

ISTC/STCU Fukushima Reconstruction Seminar

Challenges for the Restoration of Fukushima

—Can the local residents, local government and experts work as one?—

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“Do you consider us the residents of Futaba as Japanese citizens?” Mayor of Futaba-machi asks PM

Katsutaka Idogawa, Mayor of Futaba-machi where the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear station is located, revealed that he confronted Prime Minister Noda during the *Committee for the Reconstruction and Recovery of Fukushima from the Nuclear Disaster* held in Fukushima City on January 8th, asking the PM whether he considers the residents of Futaba-gun as Japanese citizens, and whether Futaba citizens are guaranteed equal rights under the law and protection by the Constitution of Japan.

The conversation was revealed to the press by Mayor Idogawa after the meeting. The PM's answer was reported as “They are Japan's precious citizens”.

The mayor added that Futaba-machi is still burdened with numerous issues after the nuclear accident. “All we have is radiation. We are not being treated equally,” he said.

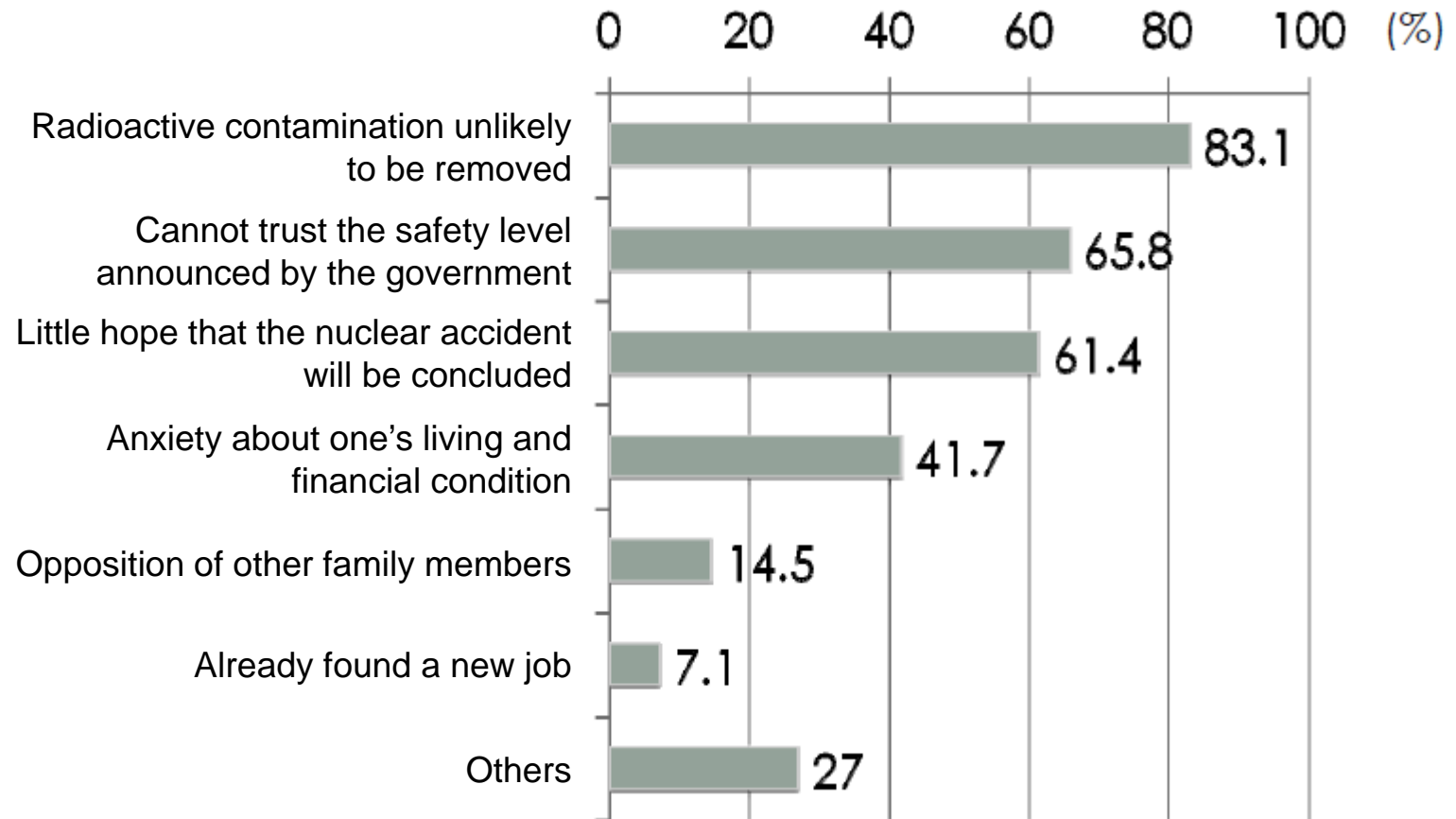
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Fushin (distrust)

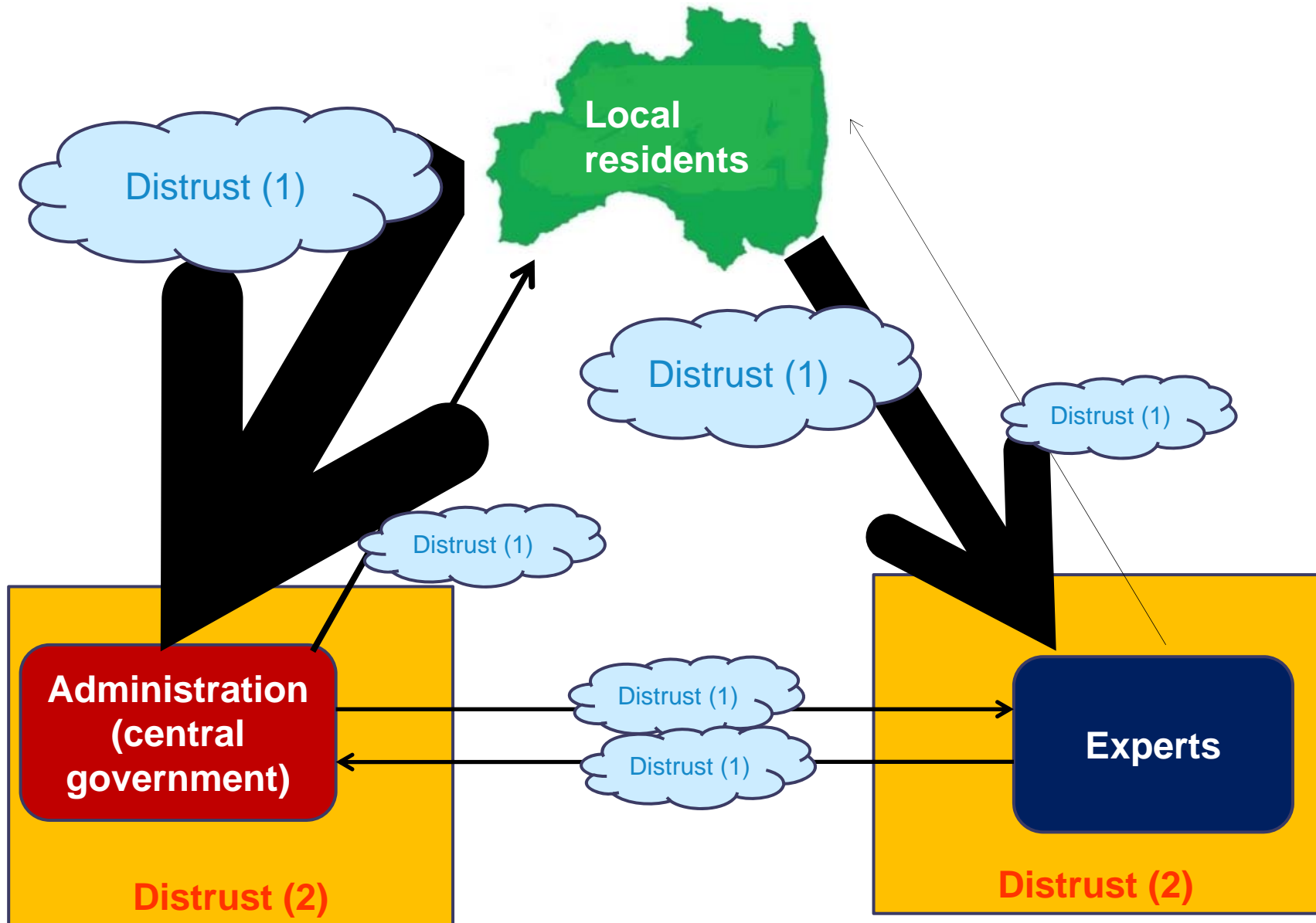
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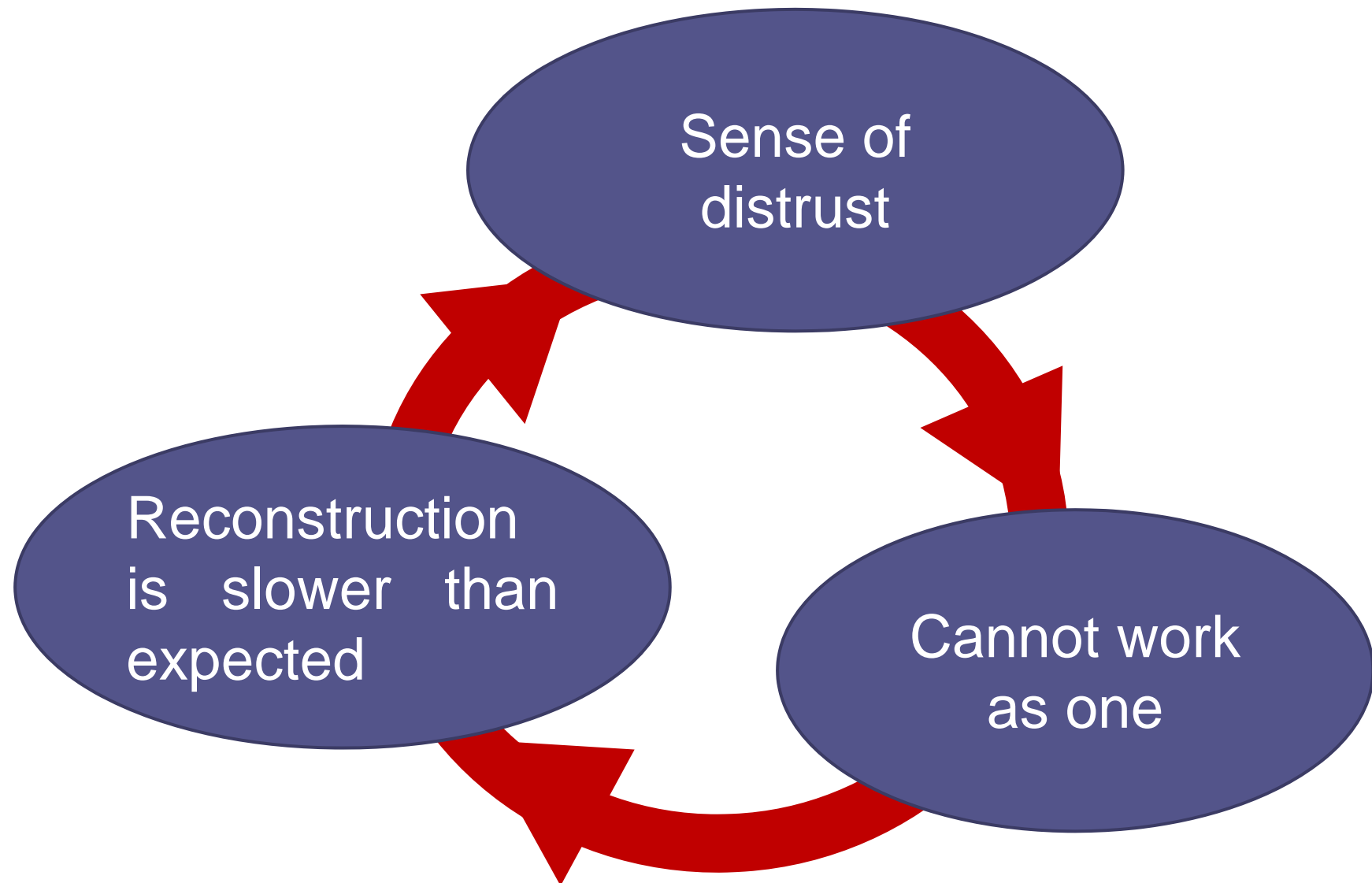
1. Unable to have confidence in; not worthy of trust.
“*fushin no nen wo idaku* (have a sense of distrust)”
“*seiji fushin* (distrust in politics)”
2. Not faithful; filled with lies; disloyal. “*fushin koi* (disloyal act)”
3. Unbelief; lacking in faith in God. “*Fushin no to* (a man of unbelief)”

Reasons for not returning home (multiple answers)

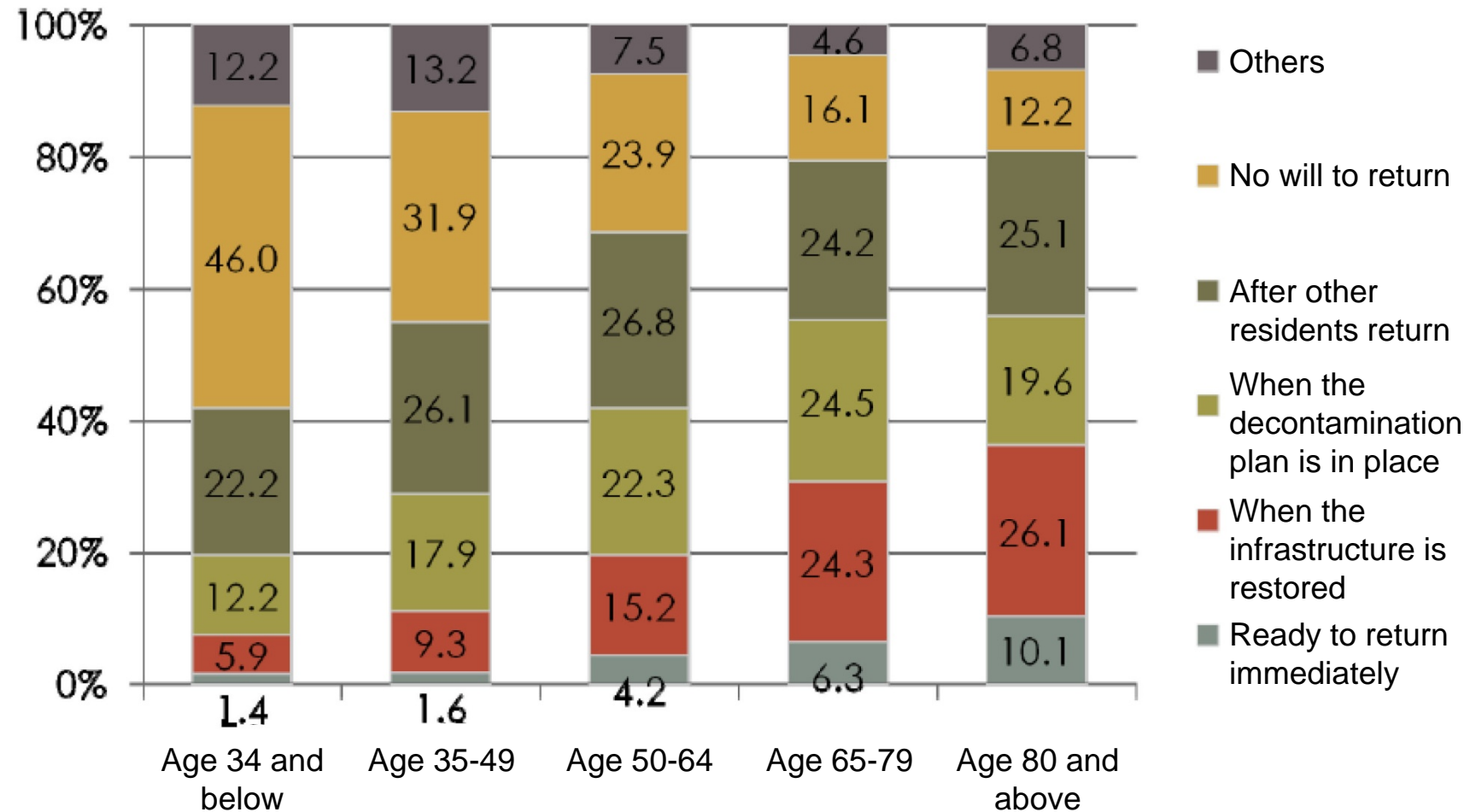


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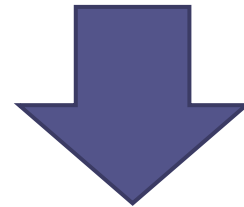
Will to return home: by age groups



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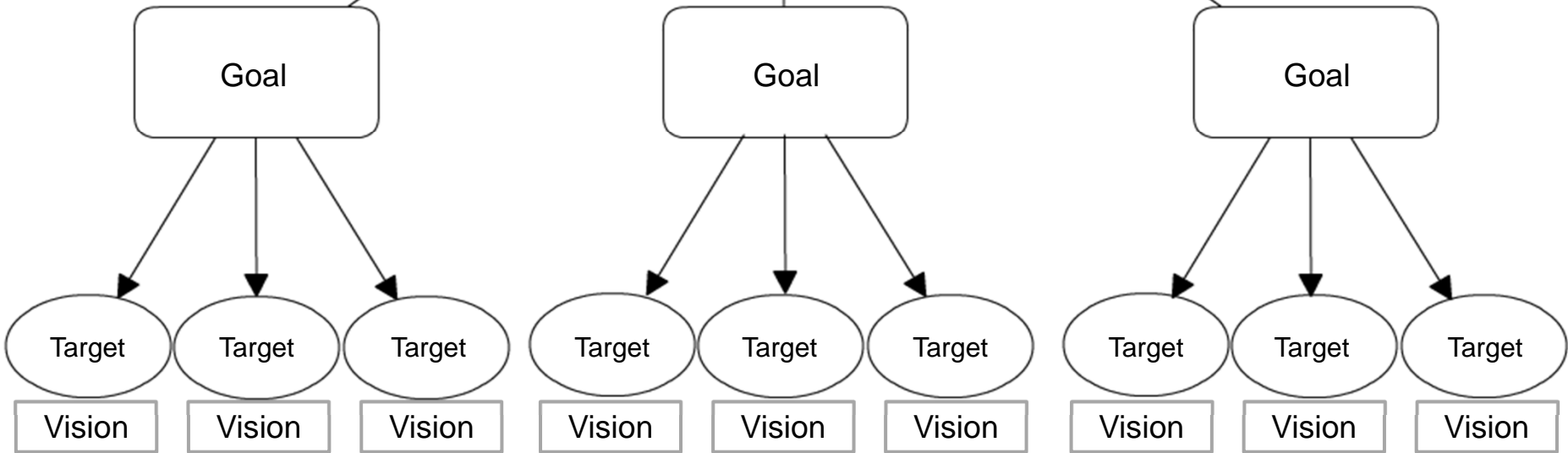
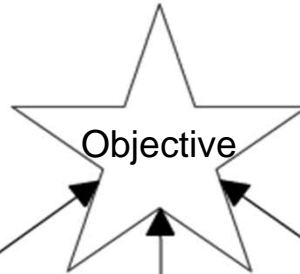
Without working as one, the target status = “goal”, which is the reconstruction of Fukushima, cannot be reached (or will take time to achieve).



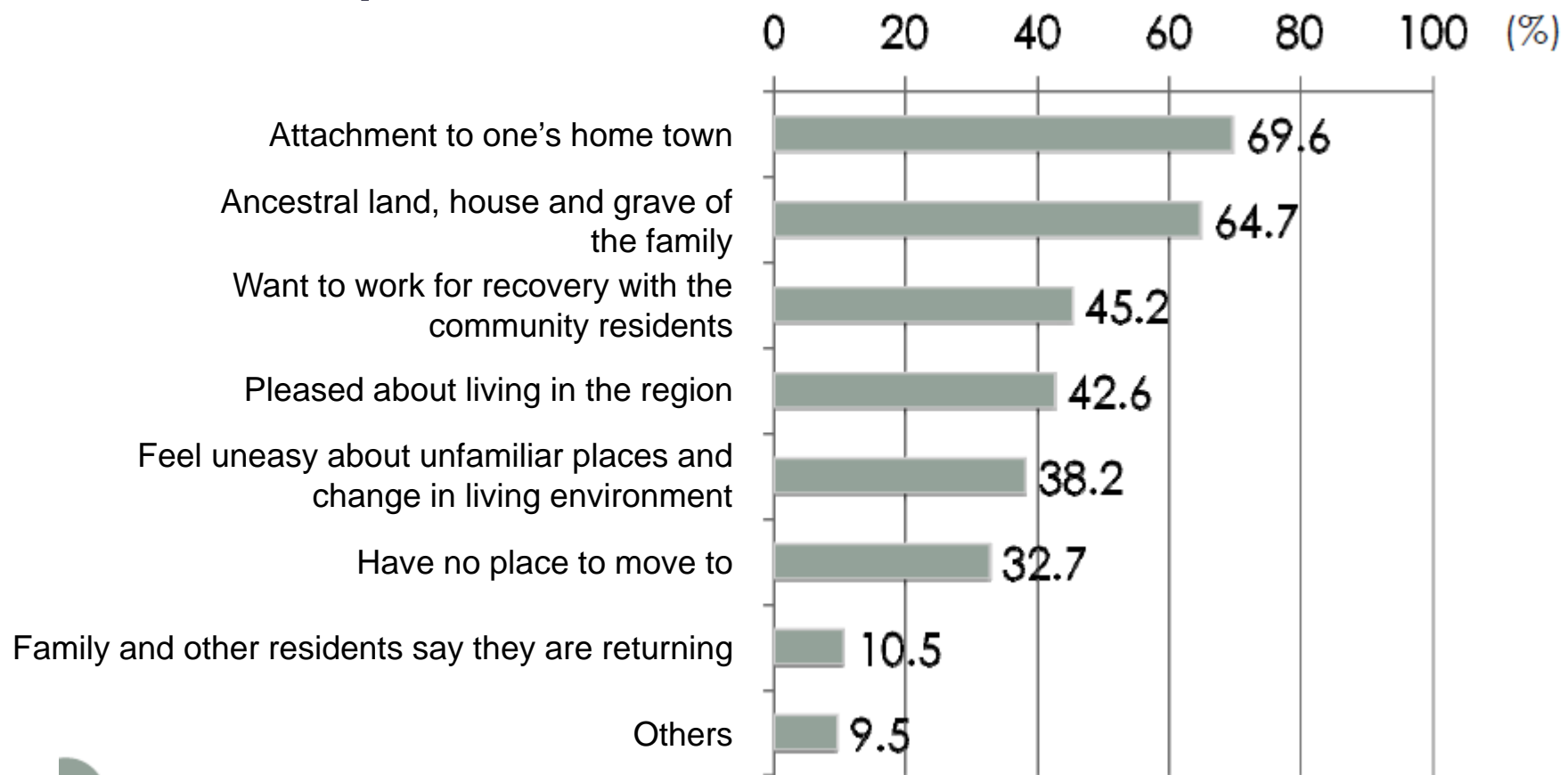
What do we need to do to work as one?

- We must mutually reconfirm the confidence and motivation of ourselves.
- We must have a shared and concrete objective as a unified organization.
- We must set the goals and targets for each organization in line with those of the unified organization.

Reference



Reason for hoping to Return (multiple answers)



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Message from Chernobyl (1)

- Head of Scientific Center for Radiation Medicine, Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine

“Exposure to radiation does not mean death. We must fight.”

“A person can live an enriched and longer life by having the will to “live”. You need to have the “will to live”. ”

Message from Chernobyl (2)

Former resident of Pripyat and
Head of Human Resources of the
Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station



“There is no use in crying. We must continue to live our lives.”

Advice on life as evacuee: Search for yourself. Value the relationship with your relatives. Enjoy life.



