


Profile of Elderly Women





Demographic characteristics of elderly women

- 1 in 5 of the total country population is a woman aged 60 and over  **20,6%**
- There are **1.5 women** aged 60 and over to **1 man** of the respective age
- There are **3.1 women** aged 80 and over to **1 man** of the respective age

Source: author's calculations based on NBS population statistics, 2014

Life expectancy

- Women aged **60+** are expected to live on average **19.5 years** more, of which **11.6 years** in good health condition 
- Women aged **70+** are expected to live on average **12.2 years** more, of which **6.3 years** in good health conditions 

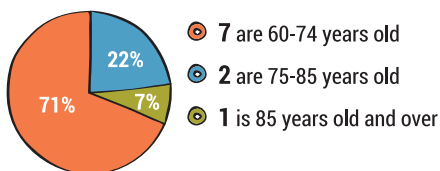
Source: NBS demographic statistics and Centre of Demographic Research, 2014

Assistance requested by elderly women

- 1 in 2 elderly women asks for assistance from a family member (**58%**) 
- 1 in 5 asks neighbours for help (**20%**) 

Source: INCE, UNFPA, HelpAge International, Sociological Survey "Discrimination, abuse and violence against elderly persons", 2015

Out of 10 women aged 60 and over:

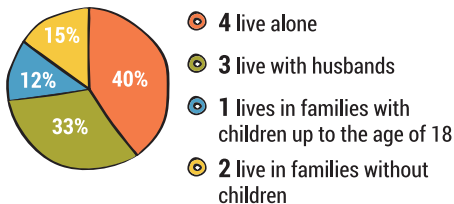


- 6 live in villages (**58%**) and 4 in towns (**42%**)



Households of elderly women

Out of 10 women aged 60 and older



Source: NBS demographic statistics and Centre of Demographic Research, 2014




- In every **2nd** household formed of migrants, families with children and elderly women in their composition, the grandmother is the main caregiver (**47%**)

Source: NBS, Household Budget Survey, 2014




Education level of the elderly women

Out of 10 women aged 60 and over

In towns

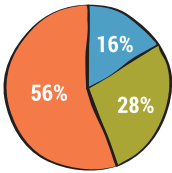
- 2 have higher education (**24%**) 
- 4 have secondary specialized or vocational education (**36%**) 
- 4 have secondary general, gymnasium or primary education (**40%**) 

In villages

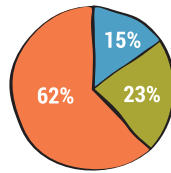
- 2 have higher education, secondary specialized or vocational education (**21%**) 
- 2 have completed the general secondary school (**15%**) 
- 6 finished a gymnasium, primary education or no education (**64%**) 

Access of elderly women to health services

Out of 10 elderly women:

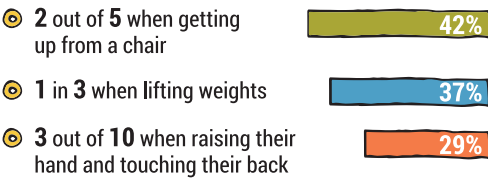


- Over **half** suffer from cardiovascular diseases
- Almost **2** have osteoarticular diseases
- 3** suffer from other diseases



- 2** do not suffer from any chronic diseases
- 2** suffer from a certain chronic disease
- 6** suffer from 2 chronic diseases

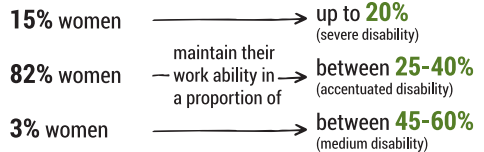
Women aged 65 and over encounter difficulties in their daily activities:



- 2** out of **5** when getting up from a chair
- 1** in **3** when lifting weights
- 3** out of **10** when raising their hand and touching their back

There are 680 women with disabilities per 10 thousand elderly women

Out of the elderly women with disabilities:



Source: NBS based on the data of the National Social Insurance House, 2014

Elderly women's visits to the doctor

- 6** out of **10** elderly women make visits to the doctor



Elderly women from **towns** make on average **4.5** visits to the family doctor on annual basis, and those from **villages** - **2.8** visits

- 1** in **2** elderly women from villages (**50%**) and **1** in **3** elderly women from towns (**32%**) gave up the visit to the doctor



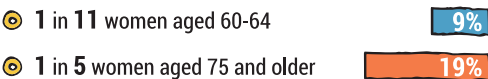
Gave up doctor's consultation because of insufficiency of financial means

- 1** in **4** elderly women from rural areas (**25%**)
- 1** in **9** elderly women from urban areas (**11%**)

Source: NBS, Survey on population access to health services, 2012

Poverty of elderly women

Are affected by the poverty (*absolute poverty rate*):



- 1** in **11** women aged 60-64
- 1** in **5** women aged 75 and older

- Rural elderly women are exposed to a **double risk of poverty** as compared to urban elderly women



Source: NBS, Household Budget Survey, 2014

Employment of elderly women

Are employed:

- 1** in **9** women aged 65 and over from villages (**11%**)

- 1** in **23** women aged 65 and over from towns (**4,4%**)

Out of 10 employed women aged 65 and over:

In villages

- 7** work on their own account (**74%**)
- 3** have other employment status (**26%**)



In towns

- about **9** are employees (**86%**)
- 1** works on her own account (**14%**)



Source: NBS, Labour Force Survey, 2014