

# UNFPA Regional Response to Ukraine Emergency

## Situation Report #19



Reporting period from 1 May to 30 June 2023; Released: 14 July 2023



**73,500**

People reached with GBV information, referral and services



**16,940**

Mental health and psychosocial consultations



**33,500**

People reached with SRH information, referral and services



A worker from a Mobile Team distributing dignity kits to a young girl affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam that caused massive floods.  
UNFPA/Danylo Pavlov

### Highlights

- Across the region, UNFPA and its partners trained over **1,000** people to enhance sexual and reproductive health services while over **350** people were trained to enhance gender-based violence services.
- UNFPA and its partners distributed over **5,870** dignity kits as a first entry-point for further services and assistance.
- UNFPA continues to support **29** “Vilna” Women-Friendly Spaces across Ukraine, **28** Safe Spaces across Moldova, including **eight** Mobile Safe Spaces, and **four** Safe Spaces in Romania to conduct outreach activities targeting the refugees and host communities. UNFPA supports Safe Spaces dedicated to women, youth and older persons.



**17.6 million**

People in need in Ukraine



**5.1 million**

Internally displaced people in Ukraine



**5.9 million**

Refugees in European countries

## Situation Overview/Humanitarian Needs

- As of June 2023, an estimated **6.3 million** people have been [forced to flee](#) Ukraine. An additional **5.1 million** are [internally displaced](#).
- Inside [Ukraine](#), an estimated **14.6 million** people need health assistance. **14.7 million** people require protection assistance and services; out of which, **3.6 million** people will need gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services. The response aims to assist at least **1 million** women and girls across the country.
- In Ukraine, in the last two months, **6 attacks** on health care have been documented via the [WHO's Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care \(SSA\)](#), bringing the total number of attacks since 24 February 2022 to **1,067**.
- On 6 June 2023, the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam caused massive floods, leaving behind an unconfirmed number of civilians killed and injured, forcibly displacing thousands and potentially affecting 100,000 inhabitants directly. This disaster has significantly worsened the already dire humanitarian situation in Kherson and Mykolaiv regions.

## UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Ukraine\*

- In response to the urgent humanitarian needs in flood-affected regions, UNFPA joined several UN Inter-Agency (IA) convoys, deployed immediately to those in need and distributed dignity kits to address the hygiene needs of affected women. The various services already provided in Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa (Survivor Relief Centre, "VILNA" Women-Friendly Space and Mobile Teams) scaled up their activities to respond to the increased urgent needs of women, girls and older persons. UNFPA also deployed additional Mobile Teams to Mykolaiv and Odesa to provide psychosocial support to evacuees.
- In June 2023, UNFPA launched **1** additional "Vilna" Women-Friendly Space in Kyiv, bringing the total to **29**. These spaces provide services such as legal and psychological counselling, medical support, and vocational training.
- Almost **3,900** people sought support from the **11** Survivor Relief Centres established by UNFPA and its partners across the country.
- **98** psychosocial mobile teams are deployed and have provided psychosocial counselling to over **2,500** people on average per month. **One** mobile maternity unit is also operating in the Kharkiv oblast, providing comprehensive emergency obstetric care.
- UNFPA continues to operate **25** Mobile Reproductive Health Units (MRHU) across Ukraine. In June, a new MRHU started operation in Donetsk oblast, based in the Kramatorsk Perinatal Centre. During the reporting period, close to **23,000** consultations were conducted by MRHU.
- With the EU's support, UNFPA has started the implementation of its EU4Recovery project. UNFPA will establish Community Resilience Centers (CRC) in **three** target municipalities of Ukraine: Kam'yanske (Dnipropetrovsk oblast), Kremenchuk (Poltava oblast), and Nizhyn (Chernihiv oblast).
- UNFPA, jointly with the Ministry of Interior and the National Police of Ukraine, continues to operate a mobile application to protect women at risk of domestic or gender-based violence. Since its launch in 2022, the [application](#) was downloaded **37,000** times. This innovative technology allows survivors and those at risk to safely notify the national police of their location and urgent need for help.

## UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Neighbouring Countries\*

Moldova

- UNFPA created a module course titled "Training of Local Administrators on the Use of the Cervical Screening Register". As of June 2023, **340** representatives from Primary Medical Assistance Institutions (PMAs) were trained. UNFPA also supported a capacity-building training for **55** obstetrician-gynecologists and midwives from perinatal centres countrywide in updated management of emergencies. Lastly, UNFPA conducted capacity building workshops on the clinical management of rape in times of crisis for **137** primary healthcare specialists from all regions of Moldova.
- UNFPA has upgraded emergency gynecological offices in **20** medical institutions nationwide by delivering adjustable examination chairs, making them accessible for people with disabilities.
- During the reporting period, over **20,000** women, youth and older refugees attended a session providing information, services and support on GBV and SRH at UNFPA Safe Spaces.
- At least **9,460** participants were recorded in activities implemented by the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces targeting Women. **1,390** participants were recorded in activities implemented by the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces targeting young people while over **2,800** participants were recorded through the five Static Safe Spaces targeting older persons.
- Activities offered by the various Safe Spaces include informational sessions, life skills development programs that include basic knowledge on hygiene, mental health, building relationships, sexuality education, GBV prevention, Romanian language and recreational activities.

#### Poland

- In Poland, Feminoteka, a partner of the Center for Reproductive Right (CRR), opened a Rape Crisis Centre in Warsaw in May. The centre aims to serve as a one-stop point, offering medical, forensic, psychological, and legal assistance to survivors. Recognizing the importance of inclusivity, the centre has ensured accessibility by providing special bathrooms, braille signage, and audio equipment for people with disabilities. Furthermore, they plan to acquire a crane to make the medical chair accessible, further promoting inclusiveness for all survivors.
- At the end of June, a total of **83** calls were answered by the helpline set up by UNFPA partner and at least **350** refugees received services or referrals. Their helpline serves as the primary contact point for clients, offering legal advice, online therapy consultations, workshops, and group therapy sessions. To cater to the needs of refugee women, a dedicated helpline in Russian and Ukrainian has been set up, with psychologists and social assistants fluent in those languages.
- Additionally, during the reporting period, Feminoteka has provided emergency accommodation to **six** women and **three** children. They have also supported **three** women and **five** children with longer-term accommodation.

#### Romania

- Within the framework of the assistance provided to the National Agency for Equality of Opportunities between Women and Men (ANES), **three two-day** training courses on Clinical management of rape survivors were organized for the Centers for Intervention for Rape Survivors set up by ANES in Bacau, Craiova and Targu-Mure. A total of **76** professionals were trained, including health care providers of services to rape survivors from the Hospital Emergency Units, gynecological ambulatory, forensic services, mental health and psychosocial support services.

- UNFPA jointly with UNHCR, WHO and UNICEF, co-facilitated a training session for frontline professionals on the Clinical Management of Rape and Intimate Partner Violence (CMRIPV), including GBV and referral pathways. **27** participants from social and health institutions participated in this training.

#### Belarus

- During the reporting period, over **219** persons in the Brest oblast, **241** persons in the Gomel oblast (women, older people and persons with disabilities) and **45** older women in Vitebsk oblast benefited from tailored psychosocial counselling.
- At least **159** women, over **69** older people and **18** persons with disabilities were referred to adequate services and support, particularly for medical care, employment, temporary shelter, food and hygienic goods.
- **500** hygienic kits and **200** underwear sets were distributed in 3 Orange Safe Spaces supported by UNFPA.
- A Crisis Centre operated by the Red Cross in Brest City and Vitebsk City and supported by UNFPA provided accommodation, specialists' support and counselling for **15** Ukrainian women in Brest and **7** Ukrainian women in Vitebsk.
- The list of services provided in Orange Safe Spaces and Crisis Centres supported by UNFPA was expanded to include physical activity and art therapy classes for supporting mental health of those in need and prevention of dementia among older people from Ukraine, reaching **107** people during the reporting period.

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

Ukraine Country Snapshot #22

Moldova Country Snapshot #15

## COORDINATION

#### Ukraine

- In June, the gender-based violence Sub-Cluster and UNFPA implementing partner East European Institute for Reproductive Health collaborated to initiate a series of trainings, which focused on key areas such as Psychological First Aid for GBV Survivors, Effective Referrals, and Trauma-Informed Care of GBV Survivors. Over **170** participants from 114 organisations actively took part in these trainings, enhancing their knowledge and understanding of the minimum standards for GBV.
- With the support of the GBV Sub-Cluster, GBV Global Area of Responsibility (AoR), and Norwegian Church Aid, a 4-day trauma mindfulness training was provided to **20** frontline workers involved in GBV services. The training, held in Lviv, focused on equipping first responders with skills to enhance their emotional resources and overall well-being.

#### Poland

- UNFPA raised awareness of Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) principles and UNFPA's planned training support among stakeholders during the health and protection coordination, including the CMR task force. The CMR training is tentatively scheduled for October, and selected participants will participate in the regional Training of Trainers (ToT) CMR training.
- UNFPA intervened during Poland Health Sector coordination meetings on the integration of SRH in the MHPSS work and sensitization of individual language translators on gender and sexual health.

- Through the Refugee Health Extension (RHE), UNFPA is monitoring the SRH and Reproductive Right situation in Poland for refugees through bilateral meetings, field visits and review of existing partners' assessment to determine activities, needs and challenges of humanitarian actors on the field of SRH for women, young people and key populations.

#### Moldova

- The GBV Sub Working Group (SWG) continues to run a joint campaign with UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF and UN Women to promote the available support services to survivors of GBV and groups at risk of GBV featured on the front page of this Snapshot.
- During this period, the GBV SWG conducted a training session on Mainstreaming GBV Risk Mitigation Measures into programs, reaching **19** participants representing the Alliance of Active NGOs in the field of Child and Family Social Protection (APSCF).

#### Belarus

- As a part of the Inter-Agency Refugee taskforce, UNFPA took the lead in cooperating with the International Red Cross Committee for addressing specific complex cases related to provision of support to older people from Ukraine.

## FUTURE PLANS

- A Training of Trainers on CMR is planned in Ukraine in September and a regional ToT in October 2023 in Moldova as part of the ongoing efforts of UNFPA to build capacity and ensure the effective transfer of knowledge and skills.
- UNFPA will organise a two-day regional training in Romania in September targeting journalists to empower them to effectively cover GBV stories with sensitivity and accuracy, including in emergency and conflict situations.

## UNFPA Funding Requirement for 2023



**\$103 M required**



**73% funded as of end June**

- UNFPA released an updated [2023 regional appeal](#) for Ukraine, Moldova and other neighbouring countries seeking a total of \$103 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 30 June, the UNFPA Ukraine and Refugee Response Appeal for 2023 was 73 per cent funded.

## MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY

- UNFPA organised a communication mission to Romania in May to visit the four WGSS. Several meetings with community liaisons, Ukrainian refugees, local authorities, and healthcare professionals were held to collect content that showcases the impact of UNFPA's implementing partners' work on the ground and amplify the voices of affected communities. [Read](#) how Women and Girls Safe Spaces in Romania help refugees fleeing war in Ukraine.

---

UNFPA greatly appreciates the generous support of donors and the tireless efforts of partners in responding to the needs in Ukraine and the region.

*For further information, please contact*

- Florence Bauer, Regional Director, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia, [fbauer@unfpa.org](mailto:fbauer@unfpa.org)
- Jens-Hagen Eschenbaecher, Regional Communications Adviser, [eschenbaecher@unfpa.org](mailto:eschenbaecher@unfpa.org)
- Sarah Bernolet, Regional Communications in Emergency Specialist, [bernolet@unfpa.org](mailto:bernolet@unfpa.org)
- Eddie Wright, Communications Specialist, Media and Communications Branch, [ewright@unfpa.org](mailto:ewright@unfpa.org)

