

UNFPA Regional Response to Ukraine Emergency

Situation Report #14



12 December 2022



118 tons
SRH supplies
delivered



39,700
Dignity kits
/essential packs
delivered



112
Mobile clinics
offering SRH/
psychosocial
services

Highlights

- Ukraine saw this season's first snow in November, just days after new attacks on energy infrastructure caused widespread blackouts and disruption of heating and water supplies. UNFPA is working with partners to **scale-up the delivery of essential services for women and girls** in most regions of Ukraine and in neighboring countries as the humanitarian situation may further deteriorate as winter is setting in.
- More than **5,300 people** have received information, referral and psychosocial support in four survivor relief centers since they were established across Ukraine in July 2022.
- A new crisis room for GBV survivors opened in Chernihiv. A total of **27 facilities, a national hotline and more than 100 mobile psychosocial support teams** provide support to GBV survivors and people at risk in remote areas.
- A **mobile maternity unit** operating in Kharkiv started providing life-saving obstetrical services in late November, adding to the existing 11 SRH mobile units.
- Nine **inclusive medical examination rooms** opened across Ukraine providing women living with disabilities access to reproductive health services.
- **2.4 tons of SRH supplies** were delivered to two maternity hospitals in Kherson during the week after the area returned under the control of the Government of Ukraine, bringing the total supplies delivered to 118 tons, covering a population of 7.05 million people.
- In **Moldova**, UNFPA and partners run 19 static safe spaces and 4 mobile safe spaces, support the upgrade of 7 perinatal centers and 2 specialized hospitals, and continue to distribute dignity kits to women and girls most in need.



UNFPA supports women-led organizations in refugee-hosting countries to provide services for GBV survivors, including those with reproductive health needs. This month-old baby is accommodated in a UNFPA-supported shelter along with her Ukrainian family, who receive psychosocial, health, and livelihood support. (UNFPA/Garde 2022)

Situation Overview/Humanitarian Needs

- The ongoing war in Ukraine [continues](#) to take a toll on the lives of an estimated 14.5 million people in need of health assistance and an estimated 11.5 million people requiring protection assistance and services inside Ukraine. The estimated [number](#) of internally displaced people is 6.54 million, and more than 7.8 million refugees are [recorded](#) in European countries. There is a need for psychosocial support for the affected population, including those in areas where the Government of Ukraine regained control, who witnessed or experienced numerous human rights violations and ongoing hostilities.
- As of 1 December, [WHO](#) had verified **721 attacks on health facilities**; access to health care remains extremely challenging due to severe service disruptions, security concerns, restricted mobility, broken supply chains and mass displacement.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Ukraine*

- 27 facilities, including shelters, crisis rooms, counselling centres, a national hotline and **more than 100 mobile psychosocial support teams** provide assistance to gender-based violence (GBV) survivors and women and girls at risk of violence and linkage to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services across Ukraine.
- Since the start of the war, around **10,000 people have received psychosocial help from the mobile teams** run by UNFPA and their partners, around **43,000 people received information on GBV risk mitigation** (around 86 per cent women) and over 27,000 people (around 78 per cent women) received online consultations via the national hotline.
- Almost 3,500 internally displaced women have visited the 5 Women Career Hubs in Ukraine to receive career advice and psychological support. The [online platform](#) continues to offer crucial assistance.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in neighboring countries*

- In **Moldova**, UNFPA has established a total of 22 Safe Spaces - 18 static and 4 mobile - reaching over 2,000 women, youth and older persons across the country. These offer an essential package of psychosocial support, information and referral services related to GBV and SRH, resilience building and integration into the community.
- Seven perinatal centers and two specialized hospitals were upgraded in Moldova with lifesaving equipment for women and newborns. UNFPA also delivered inter-agency reproductive health kits, ambulances, and post-rape treatment kits to 41 hospitals, youth friendly health clinics and emergency units.
- UNFPA joined Interagency efforts of WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR to provide cash assistance to pregnant and lactating women from most vulnerable Moldovan families.
- In **Belarus**, UNFPA, through the support of 69 volunteers, provided psychosocial counseling and services to Ukrainian refugees in two Orange Safe Spaces with focus on women, older people and people with disabilities. To date more than 2,300 women have received services.
- Hygiene kits were distributed to women of reproductive age, including hats and gloves in readiness for winter, through the Orange Safe Spaces.
- Ukrainian families have been accommodated in the Crisis Center in Brest, opened earlier this year with UNFPA support, and have been receiving psychosocial counseling and referral support to reproductive health.
- In **Romania**, UNFPA partners have reached 400 women and adolescents girls with dignity kits and tailored information on available SRHR and GBV services. Support was provided to facilitate access of women to gynecological services, with Ukrainian language support.
- UNFPA and the East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EEIRH) assessed SRH and GBV services for refugees in Romania and coordinated with the Ministry of Health the establishment of five national working groups, including on public health policies on SRH and family planning, guidelines and protocols, medical structures and staffing, access to contraceptive products and the logistical information system, and information, education and communication activities.
- EEIRH and the National Agency for Equal Opportunities have launched a series of workshops across Romania to build the capacities of Hungarian and Romanian NGOs to respond to the needs of SRH and GBV in humanitarian settings.

- In **Poland, Romania and Slovakia**, over 40 interviews were conducted by the Center for Reproductive Health (CRR) with key stakeholders on the SRHR and GBV support needs of refugees fleeing Ukraine. Analysis points to a number of preliminary findings including: the influence that legal and policy frameworks have on access to SRH and rights for refugees; need for investment in healthcare systems; importance of sustainable financial support; the need to ensure the availability of Ukrainian interpreters and improve translated materials to improve the quality of services.

* More information is available in the country snapshots below.

Ukraine Country Snapshot #15

Ukraine Country Snapshot #14

Moldova Country Snapshot #8

UNFPA Funding Requirement (2022)



\$75.6 M required



74.5% funded

- UNFPA's funding requirement is US\$75.6 million for life-saving SRH and GBV interventions in Ukraine, Moldova and neighboring countries.
- The OCHA-led 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Ukraine and UNHCR-led 2023 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), which include UNFPA funding requirements, will be released early 2023. The financial needs of UNFPA to respond to the needs of all people affected by the war in Ukraine are already taken into consideration in the 2023 Global Humanitarian Overview, which was released by OCHA on 1 December 2022.
- UNFPA will release its 2023 Humanitarian Action Overview (HAO) on 13th December 2022, with all financial requirements for its emergency worldwide, especially in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and all countries affected by the war in Ukraine.
- UNFPA greatly appreciates the support of partners in responding to the needs in Ukraine and the region



A mobile maternity unit delivers babies and critical health services amid war in Ukraine

"When the war arrived in this area, the women and children tried to escape – from danger, hunger and the lack of medical services," said Dr. Olga Filipova, an obstetrician and gynaecologist in Ukraine.

Dr. Filipova provides medical help for women in remote areas of the war-torn Kharkiv region. The team reaches them through a UNFPA mobile maternity unit currently stationed in the city of Balakliya.

Most health-care facilities and other essential infrastructure in the Kharkiv region have been destroyed. With services now concentrated in a vastly reduced number of health centres, for many the mobile unit is the only way they can receive urgent – and often life-saving – sexual and reproductive health support.

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