

HelpAge USA: Presentation to World Bank CCC

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About Us

HelpAge USA advances the dignity and potential of older people around the world.

We work in the U.S. and with our HelpAge Global Network partners, a unique alliance of organizations in 90 countries focused on older people in LMICs.

Implications of an Aging World



26 MILLION

Older people are affected by
humanitarian crises each year

**Older people are especially at-risk
in disasters**

**Yet <1% of humanitarian aid is targeted to
older people**

Older People Disproportionately Impacted in Ukraine

One out of four people in Ukraine are 60+

Dire situation for older people

Many unwilling or unable to evacuate

Separated from families and support structure

Face obstacles in accessing food, water, cash, medicine

Victims of shootings, beatings, rape, and looting

Serious risk for older people at nursing homes and psychiatric institutions

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I constantly hear explosions, and I don't know if they will reach me.

Of those in humanitarian need,

32%

are ages 60+

13%

have disabilities

*UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

HelpAge Uniquely Positioned to Respond



Supporting older people in Ukraine and refugees in Moldova and Poland

Food, hygiene kits, cash, and winterization aid

Psychosocial support and community safe spaces

Home-based care

Capacity strengthening of local NGOs

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We keep in touch with older people, we regularly call them on the phone. Many of them are crying and praying. They say: “Why is it happening with us? What have we done to deserve this?” (HelpAge Project Assistant)

In the US, Empowering Older People to Promote COVID-19 Vaccination



GRANDPARENTS
AGAINST COVID-19



Tonoah Hampton, Program Facilitator, with a new member



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