

Humanitarian needs of older women and men in government controlled Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

Snapshot of baseline report October 2016

About the project

HelpAge currently runs a project titled “Emergency assistance for vulnerable older people in Ukraine” funded by OFDA.

With this project, HelpAge aims to:

- (1) to significantly improve access to humanitarian assistance and protection for older men and women, including those with disabilities that were affected by the conflict in Eastern Ukraine.



Map of Ukraine showing the Donetsk Oblast in red

Methodology

Rapid Assessment Framework (RAF)

n= 4,509

♀ 74% ♂ 26%

Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF)

n= 4,122

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Both RAF and VAF assessments were conducted using purposeful sampling.

- 4,145 older people were identified as vulnerable and selected to receive humanitarian assistance from HelpAge
- 14% older people (76% women) were considered moderately vulnerable
- 67% older people (75% women) were considered significantly vulnerable
- 18% older people (72% women) were considered to be severely vulnerable

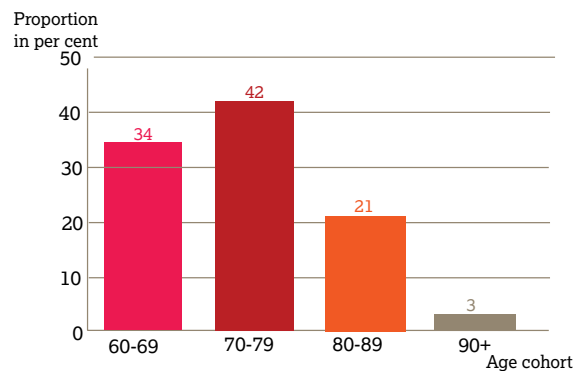


Table showing age-disaggregation of assessed individuals



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Key findings



Livelihoods

- 98% of older women and men rely on pension as their main source of income
- Older people spend majority of their income on medication (57%) and food (34%)
- 66% of people (73% women) report their income decreased since the beginning of the conflict
- 96% of people (74% women) cannot afford to buy the same products as before the conflict



Protection

- 87% of older people are experiencing various conflict-related psychosocial issues (changes in sleeping patterns, crying spells, persistent memories of conflict, etc.)
- 69% of older people (73% women) had to decrease their food intake and 35% report having existing debts (77% women)
- 52% of older people and 60% of older people in ‘front-line’ areas report living alone (83% of those living alone are women)



Shelter and NFIs

- At least 30% of older women and men residing in the ‘front-line’ are in need of some type of winterization support, whilst only 15% of older people in the front line have received NFI support



Health

- 77% of older people suffer from cardiovascular disease
- 70% of older people (74% women) report unavailability of their regular medicines



Nutrition and food security

- 69% of older people (73% women) had to decrease their food intake since the beginning of conflict
- 2% of older people are moderately malnourished and 1% of older people are severely malnourished



For the full report, visit our organisational page on ReliefWeb

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