

CHALLENGES OF PEOPLE GRANTED ASYLUM IN LITHUANIA

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About Research Conducted



Part of NIEM
research project;



The aim to get the views of
refugees living in LT about
various integration measures.



One focus group (5 participants), 7 qualitative interviews
and 30 online surveys. All participants had refugee status
(Syria, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Shri Lanka, Turkey)



Interviews/ focus groups in Vilnius, Kaunas

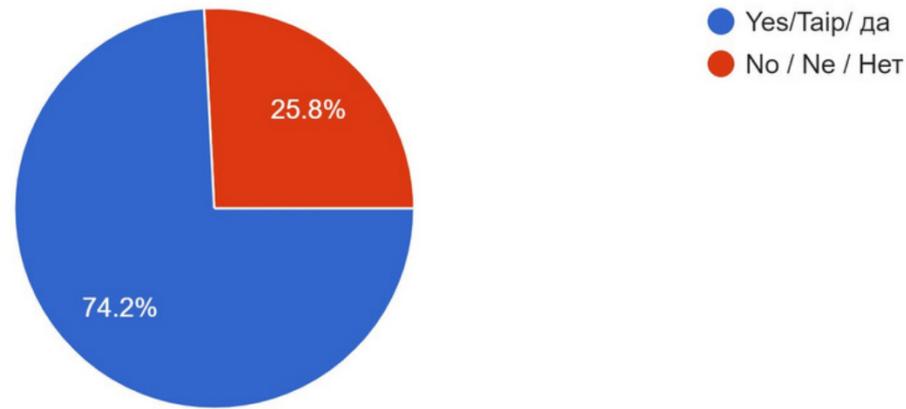


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Housing

7. Have you ever experienced disadvantaged housing situation? / ar esate kada nors susidūrę su nepalankiomis gyvenimo (argyvendinimo) sąly...лись с неблагоприятным жилищным положением?

31 responses



- the prejudices about refugees (especially Muslims), increased with Belarus situation;
- the lack of Lithuanian language skills
- negative attitudes from neighbours, bullying of children in the neighbourhood.
- high housing rent
- the lack of a strategy/system for finding housing

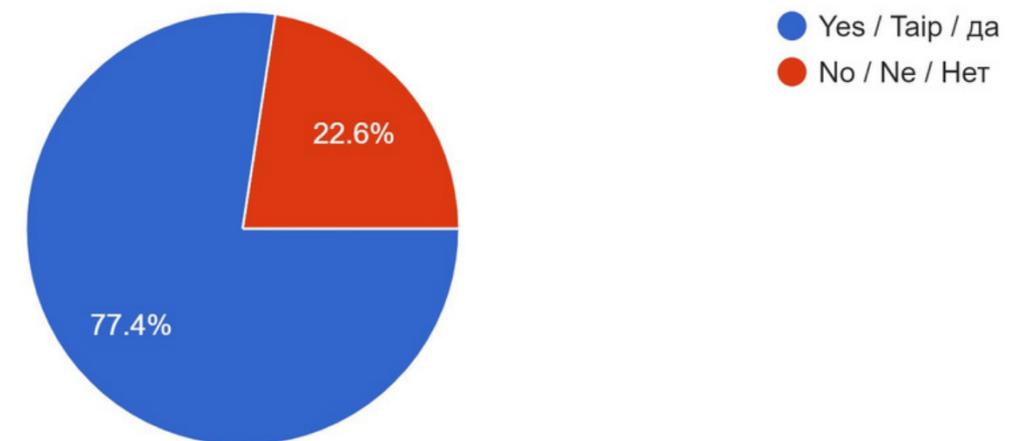




Employment

- The lack of Lithuanian
- The negative attitude of the society (especially towards Muslims)
- Little help from the Labour Exchange office, and the jobs offered to them provided little prospects for improvement.

9. Have you experienced obstacles in finding a job in Lithuania? /Ar esate patyrę kliūčių ieškodami darbo Lietuvoje? / Вы сталкиваетесь или сталки...сь с препятствиями при поиске работы в Литве?
31 responses



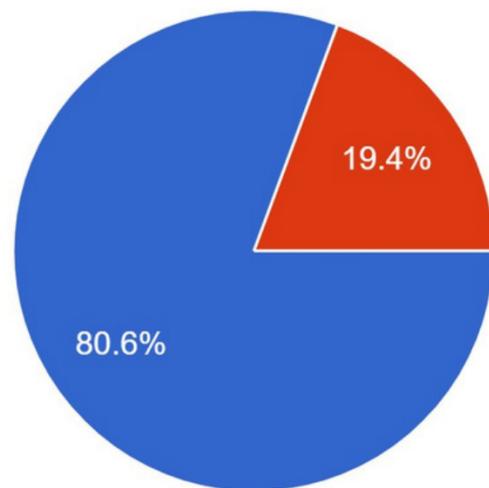
Vocational Training

- The lack of Lithuanian language;
- Not able to find courses that would be relevant to them;
- Lack of information about courses in a language other than Lithuanian;
- Course teaching methods are often not adapted to foreigners.



12. Have you had unmet training and further education needs? (considering language learning only as far it relates to profession-specific courses)...изучение языка только в части профильных курсов)

31 responses

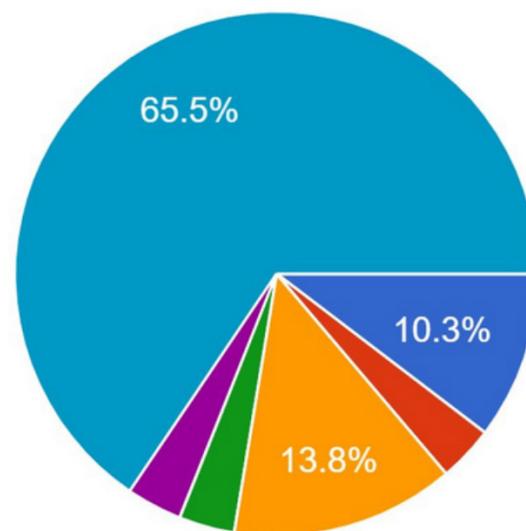


● Yes / Taip / да
● No / Ne / Нет

Education of Children

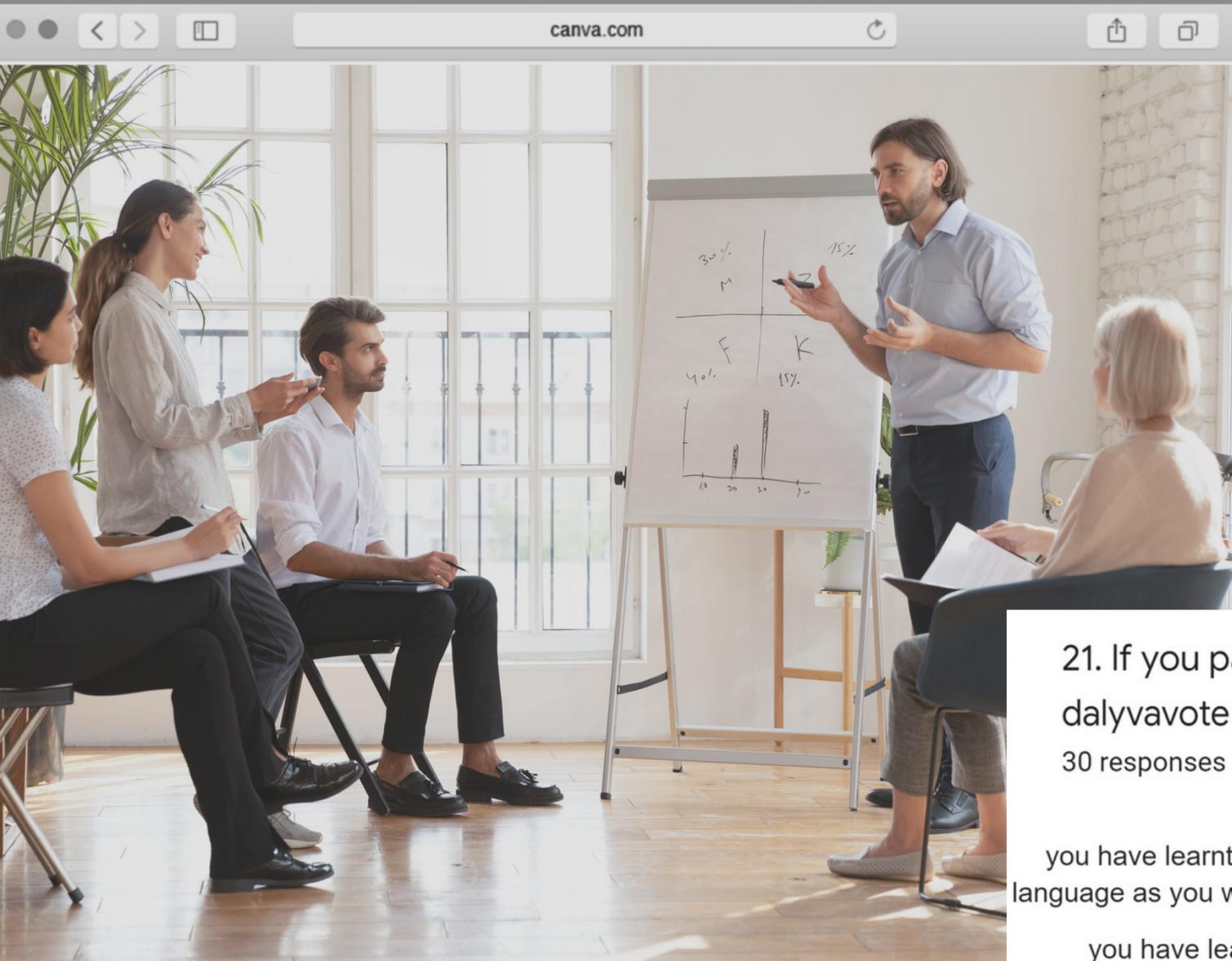
- The lack of various assistance in educational institutions
- Shortage of teaching assistants at schools.
- Lithuanian language barrier
- Prejudice by classmates or teachers

19. Is language and learning support provided to pupils in Lithuania effective? - Ar vaikams teikiama pagalba mokytis ir ugdyti lietuvių kalbos įgūdži... языковая и учебная поддержка учащихся в Литве?
29 responses



- yes, my children / siblings have benefited from language and learning...
- language support is sufficient to allow for successful participation in regular c...
- learning support is sufficient to address the specific needs of the pupils / moky...
- sufficient to allow for successful graduation from compulsory schooling...
- sufficient to allow for successfully mov...
- support is not effective to reach any of...

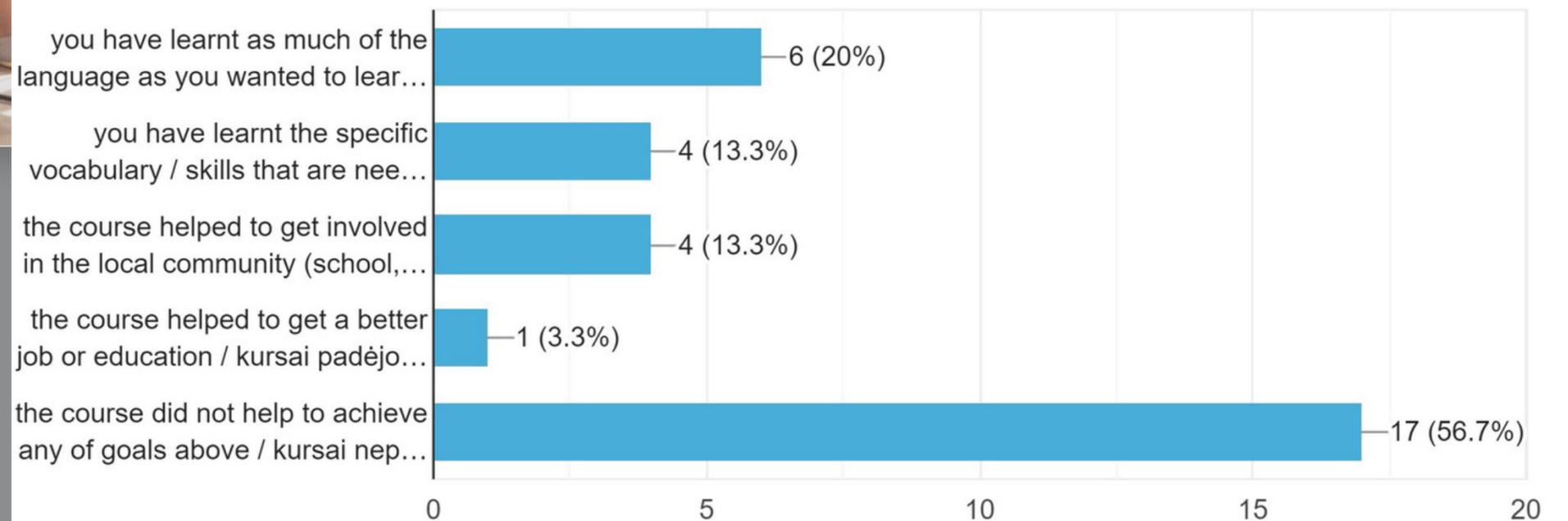




Learning Lithuanian and social orientation

The quality of the provided courses is very poor;
There is a lack of professional teachers;
The courses are not adapted to the individual needs and schedules
Lack of an informal environment and people with whom they could practice the Lithuanian language.

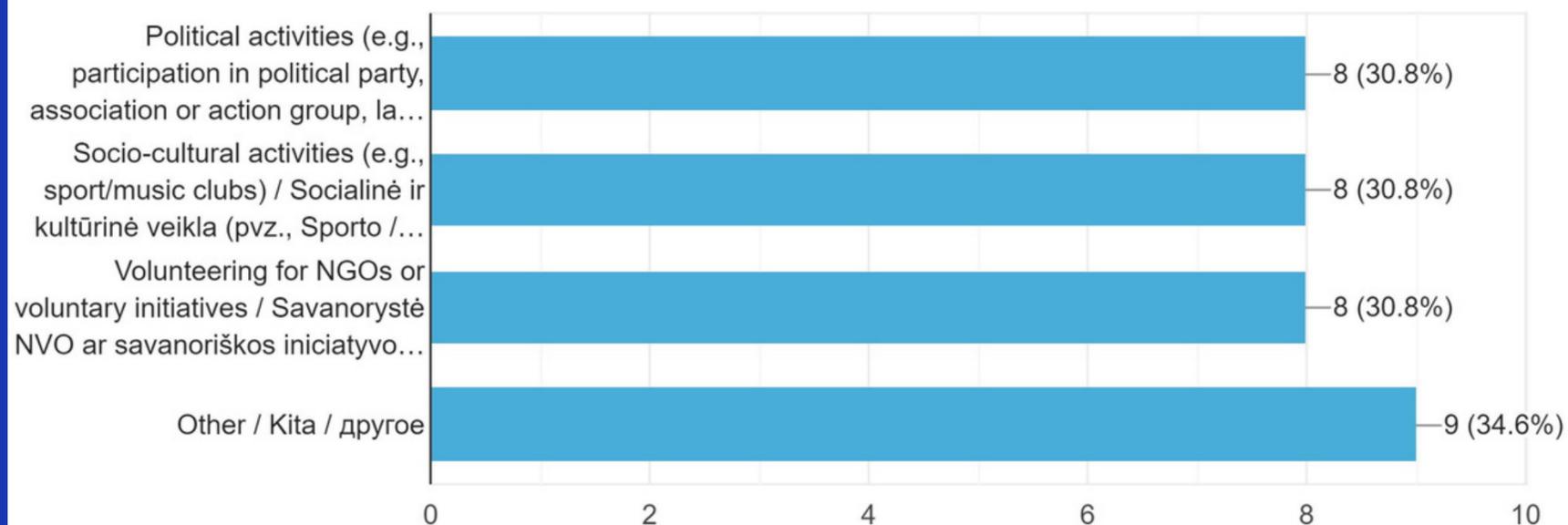
21. If you participated in publicly funded course in Lithuania, did the course was very helpful? - Jei dalyvavote valstybės finansuojamuose kursuose ...дарством, в Литве, был ли курс очень полезным?
30 responses



Civic Activities

22. Are you participating in civic activities? / Ar jūs dalyvaujate pilietinėje veikloje? / Вы участвуете в общественной деятельности?

26 responses



- Lack of information about available opportunities
- Prioritize work over participation in civic initiatives.
- Lack of contact with locals and negative societal attitudes.

- A lack of funding,
- Limited by language barriers;

Health

- One third (33.3%) of the asylum seekers surveyed said they had unmet health care needs. Respondents most often noted that the availability of health care is limited by the lack of information on health care (35.3%) and the lack of funds / lack of compulsory health insurance (23.4%).
- Lithuanian language barrier
- The lack of translation services,
- The lack of information and prejudice about health care services, and negative public attitudes.

Social Assistance

- 62% of participants in an anonymous questionnaire noted that their income (from employment / private funds) was below the poverty line. Asylum seekers who participated in focus groups and individual interviews stated that the social support they received was too small to live in dignity. In addition, it is too short.
- Lack of information what social assistance is available.

