

# REIMAGINING REINTEGRATION: SUSTAINABLE RETURNS AFTER CONFLICT



# Overview

## ➤ Context

## ➤ Returnee Reintegration

- Safety and Security
- Adequate Standard of Living
- Livelihoods and Economic Security

## ➤ Conclusion

# Methodology

- The study covers the top **14** districts with the **largest number of returnees**
- Data collection between **March- April 2022**, by Social Inquiry and IOM team
- Sample size is **2803** respondents; **95%** confidence interval, **10%** margin of error at district level

# Key Findings

## Safety:

**95%** of Returnees generally feel **safe**, however, societal conflicts are yet present  
**40%** reported irreconcilable **social divisions**, **44%** reported fear of a recurrence of **violence**

## Services:

Returnees, at large, have access to public services, but service quality or quantity is insufficient,  
**78%** reported the insufficient **electricity**, **64%** reported the insufficiency of **schooling** and **healthcare**

## Livelihoods:

Returnees generally could restore their pre-displacement businesses, but it is unstable due to the weak finance;  
**43%** of the respondents receive **government salary or pension**, **14%** are **unemployed**, **19%** with an **unstable income**, **33%** at the **lowest level** of purchasing capacity



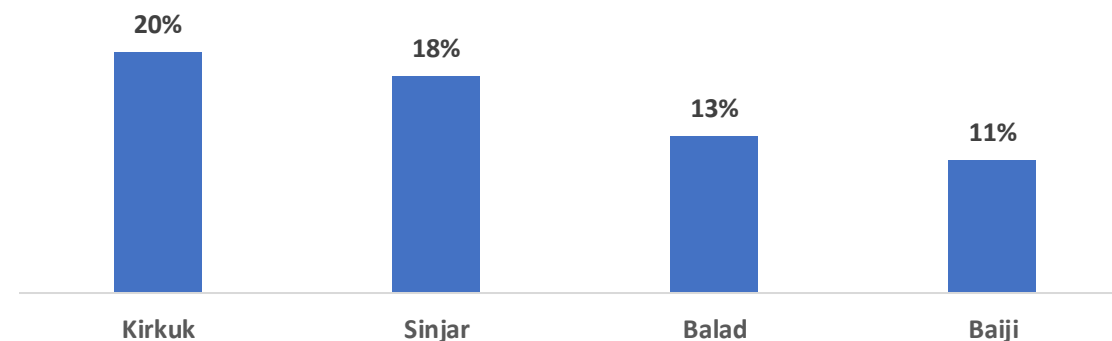
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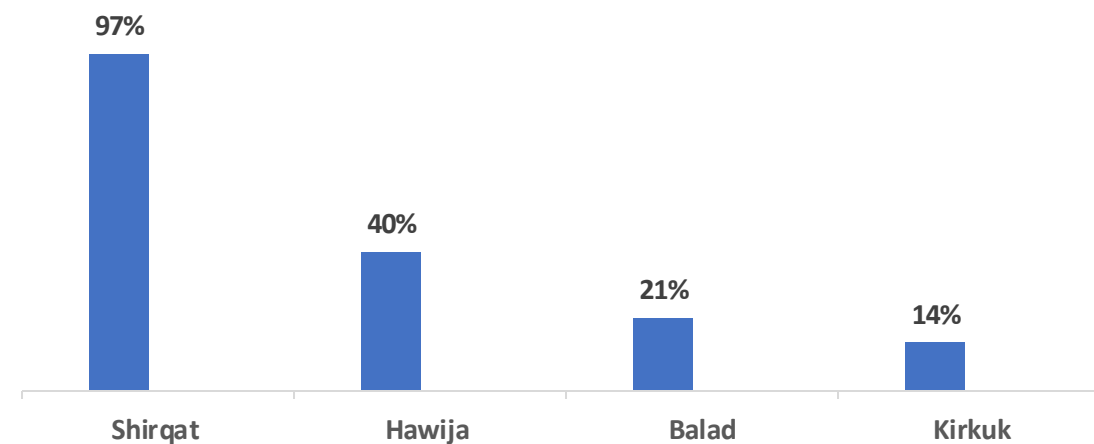
Most of the returnees feel safe and accepted in their community, but there is fear of the recurrence of violence

- **11%** of returnees feel judged or discriminated against by the rest of the community
- **17%** of returnees do not feel comfortable when accessing police or formal law enforcement
- Long term, **44%** fear a recurrence of violence in the community

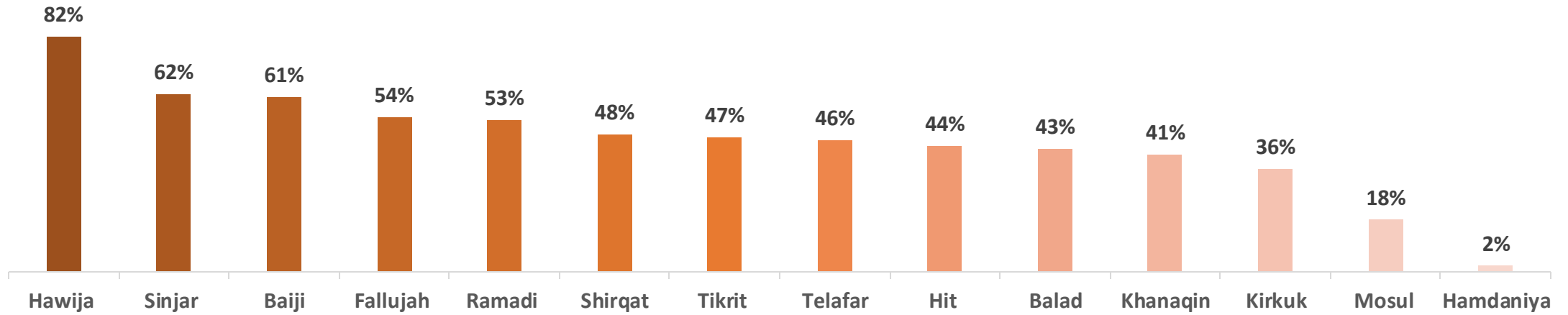
% returnees who feel their safety is not ensured



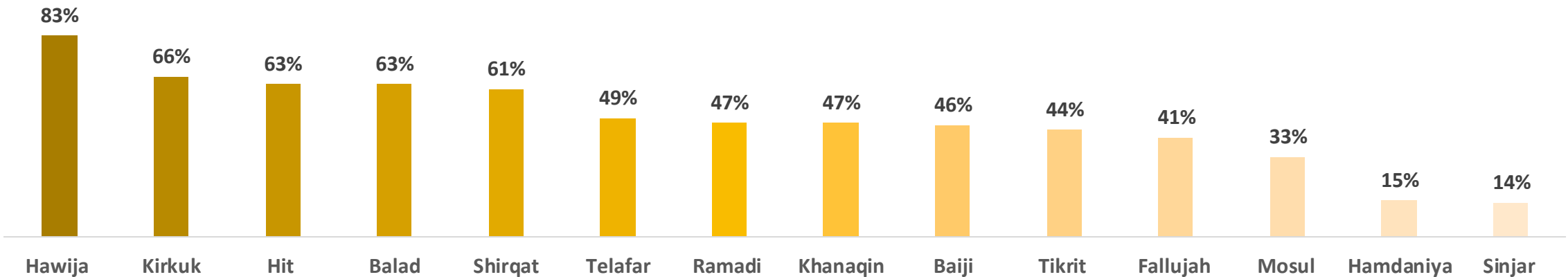
% of returnees who feel judged or discriminated by the rest of community



## % of returnees who indicate irreconcilable social divisions among the community



## % of returnees who fear a recurrence of violence in the community





# Adequate Standard of Living



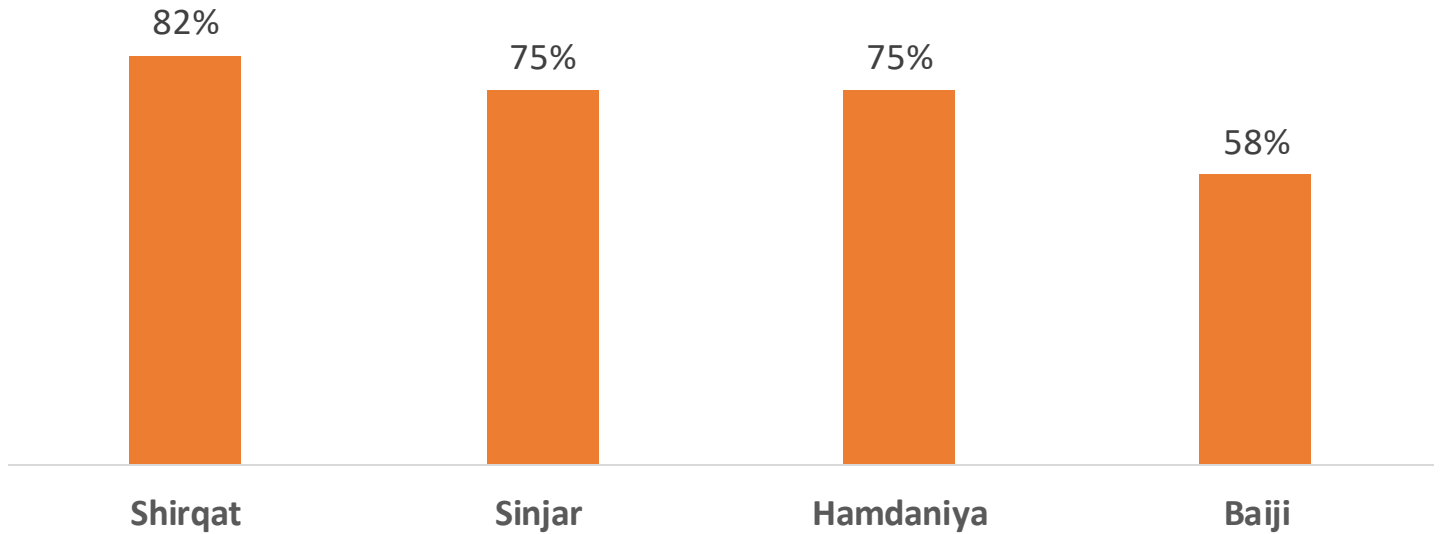
## Standard of Living

Returnees generally reported having access to housing and public services, such as basic utilities, education, and healthcare

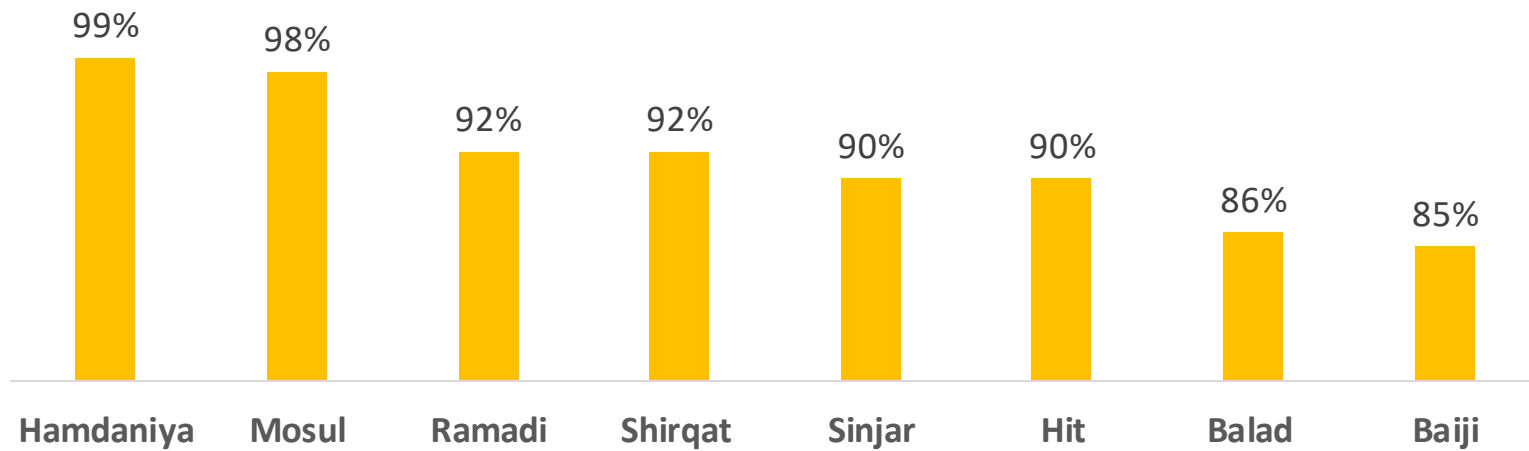
Nonetheless, the capacity of those services is limited

- **30%** of households without sufficient **water** supply
- **78%** of households without sufficient **electricity** supply
- **62%** of households faced issues with **healthcare**
- **64%** of households faced issues with **schooling**

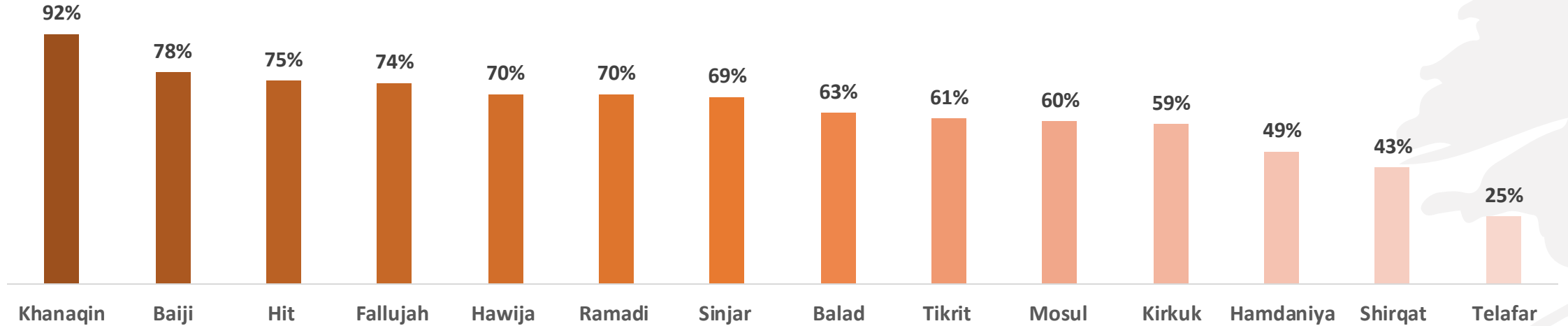
➤ **% of returnee households without sufficient water supply**



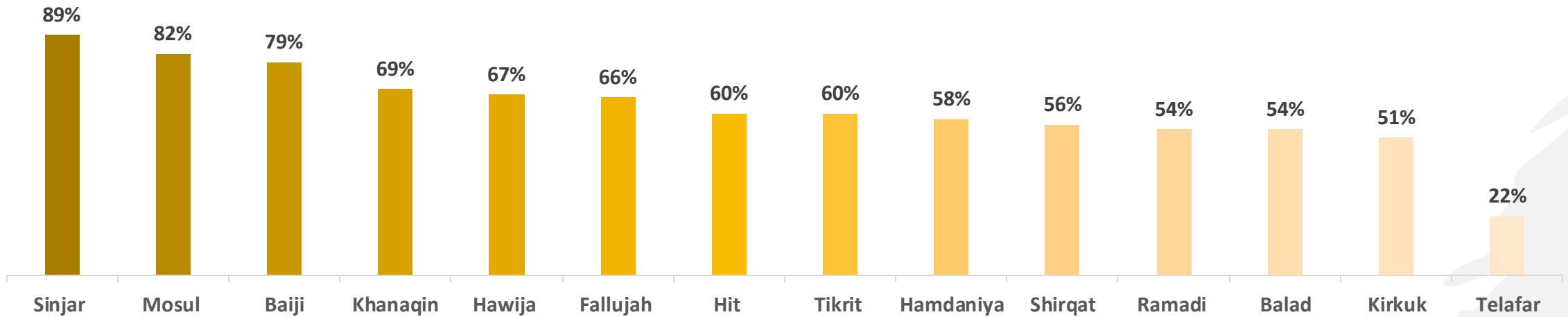
➤ **% of returnee households without sufficient electricity supply**



### % of returnee households who faced issues with receiving healthcare



### % of returnee households who faced issues with receiving schooling





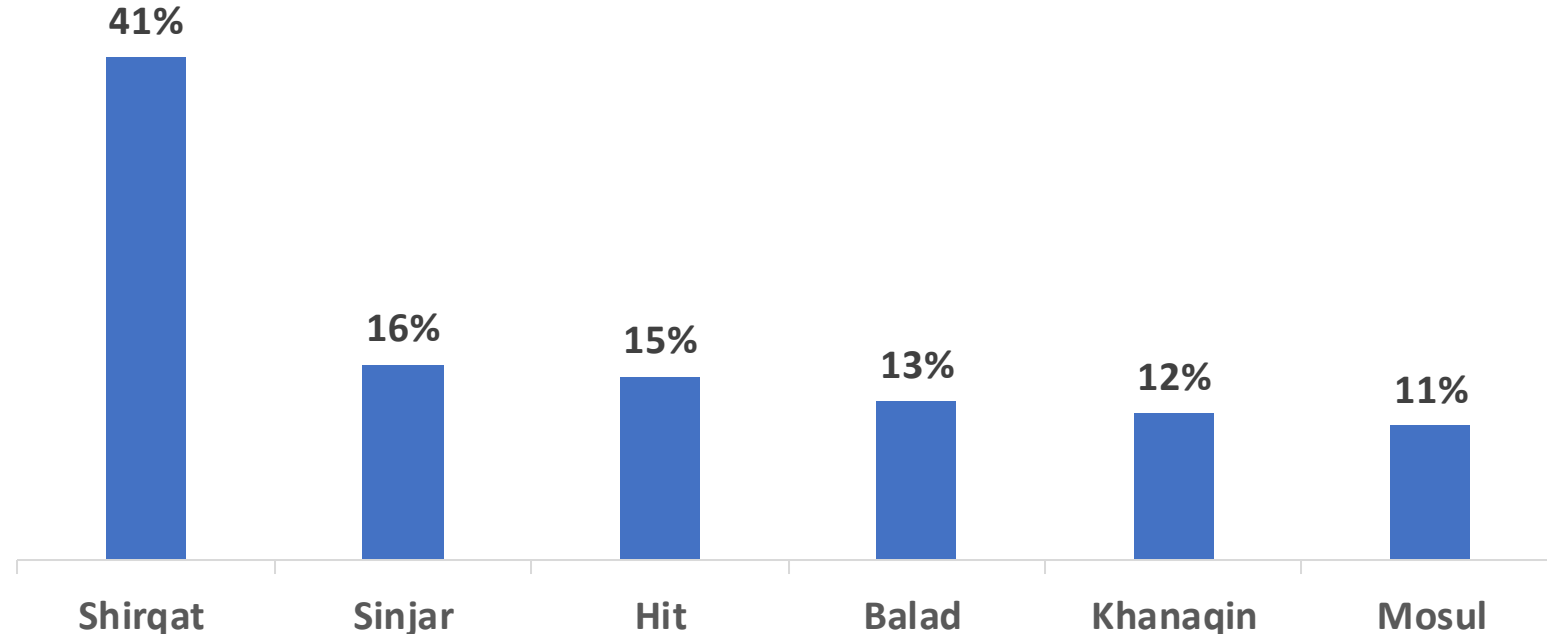
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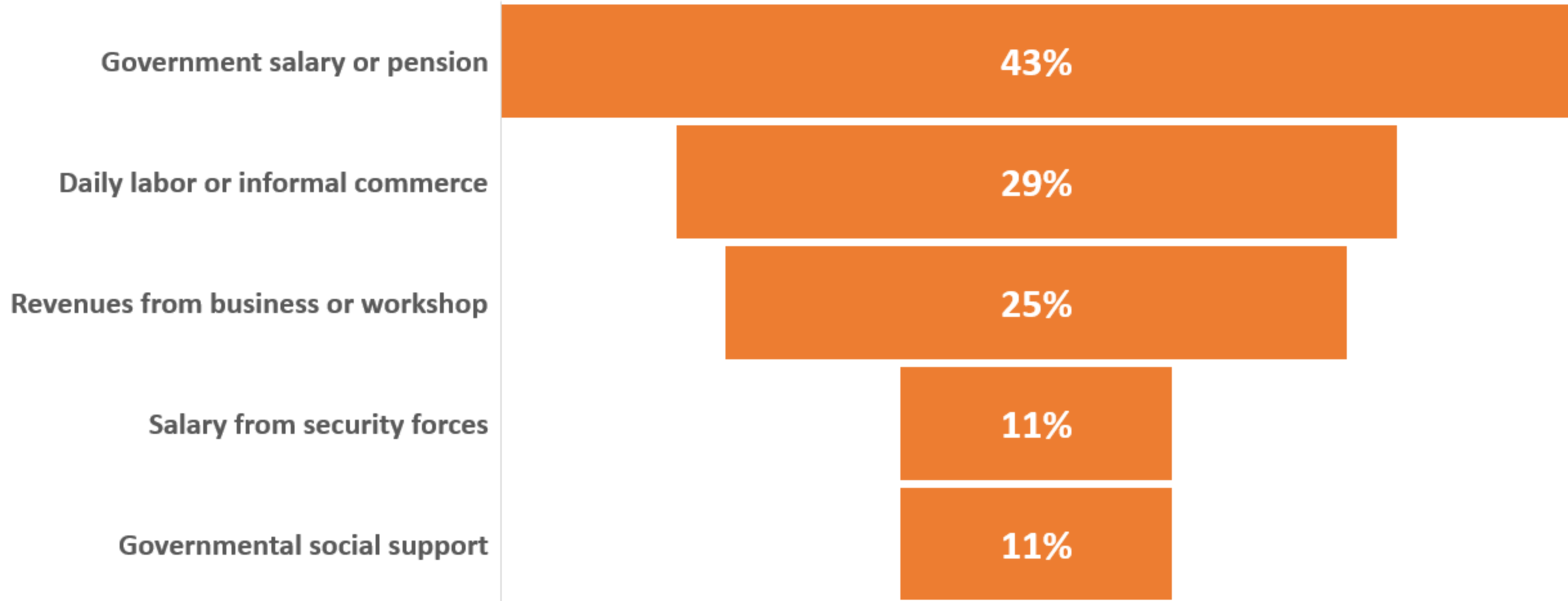
Returnees generally report access to the labor market

- **14%** unemployment in the district of return
- **19%** unstable income sources
- **33%** at the lowest level of purchasing capacity
- **10%** were discriminated against in accessing the labor market

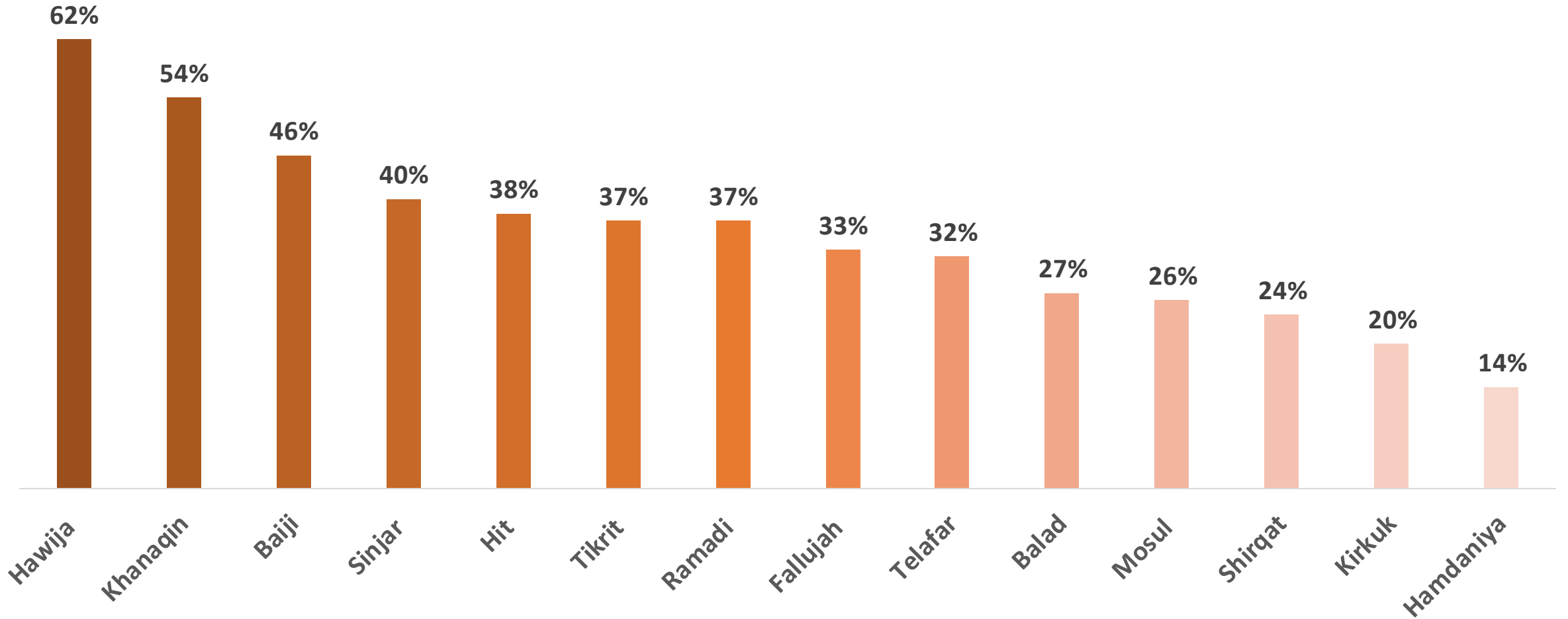
% of returnee households with a member discriminated against in accessing the labor market or employment



which of these sources of money does your family have at its disposal to get by at present?



## % of returnee households at the lowest levels of purchasing capacity



# Conclusion

- Returnees are able to access essential services, but there are some structural barriers that prevent full or quality access and sustainability
- Returnees at their places of origin face challenges with **safety, public services, and livelihoods** which **impact their reintegration**
- **66%** of respondents feel that the **next generation will not live better**
- The report assumes that **reintegration is not fully achieved** and **there are risks for some returnees to re-displace again**



# Reintegration Criteria

- Safety and Security
- Adequate Standard of Living
- Livelihoods and Economics Security
- Restitution and Protection of Housing, Land, and Property
- Personal Documentation
- Family Reunification
- Participation in Public Affairs
- Legal Remedies and Justice

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