**Albanian Institutions Response to the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on the older persons and the right to adequate housing.**

Law no. 22/2018, "On social housing", and all its bylaws provide access to housing and priority treatment for the elderly people. Specifically, Article 16 of this law stipulates that based on the family conditions, the elderly who have reached the retirement age and are not selected to be housed in public social care institutions are treated with priority. Also, the investment program for the improvement of the housing conditions pays a special attention to the elderly persons without support, treating them as a priority category.

For the year 2021, the number of beneficiaries of the category "elderly persons from housing programs” in total is 158, or 8.3%, detailed below:

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| Program | Number of beneficiary families | Number of families with elderly beneficiaries | In % |
| Free market rent subsidy | 1,475 | 83 | 6 % |
| Investment projects to improve housing conditions | 435 | 75 | 17.3% |
| TOTAL | 1,910 | 158 | 8.3 % |