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Older women and men needs assessment in COVID-19 pandemic May 2020

About the project

HelpAge currently runs a project titled “Strengthening COVID-19 emergency response for conflict affected vulnerable and disabled older women and men in settlements located in the 5km zone in the GCAs locations of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts” funded by the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF).

With this project, HelpAge aims to raise the awareness of older people regarding COVID-19 pandemic and contribute to improved additional food consumption, improved sanitation and hygiene through the provision of high need items, leading to a reduction in negative coping strategies, improved quality of life, dignity and well being.

Methodology

The needs assessment exercise was conducted in the 15 settlements in the Government Controlled Areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (Bakhmutskiy, Marinskyi, Stanychno-Luhanskyi, Volnovaskiy, Yasynuvatskyi) during April-May 2020 by HelpAge volunteers. Structured beneficiary interviews were conducted using a multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment Form (VAF) with additional block of questions regarding COVID-19 pandemic. The survey covered 2,210 older people, measuring their needs across income, protection, health, etc.

- 11% of older people were residents of Luhansk oblast, 89% were from Donetsk oblast
- 62.81% of total OP were older women
- 3.08% of the total number of older women and men interviewed had a registered disability. Although 41.45% of respondents had at least 1 significant or total disability according to Washington Group Questionnaire (only 4.8% of which had their disability status registered).
- 4.07% were internally displaced persons (IDPs).

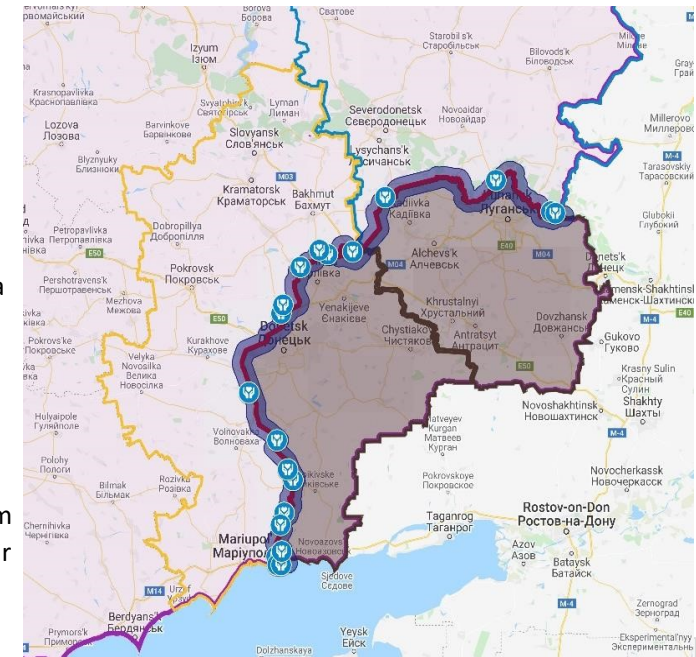
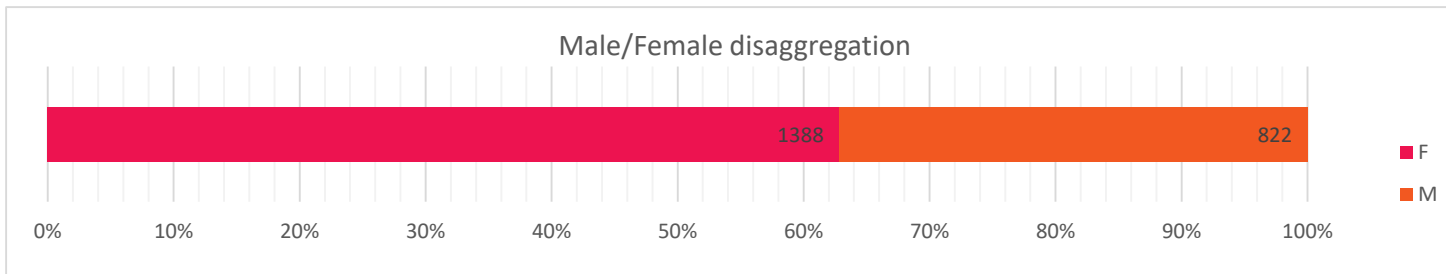
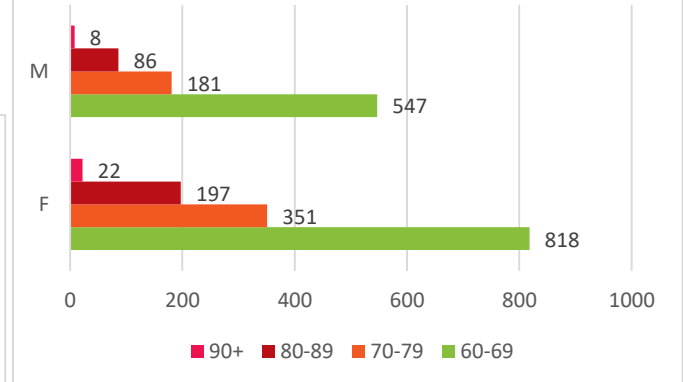


Chart is showing sex and age-disaggregation of assessed individuals



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Key findings



COVID-19

COVID-19 AWARENESS

- 99,95% of older women and men were aware about COVID-19 pandemic
- 65,07% of respondents stated that TV broadcast would be a preferable way to receive the information regarding COVID-19 pandemic, while 13,48% - preferred to receive the leaflets, 12,58% - would like to get the information during face-to-face communication, 5,88% preferred radio, 1,04% - newspaper and less than 2% would like to be informed via phone, internet and SMS.



LIVELIHOODS

- 99% of older women and men rely on a pension as their main source of income since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic



PROTECTION

- 94.43% of older people are experiencing various conflict-related psychosocial issues
- 48,37% of older people report that they are living alone (81.59% women)
- 100% of older people (62,81% women) reported they felt anxious because of COVID-19 pandemic



HEALTH

- 99,14% of people interviewed (62.44% women) have at least one chronic disease
- 86,97% of older people have limited mobility and partly in need of the help of others (64,20% women), 2,04% of OP are immobile
- 92,67% of older women and men had issues with access to medical facilities and medicines
- 78,64% of respondents couldn't afford to buy preventive products against COVID-19 (soap, antiseptics, medical masks, latex gloves, etc.)
- 71,31% indicated they were in need of PPE (antiseptics, medical masks, latex gloves) during COVID-19 pandemic



WASH

- 99,64% of respondents required basic hygiene items and 31,45% indicated they were in need for urological pads
- 84,98% of older people (51,63% women) reported they had issues with access to safe drinking water (78,64% - limited access and 6,33% - no access)



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 97,74% of older people (61,09% women) stated that they were in need for food assistance
- 64,84% of older women and men indicated they had food stock for the period 2-7 days
- 94,66% of older people indicated food as the 1-st priority for them, 95,43% indicated medicines as the 2-nd priority and 39,14% indicated drinking water as the 3-rd priority during COVID-19 pandemic

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