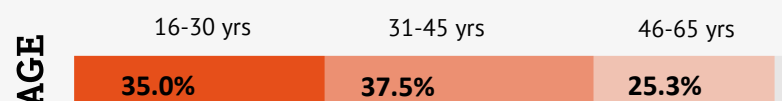


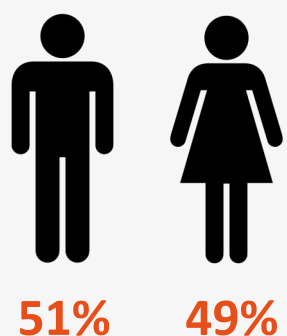
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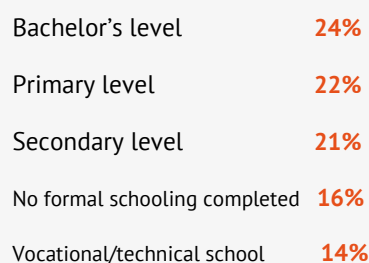
HSS RESPONDENTS (751)



GENDER



What is the highest level of education that you completed?



MARITAL STATUS



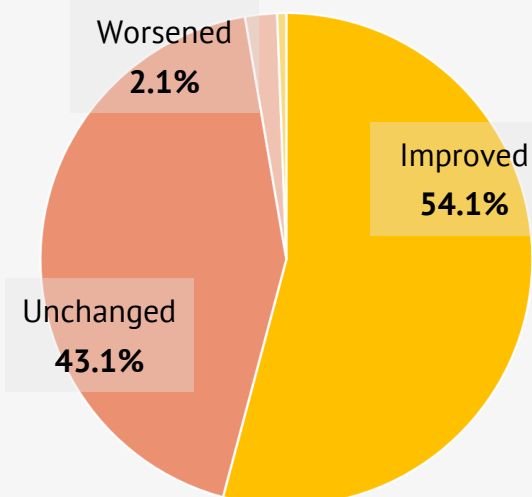
Do you currently have a job for which you earn a wage?

YES! 54%

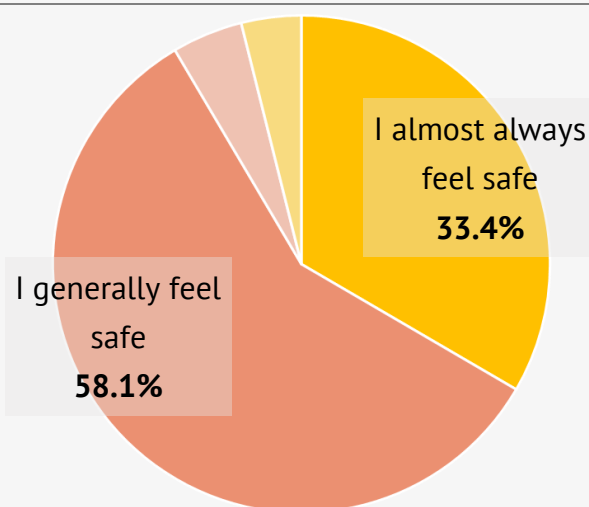
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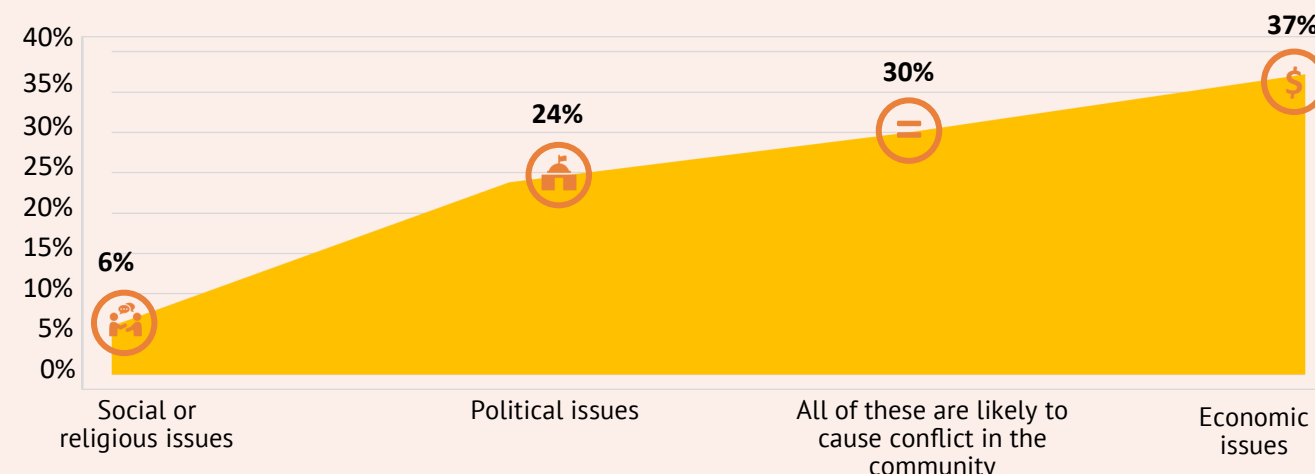
HOW DID YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY SITUATION CHANGE SINCE LAST YEAR?



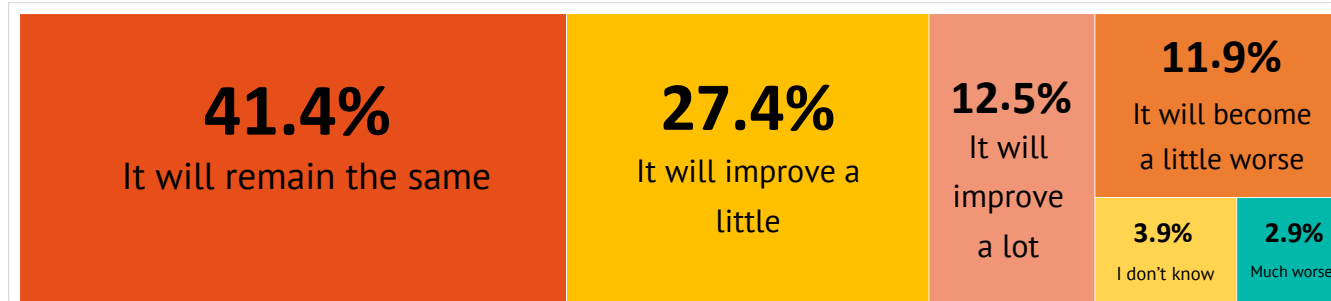
HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY SITUATION IN THIS COMMUNITY?



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ISSUE DO YOU BELIEVE ARE MOST LIKELY TO CAUSE CONFLICT IN THE FUTURE?



WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO HAPPEN WITH SECURITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT YEAR?



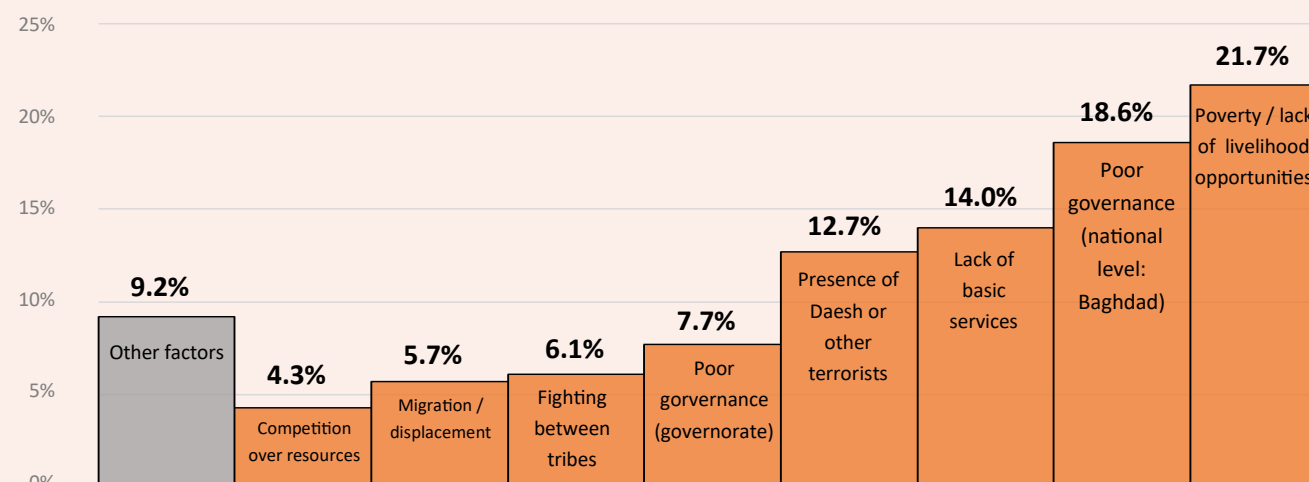
31.3%
of respondents believe
they will be vulnerable to
violence in the next year



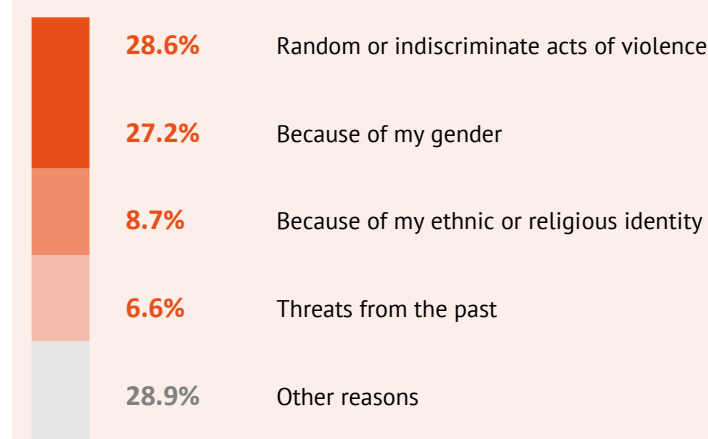
95.8%
of respondents reported that
they believe that HAS
members **protect civilians** and
do not cause them harm



WHAT ARE THE MAIN FACTORS THAT ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE CONFLICT IN YOUR REGION IN THE COMING YEAR?



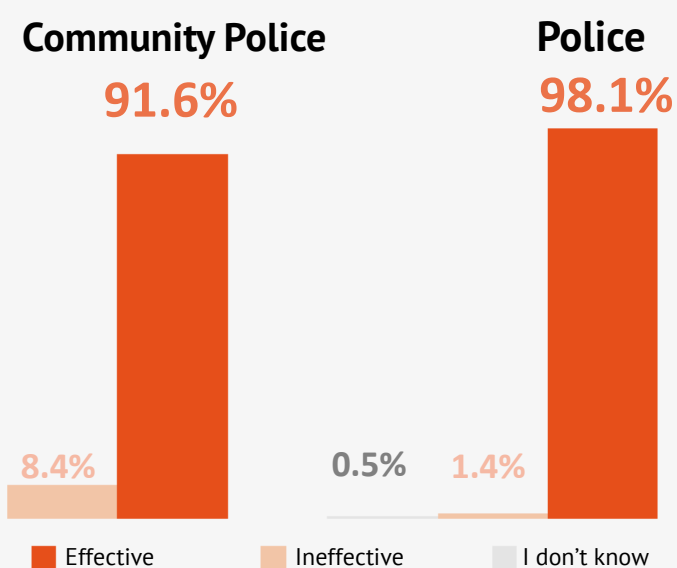
WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE LIKELY TO BECOME A VICTIM OF VIOLENCE?



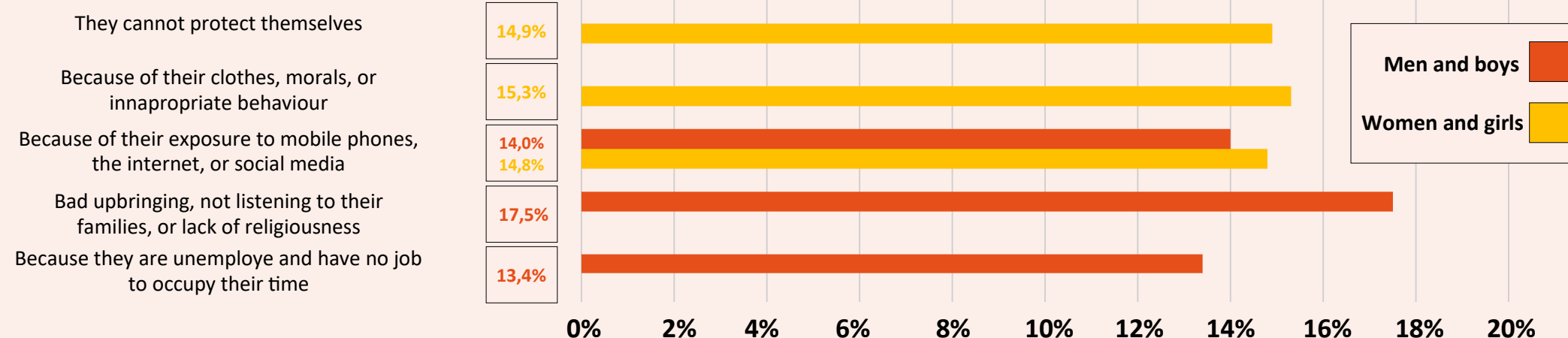
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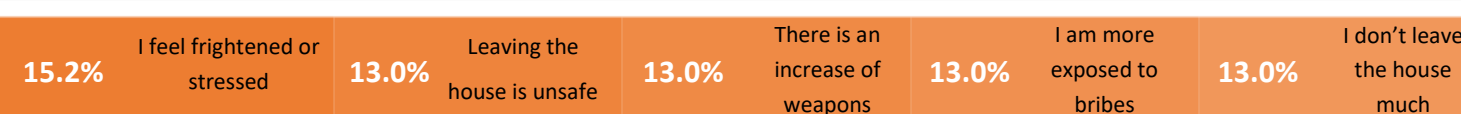
How do you rate the performance of this actor in providing security?



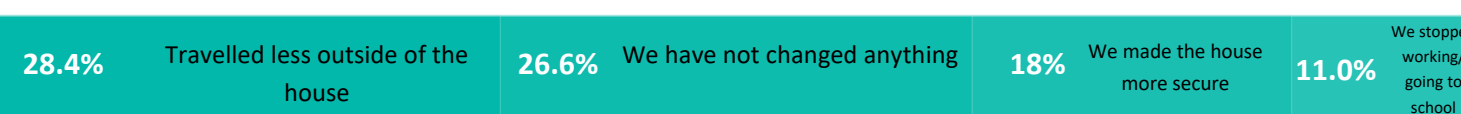
IN GENERAL, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MAIN REASONS THAT WOMEN, GIRLD, MEN AND BOYS ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE?



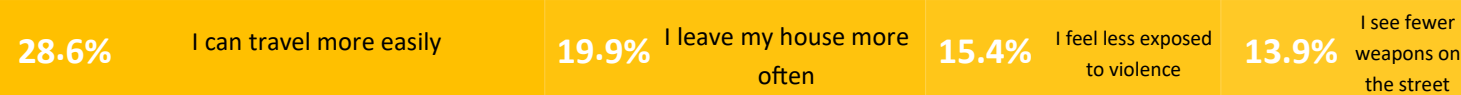
How has the **worsening personal security** situation impacted your life?



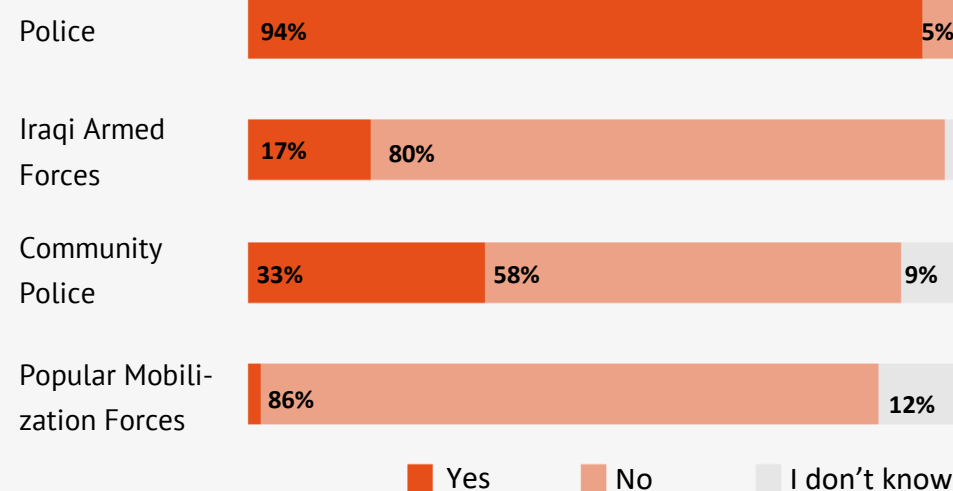
Have you or members of your household done things **to protect yourselves** as a result of insecurity?



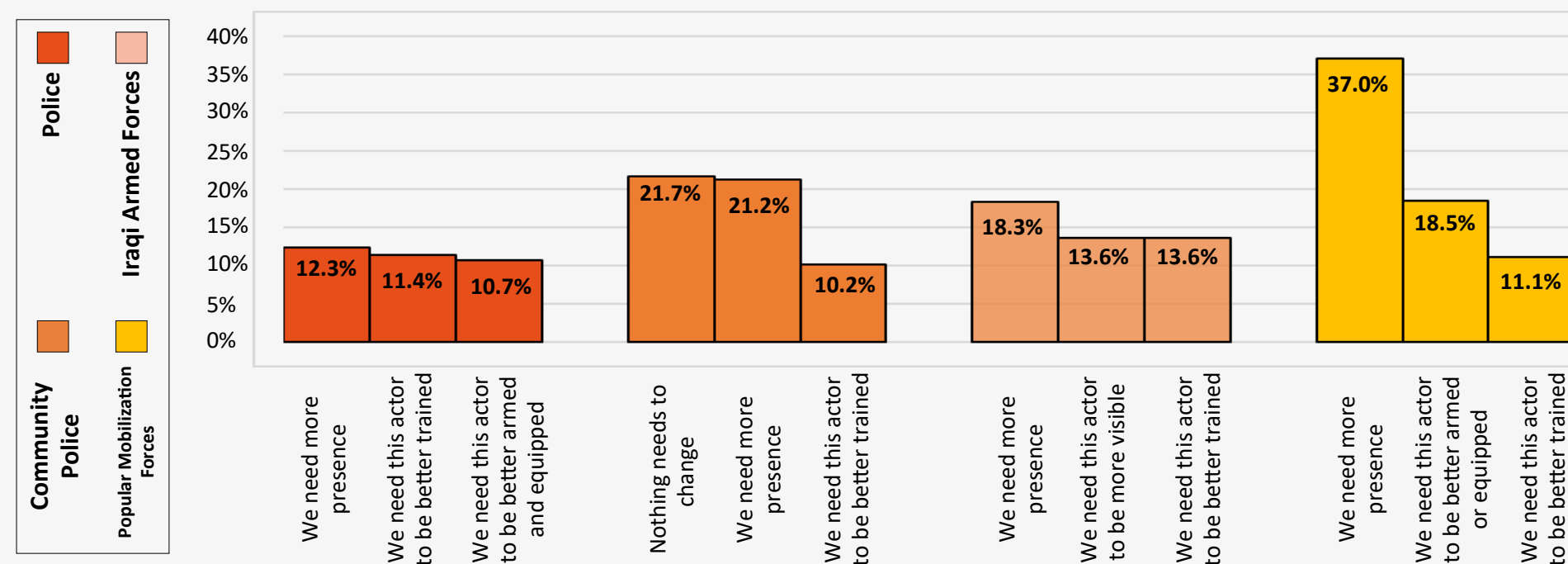
How has the **improved personal security** impacted your daily life?



DOES THIS ACTOR HAVE A CONSISTENT PRESENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS ACTOR [TOP CHOICES]



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96.8%

of respondents indicated
that **protecting the
environment is important**
for them



24.8%

of respondents indicated
that municipality vehicles
do not collect waste in their
area



44.2%

of respondents **were not
aware that environmental
laws exist** in Iraq

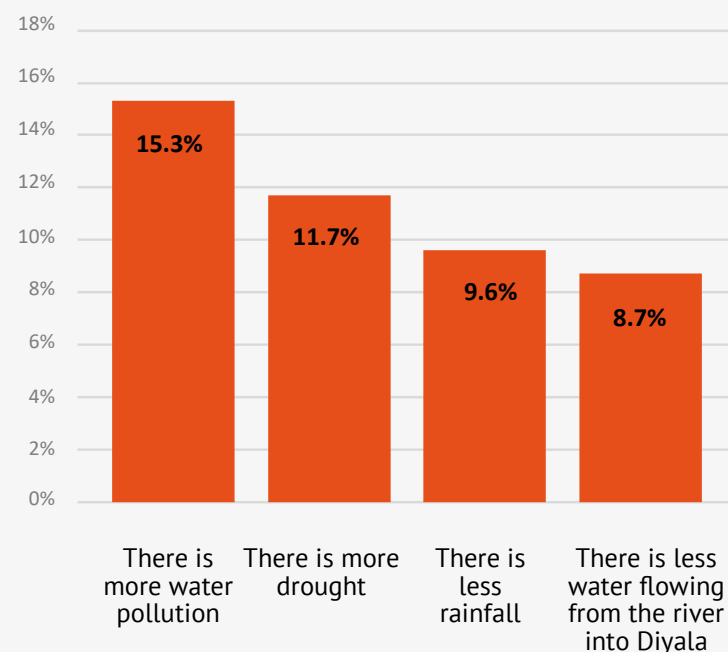


94.8%

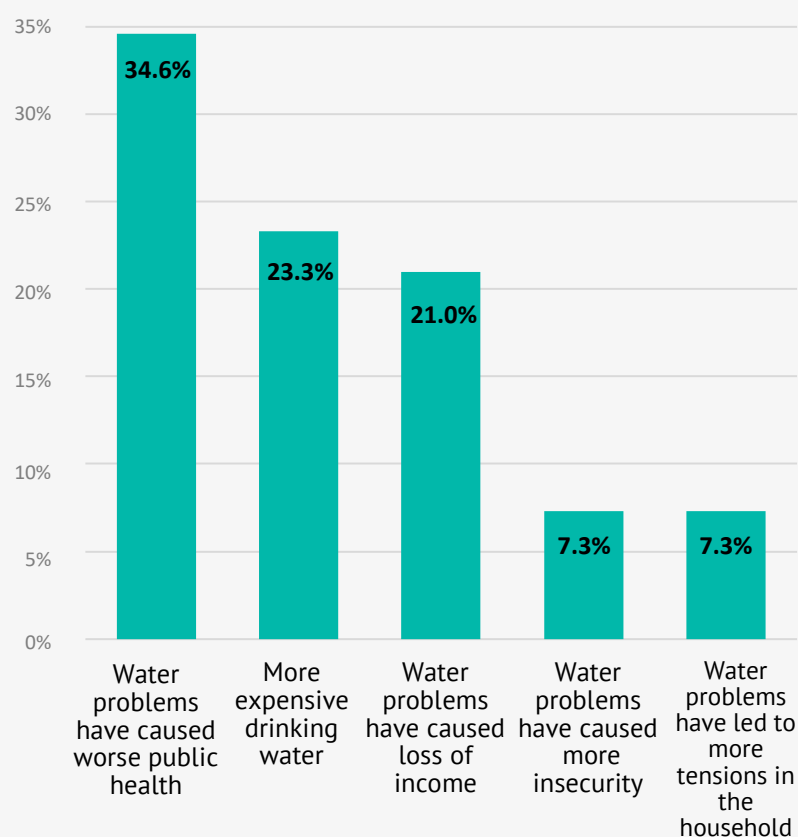
of respondents indicated
that having **environmental
laws** drafted and enforced
in Iraq would be **useful**



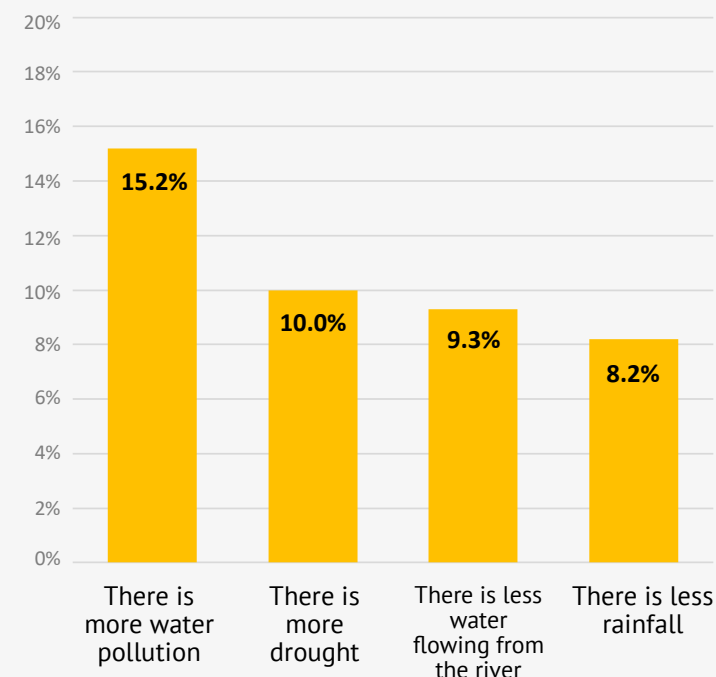
HAVE YOU OBSERVED ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



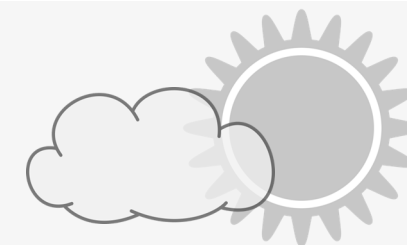
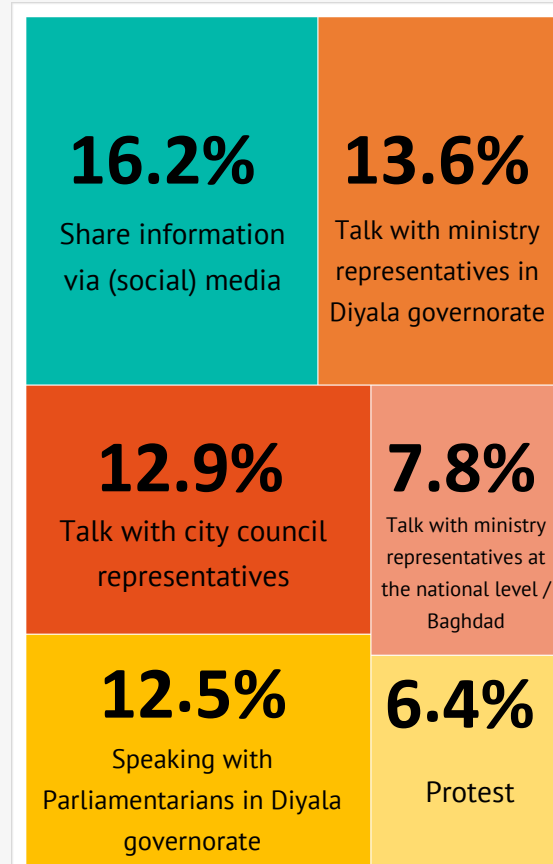
HOW HAVE WATER-RELATED PROBLEMS CAUSED UNREST IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



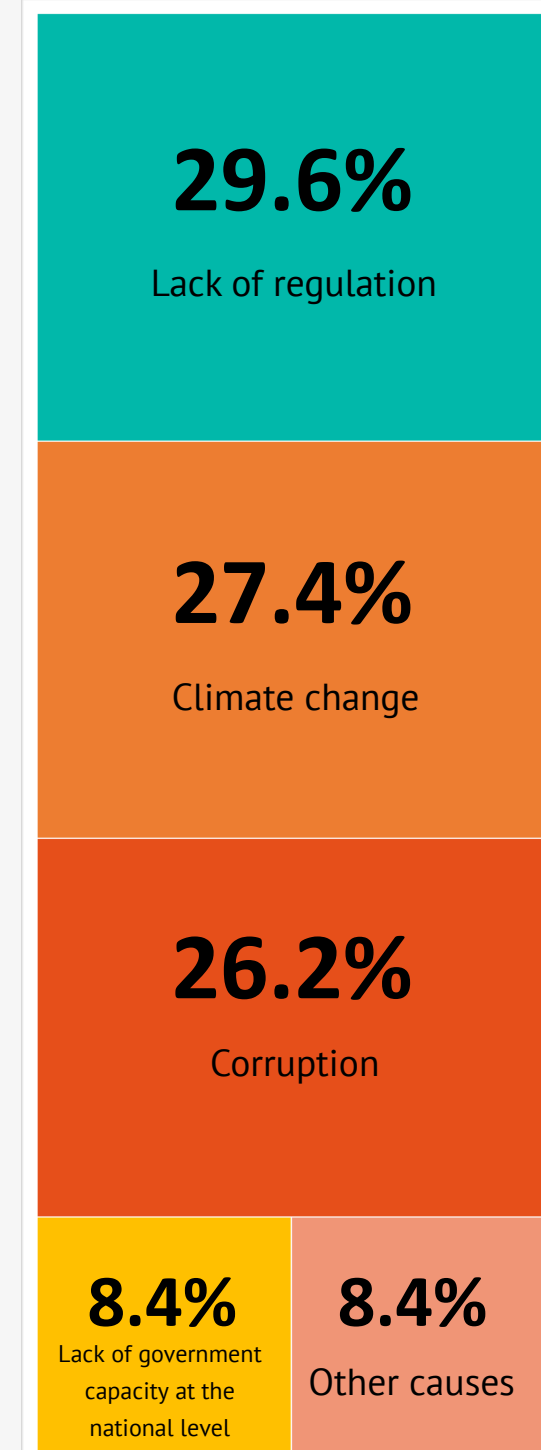
WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS?



HOW WOULD YOU WANT TO HELP ADDRESS ANY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS MENTIONED?



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS HAVE CAUSED THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES MENTIONED?



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58.3%



of respondents are **not aware** of any government programmes available to **assist survivors of terrorism or national/international military operations**

70.7%



of respondents **believe** that these government programmes are **effective**

61.4%

of respondents reported that **drug use has increased** in their community



25.7%

of respondents believe that drug use increased due to **unemployment**



Only 6.7%

of respondents **migrated away** from their town/city in the past five years



WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON BEHIND YOUR MIGRATION? [50 RESPONDENTS]



WITH WHICH STATEMENT DO YOU AGREE MOST?

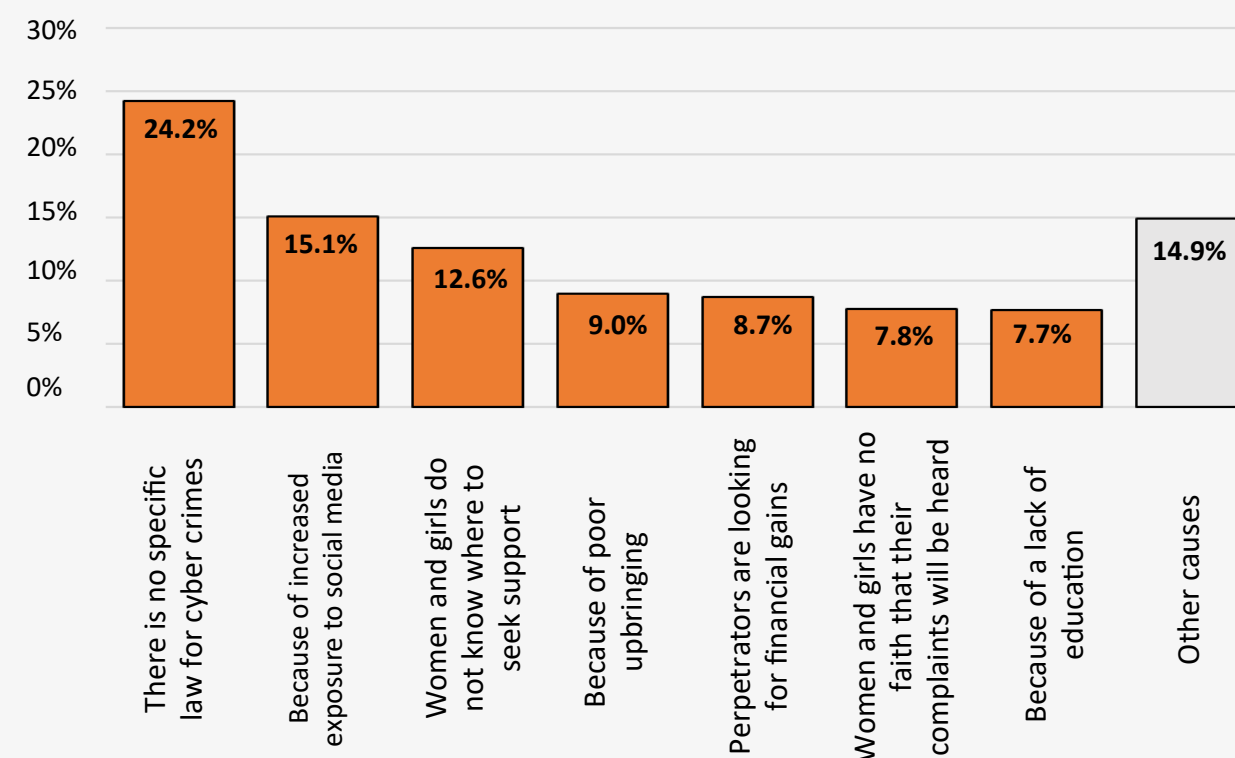
Civilians need arms to provide their own security in this governorate	16%	83%	Disarmament of civilians in this governorate is needed for security
Women in my family should not be serving in the police	63%	32%	I would support my sister if she wanted to apply for a position in the police office
Early marriages do not provide girls with more protection from violence	80%	18%	An early marriage when girls are still young is a way to protect them from violence
It is best when security forces are from outside the community because they are more neutral in the way they do their work	17%	82%	It is best when security forces are from within our own community because they know us well
Sectarianism has little to no impact in this community	39%	60%	Sectarianism has a big impact in this community
Reconciliation initiatives will not help civilian victims of the conflict against Daesh address past grievances	26%	48%	Reconciliation initiatives will help civilian victims of the conflict against Daesh to address past grievances
Having more information about civilians' priorities will not help political and security actors improve the security situation	8%	90%	Political and security actors need more information about civilians' priorities in order to improve the security situation

WHY DO YOU THINK CYBER CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY HAVE INCREASED?



61.5%

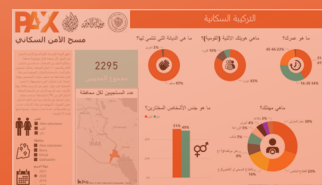
of respondents believe that **cyber crimes against women and girls** have **increased** in their community in the last year



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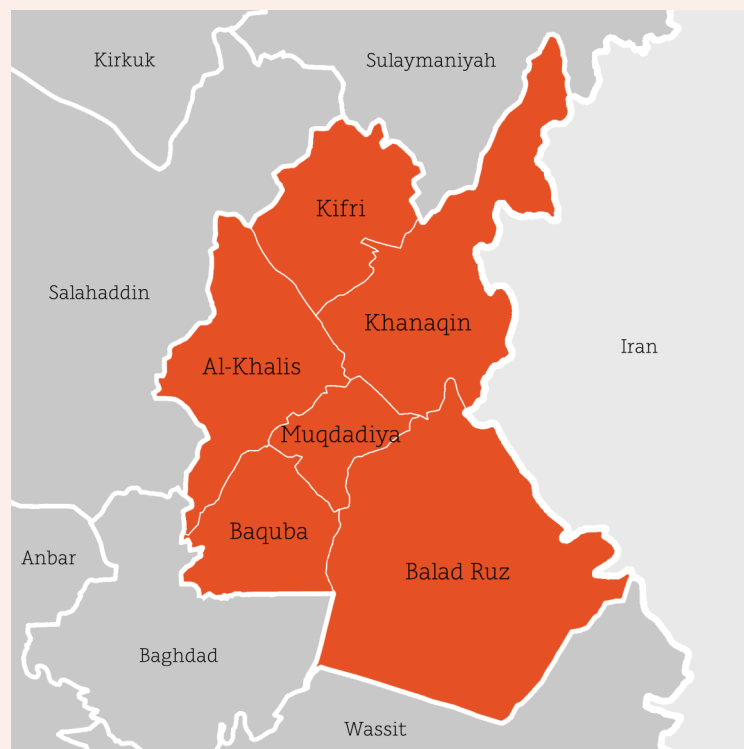
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HUMAN SECURITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Over a period of 3 weeks in March 2023, **14** enumerators conducted **751** face-to-face interviews across all 6 districts of Diyala Governorate using a standardized survey script. For more details on how HSS data is collected and analysed, view our [methodological note](#).

Taking into account the most recent population estimates, respondent targets were set with the aim of a representative distribution across gender, district, subdistrict, and urban/rural areas. Communities, households, and individual respondents were selected to participate through a systematic and approximately **random procedure to increase the likelihood of generalizability**.

The Wand Al-Khair organization, trusted long-time partner of PAX will continue its work in Diyala through **community engagement activities** with civilians, authorities, and a multitude of security actors to improve the local security situation using the results of the Human Security Survey.



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38%

Of respondents believe that holding local public meetings is the best way to share results of this survey among members of their community



I am not at risk of **violence or crime** from within my own household

Agree **Disagree** **I don't know**

60.7% 28.8% 6.92%

This area is **safe** from Daesh

82.8% 13.4% 3.46%

Men and women are likely to **receive equal treatment** when reporting an incident to the police:

64.7% 33.6% 1.73%

Honour killing/forced suicide is an effective way to restore a family's honor

13.2% **81.6%** 2.53%

The UN is actively working to protect or support people in this community

41.9% 28.5% 27.3%

National government in Baghdad is taking clear steps to **reduce violence** in our community

55.3% 28.9% 15.6%

 **21%**

of the respondents reported that they believed **teenage boys were more at risk** than other groups

 **26%**

of respondents reported that they heard about cases of forced marriage happening to adult women (18+) in their community

Only 14%

of respondents reported **hearing about** cases of **sexual violence against women and girls** in their community



72%

of respondents reported that **they had not seen** women or girls being **verbally or physically** harassed while out on the street



 **7%**

of respondents reported that one of their family members experienced **prolonged physical or psychological trauma** as a result of exposure to violence or a lack of security

DO YOU THINK THAT FORMS OF VIOLENCE HAVE BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD IN YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE LAST YEAR?

