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***Republic of North Macedonia
Ministry of Internal Affairs***

***National Unit for combating migrant smuggling and human
trafficking (Task Force)***

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Legal framework

- **Criminal Code in R.N.Macedonia**
 - **Article 418-a Human Trafficking (2002)**
 - **Article 418-e „Organization of a group and development of the execution of human trafficking, trafficking in minors and smuggling of migrants“**
 - **Article 418-g Child Trafficking (January 2008)**
- **Law on Criminal Procedure- provisions on victim – witness protection in Criminal proceeding**
- **Law on Foreigners (article 12 and article 123 Temporary residence of victim of human trafficking and expenses during the decision -making period)**
- **Law on Protection of Witnesses**
- **Law on Social Protection**

The legal frame of the Republic of North Macedonia is in compliance with the European legislation (International Conventions and relevant documents)

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Institutional framework

- ***Basic Public Prosecutor's Office for Prosecuting Organized Crime and Corruption***
- ***Judicial police***
- ***Basic Criminal Court Skopje 1***

- ***Ministry of Interior***
 - ***National Unit for the Suppression of Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking (2018)***
 - ***Reception Centre for Foreigners***

- ***Ministry of Labor and Social Policy***
 - ***Social Work Centers***
 - ***National Referral Mechanism (2009)***
 - ***Centre for victims of human trafficking (2011)***
 - ***Foster families***
- ***State Labor Inspectorate***
 - ***Sector for inspection supervision in the area of labor relations***

Coordinating/interinstitutional bodies

Mobile teams (2018)

for the identification of vulnerable categories, including victims of human trafficking in 5 cities

- ❖ *police officers,*
- ❖ *social workers and*
- ❖ *associations of citizens*

Operational team(2022)

for coordination, monitoring and management of human trafficking cases, formal identification of victims and their status

- ❖ *Public prosecutor,*
- ❖ *Police officer,*
- ❖ *National referral mechanism,*
- ❖ *Association of citizens*



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National trends

- ❖ *Country in transit*
- ❖ *Country of origin*
- ❖ *Country of final destination*



Fight against organized criminal groups

❖ *Formation of Task force*

- *Need to strengthen the capacities and efficiency of the Ministry of the Interior and the Public Administration (material-technical and human)***
- *Fulfillment of obligations towards the international community (Chapter 24 of EU accession negotiations - dealing with IM)***
- *Appropriate institutional response to the increase in the number of OCGs and their increasing sophistication***
- *Need for strengthened international cooperation (specialized units)***



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Competence and cooperation of the Task Force

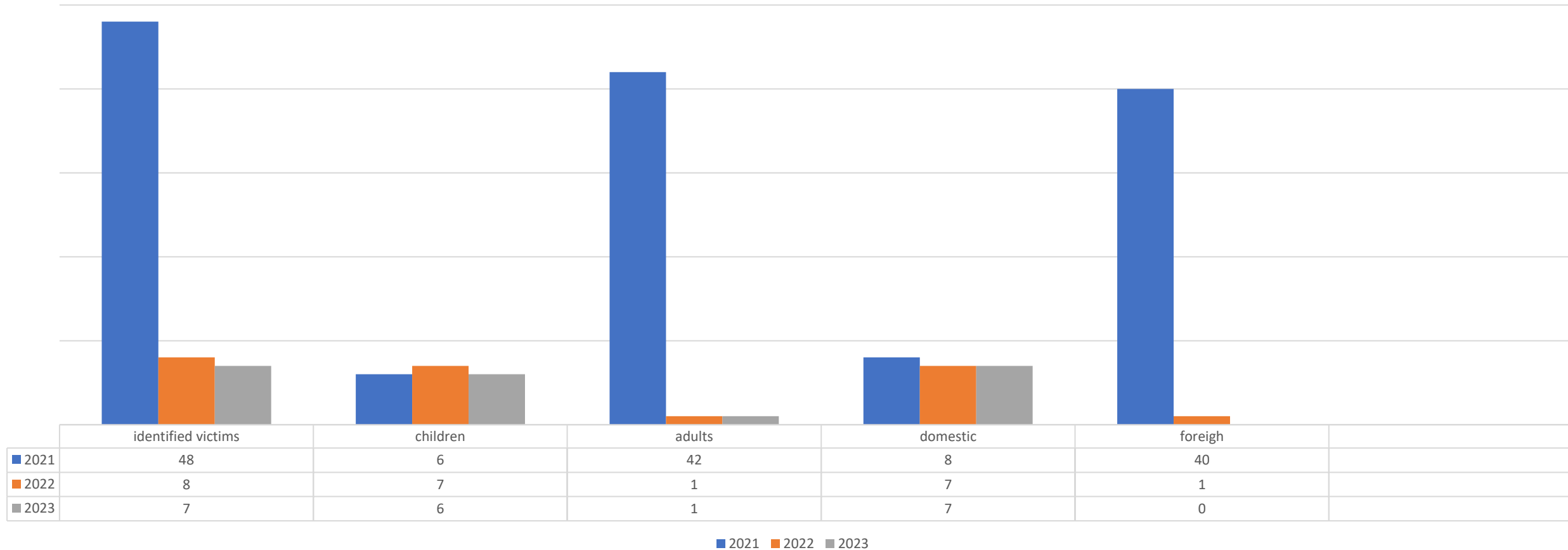
- ***Conducts investigation based on the Guidance on the way of the conduct of criminal investigations***
- ***Detection and identification of the human trafficking victims (identification according to SOP)***
- ***Referral and protection of the victims of human trafficking***
- ***Identification of the perpetrators of criminal acts and obtaining the material evidence for proving the criminal act (submitting the criminal proceeding), conducting financial investigation (obtaining material evidence for profit from criminal act)***
- ***Coordination with the Basic Public Prosecutors Office for prosecuting organized crime***
- ***Cooperation with all relevant government and non-government organization, international organization, as well as active participation in activities and campaign for prevention through coordination with National Commission to combat Human trafficking and illegal migration***
- ***Safe channels Europol/INTERPOL/Selek, liaisons officers in North Macedonia/ Permanent strike groups (Task Force) from the Region, Working group of Western Balkan, JOO Vienna***



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Victims of human trafficking

- Statistics/trends-





Case of Human Trafficking





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Thanks for your attention

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