



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

Snapshot of baseline report, August 2021

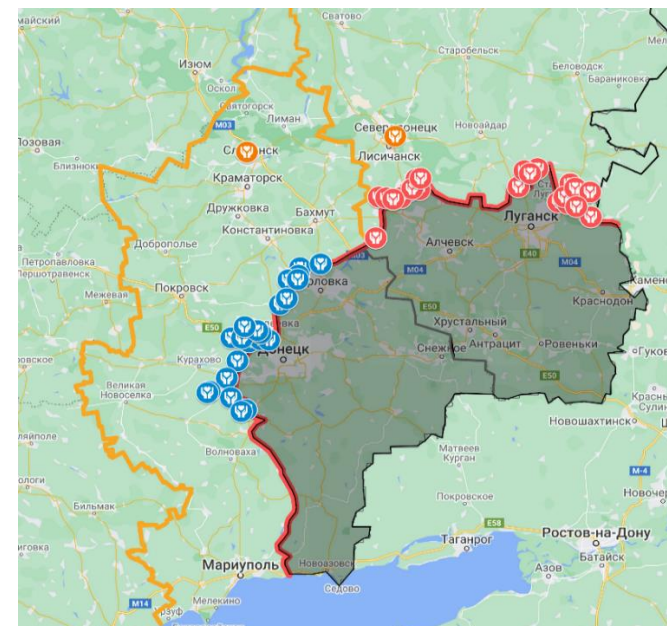
About the project

HelpAge currently runs a project titled “ACCESS V: Provision of multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected populations in Eastern Ukraine” within the Consortium of NGOs (PIN, MdM, ACTED, REACH, R2P and HAI) funded by the European Union 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.

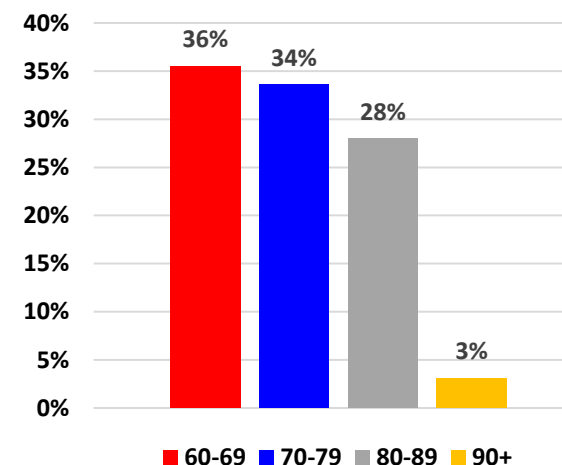
Methodology

The needs assessment exercise was conducted in the 45 settlements in Government Controlled Areas of Donetsk oblast (22 locations in Volnovaskyi, Pokrovskiyi and Bakhmutskiyi raions) and Luhanska oblast (23 locations in Severodonetskiyi and Schastynskiyi raions) during August 2021 by HelpAge volunteers. Structured beneficiary interviews were conducted using a multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment Form (VAF) with additional set of questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and Vaccination process. The survey covered 3023 older people (who were pre-selected based on specific vulnerabilities), measuring their needs across income, protection, health, etc.

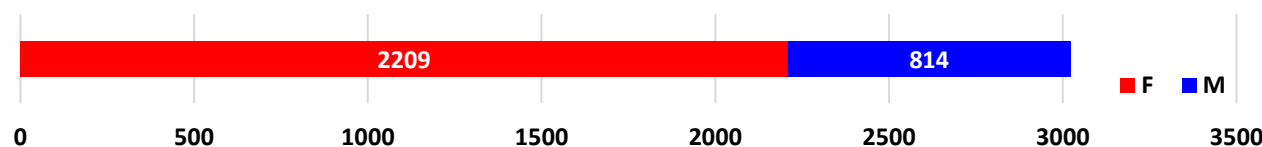
- 73,07% of total older people were older women
- 10,9% of the total number of older women and men interviewed had a registered disability. Although 72,7% of respondents had at least 1 significant or several functional impairments according to Washington Group Questionnaire (only 13% of which had their disability status registered)
- 13% were internally displaced persons (IDPs)



Data are disaggregated by age



Men / Women, disaggregated data





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AWARNESS ABOUT COVID-19

- 11,4% of older people have been vaccinated against COVID-19
- 79% of respondents stated that TV broadcast would be a preferable way to receive the information regarding Covid-19 Pandemic, 6% preferred radio, 10% - face-to-face communication



LIVELIHOODS

- 97,9% of older women and men rely on a pension as their main source of income, 88,5% of older people have only one source of income
- 64,5% of older people spend the majority of their income on medicines and 25,9% on food
- 11,1% of older people are in debt, including arrears on utilities



PROTECTION

- 98,4% of older people are experiencing various conflict-related psychosocial issues
- 50,7% of older people report that they are living alone
- 5,9% of older people indicated that they have received humanitarian aid in the last 6 months
- 4,4% of older people (out of these, 71,2% women) reported about the cases of psychological violence, verbal abuse, financial abuse



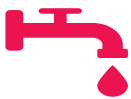
HEALTH

- 98,4% of people interviewed have at least one chronic disease
- 86,2% of older people have limited mobility and partly in need of the help of others, 10,1% of older people are immobile
- 70,4% of older women and men had issues with access to medical facilities and medicines
- 27,9% of respondents couldn't afford to buy preventive products against COVID-19 (soap, antiseptics, medical masks, latex gloves, etc.)
- 96,3% of respondents indicated they were in need of PPE (antiseptics, medical masks, latex gloves)



SHELTER / NFIs

- 99,3% of older people report that they require NFI support (hygiene kits, assistive devices, diapers, urological pads, winter clothes, etc)
- 49% of older people have accommodations fully suitable for living both in summer and winter weather



WASH

- 98,5% of older people require basic hygiene items
- 23,8% of respondents reported they had issues with access to safe drinking water and 4,5% with access to sanitation



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 67% of older people stated that they had to decrease their food intake since the beginning of the conflict
- 25,1% of older women and men indicate a lack of access to places of purchase
- 32% of older people indicated food as the 1-st priority, 37% - indicated it as the 2-nd priority and 17% indicated food as the 3-rd priority during COVID-19

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