

# VICTIMS' PROFILES AT EUROPEAN CENTRES

GENDER, AGE AND ORIGIN OF MORE  
THAN 10.000 VICTIMS ASSISTED BY 42  
EUROPEAN CENTRES FOR TORTURE  
SURVIVORS DURING 2012

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# NETWORK INITIATIVES

In 2009 and 2010 we were successful in collecting data on gender, age and origin of more than 10.000 clients each year by European centres for torture survivors.

In 2011 we made a survey of the role of our centres in documenting torture for legal purposes.

This year we decided to make a follow-up of the victim's profile surveys and collect gender, age and country of origin data for 2012

# SURVEY DETAILS

MORE THAN 100 CENTRES AND PROGRAMMES  
IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES PROVIDING DIRECT  
ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TORTURE WERE  
APPROACHED BY E-MAIL – FOLLOWED BY  
REMINDERS

# Data requested on victims' age and sex

Sex	Age group						Sub-totals by sex
	0-15	16-25	26-35	36-45	46-60	+60	
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-totals by age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Data requested on victims' country of origin in each of the five UN Regional Groups

<b>UN Region</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of victims</b>
<b>African Group</b>	<b>e.g. Egypt</b>	
<b>Asian Group</b>	<b>e.g. Uzbekistan</b>	
<b>Eastern European Group</b>	<b>e.g. Azerbaijan</b>	
<b>Latin American and Caribbean Group</b>	<b>e.g. Haïti</b>	
<b>Western European and Others Group</b>	<b>e.g. Turkey</b>	
<b>Total</b>		

We would not ask centres to provide these data before they had submitted their reports to the UNVFVT by April 1<sup>st</sup>, so we have been working against the clock to be able to present the feedback to this meeting.

So please accept this as a very preliminary report to be supplemented later with comparisons with the previous surveys

## Survey outcome

INFORMATION ON VICTIMS' PROFILES  
WAS FINALLY RECEIVED FROM 42  
CENTRES IN 22 EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE  
TO MORE THAN 13.000  
VICTIMS DURING 2012

Most but not all respondents provided all  
data in the format requested, which  
explains why the totals differ slightly in the  
various tables



<b>Albania</b>	<b>Tirana</b>	<b>ARCT</b>
<b>Austria</b>	<b>Graz</b>	<b>Verein ZEBRA</b>
	<b>Graz</b>	<b>Omega</b>
	<b>Vienna</b>	<b>HEMAYAT – organization for the support of survivors of torture and war</b>
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	<b>Tuzla</b>	<b>Association VIVE ZENE</b>
	<b>Sarajevo</b>	<b>SULKS - Association of Concentration Camp Torture Survivors</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>Zagreb</b>	<b>Rehabilitation Centre for Stress and Trauma</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Copenhagen</b>	<b>Oasis</b>
	<b>Haderslev</b>	<b>RCT-Jylland</b>

<b>Finland</b>	<b>Helsinki</b>	<b>Rehabilitation centre for Torture Survivors in Finland</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>ESSOR</b>
	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Association Primo Levi</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Tbilisi</b>	<b>GRCT</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Berlin</b>	<b>BZFO</b>
		<b>XENION - Psychosoziale Hilfen für Politisch Verfolgte e.V</b>
	<b>Bochum</b>	<b>Medizinische Flüchtlingshilfe</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>Cordelia Foundation</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>Ass Centro Astalli</b>
		<b>CIR VI.TO</b>
		<b>Invisible wounds - Caritas</b>
		<b>Medici contra tortura</b>
		<b>SaMiFo Centro di Salute per i Migranti Forzati</b>

<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>Pristina</b>	<b>KRCT</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Diemen</b>	<b>Equator</b>
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	<b>Chisinau</b>	<b>Medical Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims "MEMORIA"</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>Bucharest</b>	<b>ICAR Foundation - Medical Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Survivors</b>
	<b>Craiova</b>	<b>Medical Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Survivors</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Malmö</b>	<b>Red Cross Centre</b>
	<b>Skellefteå</b>	<b>Red Cross Centre</b>
	<b>Skövde</b>	<b>Red Cross Centre</b>

<b>Serbia</b>	<b>Belgrade</b>	<b>IAN</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Lausanne</b>	<b>CPM Appartenances</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Adana Ankara Diyabakir Istanbul Izmir</b>	<b>Human Rights Foundation</b>
	<b>Diyabakir</b>	<b>Centre Action Social Réhabilitation et Réadaptation pour victime de la Torture</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>Kiev</b>	<b>IRC</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund</b>
		<b>Refugee Therapy Centre</b>



Skellefteaa ✓

Helsinki ✓

Skoevde ✓

Malmoe ✓

Haderslev ✓

Copenhagen ✓

London ✓✓

Amsterdam ✓

Berlin ✓✓

Kiev ✓

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Chisinau ✓

Lyon ✓

Vienne ✓

Graz ✓✓

Budapest ✓

Bucharest ✓

Tuzla ✓

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Tirana ✓

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Diyarbakir ✓

Adana ✓

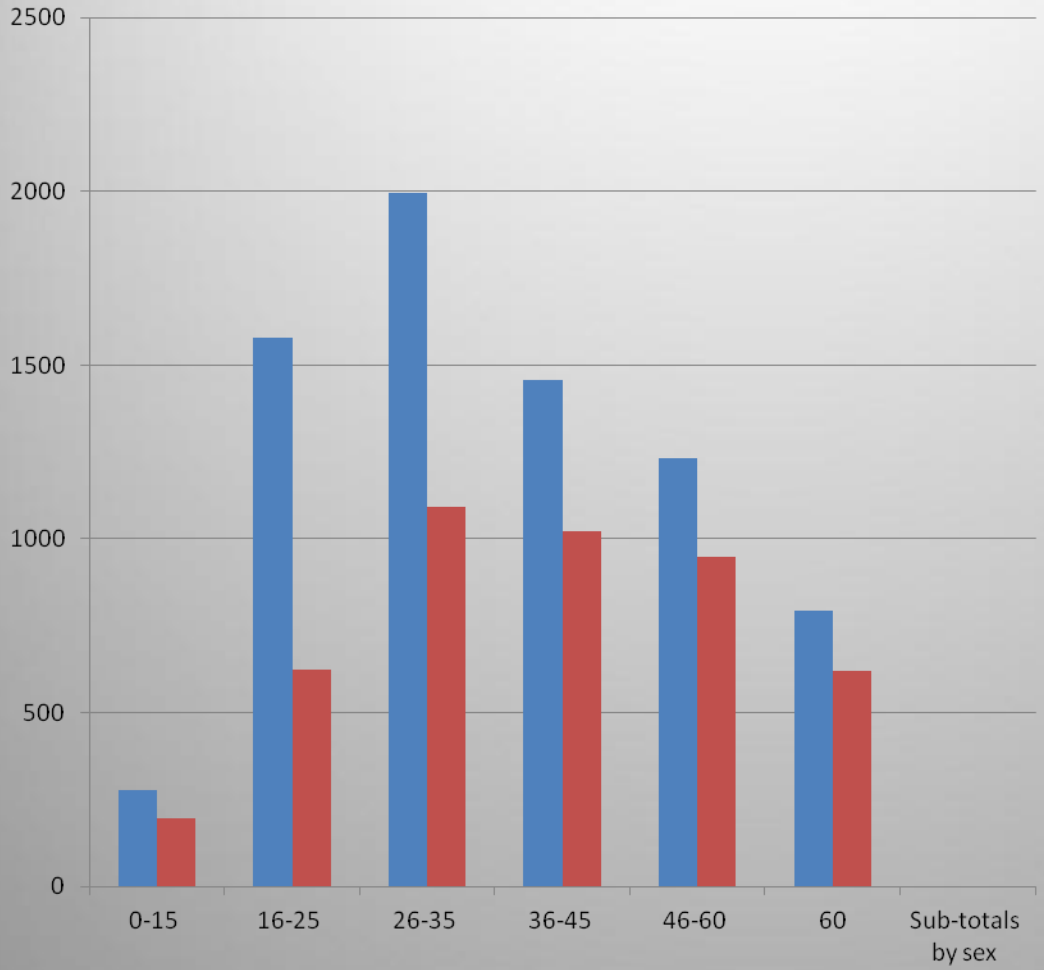
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# Age group and gender distribution of victims assisted by European centres

Age group distribution available for 11.724 victims

Gender distribution available for 12.268 victims

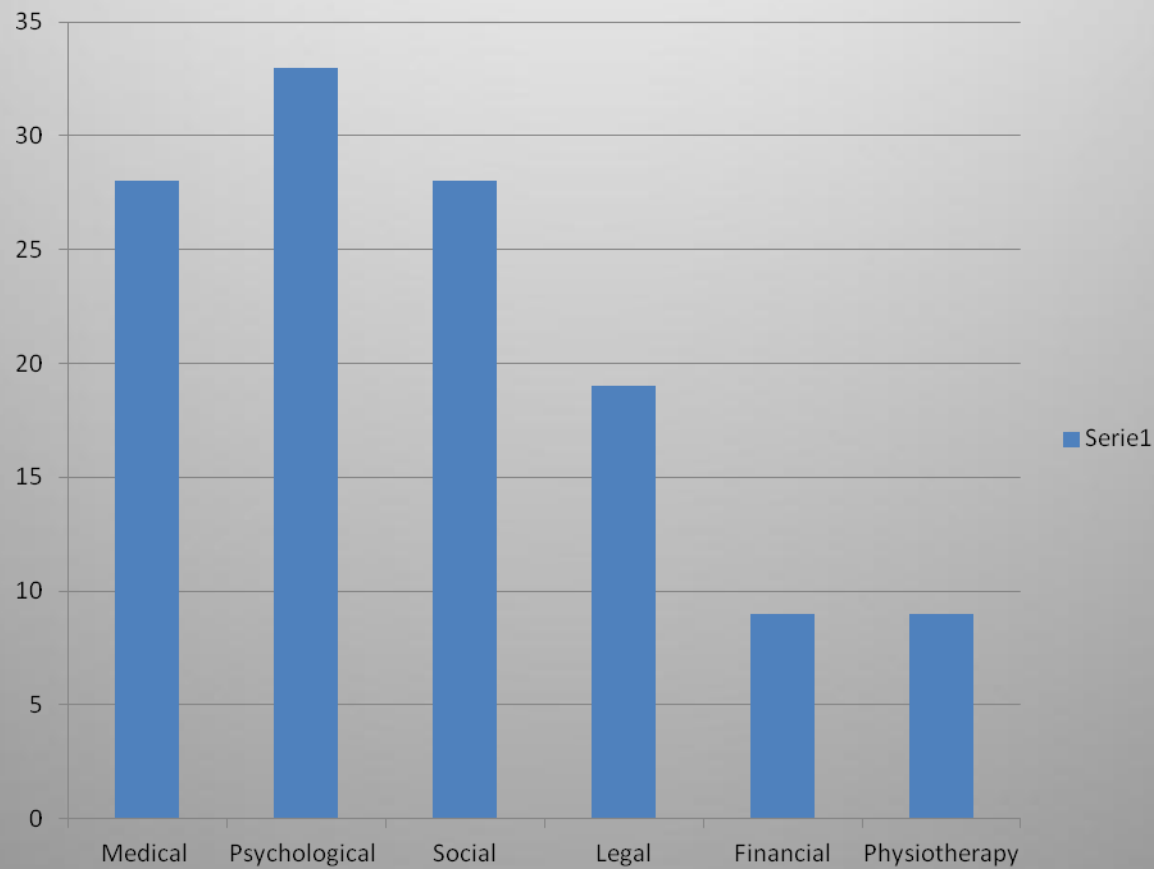
<b>TOTAL VICTIMS ASSISTED BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP</b>	<b>0-15</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>26-35</b>	<b>36-45</b>	<b>46-60</b>	<b>60+</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>TOTAL MALE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY AGE GROUP</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>2120</b>	<b>1576</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>7588</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>TOTAL FEMALE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY AGE GROUP</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>4680</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS FOR WHOM GENDER AND AGE DATA ARE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>3211</b>	<b>2599</b>	<b>2259</b>	<b>1423</b>	<b>12268</b>	<b>100</b>



■ 7283 male victims  
■ 4441 female victims



# TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY 38 EUROPEAN CENTRES

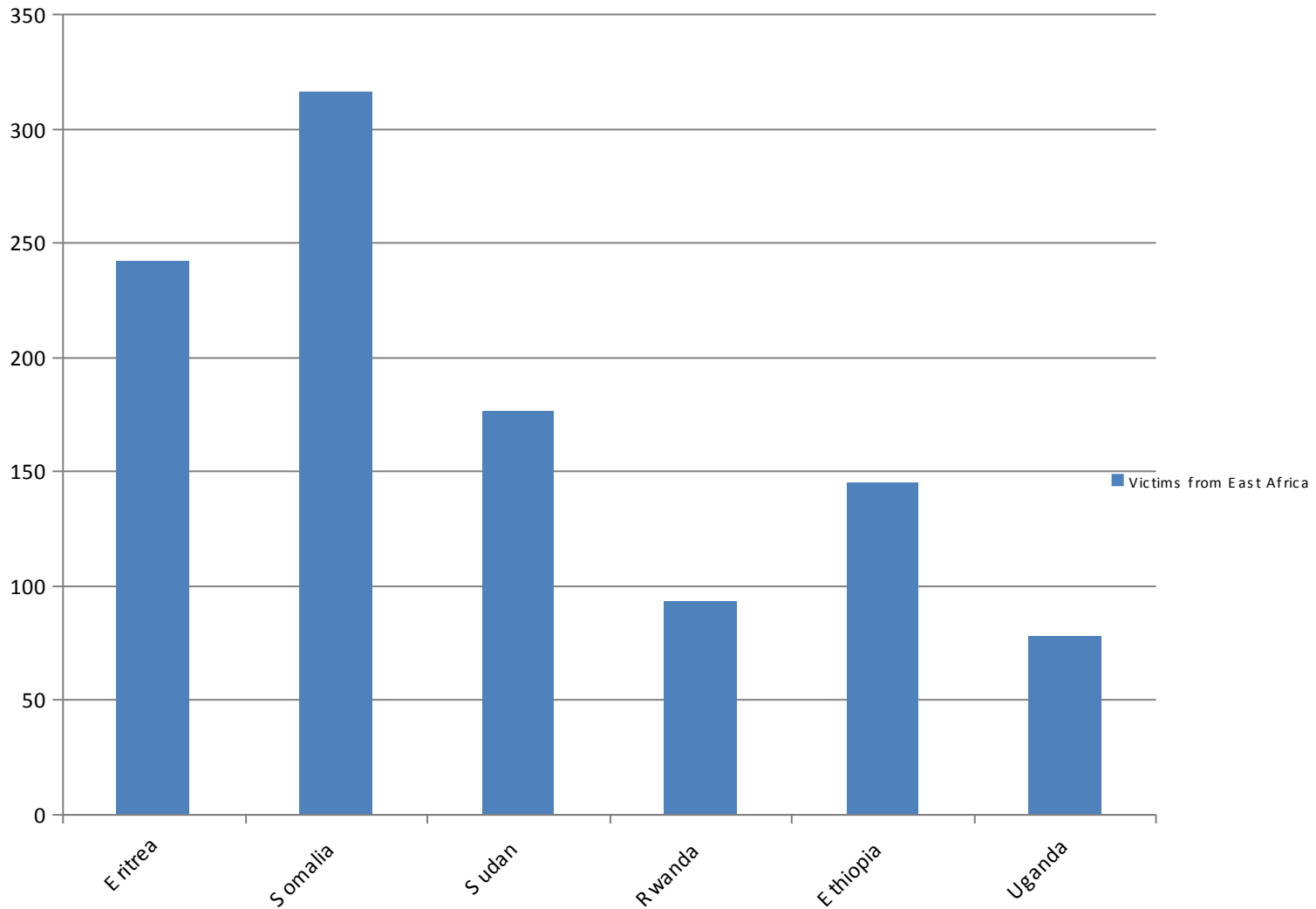


<b>UN REGIONAL ORIGIN OF VICTIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PER CENT</b>
<b>African Group</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Asian Group</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Eastern European Group</b>	<b>6713</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Latin American &amp; Caribbean Group</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Western European and Others Group</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>All UN Regions</b>	<b>11892</b>	<b>100</b>

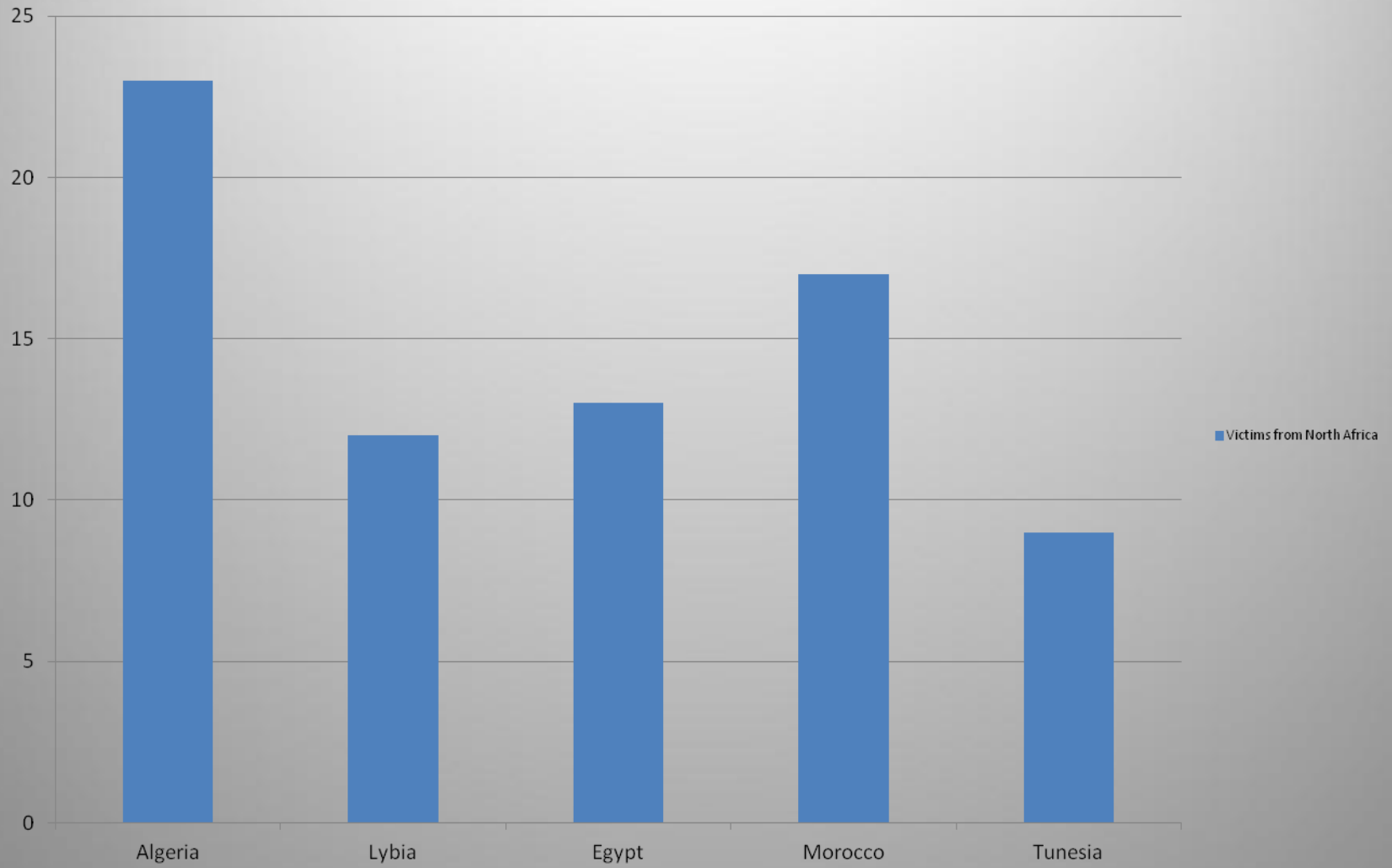
## **Total victims assisted from Eastern European Group**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Victims assisted</b>
<b>Senegal</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Guinea Conakry</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>DR Congo</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Eritrea</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Mauretania</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Angola</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Mali</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Kenya</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2191</b>

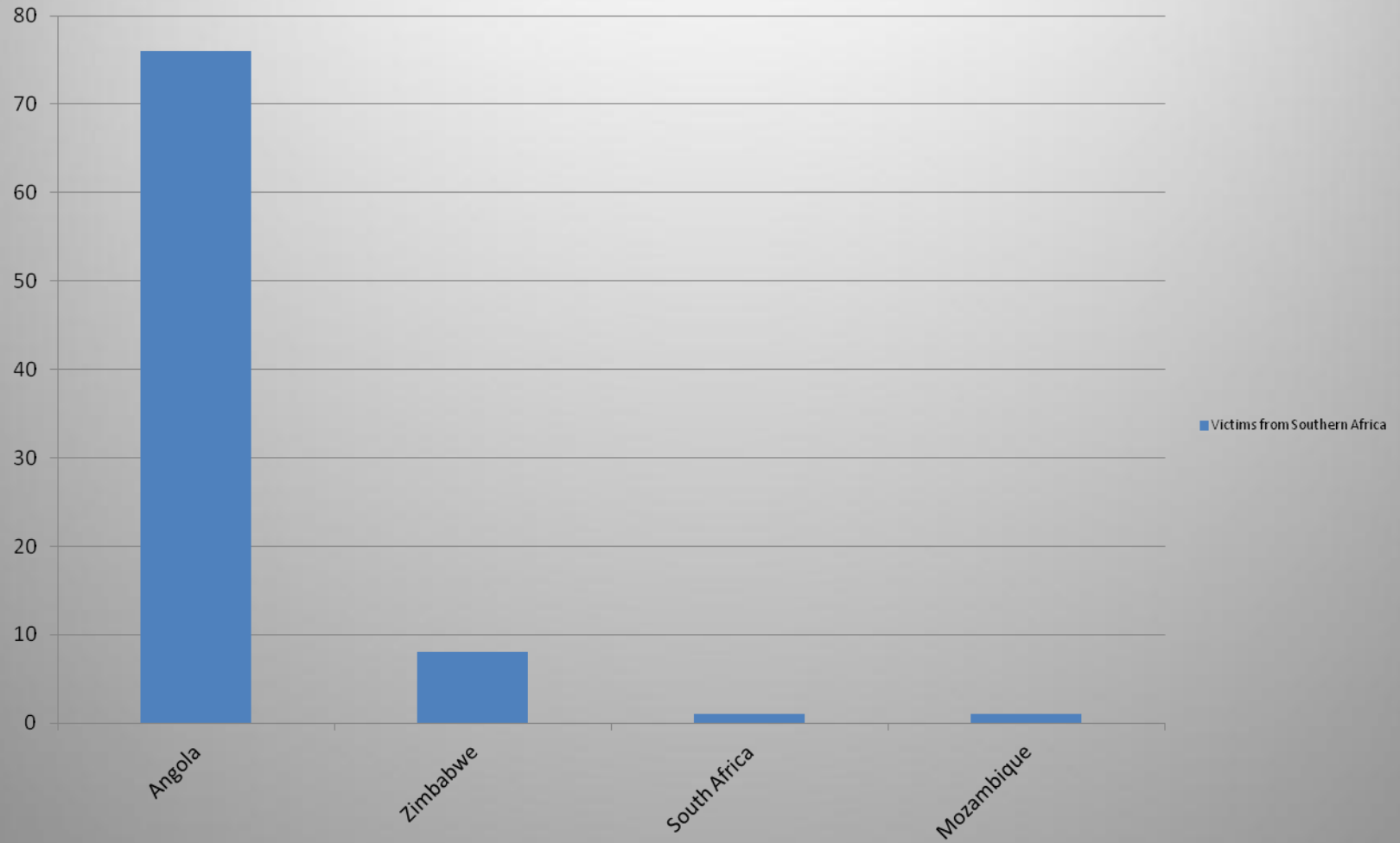
## Victims from East Africa



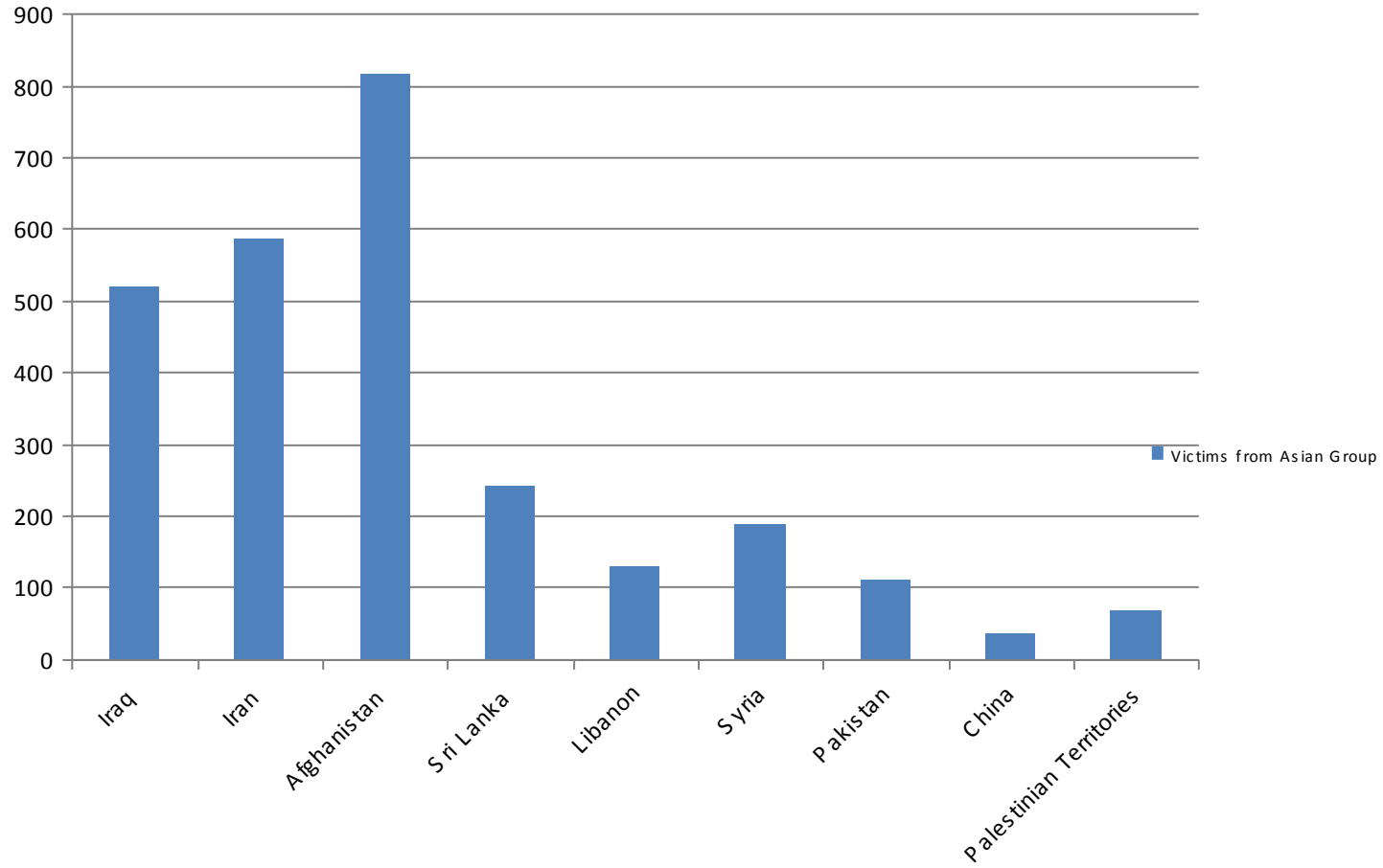
## Victims from North Africa



## Victims from Southern Africa



## Victims from Asian Group



## Total victims assisted from Eastern European Group

<b>Country</b>	<b>Victims assisted</b>	<b>Victims assisted in country of origin</b>	<b>Per cent of victims from that country</b>
<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>1673</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Albania</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Moldova</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>158</b>		
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>84</b>		
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>61</b>		
<b>Others</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6670</b>	<b>3482</b>	<b>64</b>

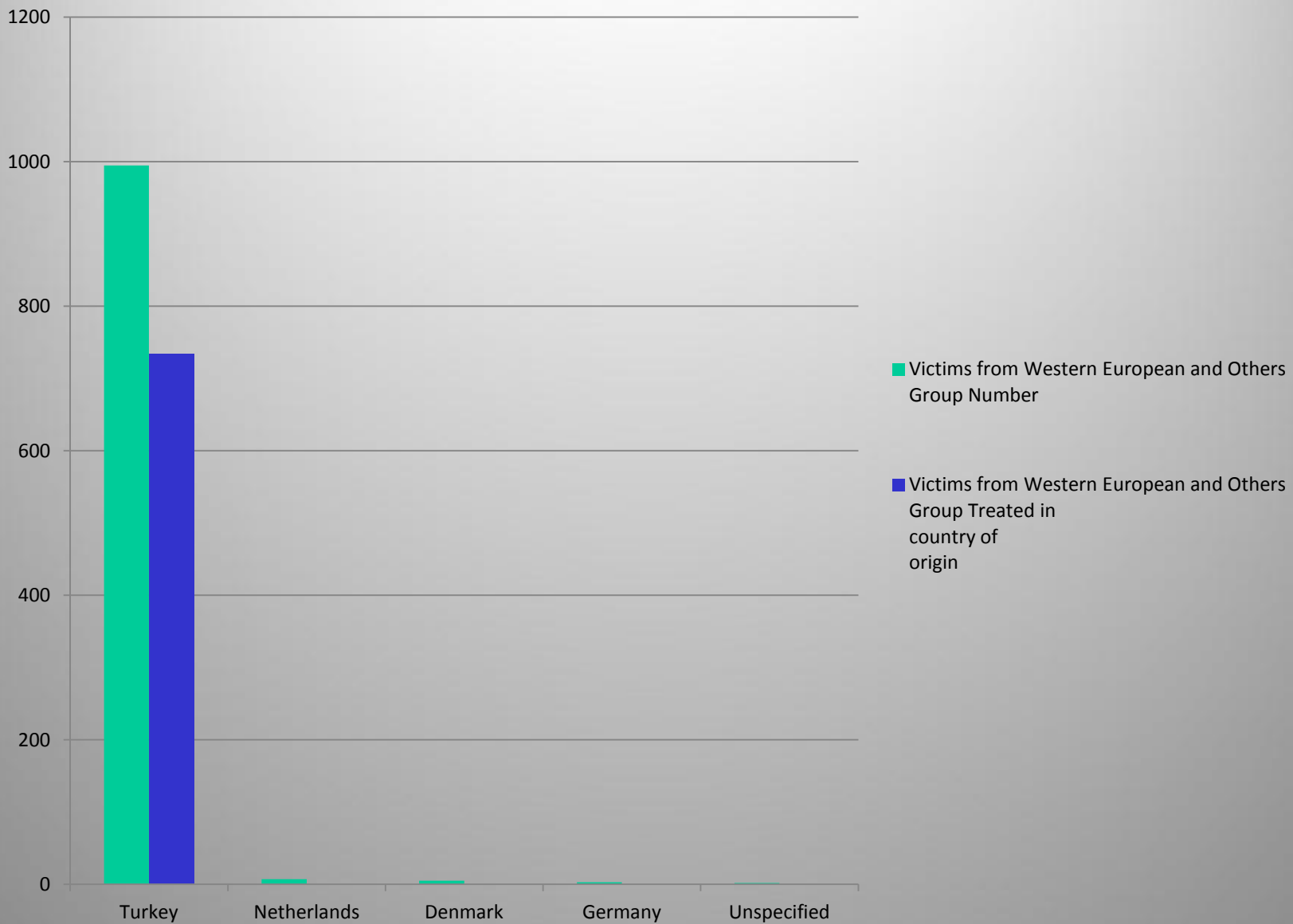
\* Victims among surviving former political prisoners

\*\* Recent victims as well as victims among surviving former political prisoners



## Total victims assisted from Western European & Other Group

<b>Country</b>	<b>Victims assisted</b>	<b>Victims assisted in country of origin</b>	<b>Per cent of victims from that country</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>Germany</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1012</b>		



# PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

- MAKING RESERVATIONS DUE TO THE FACT THAT
- OF MORE THAN 100 EUROPEAN CENTRES AND PROGRAMMES SURVEYED ONLY 42 CENTRES ARE COVERED BY THIS SURVEY
- ONLY 22 OF 33 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SURVEYED ARE REPRESENTED AMONG RESPONDENTS

## Conclusions (continued)

- THE SURVEY STILL PERMITS US TO GET AN IMPRESSION OF THE GENDER, AGE AND WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY CENTRES AND PROGRAMMES IN EUROPE

## **Conclusions (continued)**

- VICTIMS FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND TURKEY MAKE UP 66 PER CENT OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY RESPONDING CENTRES - THE MAJORITY BEING ASSISTED BY CENTRES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY

## Conclusion (continued)

- 19% OF VICTIMS ASSISTED COME FROM AFRICA WITH WEST, EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA PROVIDING MOST OF THE VICTIMS
- 17% OF VICTIMS ASSISTED COME FROM ASIA WITH THE AFGHANISTAN, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SRI LANKA PROVIDING MOST OF THE VICTIMS

## Conclusion (continued)

- FEMALE VICTIMS MAKE UP 38 PER CENT OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY RESPONDING CENTRES
- THE MAJORITY OF VICTIMS ASSISTED BY RESPONDING CENTRES ARE BETWEEN 16 – 45 WITH A PEAK BETWEEN 26-35

# RECOMMENDATION

- THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO COLLECT AND PUBLISH AN OVERVIEW OF THE GENDER, AGE AND ORIGIN OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTED BY ITS CONSTITUENT CENTRES DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.



# Recommendations (continued)

- ICAR FOUNDATION WILL PUBLISH THE RESULT OF THIS YEARS SURVEY ON ITS WEB-PAGE AND ENCOURAGE ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS TO DO THE SAME.
- ICAR FOUNDATION ALSO HOPE TO PUBLISH AND CIRCULATE THE RESULT OF THIS YEARS SURVEY IN HARD COPY AS IT WAS DONE PREVIOUSLY WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF BAFF BERLIN AND RCT - NOW DIGNITY INSTITUTE - IN COPENHAGEN.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE CENTRES  
THAT HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED TO  
OUR REQUEST FOR DATA

I PROMISE TO INCLUDE ANY  
ADDITIONAL DATA PROVIDED BEFORE  
WE PUBLISH THE 2012 REPORT



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