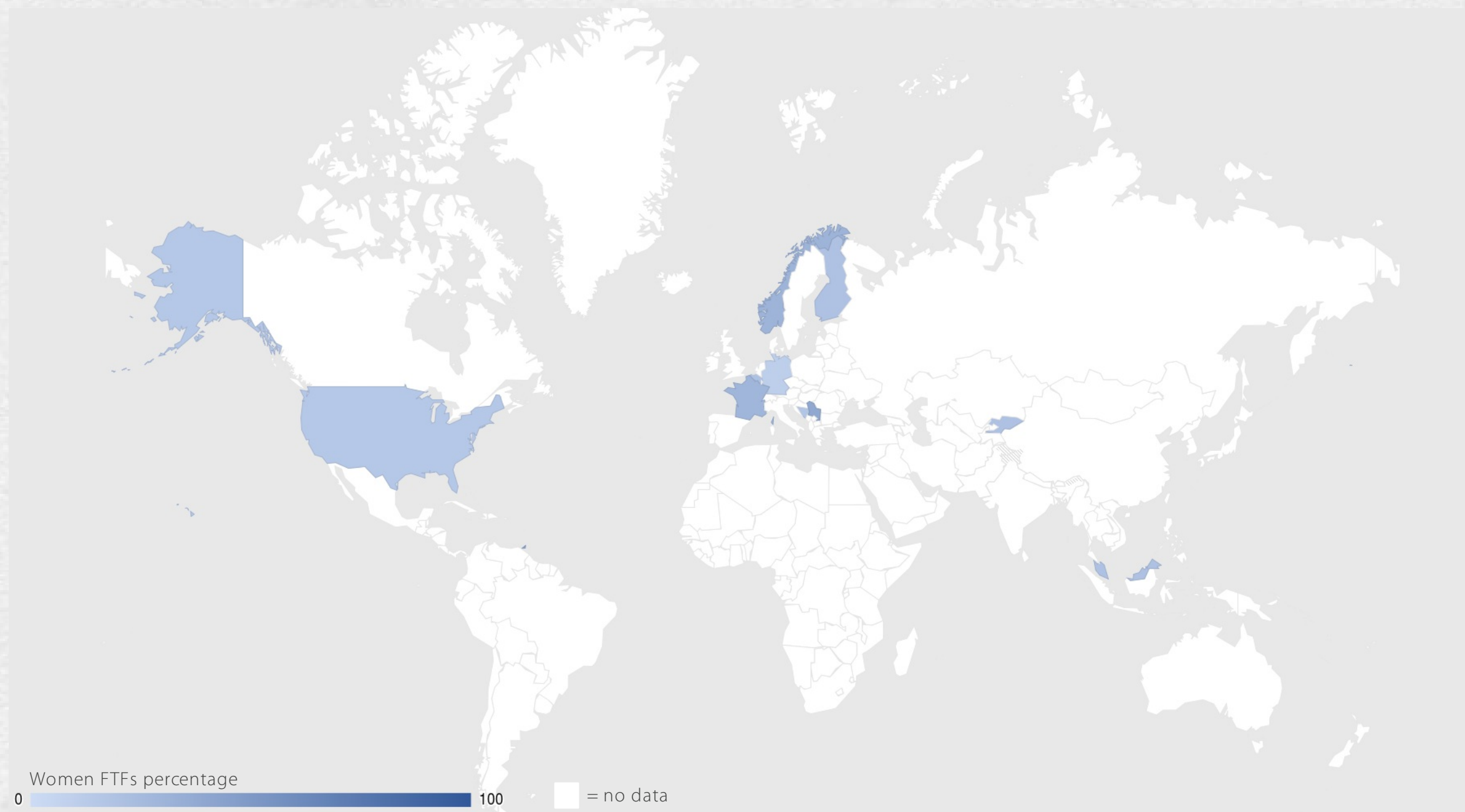


DEMOGRAPHICS: WOMEN AND GIRLS



Women Foreign Terrorist Fighters

The rising number of women foreign terrorist fighters requires that States place a greater focus on the gender aspect of terrorism. Several States have increased awareness of the role that women have in preventing, promoting, and participating in terrorist acts. More emphasis should be placed on strategies to counter terrorism, and promote women's participation and empowerment, including in policymaking and law enforcement roles.



Efforts to Recognize Role of Women

- RESOLUTION 2129 (2013)** affirms the Security Council's intention to increase its attention to women in the area of the threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.
- RESOLUTION 2178 (2014)** encourages Member States to develop strategies to counter the violent extremism narratives that can incite terrorist acts and address the conditions conducive to the spread of violent extremism, which can be conducive to terrorism, including by empowering women.
- In the **PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT (S/PRST/2014/21)**, the Security Council noted that violent extremism is frequently targeting women and girls, which can lead to serious human rights violations and abuses against them, and encouraged Member States to engage with women and women's organizations in developing CVE strategies.