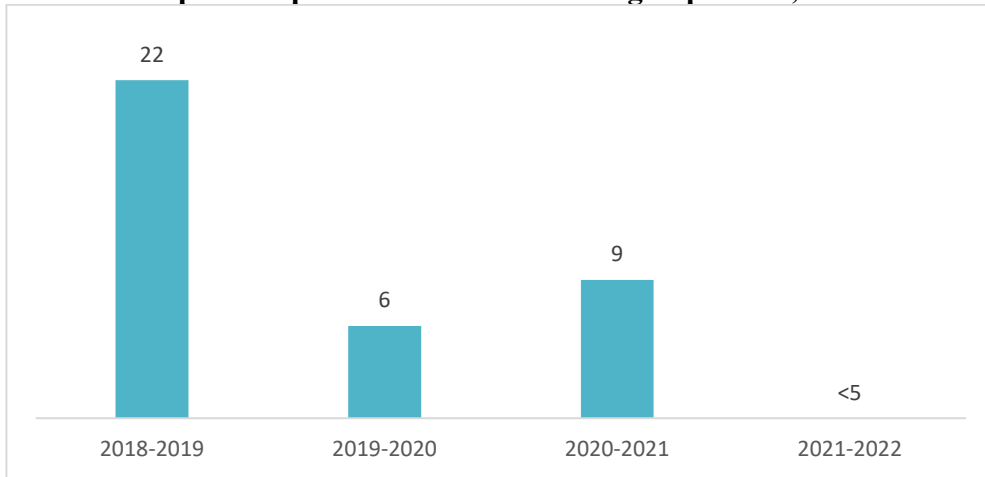


Source: National Public Prosecution Authority Annual Reports, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.

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¹⁴ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2018 – 2022*



Source: National Public Prosecution Authority Annual Reports, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.

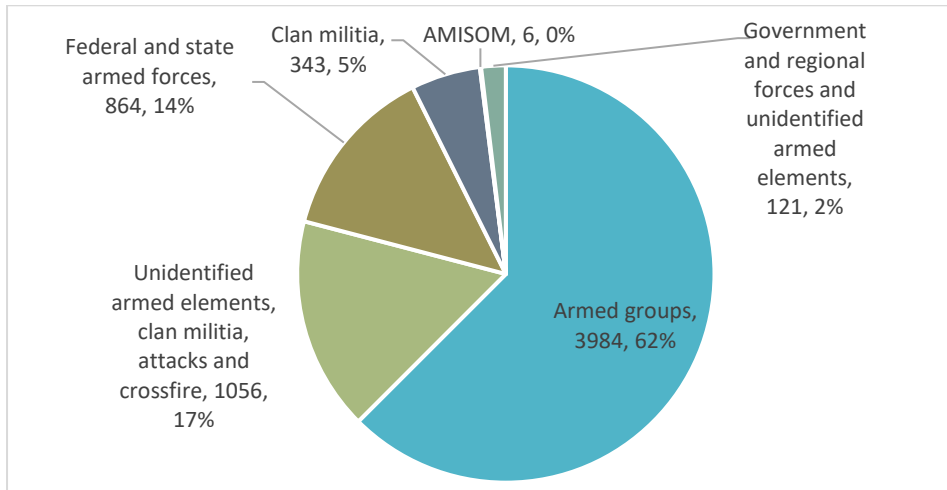
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- Somalia -

Somalia is not a party to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

Offenders

Number of grave violations committed against children, by type of offender, between 14 December 2019 and 13 May 2022



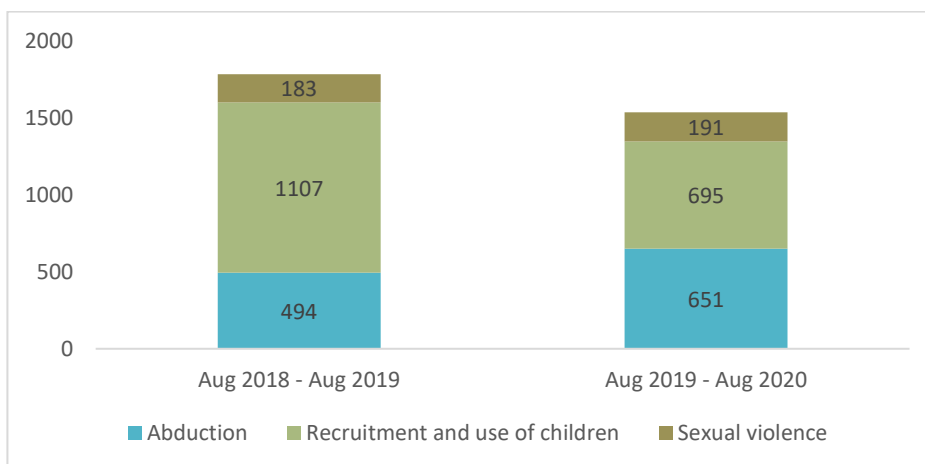
Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports Somalia, S/2022/392, s_2022_101, S/2021/944, S/2021/723, S/2021/485, S/2021/154, S/2020/798, S/2020/398, S/2020/121, S/2019/884, S/2019/661, S/2019/393, S/2018/1149, S/2018/800, S/2018/411.

Victims

Between 21 December 2017 and 13 May 2022, 8,204 boys and 1,989 girls were victims of grave violations including abduction of children, recruitment and use of children, rape, and other sexual violence.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Somalia, S/2022/392, s/2022/101, S/2021/944, S/2021/723, S/2021/485, S/2021/154, S/2020/798, S/2020/398, S/2020/121, S/2019/884, S/2019/661, S/2019/393, S/2018/1149, S/2018/800, S/2018/411.

Types of grave violations committed against children between August 2018 and August 2020

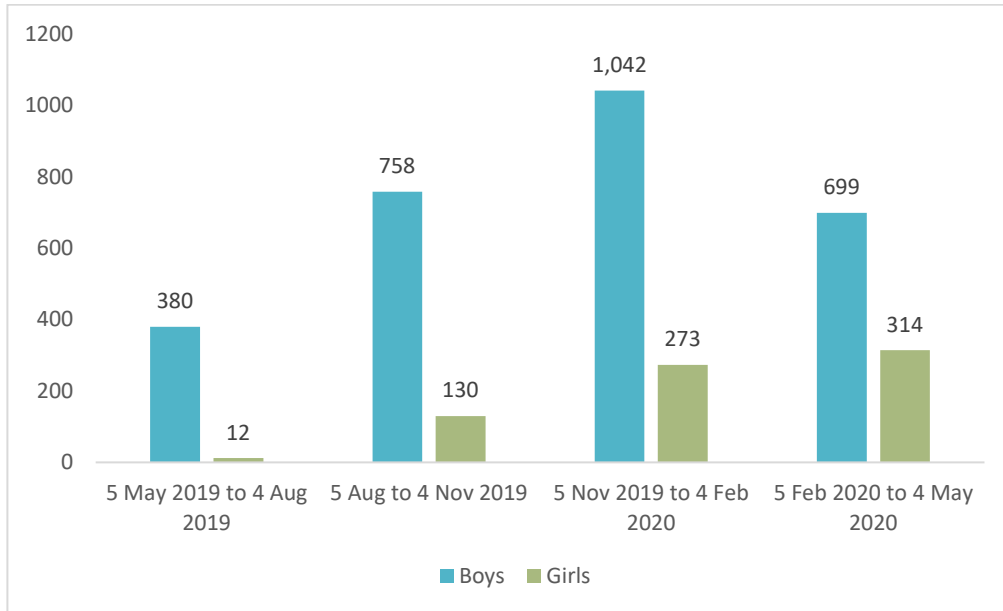


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From the period of 5 May 2020 to 13 May 2022, 201 girls, 25 women, five boys and less than five men were victims of conflict-related sexual violence.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports Somalia, S/2022/392, s_2022_101, S/2021/944, S/2021/723, S/2021/485, S/2021/154, S/2020/798, S/2020/398, S/2020/121, S/2019/884, S/2019/661, S/2019/393, S/2018/1149, S/2018/800, S/2018/411.

Number of children separated from armed groups between May 2019 and May 2020, by sex



Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports Somalia, S/2020/398, S/2020/121, S/2019/884, S/2019/661.

– South Africa –

South Africa ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in South Africa – Article 4 of the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁵

Investigations and suspects

Between 2017 and 2020, 144 trafficking in persons cases were reported and five were under prosecution.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Between 2017 and 2020, 355 victims of trafficking in persons were identified in South Africa, 181 males and 174 females.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

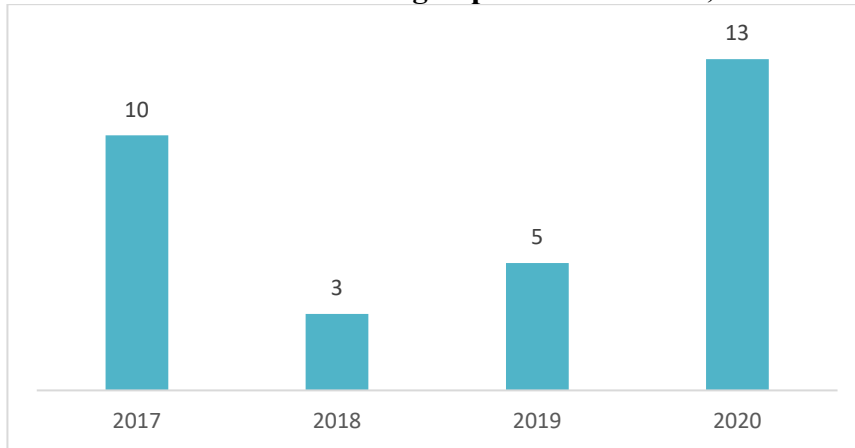
¹⁵ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Tanzania –

Tanzania ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2006. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Tanzania – Article 4 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁶

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



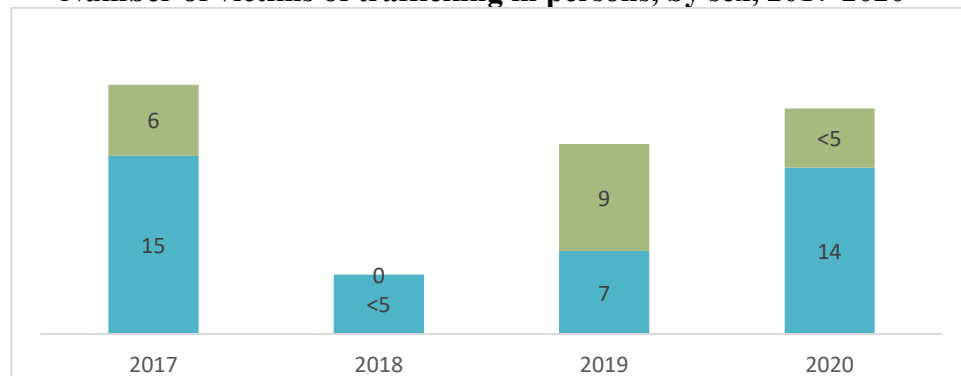
Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Between 2017 and 2020, five trafficking in persons cases were prosecuted. In the same reporting period, eight males and less than five females were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Females	15	<5	7	14
Males	6	0	9	<5

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

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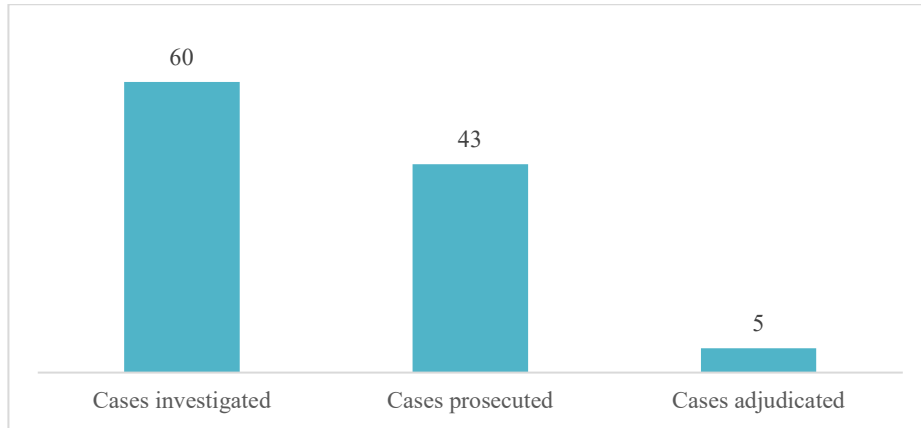
¹⁶ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#)

- Togo -

Togo ratified the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Togo – articles 317 to 326 of the Criminal Code – criminalises trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual and labour exploitation. Specific provisions on child trafficking are also presented in the Children’s Code of 2007.

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons, 2018-2021



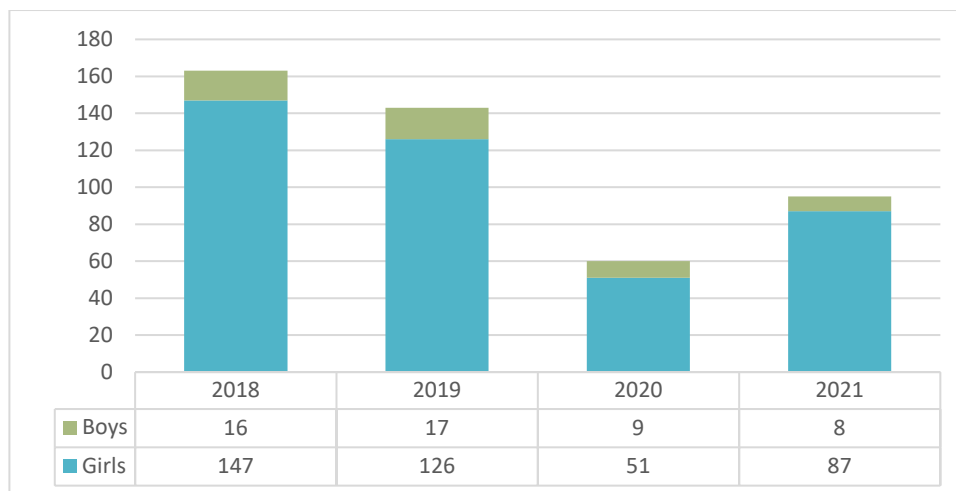
Source: Cellule anti-traite du Ministère de la justice et de la législation du Togo.

Between 2018 and 2021, 60 persons were suspected of trafficking in persons. Among them, 60 per cent were male, and the remaining 40 per cent were women. In the same reporting period, 31 individuals were arrested for trafficking in persons and seven convicted.

Source: Cellule anti-traite du Ministère de la justice et de la législation du Togo.

Victims

Number of child victims of trafficking in persons and related offences detected, 2018 - 2021



Source: Ministère de la justice et de la législation du Togo.

Between 2018 and 2021, the victims of trafficking in persons in Togo were mostly trafficked for forced labour (domestic work, agricultural work, gold panning, itinerant sales, mining, etc.) and sexual exploitation.

Source: Ministère de la justice et de la législation du Togo.

In the period between 2018 and 2021, National authorities of Togo identified victims of trafficking originating from Benin, Burkina-Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, and Niger.

Source: ECOWAS Action Plan (PA) to Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP), in particular women and children, 2018-2022, 2020 Annual Summary Report - Outline.

– Uganda –

Uganda signed but did not ratify the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. However, the current legislation on trafficking in persons in Uganda – the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act¹⁷ and the Children’s Amendment Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons registered, by type of trafficking, 2017-2020



Source: Annual Crime Report, The Uganda Police Force.

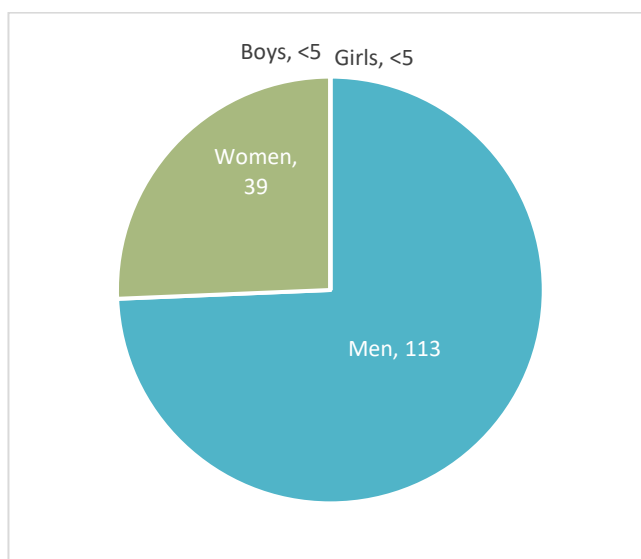
Number of cases taken to court, by status, 2020



Source: Annual Crime Report 2020, The Uganda Police Force.

¹⁷ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

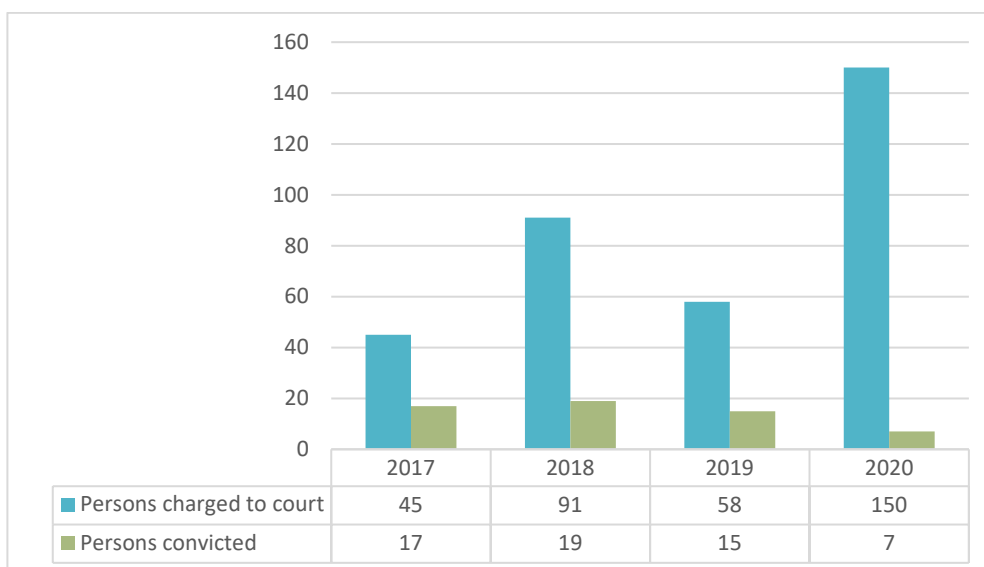
Number of persons arrested for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2020*



Source: Annual Crime Report 2020, The Uganda Police Force.

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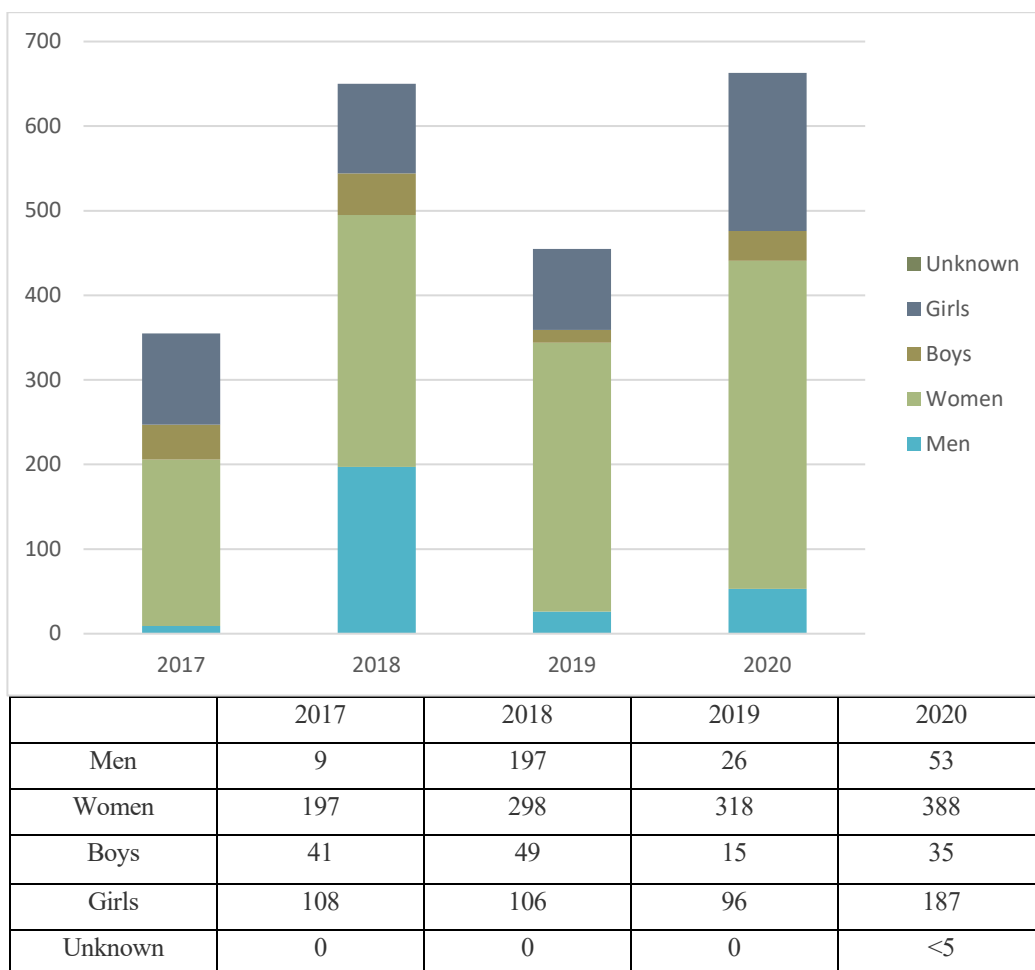
Number of persons charged to court and convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Annual Crime Report, The Uganda Police Force.

Victims

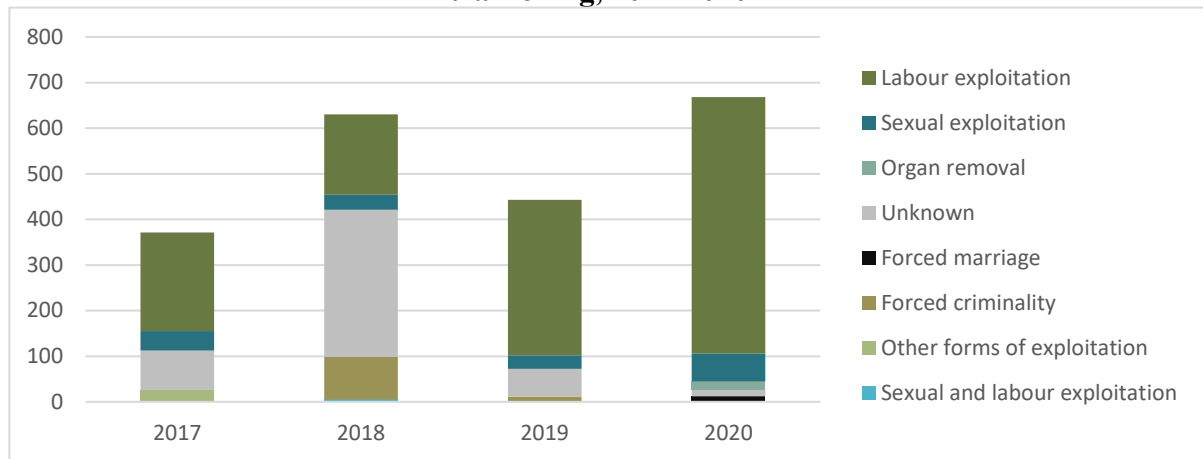
Number of victims of trafficking in persons registered, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: Annual Crime Report, The Uganda Police Force.

* Due to privacy reasons, figures below five were presented as “<5”.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons registered, by form of exploitation and type of trafficking, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual and labour exploitation	<5	5	<5	0
Other forms of exploitation	26	0	0	<5
Forced criminality	0	93	11	<5
Forced marriage	0	0	0	12
Unknown	86	323	61	14
Organ removal	0	0	0	19
Sexual exploitation	43	33	30	61
Labour exploitation	216	176	341	562

Source: Annual Crime Report, The Uganda Police Force.
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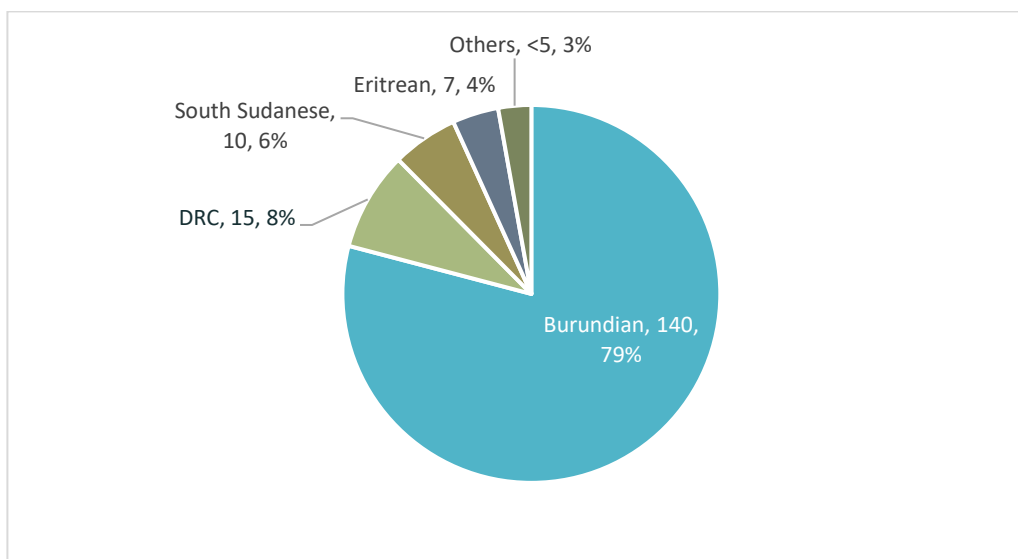
Number of victims of trafficking in persons registered, by form of exploitation and type of trafficking, 2020*



	Forced criminality	Forced marriage	Labour exploitation	Organ removal	Other forms of exploitation	Sexual exploitation
Transnational TiP	<5	0	395	0	<5	<5
Internal TiP	<5	10	167	19	16	60

Source: Annual Crime Report 2020, The Uganda Police Force.
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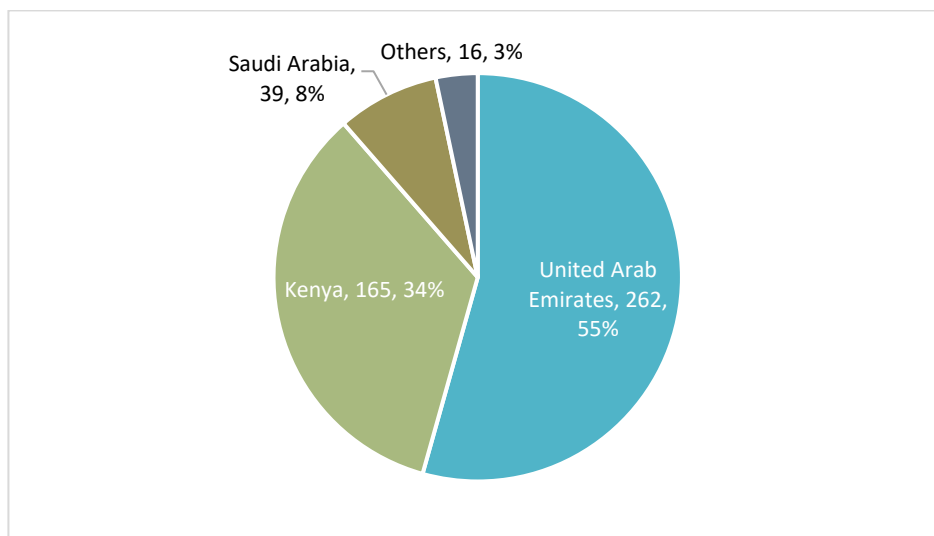
Number of foreign victims of trafficking in persons, intercepted or rescued, by citizenship 2018-2020*



Source: Annual Crime Report, The Uganda Police Force.

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Number of Ugandan victims of trafficking in persons registered, by destination country, 2020



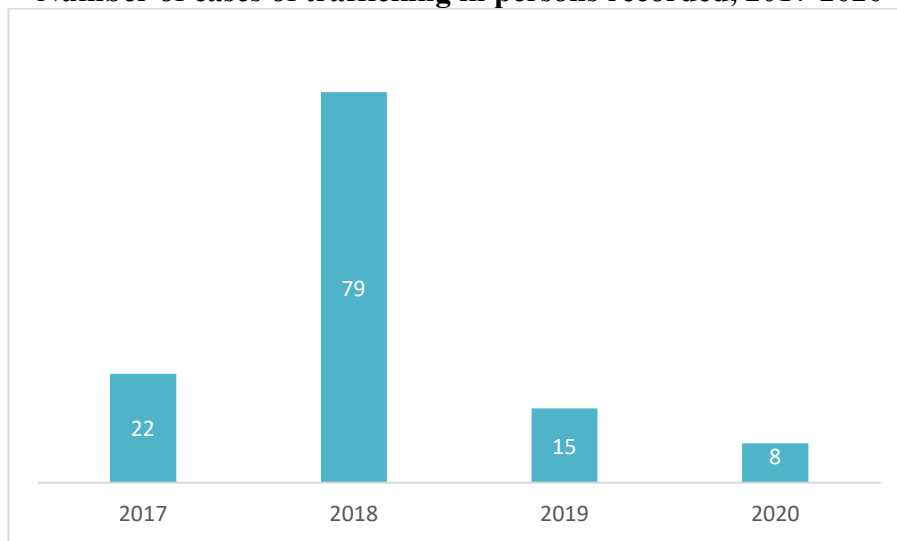
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– Zambia –

Zambia acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Zambia – Article 3 of the Anti-Human Trafficking Act (2008) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁸

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Between 2017 and 2020, 13 cases were prosecuted for trafficking in persons. In the same reporting period, seven males were identified as traffickers.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Between 2018 and 2019, national authorities identified five males and less than five females as victims of trafficking in persons.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

¹⁸ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

– Zimbabwe –

Zimbabwe acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2013. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Zimbabwe – Article 3 of the Trafficking in Persons Act – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁹

Investigations and suspects

Between 2017 and 2020, there were five cases of trafficking in persons recorded. In the same period, 35 offenders were identified for trafficking in persons and related offences, 19 males and 16 females.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

Victims

Between 2017 and 2019, the victims of trafficking identified by national authorities in Zimbabwe included five females and less than five males. No victims were identified in 2020.

Source: Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region: A Statistical Report.

¹⁹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).