Profile of Women from Rural Areas

Demographic characteristics of women from rural areas

◉ Average age is 39 years old
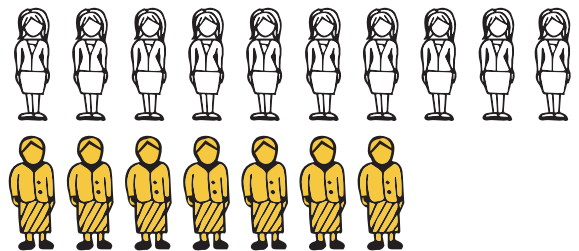
◉ Average life expectancy is 74 years old

◉ **2** out of **10** women are aged 60 and over

◉ There are **70** elderly women to **100** women of working age (16-59 years old)

Source: NBS, population statistics, 2014

## Education level of women from rural areas

Less than **half** of women aged 15 and over have higher, secondary specialized or secondary vocational education **(46,4%)**

Source: NBS, Labour Force Survey, 2014

Access of women from rural areas to health services

◉ About **1/5** of rural women assess their health condition as bad or very bad

19,2%

◉ Over **1/3** of rural women refused visiting the family doctor

34,4%
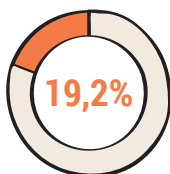
◉ They suffer almost **2 times** more often than women in urban areas from chronic diseases, which need continuous treatment, as well as osteoarticular disorders, nervous system diseases, tumours
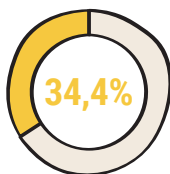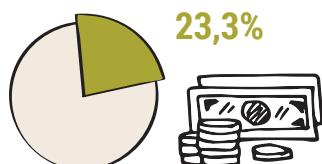
◉ On average, they make **3.4** visits to the doctor on annual basis

Among the reasons for giving up doctor's consultations were

23,3%

Insufficiency of financial means – for **1** in **4** women

10,4%

Lack of health insurance policy - for **1** in **10** women
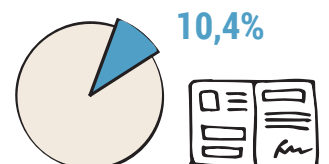
Source: NBS, Household Budget Survey (2014) and Module on Health Protection (2012)

Poverty among women from rural areas

The most affected by poverty in rural areas are
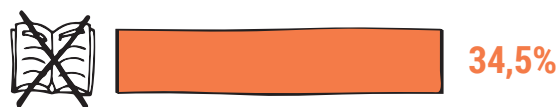
Elderly women (aged 65 and over)
19,4%

Women of fertile age (aged 25-44)
16,5%

Women whose main source of income is pension
41%

Women without primary education
34,5%

Women with primary and gymnasium education
21,1%

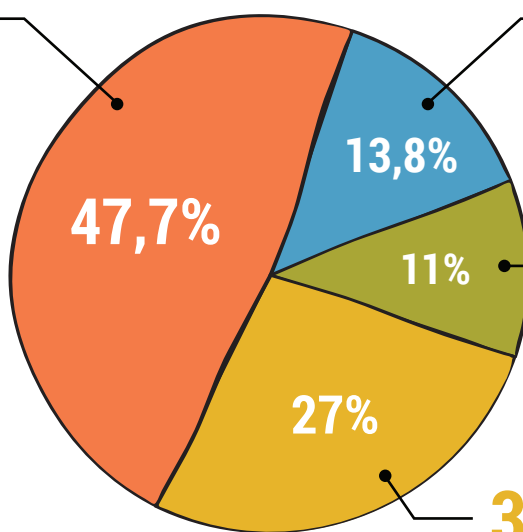### Women as own-account workers in agriculture sector
16,9%

Source: NBS, Household Budget Survey, 2014

Employment of women from rural areas

Out of **10** employed women:

5 work in agriculture

1 works in trade and services

1 works in industry and other activities

3 work in public administration, education, health, etc.

47,7%
13,8%
11%
27%

Out of **10** employed women

6 work as employees for a remuneration

4 work on their own account or as unpaid family workers

Source: NBS, Labour Force Survey, 2014

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