

UNFPA Regional Response to Ukraine Emergency

Situation Report #17



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37,000

Reached with GBV information, referral and services



6,600

People reached with mental health and psychosocial support



131

Mobile units and teams in activity



UNFPA is deploying mobile teams providing psychological support to Ukrainians
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Highlights

- Almost **6,600 people** were reached with counselling, specialised mental health sessions and psychological support in February
 - UNFPA delivered **20 new ambulances** with state-of-the-art medical equipment to the healthcare system of the Republic of **Moldova**.
- Services at **49 UNFPA safe spaces and women-friendly spaces** continue for Ukrainians still living in their communities, for those who are displaced to other communities, and for those who have left Ukraine for Moldova.

• Across the region, including in Ukraine, UNFPA distributed over **3,000 dignity kits** in February to women and girls ensuring access to menstrual and hygiene items as well as warm clothing.



**17.6
million**

People in need
in Ukraine



**5.3
million**

Internally displaced
people in Ukraine



**8.1
million**

Refugees in
European countries

Situation Overview/Humanitarian Needs

- Ukraine has seen an escalation in attacks across the country in February, damaging power infrastructure, significantly reducing access to heat and water, limiting the movement of civilians, and affecting the ability of Ukrainians to seek critical services.
- The increase in hostilities challenges the ability of organizations to assist those who are most vulnerable and in need of GBV support, SRH care and mental health and psychosocial assistance.
- As of [February 2023](#), an estimated **8.1 million** Ukrainians had fled to other parts of Europe. An additional **5.3 million** Ukrainians are [recorded](#) as internally displaced. Within Ukraine, an estimated **14.6 million** people require health assistance and an estimated **3.6 million** people are in need of GBV prevention and response services.
- Despite the adversity, UNFPA continues to work with partners to scale up the delivery of essential services for women and girls in most regions of Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to address the evolving humanitarian situation.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Ukraine*

- In **Ukraine**, 45 facilities, including facilities for GBV survivors, survivor relief centres, career hubs, and "Vilna" women-friendly spaces, a national hotline and more than **100 mobile psychosocial support teams** provide assistance to GBV survivors and women and girls at risk of violence, and linkage to SRH services across Ukraine.
- In February 2023, almost **6,600** people were reached with SRH information, referral and service.
- During the reporting period, over **5,130** mental health and psychological consultations were supported through the mobile teams and via the hotline run by UNFPA and partners. In addition, **1,690 women** sought help at survivor relief centres and over **520** young people have received counselling via the "No trivia" chatbot.
- **6,290** women and girls accessed SRH services from **23 mobile clinics/ maternity units** and **184** people were trained to enhance SRH services.
- **1 additional SRH mobile team** started operation in Sumy oblast, out of the Regional Clinical Prenatal Centre, with plans to cover the entire territory of the Sumy region, as well as the areas affected by the occupation. In total, 22 UNFPA-supported SRH mobile teams are now operating across Ukraine.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Neighbouring Countries*

Moldova

- In February 2023, UNFPA partners reached over **1,600 new individuals in 29 regions all over Moldova** through **20 Static Safe Spaces and 8 Mobile Safe Spaces**, including women, youth and older persons.
- UNFPA delivered **20 new ambulances** with state-of-the-art medical equipment to the healthcare system of the Republic of **Moldova**. The ambulances will serve more than **50,000 patients in 13 districts** and ensure access to quality services for patients in critical conditions, especially in hard-to-reach areas and regions bordering Ukraine.
- During the reporting period, **2,600 dignity kits** were distributed by UNFPA partners, including over **640** customised dignity kits for the winter season, as well as **250** dignity kits for men and boys. The dissemination of the dignity kits serves as an entry point to share information on GBV including the types of GBV and SRH rights, and information on the available support services for survivors of GBV and groups at risk.

Belarus

- In February 2023, UNFPA in **Belarus**, with the support of more than 60 volunteers, provided psychosocial counselling and services to more than 220 Ukrainian refugees in 2 Orange Safe Spaces with a focus on women, older people and people with disabilities. To date, more than 2,800 refugees have received services.
- To ensure psychological support for response workers, UNFPA mental health consultants provided counselling to the safe space volunteers. 47 Belarus Red Cross volunteers and staff members were trained to provide survivor-centred GBV services.
- The Inter-Agency Refugee Taskforce of which UNFPA is a member has integrated the Contingency Plan for GBV prevention and response into the UN Preparedness Action to be prepared for a possible increased influx of refugees and migrants.

Romania

- In February 2023, within the framework of a UNFPA project, the East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EEIRH) and local partners **in Romania provided** services to over **1,780** women and girls through Women and Girls Safe Spaces in **4 cities**. The support included individual psychological counselling, psychotherapy, group psychological support, social support, gynaecological consultations, referral, distribution of dignity kits, information on PSEA, and more.
- **2 training sessions** on SRH and GBV were organised and conducted in the Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) sites

** More information is available in the country snapshots below.*

Ukraine Country Snapshot #18

Moldova Country Snapshot #11

COORDINATION

- **In Ukraine**, the GBV sub-cluster conducted a training session on the 2023 activities/indicators and the reporting system for **69 GBV partners** in English and Ukrainian languages
- There are currently **19 regional Working Groups** on Coordination of Humanitarian Response to GBV activated in Ukraine.
- The SRH technical working group in Ukraine has developed and shared with partners a concept note for the operations of service delivery points where the provision of clinical management of rape (CMR) will be available. 28 registered members of the CMR sub-working group continue to meet to standardise their approach and strategy for survivor-centred clinical services.
- During this period, the GBV SWG conducted a training session in **Moldova** on Mainstreaming GBV Risk Mitigation Measures into Other Sectors targeting the Health, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sector and the Accommodation sector. The training was attended by **25 participants** and a follow-up session is planned in March to develop GBV mainstreaming tools.

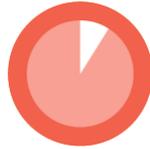
FUTURE PLANS

- **In Poland**, Feminoteka, a local partner of the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR), is refurbishing a crisis centre where refugees from Ukraine, alongside local women and girls, who have experienced or are at risk of, sexual and interpersonal violence can get psychosocial support, medical care, referrals and other services.
- Renovation work is in the final stages at a confidential safe house through Feminoteka, increasing the number of apartments available to GBV survivors and their families, with a goal of having 6 private apartments, hosting 6-12 individuals.
- UNFPA has initiated an assessment of secondary-level perinatal centres **in Moldova** to determine the needs and to continue modernising and upgrading their delivery rooms, operating theatres, and intensive care units. The assessment is being carried out in five locations, including Soroca, Hincesti, Ungheni, Orhei and Causeni perinatal centres.
- An assessment is also underway to establish a full range of services that can ensure a timely and survivor-centred response to the survivors of sexual violence. As part of this effort, UNFPA plans to fully equip the gynaecological offices of 42 emergency units countrywide with adjustable gynaecological chairs, medical furniture and forensic supplies to promote holistic services for survivors of violence.

UNFPA Funding Requirement for 2023



\$99 M required



36.5% funded

- UNFPA released its [2023 regional appeal](#) for Ukraine, Moldova and other neighbouring countries seeking a total of \$99 million in funding to provide life-saving SRH and GBV interventions and supplies.
- The OCHA-led 2023 [Humanitarian Needs Overview](#) and [Humanitarian Response Plan for Ukraine](#) and UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency)-led [2023 Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), which includes UNFPA funding requirements, were officially released in early 2023.
- As of 28 February, the UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine was 36.5 per cent funded, which includes funds committed for ongoing projects started in 2022.

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY

- One year on from Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, UNFPA, issued a [press release](#) to warn of the war's continuing devastating impacts on women and girls.
- A heartfelt [video](#) narrated by a TV host and UNFPA Honorary Ambassador in Ukraine was published on 23 February.
- UNFPA and Starlight Doc, with the support of Denmark and the Republic of Korea, presented a documentary film dedicated to Ukrainian mothers who give birth to children during the war. "Lust for life" is the real-life story of three Ukrainian mothers. Watch the [trailer](#).
- UNFPA in Moldova published a powerful [photo essay](#) looking back at the impact of the war on women and girls. A short [video](#) was also produced with the support of the Population, Refugees, and Migration Bureau, covering the delivery of 20 additional ambulances.

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