

Humanitarian needs of older women and men in government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, Ukraine

Snapshot of baseline report July 2018

About the project

HelpAge currently runs a project titled “Emergency protection-based support to conflict affected older women and men in the GCAs locations of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts” funded by OFDA and co-funded by European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

With this project, HelpAge aims to significantly improve access to humanitarian assistance and protection for older women and men, including those with disabilities that were affected by the conflict in Eastern Ukraine.

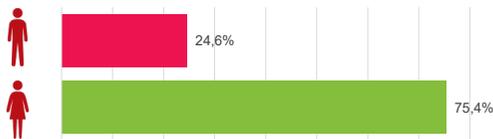


Map of Ukraine showing the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts

Methodology

The needs assessment exercise was conducted in the Government Controlled Areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts in July 2018 by HelpAge volunteers. Structured beneficiary interviews were conducted using a multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment Form (VAF)

The survey covered 4,595 older people (who were pre-selected based on specific vulnerabilities), measuring their needs across income, protection, health, etc.



- 52.1% of older people were residents of Luhansk oblast, 47.9 % were from Donetsk oblast
- 75.4% of total OP were older women
- 11.4% of the total number of older women and men interviewed had a registered disability. Although 17.2% of the people who participated in the survey were immobile (of these people only 17.1% had an official document confirming their disability)
- 11% were internally displaced persons (IDPs)

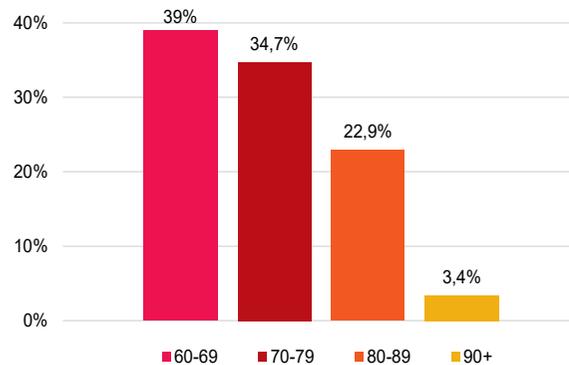


Table showing age-disaggregation of assessed individuals



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Key findings

LIVELIHOODS

- 99.3% of older women and men rely on a pension as their main source of income
- 89.2% of older people have only one source of income
- Older people spend the majority of their income on medicines (55.8%) and food (26.2%)
- 19.8% of older people are in debt, including arrears on utilities

PROTECTION

- 11% of older people (66.7% women) reported being an IDP: 83.7% are registered; 6.6% are on the waiting lists for registration and 9.7% are not registered
- 96.4% of older people are experiencing various conflict-related psychosocial issues
- 41.2% of older people report that they are living alone (86.4% women)
- 20.5% of older people (75.8% women) reported experiencing at least one type of violence and abuse

HEALTH

- 97% of people interviewed (75.5% women) have at least one chronic disease
- 56.9% of older people have limited mobility and partly in need of the help of others (75.9% women), 7.2% of OP are immobile

SHELTER / NFIs

- 76.6% of older people (75% women) report that they require NFI support
- 53.4% of older people (including 75.8% women) reported that they are in need of assistive devices, mostly canes (22.5%), toilet chairs (18.6%), walking frames (11.7%) and crutches (2.9%)
- 47% of older people (including 75% women) require basic hygiene items (39.5%) and diapers for adults (15.6%)

WASH

- 17.5% of older people (75.3% women) reported they have limited access to safe drinking water
- 16.1% have limited access, 11.8% of older respondents indicate rare access to sanitation and 1.9% of older people reported not having access to adequate sanitation facilities at all

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 76.8% of older people (75.7% women) stated that they had to decrease their food intake since the beginning of the conflict
- 19% of older women and men indicate a lack of access to places of food purchase

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