

## **“A WICKED PROBLEM”**

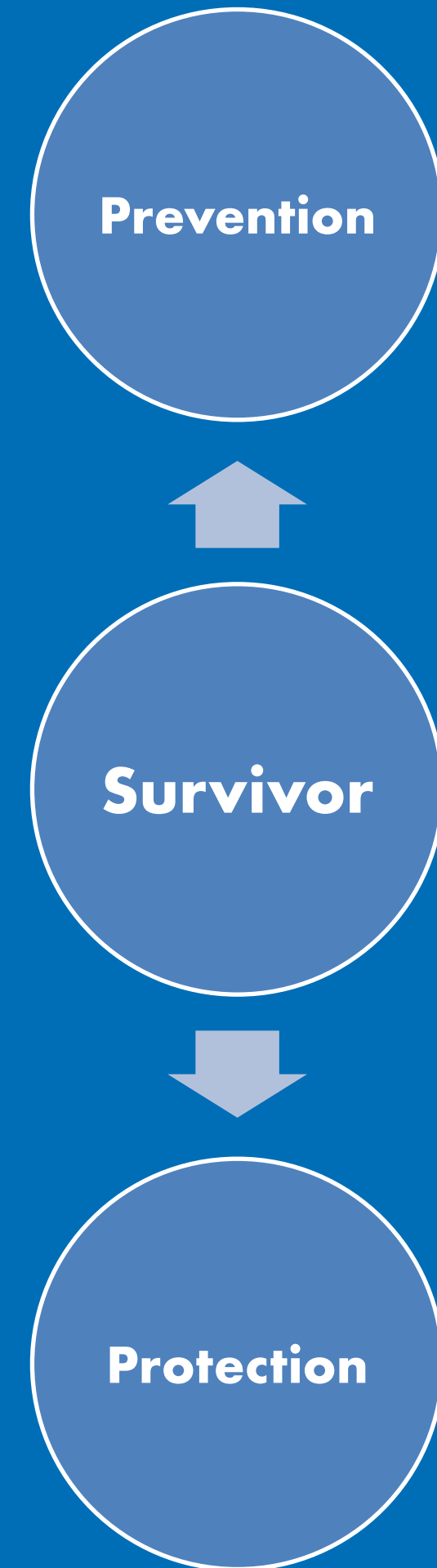
### **Seeking Human Rights-Based Solutions to Trafficking into Cyber Scam Operations in South-East Asia**

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- Why and how are people continuing to be fraudulently recruited into cyber scam operations?
- What are the human rights harms that they have suffered?

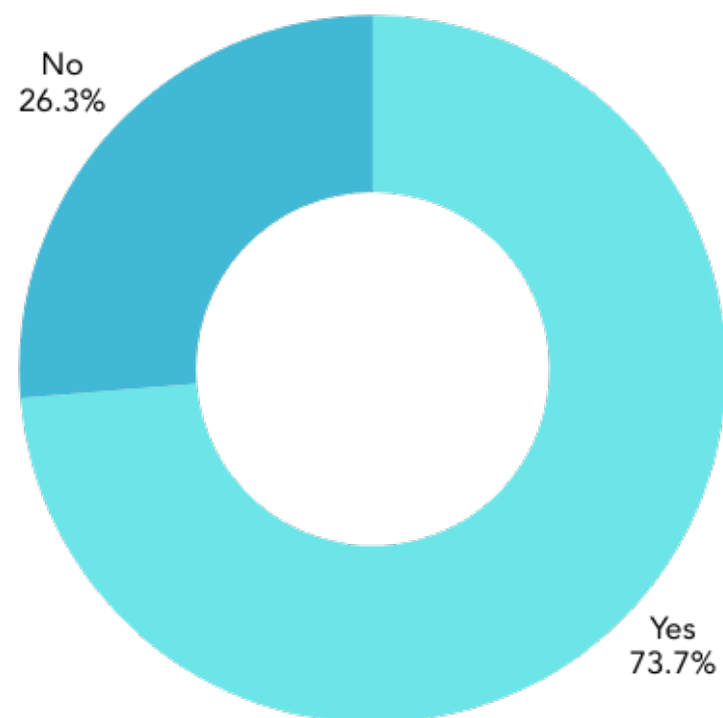


# Socio-economic pressures in the recruitment process

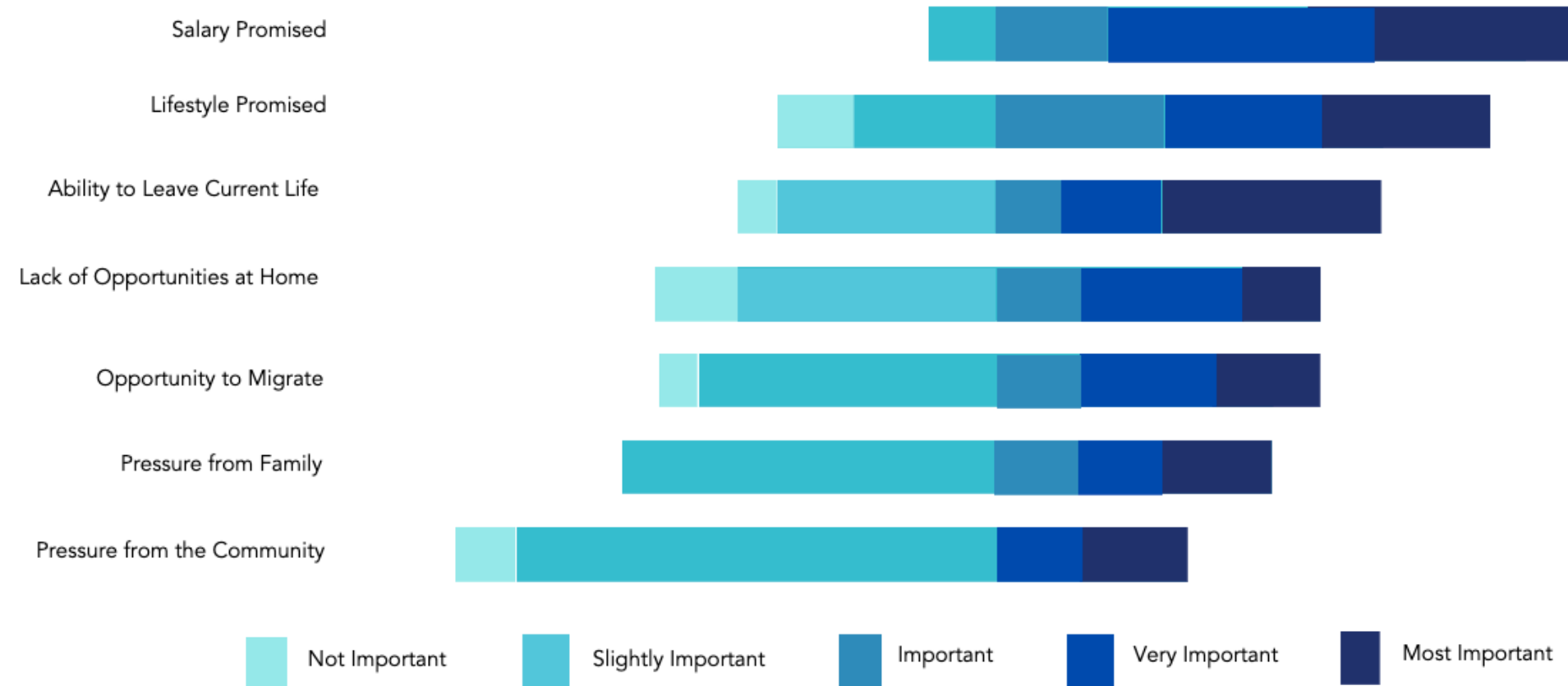
What was the victim's employment status at the time of being targeted?



Was the victim actively seeking a job?



What factors were the most important in persuading the victim to take the job offer?



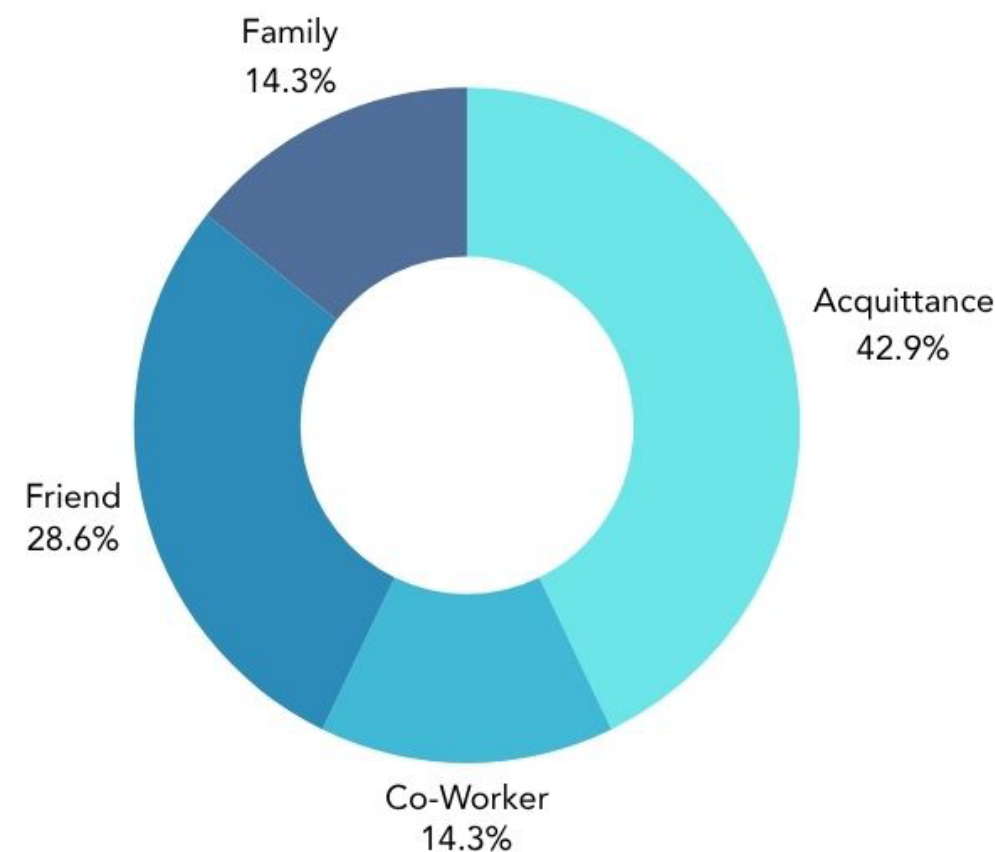
➤ **Lack of available alternatives in the recruitment process**

## Role of trust in the recruitment process

Was the person who shared the job someone the victim already knew?

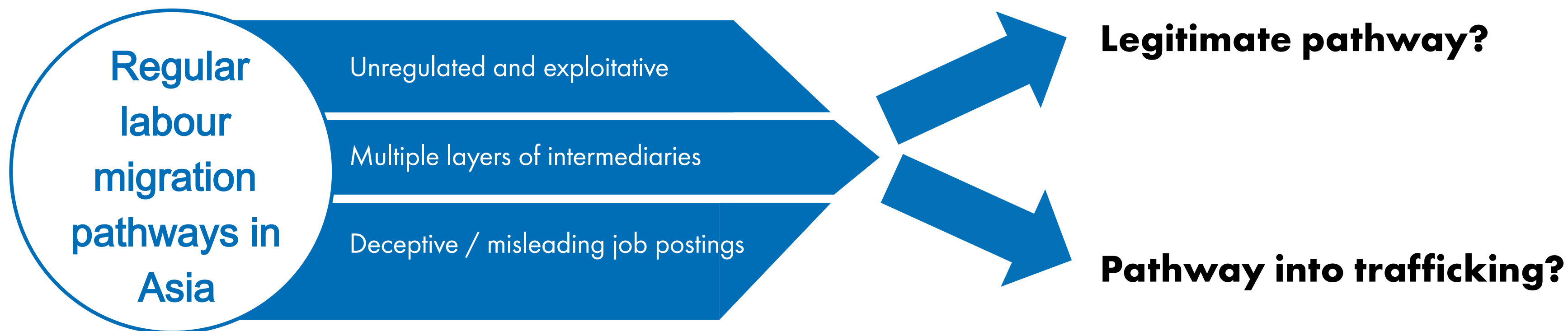


If the recruiter was known, what was the relationship with the victim?



➤ **Challenge overriding trust with generic information and awareness raising**

## Deficits in low / medium wage labour migration recruitment processes



- **Unlikely or unable to distinguish** leaving people in vulnerable situations

## Serious human rights abuse in scam compounds

*// I was punished for trying to help others in the compound - they put a gun to my head, handcuffed me and made me hang by one arm in the dark room for a whole day. //*

*Survivor from Thailand*

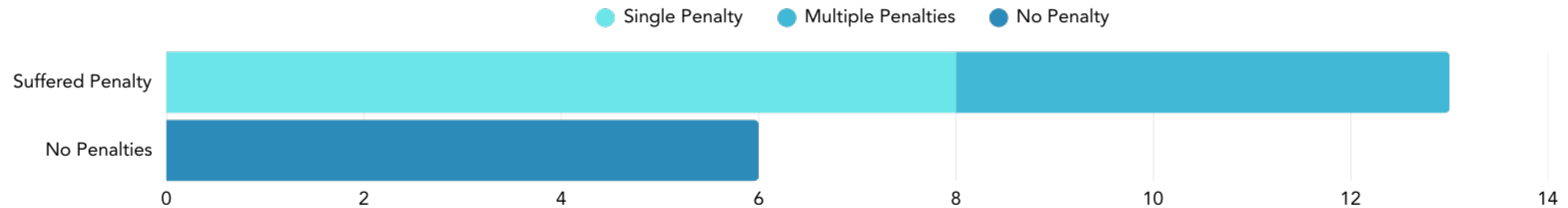
*// They told me I could not leave until I had earned back the cost of my recruitment. When I did not meet my target, they beat me. I saw people die trying to escape. //*

*Survivor from Myanmar*

➤ **Lack of justice, accountability and redress**

# Enduring human rights concerns post release

Did the victim suffer official penalties post-release?



// After my release I was imprisoned for one year and seven months on criminal charges because I had been misidentified as a perpetrator. It was like escaping a tiger only to meet a crocodile. I was depressed and had suicidal thoughts. //

➤ **Lack of protection, care and rehabilitation**

# Human rights-based and survivor-centred approach





# THANK YOU

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