

COVID-19 Rapid Needs Assessment among Syrian Refugees in Turkey

Operating in Turkey since 2014, Relief International (RI) currently supports 6 comprehensive physical rehabilitation and 5 mental health centers across the southeast of Turkey, Izmir, and Istanbul. RI also runs a community health project and livelihood project for disabled Syrian refugees in Istanbul. RI operates in Istanbul, Izmir, Manisa, Gaziantep, Kilis and Hatay.



In light of the recent COVID-19 outbreak RI conducted a rapid needs assessment to explore the impact on the program participants.

- The assessment looked at:
1. Awareness on COVID-19 (prevention, etc.)
 2. Access to basic needs such as food and hygiene
 3. Access to health services



RESPONDENTS
879 respondents to the survey

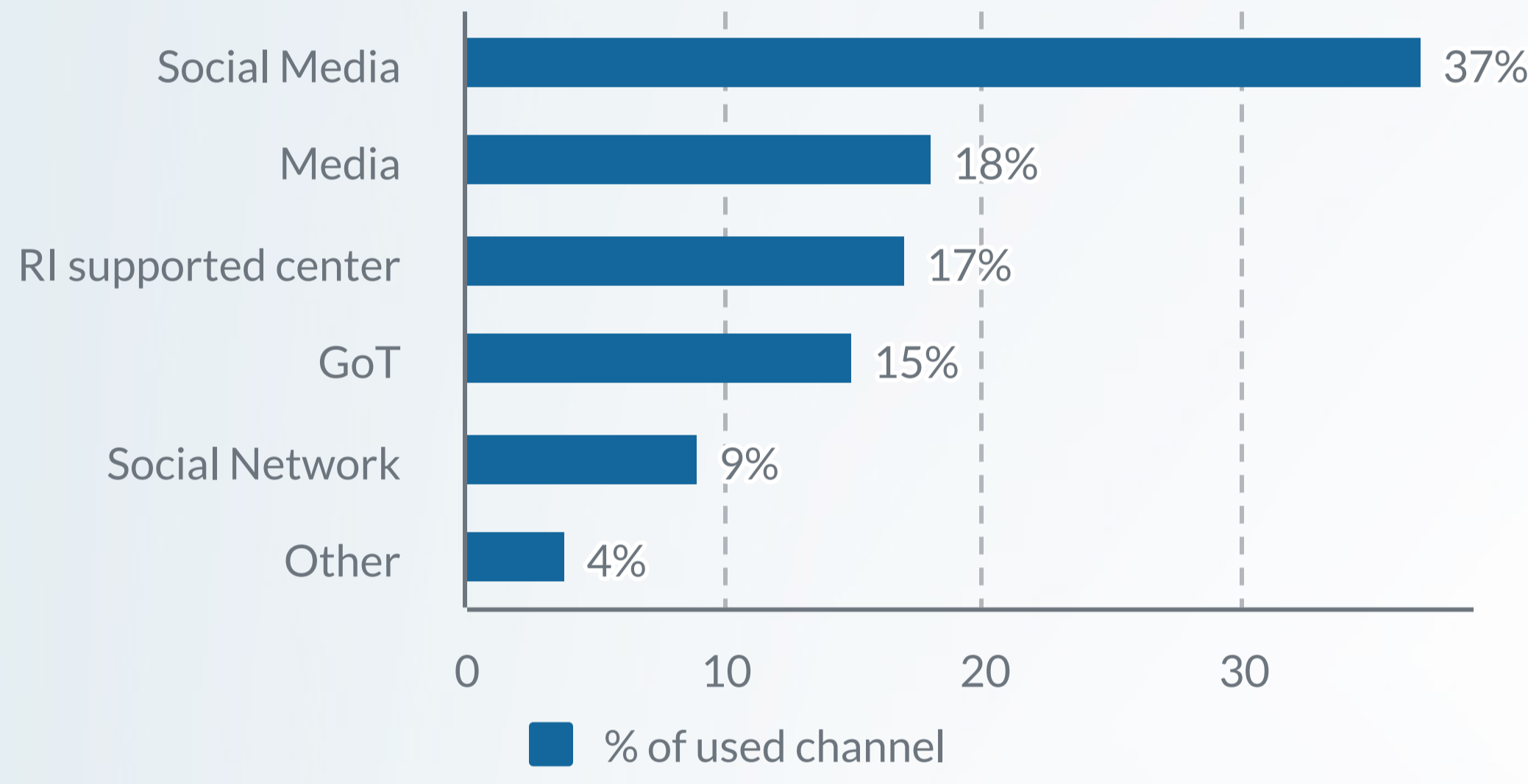
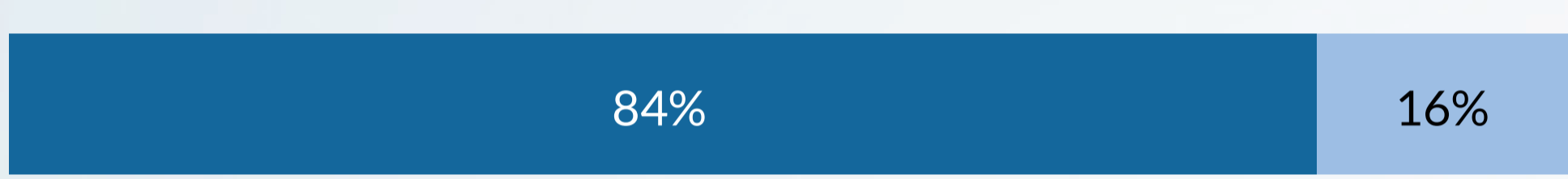


METHODOLOGY
Phone based survey sent using KOBO data collection software

Results

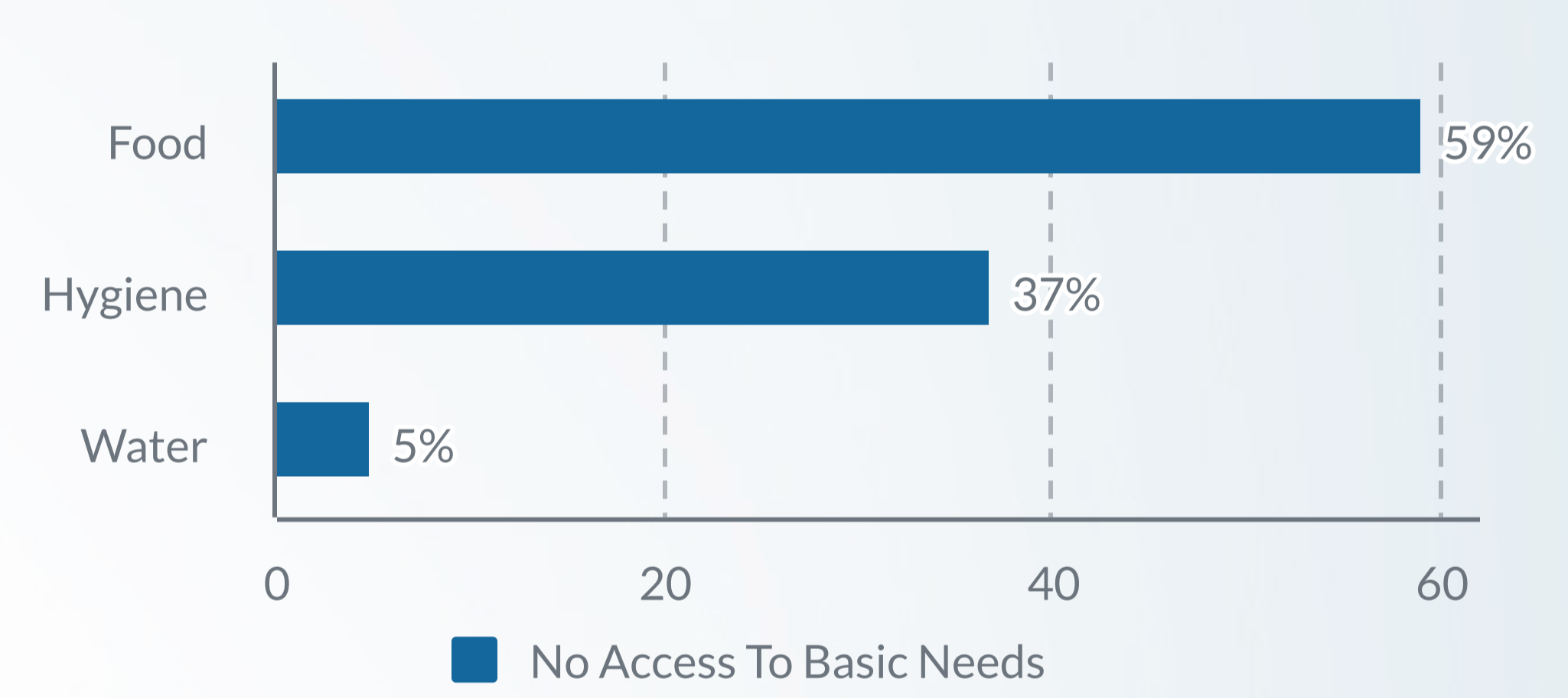
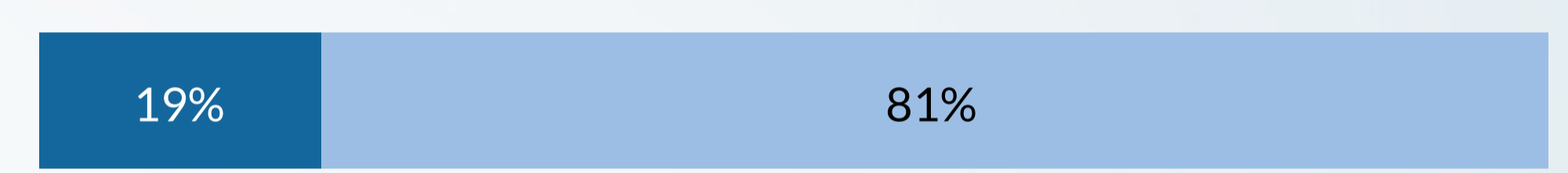
COVID-19 Awareness

84%

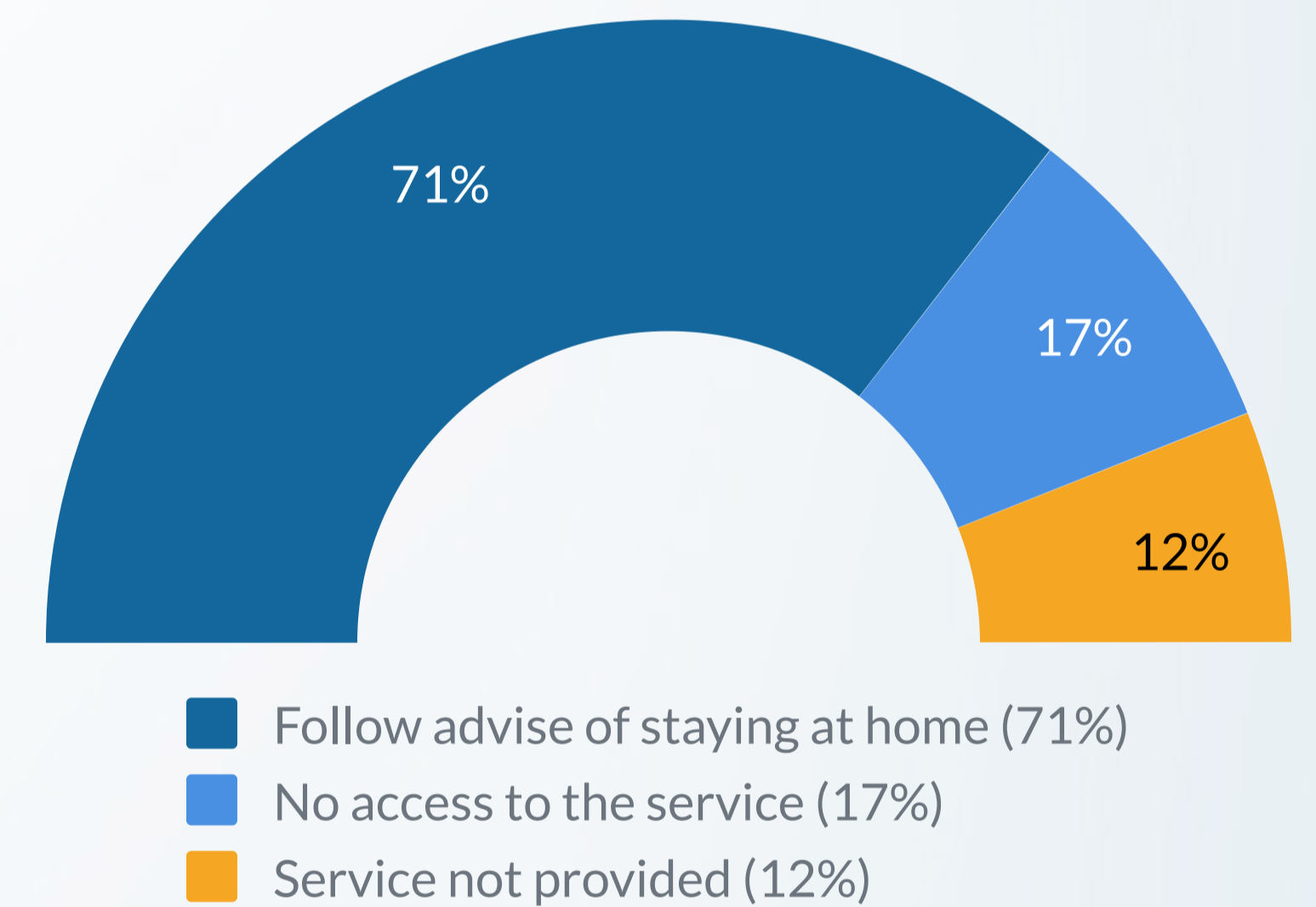


Access to Basic Needs

19% have access to basic services

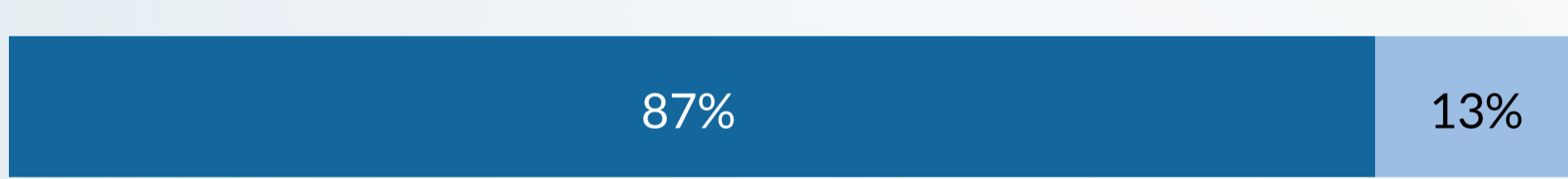


Barriers to basic needs



COVID-19 and Employment

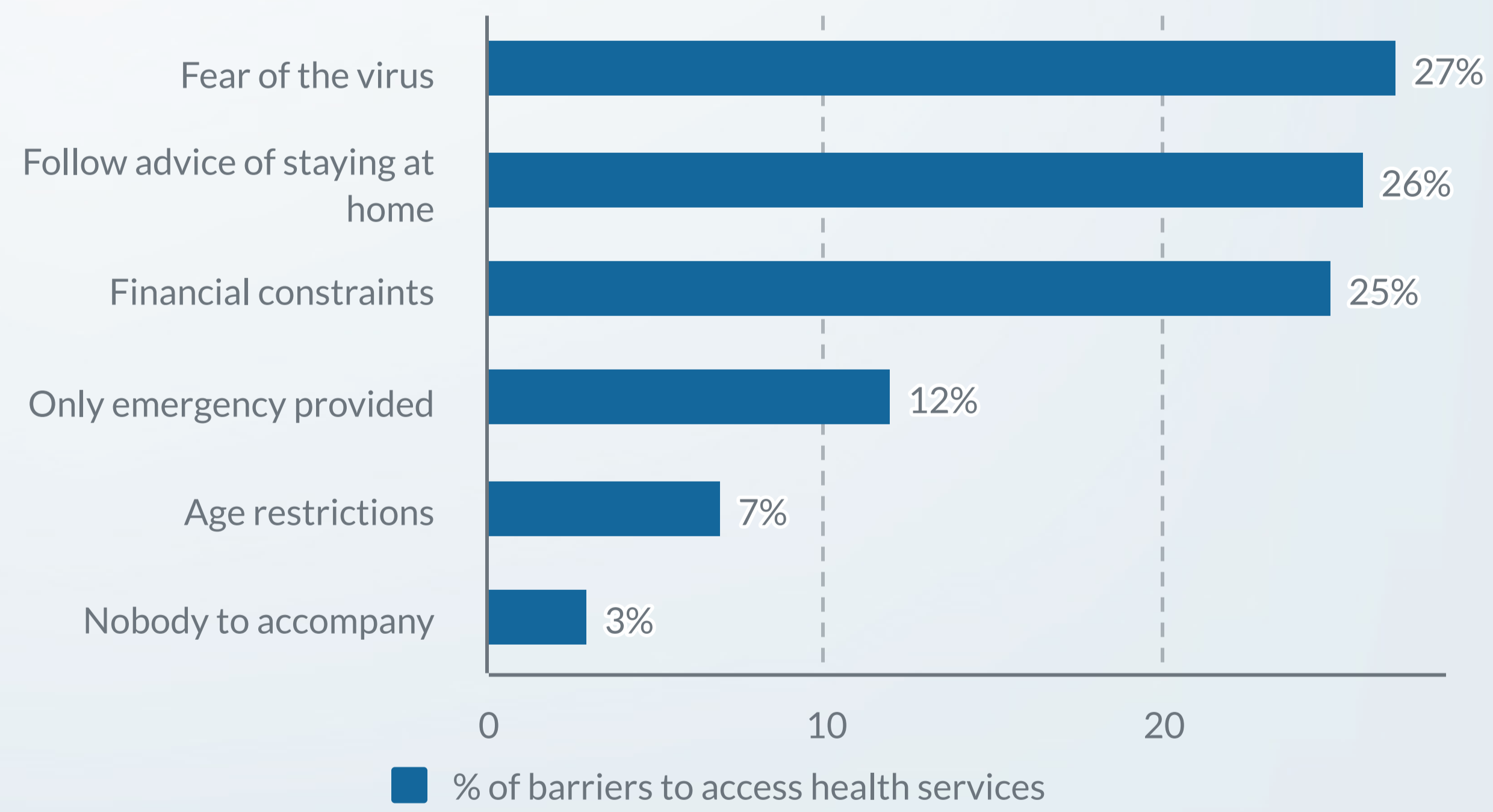
87% of respondents/member of household have lost their job



Access to Health Services

87% vs 29%
Before COVID-19 After COVID-19

53% Have access to needed medicines



Recommendations

1. Provide urgent assistance for Syrian refugees to support them in meeting basic needs, including food and hygiene materials.
2. Provide tele-health for applicable health services to avoid deterioration of health status.
3. Strengthen provision of psychosocial support, as fears are greater and substantially impact well being.
4. Strengthen RI-supported centers' role in disseminating information and raising awareness of COVID-19.
5. Continue monitoring the situation to inform the ongoing response and evaluate the impact of the crisis on refugees.

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