

Drivers of Violent Extremism in Kenya

Garissa & Mombasa

PULL FACTORS

- Public resentment and conspiracy
- Ethnic profiling
- Religious profiling
- Marginalization
- Lack of social amenities
- Youth violations
- Poverty
- Youth unemployment
- Recruitment of youths



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PULL FACTORS

- Radicalized religious institutions
- Hate-motivated - Islamophobic and religious hatreds
- Perceived impact of social practices
- Islamophobia - a threat
- Influence of cyber world on youths



Literature Review

PUSH FACTORS

- Social marginalization/fragmentation of society
- Poorly governed/ungoverned areas
- Government repression/violations
- Endemic corruption and elite impunity
- Cultural threat perceptions

Nairobi Slums

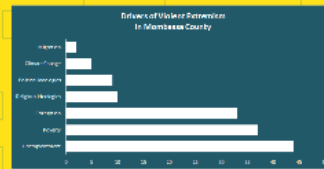
PULL FACTORS

- Public resentment and conspiracy
- Viewed youths as scapegoats for public ills
- Ethnic, class, group, class divide
- Marginalization
- Poor social and economic conditions
- Lack of social amenities
- Poverty
- Youth unemployment and frustration
- Lack of public services to the youth

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PULL FACTORS

- Access to education resources
- Social stigma and respect from peers
- Cultural discrimination
- Taking revenge
- Alienation
- Self-esteem perceived as compromised
- Threat of going to jail
- Social isolation
- Radical institutions



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- Low access to education facilities
- Unimproved living environment
- Misrepresentation of religious teachings
- Perceived impact of social practices
- Islamophobia - a threat
- Influence of cyber world on youths
- Lack of social amenities



Recommendations

- Take a holistic approach to community engagement and community outreach gathering the leaders of sectors of the society in order to find the right partners and sustain the engagement
- Engage women in media change efforts in their communities. Women are the gatekeepers to their communities and so their should be focused on curbing and reducing OIG initiatives. Women are the vital to identify signs of radicalization and discourage the government in their families and communities

Recommendations cont...

- Develop more education services at the local level in order to sustain the engagement
- Engage youth and leverage efforts for youth in emerging technologies
- Develop a good model to be the part person for engagement in their community
- Engage in activities to develop a counter narrative to the radicalization narrative and engage the community through their youth. The Ministry should support through their youth. They are the gatekeepers of their communities and so their should be focused on curbing and reducing OIG initiatives. Women are the vital to identify signs of radicalization and discourage the government in their families and communities

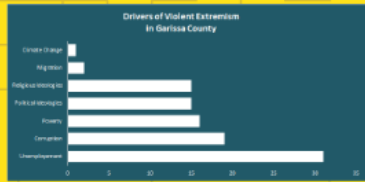
- Take community engagement and community-oriented public meetings to address the issues and dynamics of the local community and to build awareness of potential indicators and behaviors
- Develop shared understandings of the nature of violent extremism among governmental agencies and non-governmental actors. It is a critical element of any successful program targeting violent extremism
- States should promote tolerance and facilitate dialogue in society to build communities which appreciate their differences and understand each other
- Enhance public dialogue in Mombasa and Garissa in a youth-oriented way
- CVE programming should place specific emphasis on youth at risk of radicalization and recruitment

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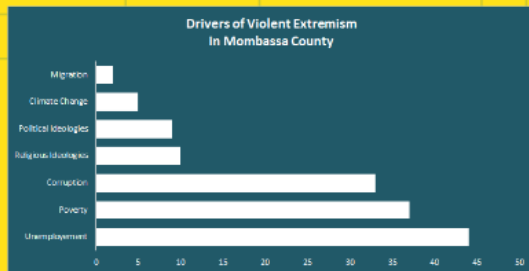
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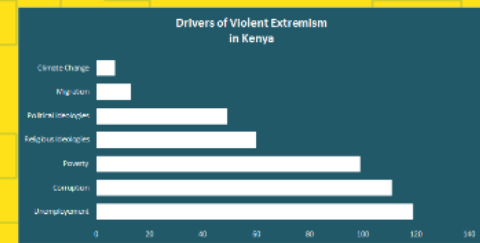
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- Social status and respect from peers
- Extremist involvement
- Belongingness
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- Prospect of glory or fame
- Social networks
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- Hero worship of extremist individuals
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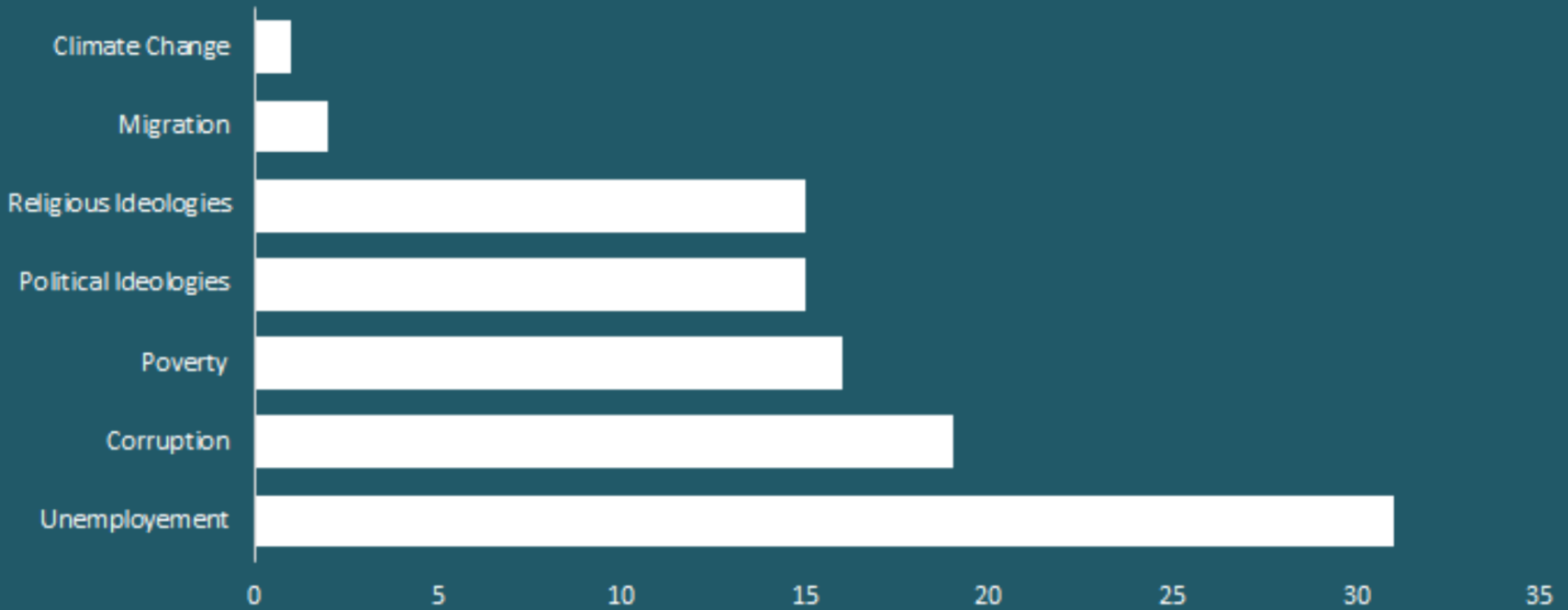
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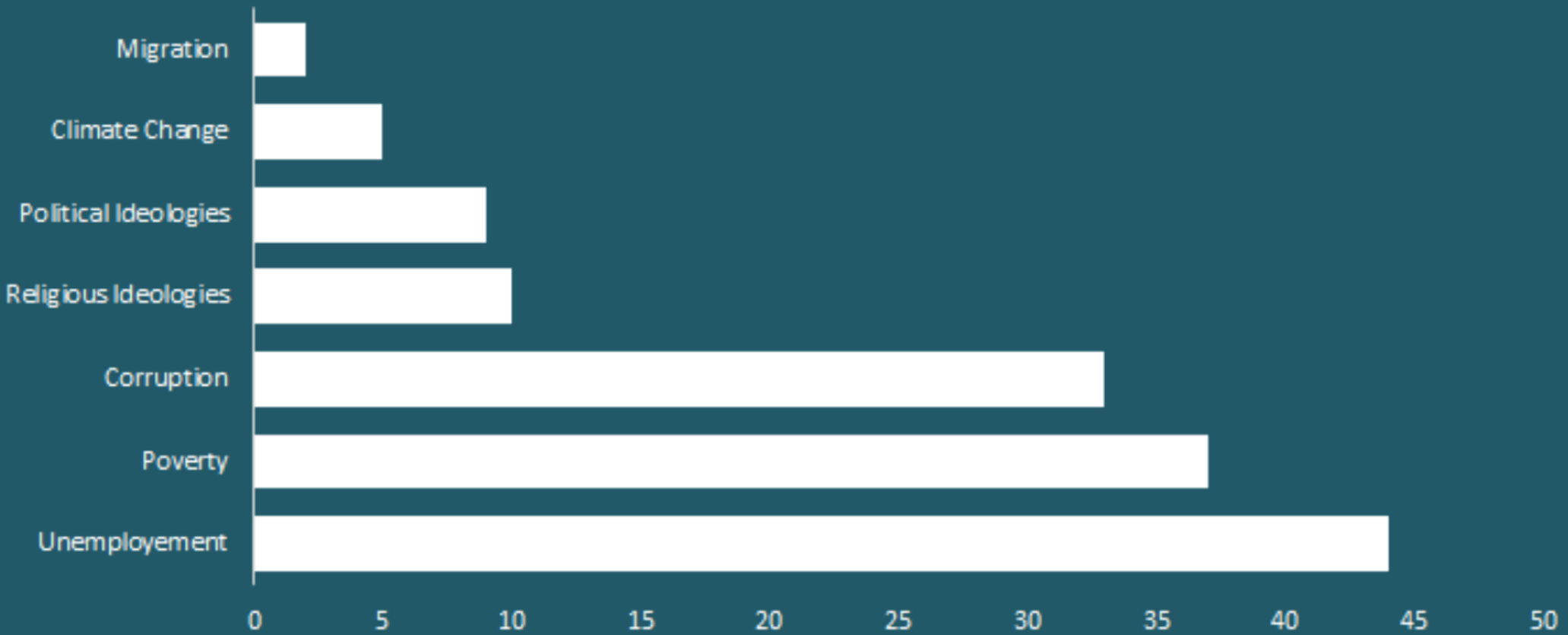
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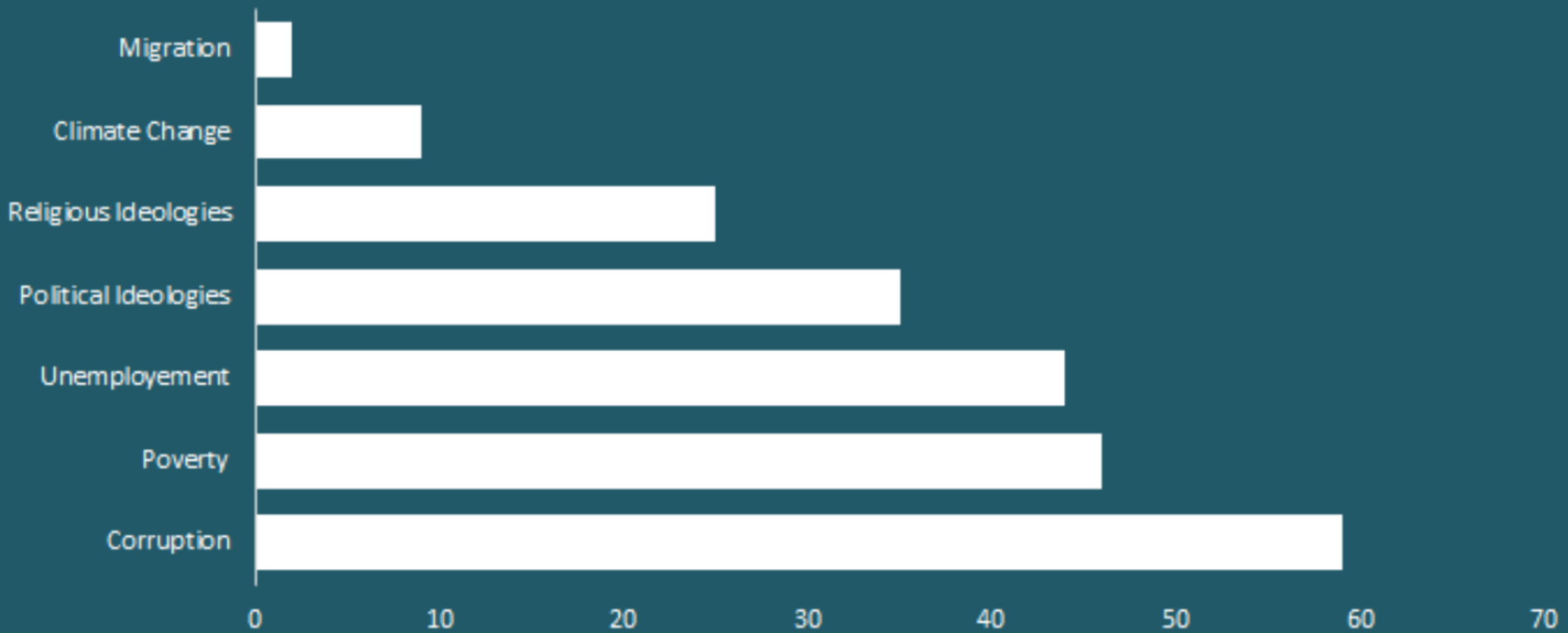
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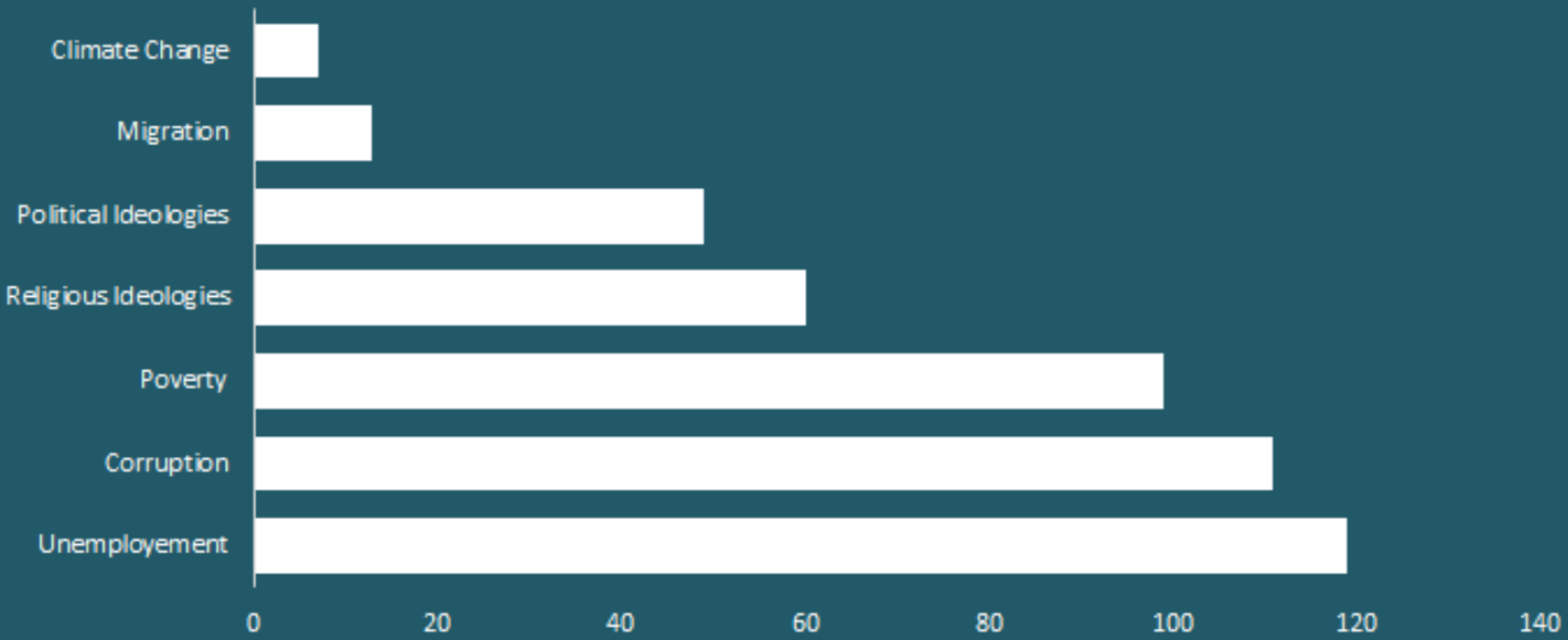
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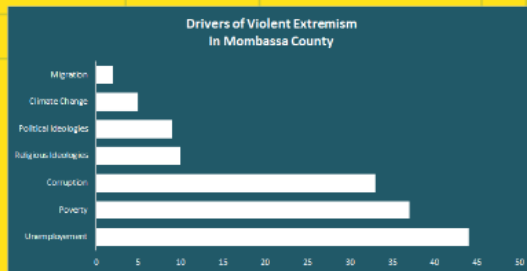
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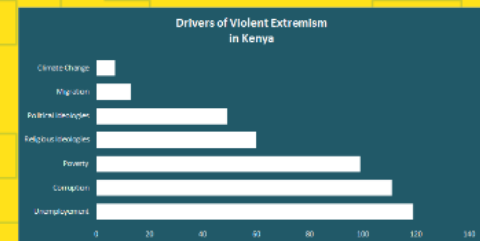
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- Engage youth and leverage schools for positive messages
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