



# Who is most vulnerable to child sexual exploitation?

Adolescents  
between 13 and 18 years old.



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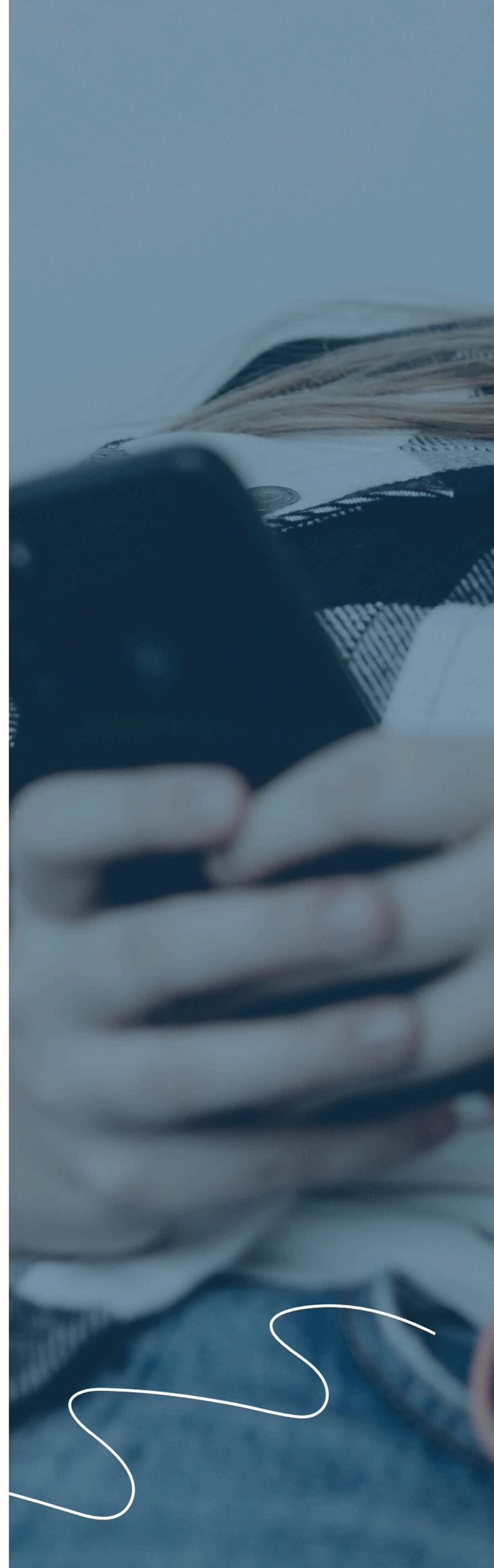
**In Bulgaria and Romania, it is often local minors: girls are mostly subjected to sexual exploitation, while boys may be pushed into forced labour, begging, or criminal activities.**

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**In contexts of chronic poverty, trafficking can become intra-familial and normalised, passing from one generation to the next.**

Minors from Roma communities are overrepresented among victims.

Often excluded from education and protection services, they are visible in public spaces but invisible under the law.





**Children growing up in institutions, foster care, or care systems are at high risk. Leaving or running away from these facilities often coincides with entering exploitation circuits.**

In Italy and Greece, most minors involved in exploitation come from third countries, including: **Tunisia, Nigeria, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Syria.**



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