



Cash Assistance Factsheet

Government-controlled areas within 5 km of the line of contact
Ukraine, February 2018

CONTEXT

With the conflict in Eastern Ukraine in its fifth year, humanitarian actors continue to seek ways to address the humanitarian needs of populations living near the line of contact, which marks the divide between areas controlled by the Ukrainian government (GCA) and areas outside of Ukrainian government control (NGCA). Multi-purpose cash assistance is one such modality being explored by various aid actors.

In February 2018 REACH conducted a household survey of the region near the line of contact in the GCA to better understand the effects of seasonality on humanitarian need. As part of this survey, REACH collected relevant data for actors wishing to design such multi-purpose cash interventions, particularly regarding household income and spending, access to humanitarian aid, preferred future modes of delivery, as well as current modes of delivery for other types of financial support such as pensions.

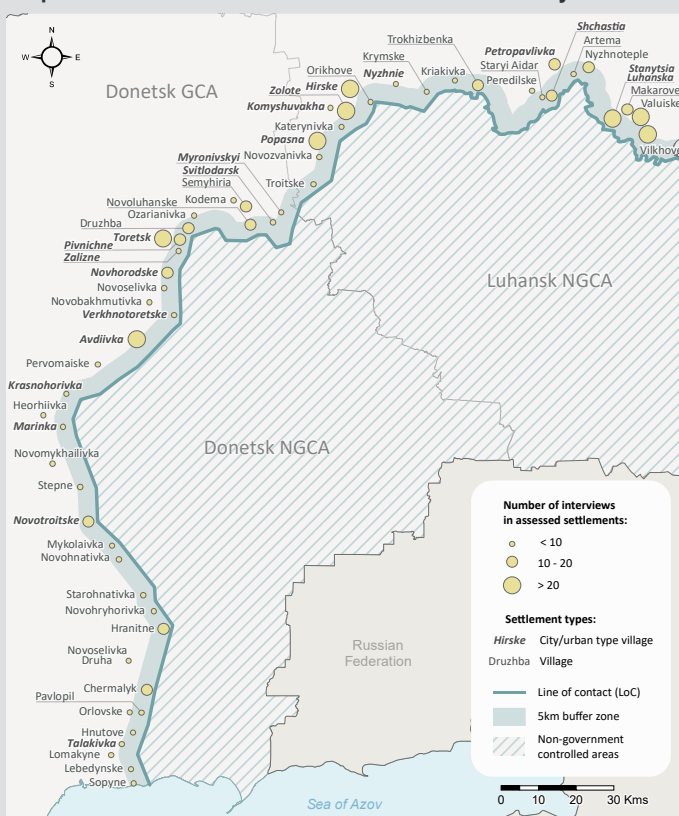
Paired with data from market monitoring conducted by REACH partners through the ACCESS Consortium, the goal of this factsheet is to assist in the programme design of humanitarian actors that are either currently engaged in cash assistance or planning cash assistance interventions.

METHODOLOGY

Data collection for this fact-sheet involved 577 face-to-face household interviews within 5km of the line of contact in GCA in February 2018, sampled to be statistically representative of households in the region. To better understand the varying needs across geographical areas, sampling provided statistical generalisability in both urban and rural areas¹ in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (90% confidence level and a 7% margin of error for each assessed stratum).

Primary data was collected using the KOBO platform, and enumerators were trained in the use of KOBO as well as

Map of settlements assessed in the household survey:

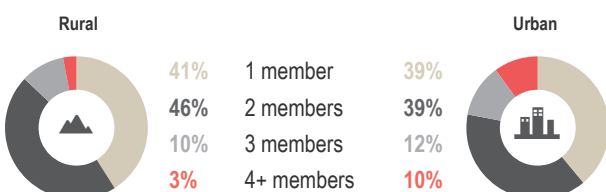


interviewing techniques and issues regarding the protection of vulnerable populations.

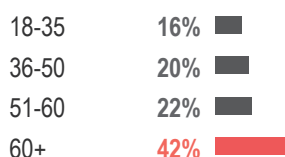
Market monitoring data was collected in February 2018 as part of the third round of the joint monitoring project between the ACCESS consortium (of which REACH is a member), the Norwegian Refugee Council and Save the Children². Although market monitoring was conducted in a wider area of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, only data from settlements within the 5 km area was included in this factsheet, including price data from 43 food shops/markets in 20 settlements.

DEMOGRAPHICS

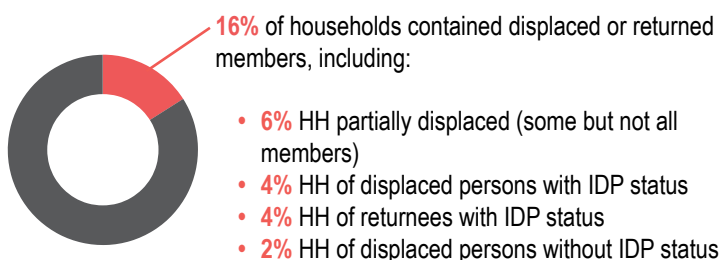
Number of total household members:



Head of household age distribution:



Proportion of households with displaced or returned members:



¹ Settlements in Ukraine are officially classified as "village," "urban-type village," or "city." This assessment classifies villages as rural and urban-type villages/cities as urban.

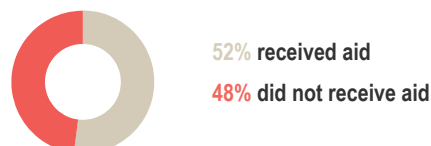
² Joint Market Monitoring. February 2018. [Available Online.](#)

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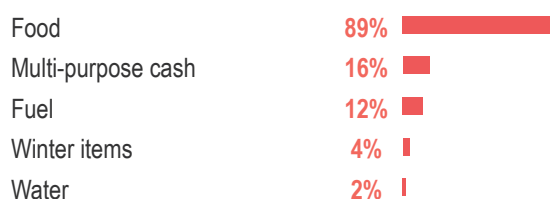
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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Proportion of households that reported receiving humanitarian aid in 2017:



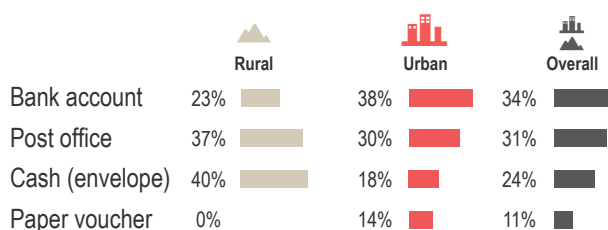
Type of aid received³ (of households that received aid):



Type of donor organisation for multi-purpose cash assistance³ (of households that received cash assistance)



Preferred mode of delivery for cash assistance:



Number of times household received multi-purpose cash:

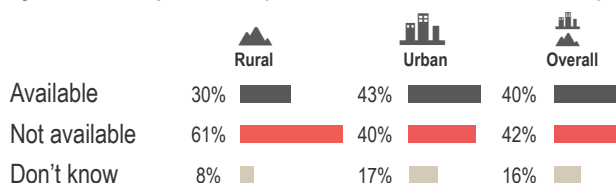


Average amount of cash assistance received (of households that received assistance):

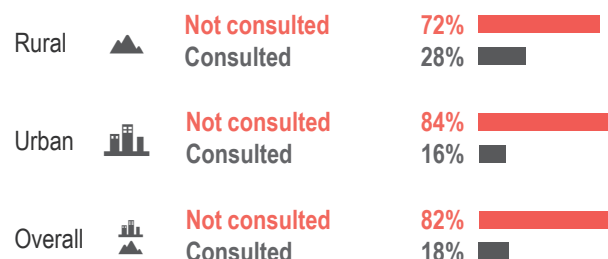


ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

Proportion of households reporting availability of complaint system to aid providers (of households that received aid):

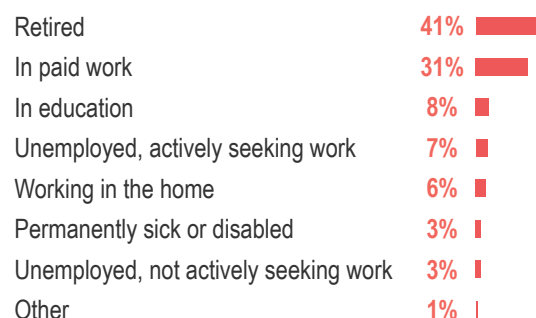


Proportion of households reporting being consulted about needs or preferences prior to aid delivery (of HH that received aid):



EMPLOYMENT

Employment status of all members of assessed households:



Reported reasons for household member unemployment³ (of respondents reporting being unemployed):



³ Multiple responses permitted.

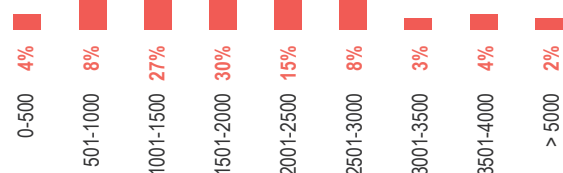
⁴ Currency was converted according to the exchange rate USD 1 = UAH 27.8, the rate of the National Bank of Ukraine as of 1 February, 2018.

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\$ HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Distribution of total monthly HH income per member (UAH):

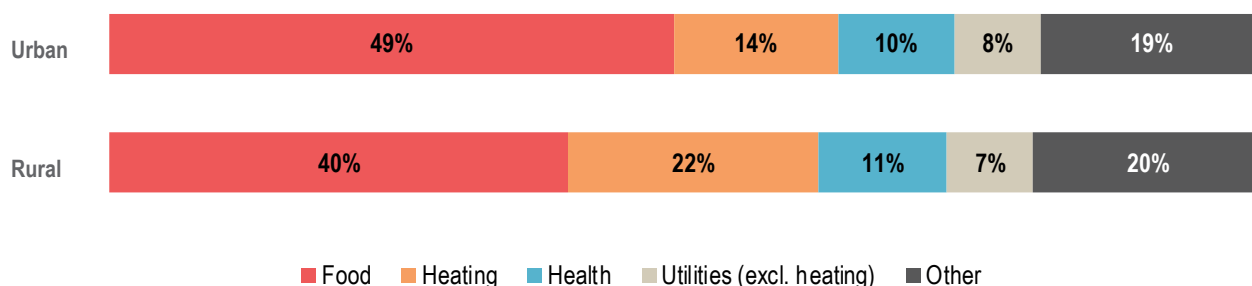


Average monthly household income per household member (total HH income / number of HH members):

	UAH	USD ⁵ (approx.)	
Rural	1,665	60	
Urban	1,917	69	
Donetsk	1,863	67	
Luhansk	1,891	68	
Female HoHH	1,752	63	
Male HoHH	1,989	72	
Overall	1,873	67	

\$ HOUSEHOLD SPENDING

Average proportion of total HH spending by spending category:



Average HH spending per member by spending category:

Proportion of HHs with any spending in the category	Spending category	Avg. spending per HH member	
		(UAH)	(approx. USD ⁵)
100%	Food	1000	36
88%	Utilities (not including heating)	150	5
82%	Heating	333	12
76%	Health (pharmaceuticals, medical treatment)	200	7
75%	Hygiene items	75	3
53%	Travel and transport	100	4
27%	Household items	60	2
26%	Alcohol and tobacco	200	7
23%	Clothes and shoes	300	11
19%	Education	42	2
18%	Debt repayment	250	9
3%	Rent	271	10

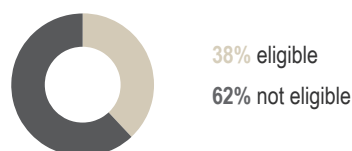
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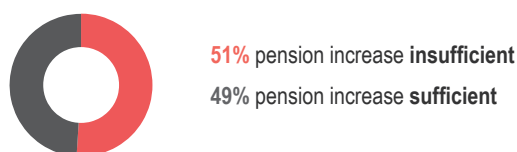
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2017 UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT PENSION REFORM⁶

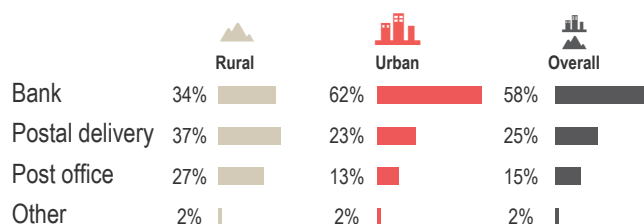
Proportion of all HH members reporting eligibility to receive a government pension:



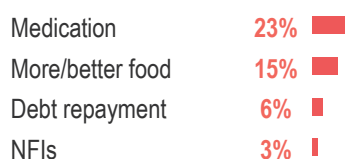
Proportion of HH members reporting that increases in pensions are insufficient to meet rising prices⁷:



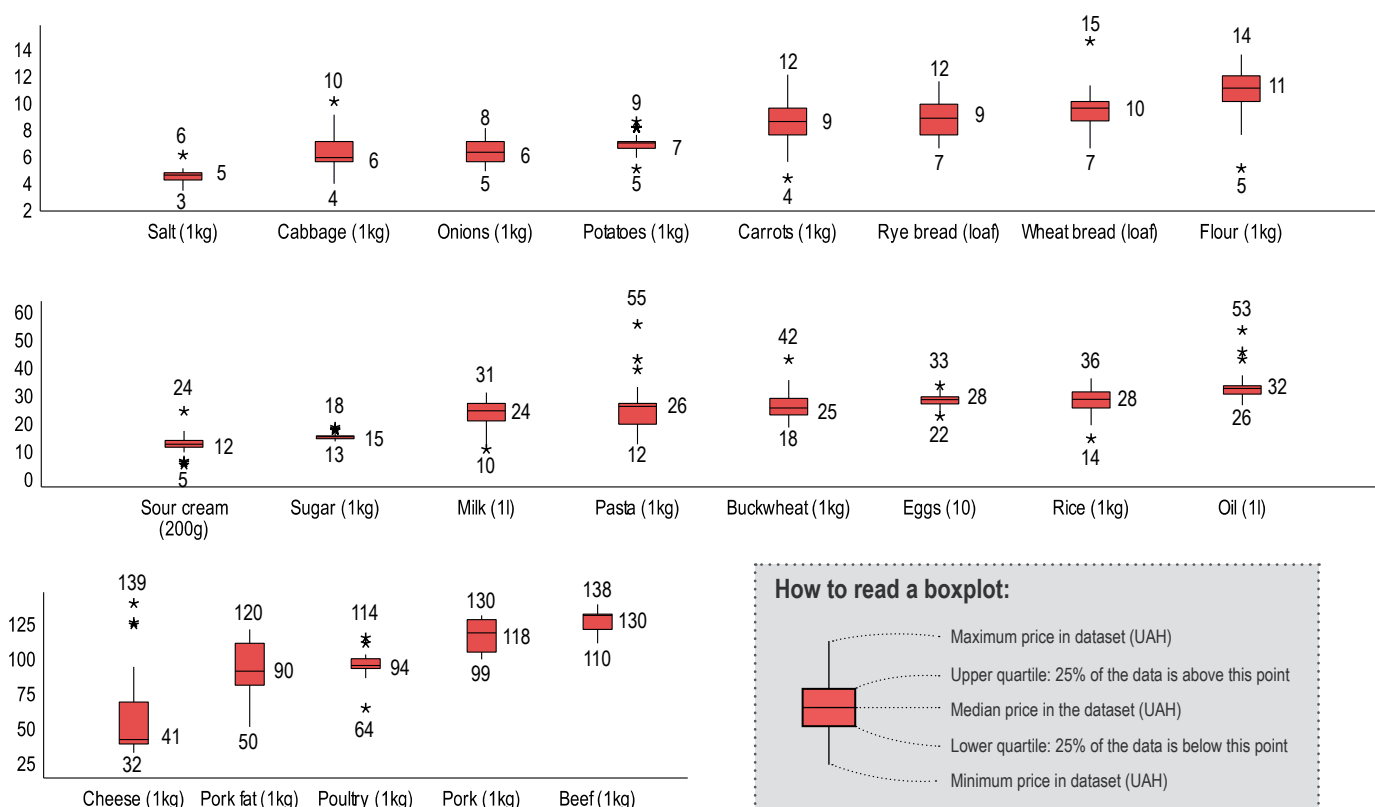
Current mode of delivery for pension payments⁷:



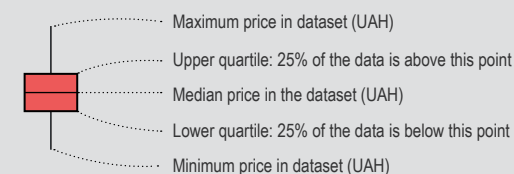
Most frequently reported expenses covered by additional income from pension reform⁷:



MARKET MONITORING



How to read a boxplot:



⁶ In 2017 the Ukrainian government reformed the pension system, increasing monthly payments to address inflation while simultaneously increasing the pension age for certain groups.

⁷ Of households that receive a pension

About REACH

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