# **COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ASSESSED HROMADAS IN LUHANSK OBLAST**

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AGORA Localised Response Inclusive Recovery Effective Stabilisation MAP 1. Interactive map: Overview of assessed hromadas in Donetsk Oblast (click on hromadas to skip to the hromada profile in this document)



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#### **CROSS-HROMADA VULNERABILITY COMPARISON**

#### Economic Utilities Demography vulnerability Environment Governance Mobility Safetv Services Lysy-Sieviero-Milove Shchastia 1 Kreminna Bilovodsk Shyrokyi Popasna chansk donetsk Sieviero-Nyzhno-2 Milove Rubizhne Milove Shchastia Rubizhne Kreminna donetsk teple Sieviero-Stanytsia 3 Rubizhne Kreminna Novoaidar Bilovodsk Bilovodsk Kreminna Luhanska donetsk Sieviero-Lysy-4 Rubizhne Novoaidar Shyrokyi Shchastia Novoaidar Bilovodsk chansk donetsk Stanytsia Lysy-5 Bilovodsk Popasna Shyrokyi Kreminna Novoaidar Kreminna chansk Luhanska Categorical rank Stanytsia Nyzhno-Stanytsia Lysy-Shchastia Milove Milove Novoaidar Luhanska chansk Luhanska teple Sieviero-Sieviero-Nyzhno-Shyrokyi Shchastia Popasna Rubizhne Kreminna donetsk teple donetsk Stanytsia 8 Popasna Bilovodsk Popasna Bilovodsk Popasna Shchastia Rubizhne Luhanska Sieviero-Nyzhno-9 Milove Novoaidar Shchastia Rubizhne Milove Milove donetsk teple Stanytsia Sieviero-Lysy-10 Shchastia Shyrokyi Popasna Kreminna Shyrokyi donetsk Luhanska chansk Nyzhno-Nyzhno-Nyzhno-Lysy-Lysy-Lysy-11 Novoaidar Bilovodsk chansk chansk teple teple chansk teple Stanytsia Nyzhno-Stanytsia 12 Shyrokyi Rubizhne Popasna Shyrokyi Novoaidar Luhanska Luhanska teple Economic Demography vulnerability Environment Governance Mobility Safety Services Utilities

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This cross-hromada comparison chart illustrates the ranking of hromadas along 8 key categories, built with indicators collected via the household survey as shown in Table 1 and broken down in Table 2 on page 9. The "overall vulnerability index" below shows the average score of each hromada across all categories (all weighted equally); and determines the colour of the hromada tile. For instance, Nyzhnoteple was found to be the most vulnerable hromada across all category while Kreminna was the least vulnerable. Within each column or category, hromadas are sorted according to their position within the target categories. For instance, Lysychansk is ranked first in terms of economic vulnerability, fourth in terms of environment, fifth in terms of utilities; while it is ranked in second last position in terms of safety, mobility and governance.

#### **Overall vulnerability index**



\* % of the population reportedly having at least one of the following vulnerabilities: pensioner, disability (with or without status), chronicall illness

\*\* According to HH satisfaction with the level of cleanup in their community

#### TABLE 1: Composition of categories

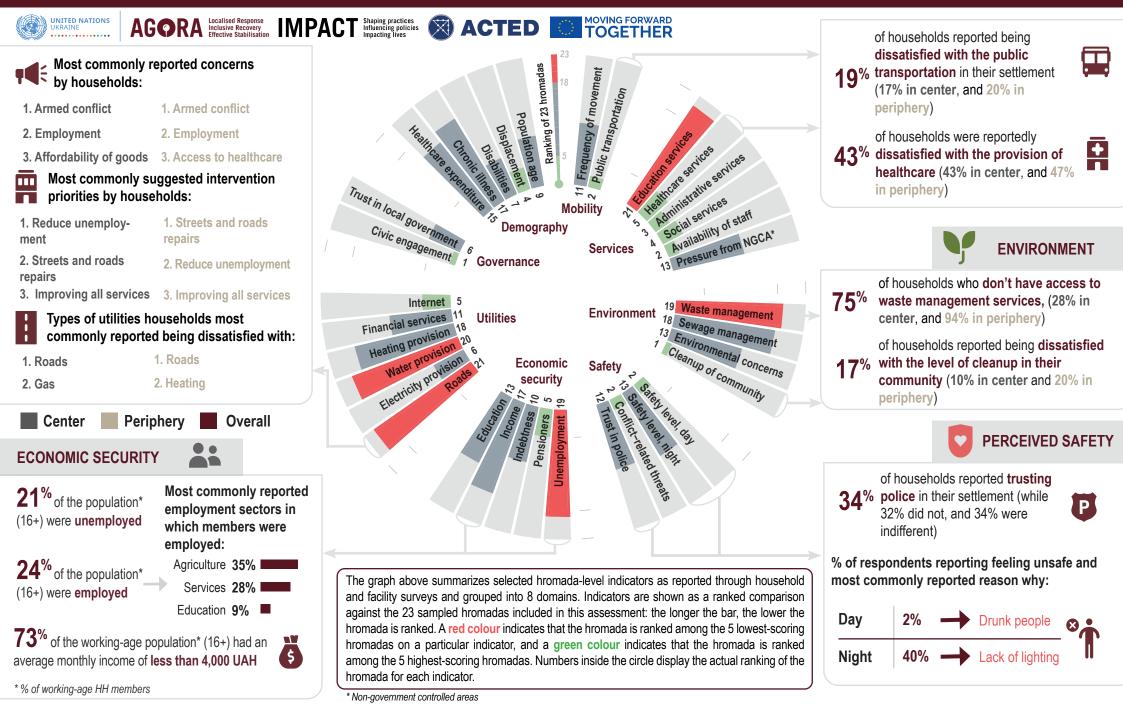
DEMOGRAPHY	Population age							
	Displacement							
	Disabilities							
	Vulnerabilities*							
	Healthcare expenditure							
ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY	Unemployment							
	Indebtedness							
	Level of income							
	Education							
	Waste management							
ENVIRONMENT	Sewage management							
	Environmental concerns							
	Community cleanup**							
GOVERNANCE	Trust in police							
	Civic engagement							
	Decentralization							
	Trust in local government							
	Economic mobility							
	Frequency of movement							
MOBILITY	Public transportation							
	Access to health facilities							
	Safety to school							
SAFETY	General safety							
	Conflict-related threats							
	Education services							
	Healthcare services							
SERVICES	Administrative services							
	Social services							
	Financial services							
	Roads							
UTILITIES	Electricity provision							
	Water provision							
	Heating provision							



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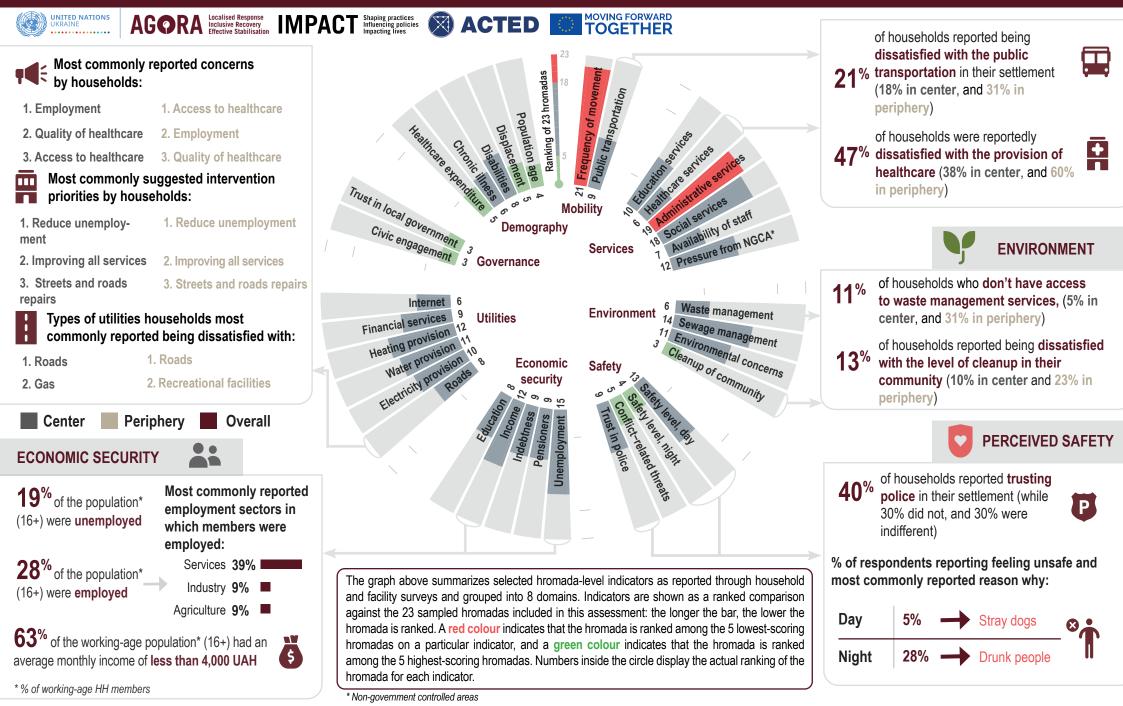
## BILOVODSK HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **385** household surveys in the hromada center, **394** in the hromada periphery representing **2,000** household members, **89** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **95** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



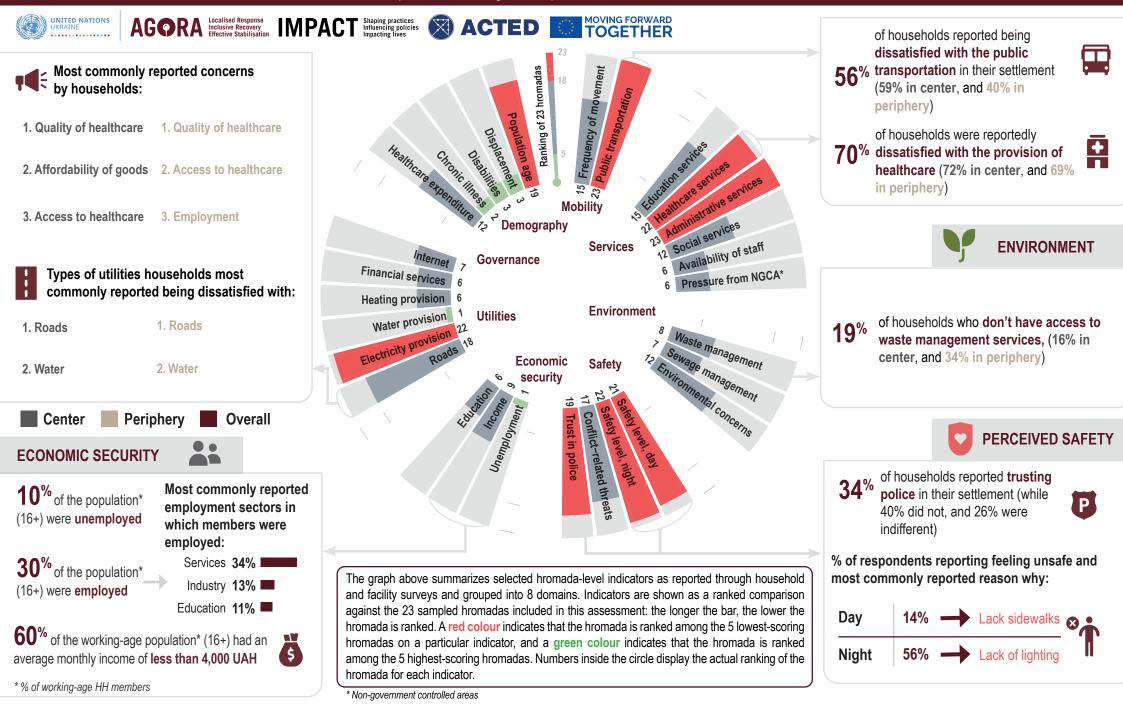
### KREMINNA HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **392** household surveys in the hromada center, **363** in the hromada periphery representing **1,790** household members, **65** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **33** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



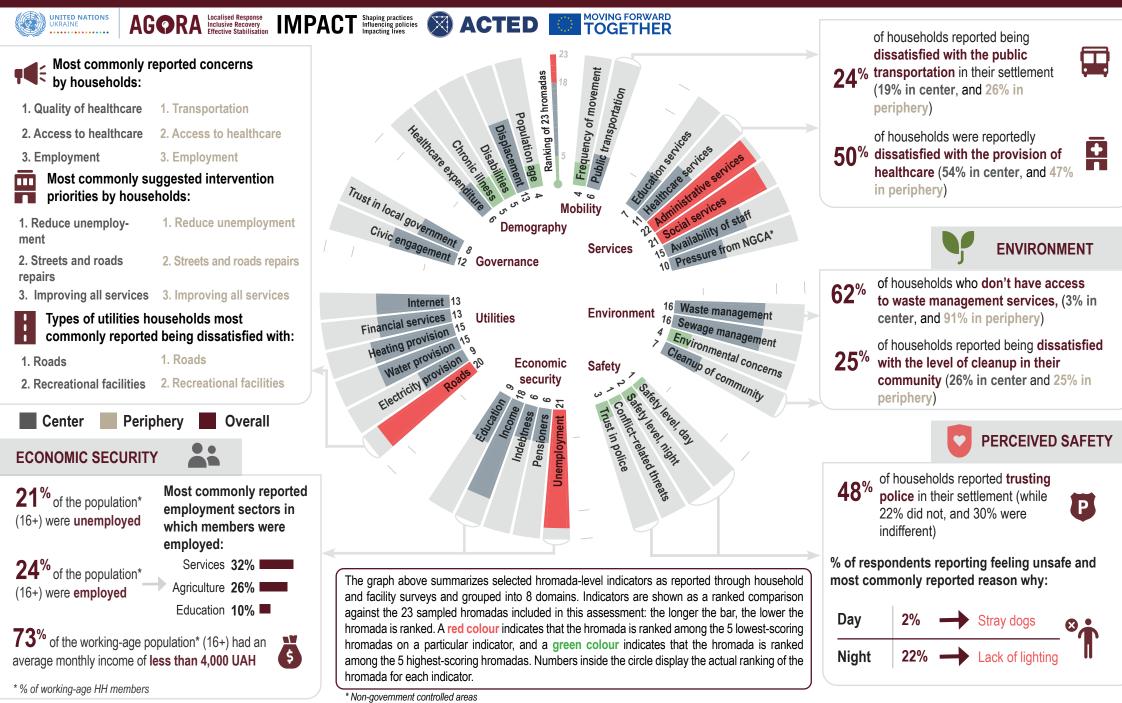
### LYSYCHANSK HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between September and December 2020, via **403** household surveys in the hromada center, **395** in the hromada periphery representing **1,673** household members, **113** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **62** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative. Missing findings originate from the different questionnaires that were administered for round 1 hromadas (see also methodological annex).



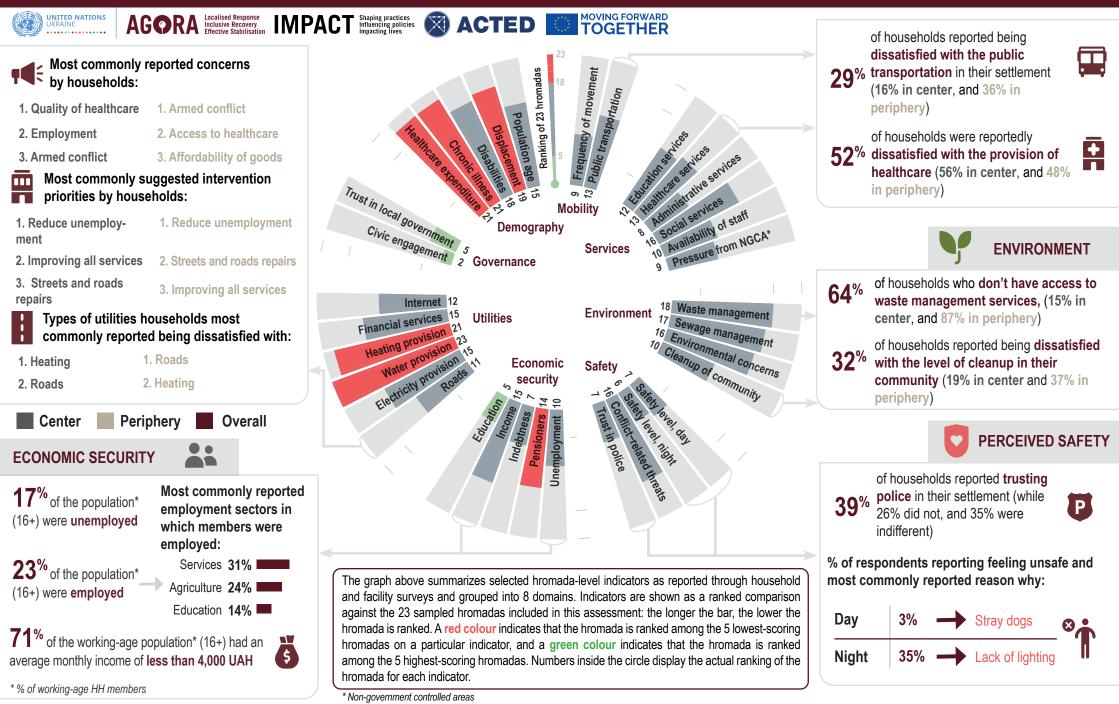
## MILOVE HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **374** household surveys in the hromada center, **373** in the hromada periphery representing **1,851** household members, **63** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **75** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



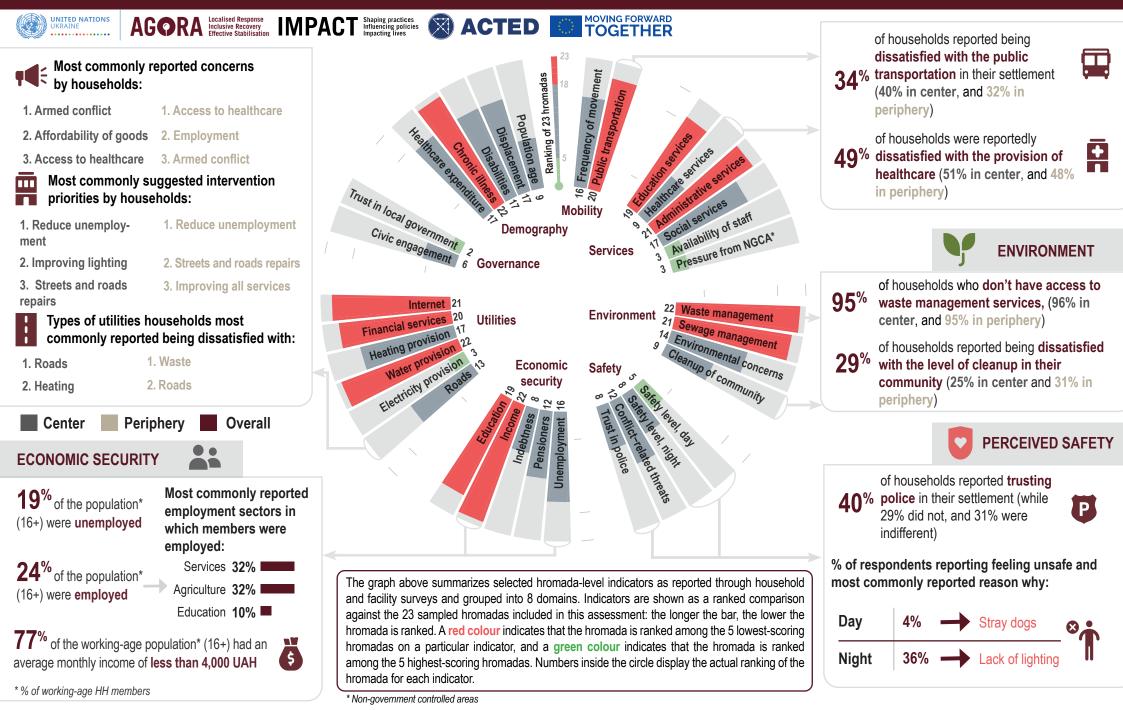
## NOVOAIDAR HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **383** household surveys in the hromada center, **427** in the hromada periphery representing **1,952** household members, **76** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **100** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



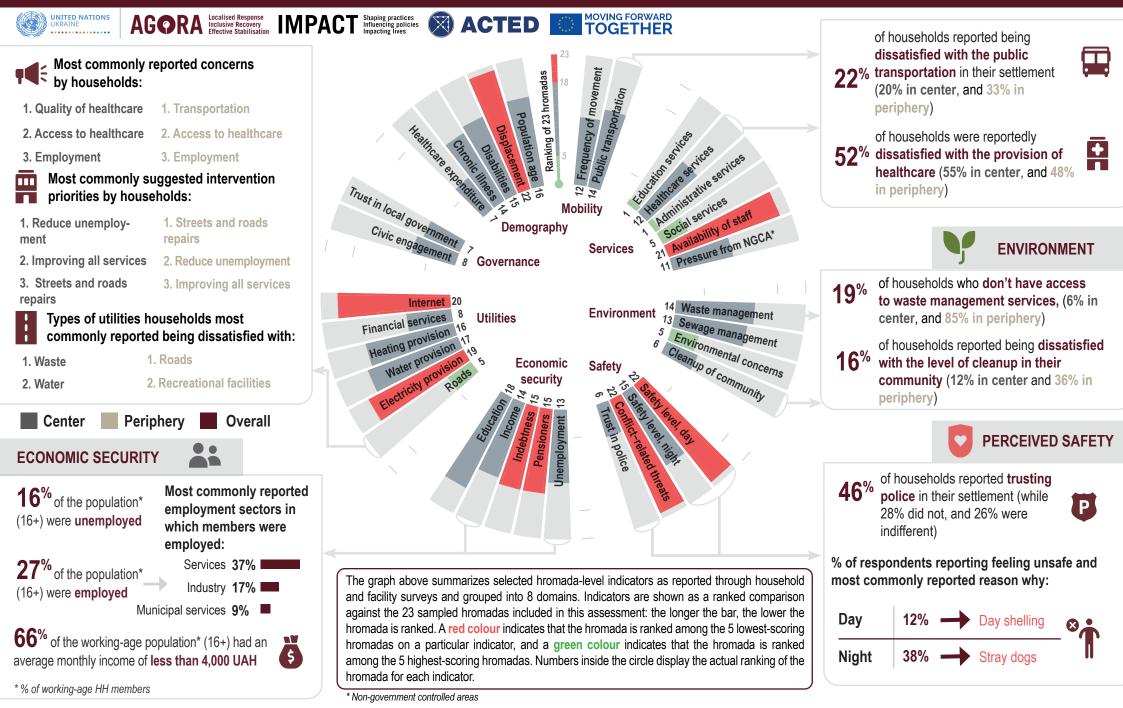
#### NYZHNOTEPLE HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **72** household surveys in the hromada center, **155** in the hromada periphery representing **566** household members, **24** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **33** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



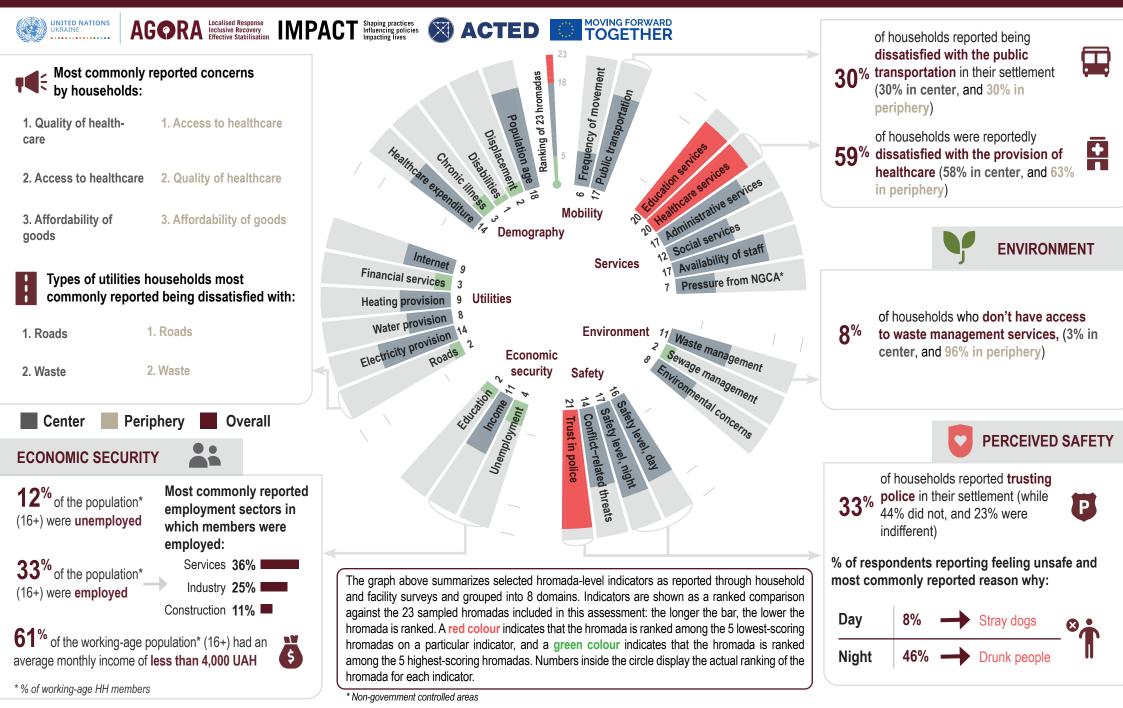
## POPASNA HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **356** household surveys in the hromada center, **355** in the hromada periphery representing **1,553** household members, **57** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **40** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



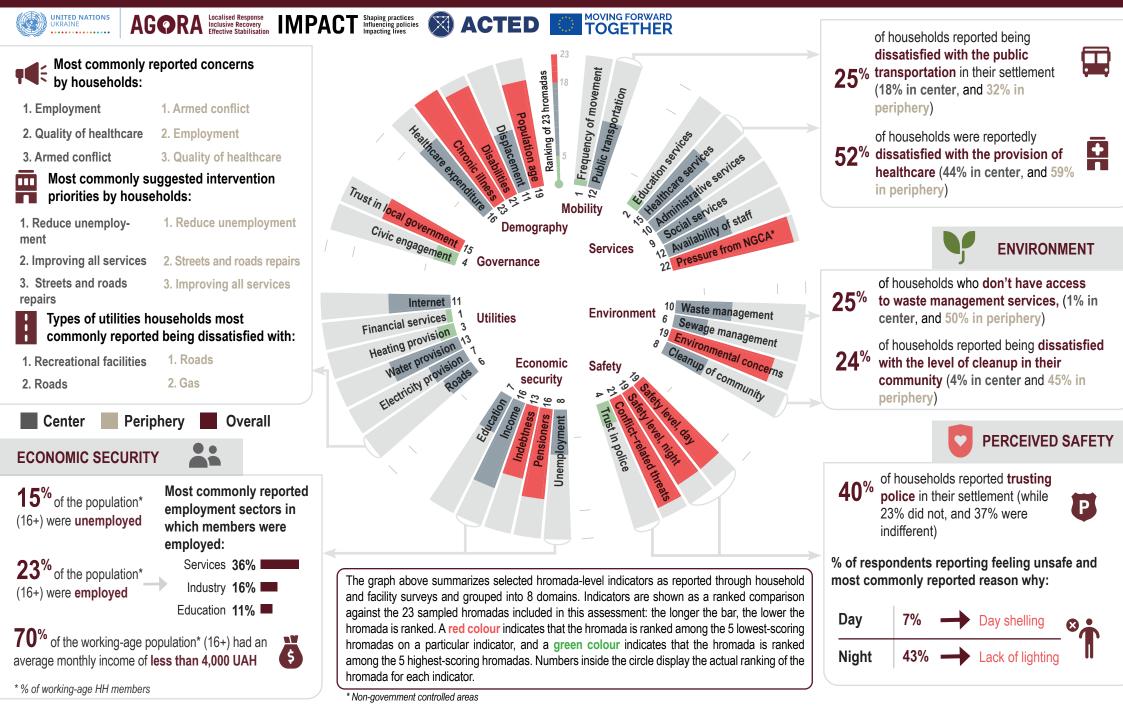
## RUBIZHNE HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between September and December 2020, via **402** household surveys in the hromada center, **168** in the hromada periphery representing **1,254** household members, **57** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **15** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative. Missing findings originate from the different questionnaires that were administered for round 1 hromadas (see also methodological annex).



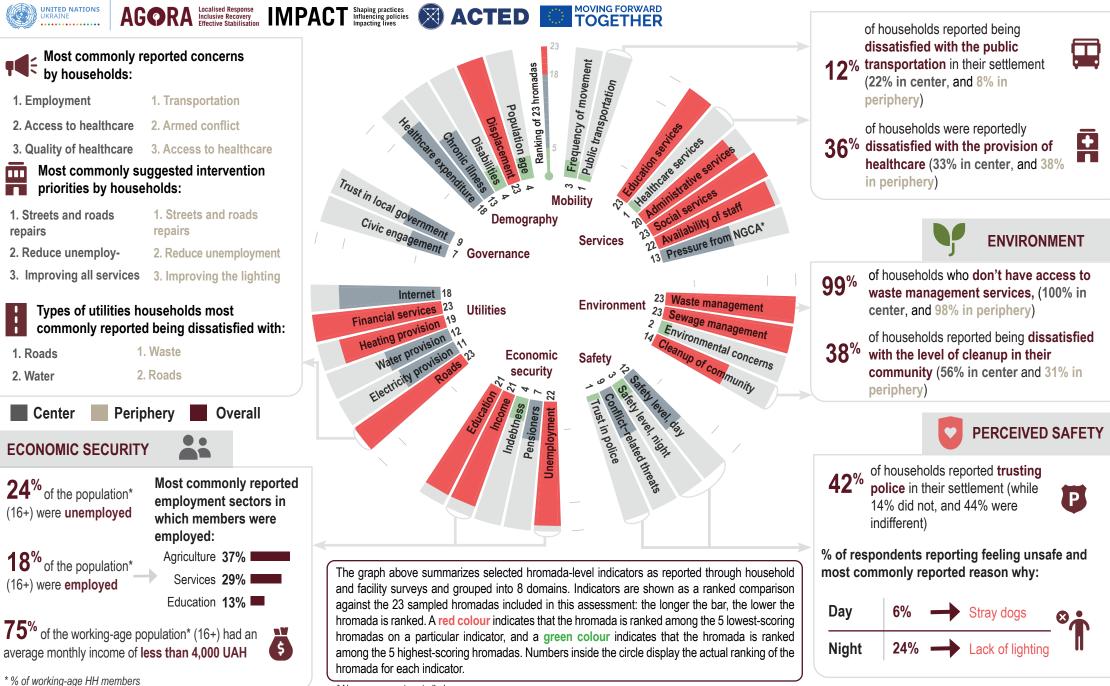
## SHCHASTIA HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **233** household surveys in the hromada center, **265** in the hromada periphery representing **1,079** household members, **30** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **26** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



## SHYROKYI HROMADA OVERVIEW

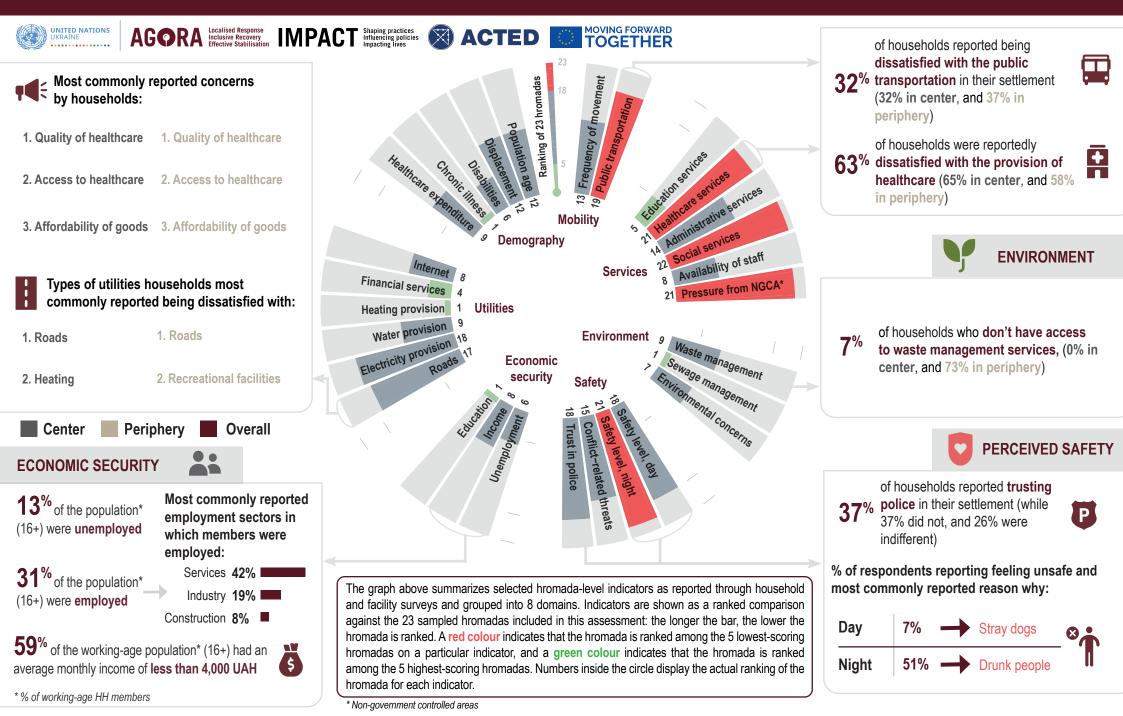
Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **36** household surveys in the hromada center, **99** in the hromada periphery representing **350** household members, **18** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **41** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



\* Non-government controlled areas

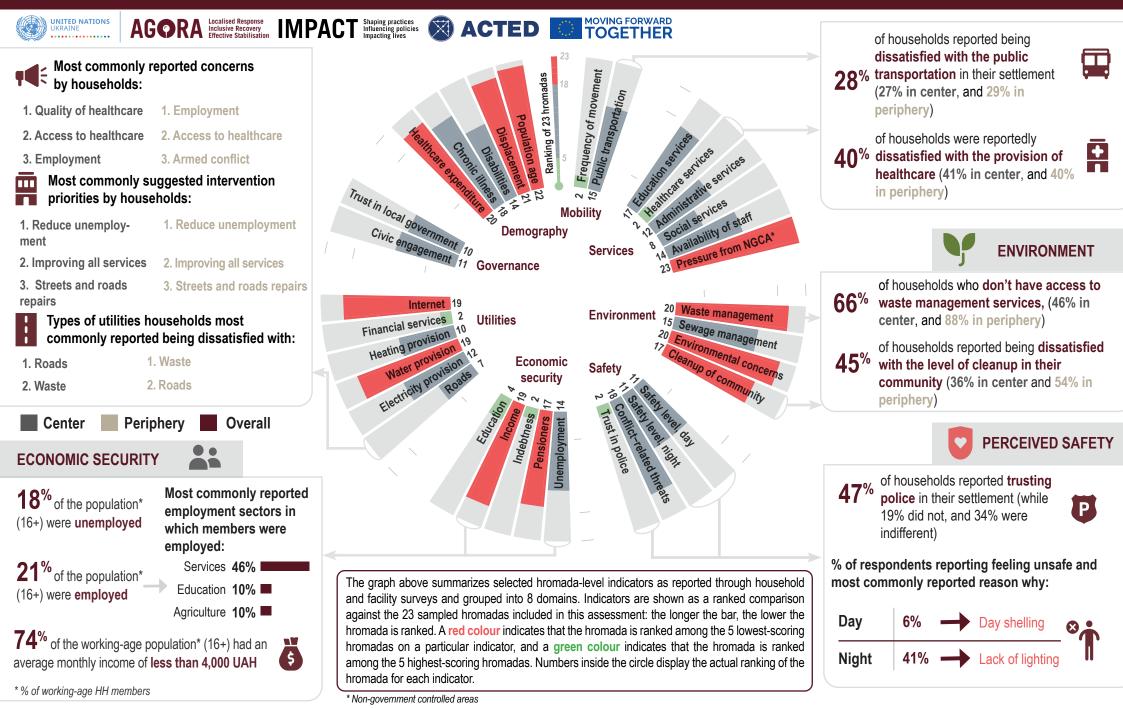
#### SIEVIERODONETSK HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between September and December 2020, via **403** household surveys in the hromada center, **219** in the hromada periphery representing **1,333** household members, **97** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **43** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative. Missing findings originate from the different questionnaires that were administered for round 1 hromadas (see also methodological annex).



#### STANYTSIA LUHANSKA HROMADA OVERVIEW

Findings are based on data collected between June and September 2020, via **391** household surveys in the hromada center, **268** in the hromada periphery representing **1,423** household members, **57** interviews with facility key informants (FKIs) and **37** community representative KIs. Household level findings are representative at the hromada level with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, while (F)KI findings are indicative.



#### **OVERVIEW OF ASSESSED HROMADAS**

	INDICATORS	OVERALL	Bilovodsk Hromada	Kreminna Hromada	Lysy- chansk Hromada		Novoaidar Hromada	Nyzhnoteple Hromada					Sieviero- donetsk Hromada	Stanytsia Luhansk Hromada
	Median age of the population	46	45	44	52	44	48	45	49	50	52	44	46	54
	% of IDPs amongst the population (with and without status)	5%	3%	4%	3%	7%	8%	7%	9%	3%	6%	10%	7%	9%
	% of population with a disability	8%	7%	8%	6%	7%	10%	10%	10%	6%	12%	7%	7%	10%
<b>M</b>	% of population with a disability % of population with a chronic illness	17%	24%	16%	13%	15%	27%	31%	21%	14%	31%	21%	11%	25%
	Average amount of UAH spent on medical care over the last three months	2045	2279.2	1804	2067	1842	2505	2371	1890	2194	2297	2393	1902	2417
	% of population reportedly unemployed	15%	20%	19%	10%	21%	16%	19%	17%	12%	16%	24%	13%	17%
	% of population reportedly pensioners	46%	43%	46%	NA*	44%	48%	48%	53%	NA*	56%	44%	NA*	57%
	% of population reportedly having debts	21%	21%	21%	NA*	18%	19%	19%	24%	NA*	24%	17%	NA*	16%
• • •	% of population with an average reported monthly income of less than 4,000 UAH	65%	71%	66%	63%	72%	70%	78%	70%	65%	71%	75%	63%	74%
	% of population having completed higher&basic higher education	14%	15%	17%	18%	16%	20%	13%	14%	23%	17%	13%	29%	20%
\$	% of population not having access to waste management services (who dispose of garbage on their own)	34%	61%	18%	25%	47%	53%	95%	45%	30%	27%	99%	26%	63%
	% of population not having access to sewage management services (self-pumping, cleaning of pit-latrine)	57%	87%	77%	57%	80%	85%	92%	74%	41%	47%	99%	38%	79%
	% of population not experiencing any environmental concern in their settlement	44%	43%	45%	44%	47%	37%	42%	47%	46%	35%	54%	46%	28%
	Most commonly reported environmental concern in the settlement	lllegal Iandfills	Illegal Iandfills	lllegal landfills	Water pollution	lllegal landfills	lllegal landfills	Illegal landfills	lllegal landfills	Air pollution	lllegal landfills	Illegal landfills	Air pollution	lllegal landfills
	% of population dissatisfied with level of cleanup in their community	26%	15%	17%	NA*	25%	29%	29%	24%	NA*	26%	38%	NA*	43%
	% of respondents reporting not trusting police services in their settlements	34%	22%	23%	NA*	34%	23%	29%	30%	NA*	26%	30%	NA*	33%
		27%	31%	27%	NA*	33%	29%	26%	32%	NA*	43%	33%	NA*	37%
	% of respondents reporting not trusting their local government to take care of them	43%	31%	47%	NA*	43%	42%	35%	47%	NA*	49%	37%	NA*	48%
		*NA ("no ansi	wer") indicates	s questions the	at were not as	sked during l	Round 1 of da	ata collection.						

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	INDICATORS	OVERALL		Kreminna Hromada	Lysy- chansk Hromada	Milove Hromada	Novoaidar Hromada	Nyzhnoteple Hromada	Popasna Hromada	Rubizhne Hromada	Shchastia Hromada	Shyrokyi Hromada	Sieviero- donetsk Hromada	
\./	% of respondents reporting feeling unsafe during the day % of respondents reporting feeling unsafe during the night	8% 43%	2% 41%	6% 28%	12% 52%	2% 22%	4% 34%	4% 37%	13% 42%	7% 43%	8% 44%	6% 24%	7% 46%	6% 40%
<b>/T</b> \	% of respondents not reporting a conflict-related threat as a concern Most frequently reported conflict-related threat	73% Shelling	94% Shelling	89% Shelling	71% Shelling	95% Military presence	74% Shelling	79% Shelling	28% Shelling	76% Shelling	60% Shelling	84% Shelling	74% Shelling	69% Shelling
	% of working population not working in the area where they reside (16 or older)	20%	15%	24%	21%	12%	12%	21%	22%	18%	15%	11%	20%	16%
		25%	24%	32%	27%	17%	24%	28%	24%	21%	15%	17%	25%	16%
	% of respondents dissatisfied with public transportation	31%	18%	24%	49%	23%	26%	34%	26%	30%	26%	12%	34%	28%
	% of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with education services % of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with healthcare services % of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with administrative services % of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with social services % of facilities reportedly not having enough FTEs to manage the workload % of facilities reportedly experiencing additional pressure due to NGCA residents	14% 56% 28% 17% 26% 28%	20% 45% 20% 9% 14% 28%	13% 47% 31% 22% 22% 22%	16% 70% 39% 14% 21% 18%	13% 50% 34% 28% 29% 25%	14% 52% 23% 17% 25% 25%	18%         49%         33%         19%         16%         11%	6% 52% 19% 11% 36% 27%	19% 59% 29% 14% 33% 23%	8% 52% 25% 12% 26% 52%	38% 36% 32% 37% 39% 28%	11%         63%         28%         32%         23%         41%	17% 40% 27% 12% 28% 53%
	% of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with roads	68%	86%	66%	80%	83%	70%	74%	58%	47%	61%	91%	78%	65%
	in their settlement % of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with electricity provision in their settlement	28%	18%	23%	37%	23%	29%	16%	31%	27%	18%	24%	30%	25%
•	% of respondents reporting being not connected to central water supply in their settlement	30%	81%	38%	6%	46%	92%	86%	55%	24%	44%	44%	27%	70%
	% of respondents reporting being not connected to central heating in their settlement	71%	91%	85%	75%	88%	95%	88%	88%	79%	57%	93%	35%	80%
	% of respondents reporting being dissatisfied with financial services	18%	18%	17%	16%	21%	23%	30%	16%	14%	8%	42%	14%	9%
	% of respondents reporting being not connected to internet network	39%	34%	36%	36%	40%	39%	53%	52%	37%	39%	50%	37%	52%

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# Methodological annex and disclaimer

The objective of this assessment and these factsheets is to enable the identification of vulnerable populations, as well as of response and service provision gaps within and across the 23 hromadas covered by this assessment. To that end, ACTED/IMPACT has conducted a large scale data collection exercise between September and December 2019 for Round 1 (Mariinka and Sievierodonetsk agglomerations), and June and September 2020 for Round 2 (all other hromadas). For more information on the rationale and background of the Hromada Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment, please visit the <u>AGORA Information Hub</u>.

#### Assessment coverage

**14,595** household surveys representing **33,902** household members: A quantitative investigation of service demand was conducted through household surveys, drawing on a structured survey that was principally focused on household barriers to accessing services and household satisfaction with the availability of services, as well as identifying which households were most vulnerable to disruptions of access (both due to conflict or to other conditions).

**1,076 interviews with facility key informants:** Facility representatives participated in semi-structured key informant interviews about core indicators on service delivery as well as challenges faced by their respective facility in providing comprehensive and quality services.

**1,239 interviews with community representatives:** Representatives from the community (elderly people, employed persons, and individuals working in local services) were randomly selected and then surveyed in order to acquire a general understanding about the area's general infrastructure and available services.

**252 interviews with facility key informants providing GBV services:** Representatives of facilities providing GBV services have participated in a semi-structured key informant interviews about the types of GBV cases, and barriers to service provision faced by their facility.

**23 focus group discussions on GBV and domestic violence:** In each of the 14 target areas, FGDs were conducted with a female group of 6-8 adult community members, to explore the level of awareness among women about GBV and domestic violence in their communities, access to general and specialized services for GBV survivors and specific challenges or barriers to accessing GBV services.

### Limitations of methodology

Not all facility representatives agreed to participate in the key informant interviews, which may limit the census approach on the facility level. Moreover, since most facility key informant findings are solely based on individuals' reported perceptions of the service providing facilities they work for, all facility key informant findings presented in this report should be considered as indicative only. Concerning the household surveys, for some subsets in the report, the confidence interval may be lower and should thus be considered as indicative only. Due to the sensitive nature of some questions included in the interview and survey tools, it is likely that some sensitive issues have been under-reported and remain under-represented in this report. In addition, findings on household members are based on reporting by proxy, and therefore are not reflective of the lived experiences of household members, but rather on the perception of the respondent reporting on them.

**Note on reporting of household data:** household data was collected on multiple levels. Findings about the "population" refer to the % of assessed household members (as reported by one respondent per household, by proxy) and are representative of the hromada population with a 95% confidence interval and a 5% margin of error for all hromadas and stratas, except for "Kurakhove periphery" and "Mariinka periphery" where the confidence interval is 95% with a 7% margin of error. However, findings related to a subset of this overall population may have a wider margin of error. Other questions were asked on an individual level directly to the survey respondent, these are reported on as % of respondents. Lastly, questions asked to households are reported as % of households.

#### BOX 1: UNITED NATIONS RECOVERY AND PEACEBUILDING PROGRAMME (UN RPP)

This assessment is part of the 5-year "EU Support to the East of Ukraine - Recovery, Peacebuilding and Governance" project, implemented by the UN RPP. The United Nations Recovery and Peacebuilding Programme (UN RPP) is being implemented by four United Nations agencies: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Thirteen international partners support the Programme: the European Union (EU), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, and the governments of Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland & the UK.

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