

Key informants interviewed



88% Women a **Women and**

CONTEXT

On 27 September 2020 clashes broke out in Nagorno-Karabakh, a region with a population of 150,932 people². The intensification of conflict has led to large scale displacement of up to 90,000 people from the region¹. Many have fled to Armenia and are living in collective centres (kindergardens), being hosted by locals, i.e. nondisplaced households, or renting.

The displacement situation is further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the approach of winter. Thousands of spontaneous arrivals are likely in need of immediate assistance but information gaps hamper the humanitarian response. To help fill those gaps, REACH in partnership with People In Need (PIN) conducted a rapid needs assessment in the marz of Ararat, aiming to provide key information on the demographics, intentions, and priority needs of spontaneous arrivals. This is the second assessment and the fifth marz to be assessed.

METHODOLOGY

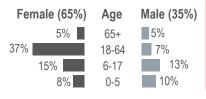
Between the 28th October and 30th October, 60 households and 8 key informants (Kls) were purposively sampled for interviews in Ararat using tablet devices, providing an indicative situation overview of the conditions of spontaneous arrivals. Households were approached by PIN during the distribution of WASH and hygiene kits, and willing participants were invited to respond to the survey. KIs reported on 8 collective centres. For some indicators, data has been disaggregated by those in collective centres and those that were hosted/renting. Results should be considered indicative only.

Map 1: Location of Ararat and other assessed marzes in Armenia Assessed Marz Marze boundary Previously Assessed Marz // Nagorno-Karabakh Region

DEMOGRAPHICS

Kashatagh

Gender and age of assessed household (HH) members:



10% elderly

88% women and children

46% children (<18)

Origin of assessed households3:

% of heads of HH reporting the following vulnerability:

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|-------------|-----|------|-----|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Stepanakert | 38% | | 38% | | 10% | Family with 3 or more children |
| Hadrut | 30% | | 0% | | 13% | Chronically ill person(s) |
| Martakert | 9% | | 31% | | 10 / 0 | Officially in person(s) |
| Martuni | 9% | | 0% | | 8% | Elderly |
| Askeran | 6% | | 23% | | 7% | Persons with disability |
| Shushi | 4% | 1 | 8% | | | |
| Kashatagh | 4% | 1 | 0% | | | |



PRIORITY NEEDS

▶ 87% of HHs were able to specify priority needs, reported as:

| | 1st priority | | 2 nd priority | | 3 rd priority | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Item | Hosted | Collect. Centres | Hosted | Collect. Centres | Hosted | Collect. Centres |
| Baby Items | 10% | 0% | 5% | 13% | 3% | 0% |
| Cash/ Cash for Rent | 11% | 8% | 6% | 25% | 3% | 0% |
| Clothes | 18% | 8% | 22% | 13% | 19% | 43% |
| Food | 28% | 8% | 27% | 13% | 16% | 14% |
| Hygiene/Menstrual Products | 3% | 25% | 16% | 13% | 30% | 43% |
| Medicines | 10% | 8% | 8% | 0% | 13% | 0% |
| Phone or Internet | 0% | 17% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Shelter | 15% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 0% |
| Sleeping Materials | 8% | 17% | 16% | 25% | 6% | 0% |



MOVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS

Length of stay in current accommodation:



Intention to stay in current accommodation:



- 1. Nearly 90,000 people displaced, lost homes and property in Nagorno Karabakh (Armenpress, 24 October 2020)
- 2. 2015 Census Statistical Service of Nagorno-Karabakh
- Some indicators were disaggregrated if there were significant differences between the two strata. 'Hosted' includes those renting
 Respondents could provide multiple answers to the stated question

Hygiene NFI needs4: Washing Powder (Clothes) 65%





Baby Items 2% No Assistance 10%

No needs 25%

Rapid Needs Assessment: Ararat ARMENIA

SITE INFO

Site Typologies:

Hosted/rented house, Kindergardens

Regions of Origin:

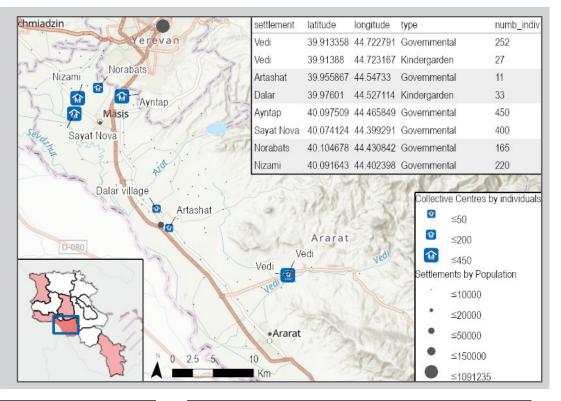
Stepanakert, Hadrut, Martakert, Martuni, Askeran, Shushi, Kashatagh

Registration:

95% of HHs in sites reported being registered with local authorities

Vulnerable Groups present:

Families with 3 or more children, elderly (65+), persons with disabilities and persons with chronic illnesses.



SERVICE ACCESS

% of HHs reporting problems accessing humanitarian assistance:

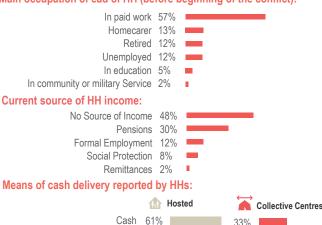
| | ∰ H | osted | | Collective Centres |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|
| No problems | 68% | | 92% | |
| Did not know where to access it | 15% | | 8% | |
| There was not enough | 17% | | 0% | |

Available services reported by HHs in current accommodation4:

| | ∰ F | losted | Collective Centres | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| Mains electricity | 96% | | 100% | | |
| Centralised piped water supply | 85% | | 100% | | |
| Gas | 85% | | 54% | | |
| Heating | 77% | | 46% | | |
| Internet | 45% | | 31% | | |

LIVELIHOODS

Main occupation of ead of HH (before beginning of the conflict):



0%

Bank Card (withdrawals within Armenia) 22% Bank Card (no withdrawals within Armenia) 13%

SITE COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT



Site Community Representative

All site KIs (8/8) reported the presence of a community representative from the displaced population



Feedback or Complaint Mechanism

All site KIs (8/8) reported that feedback or complaint mechanisms were available



Access to services in host community

All site KIs (8/8) reported that the site population had access to basic services within the host community



Access to Information

Two of the 8 KIs reported that the main information need was on how to replace missing documents. The remaining KIs did not report any information needs



Major shelter concerns

4 of the 8 KIs reported lack of heating fuel as the major concern, whilst 2 KIs indicated lacking sources of light and 1 reported lacking sufficient space for the entire displaced population



Concern around COVID-19

COVID-19 was reported as a topic of concern for the displaced population by 4 of the 8 KIs



COVID-19 mitigation measures in place at sites

Distribution of face masks (4 of the 8 KIs), communication material and hand sanitizer (2 of the 8 KIs each), physical distancing guidelines (3 of the 8 KIs) and social distancing enforced between households (2 of 8 KIs) were reported as current mitigation measures put in place by local authorities to protect from the spread of COVID-19