



## MOBILIZING SUPPORT: 60 VEHICLES STEP UP GBV RESPONSE IN UKRAINE



In April, UNFPA provided 60 vehicles to local partners. The automobiles were donated by the U.S. Government through USAID, with support from the Government of Ukraine. The vehicles will assist UNFPA-supported psychosocial support (PSS) mobile teams in providing critical assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and domestic violence throughout the country.

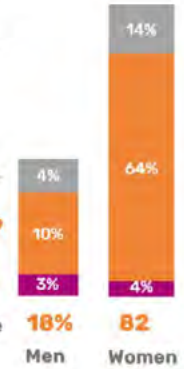
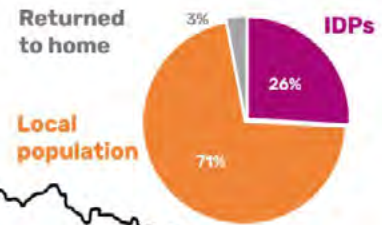
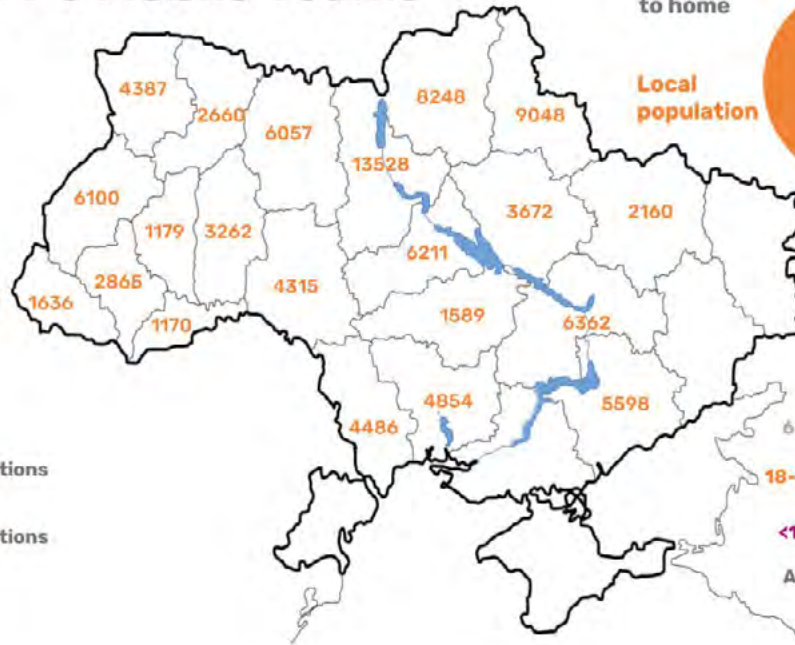
Currently, 100 PSS mobile teams provide free social and psychological assistance to GBV survivors throughout Ukraine with the support of UNFPA. These teams also refer survivors to other specialized services or transport them to other facilities to receive the necessary care and services. With the addition of new vehicles, PSS mobile teams can reach more people in need of support, especially those in remote and hard-to-reach areas near the front lines in eastern and southern Ukraine.

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# Clients of PPS Mobile Teams

\*data on: 01.05.2023

**99387** clients



Age **18%** **82**  
Men Women

## 90,000 AND COUNTING: MOBILE TEAMS RESPOND TO CALLS FOR HELP IN UKRAINE

The ongoing war in Ukraine has led to a significant increase in demand for various social services, especially those related to GBV. As communities struggle to provide specialized assistance, it has become vital to offer emergency and planned support to survivors of GBV and those at risk, as well as carry out awareness-raising and education activities.

Since April, PSS mobile teams responded to over 90,000 requests for assistance, including those related to cases of domestic violence and GBV. Of those who sought assistance, 82% were women, mostly between 18 and 59 years old. In almost 30% of cases, female clients sought help due to gender-based violence, including domestic violence.

Mobile teams are constantly adjusting their service areas to improve access to quality support for those affected. As Ukrainian settlements are retaken by the Government of Ukraine, the UNFPA expands the network and scope of services to provide assistance where it is most needed.

## Number of events conducted by PPS Mobile Teams

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**42988** total number of events

**4054** group/public informational events

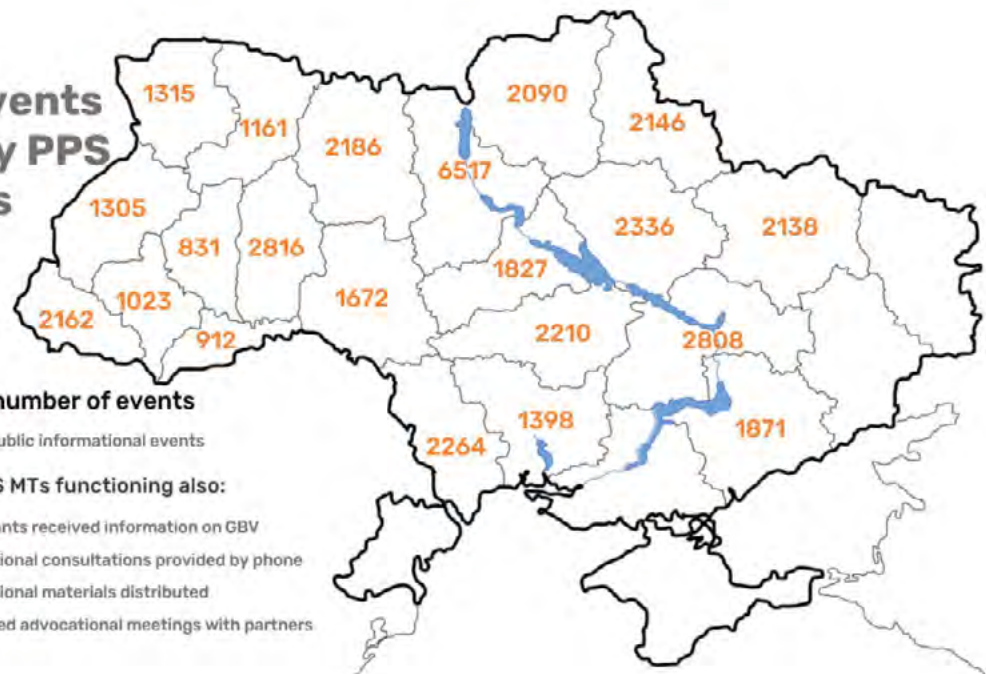
During the time of PPS MTs functioning also:

**95118** participants received information on GBV

**115821** informational consultations provided by phone

**425505** informational materials distributed

**4506** conducted advocational meetings with partners





## TWO NEW SURVIVOR RELIEF CENTRES PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR IDPS IN UKRAINE



Two more Survivor Relief Centres have opened in Poltava and Odesa, providing safe, free, and confidential assistance from social workers, lawyers, and psychologists to people leaving occupied territories and areas of active hostilities in Ukraine. Currently, ten such centres operate throughout the country, offering information support, humanitarian aid, social benefits, specialized GBV services, and tailored psychological support and case management for survivors of war-related sexual violence.

Since July 2022, the Survivor Relief Centres have provided live-saving assistance for nearly 15,000 clients, 86% of them being internally displaced persons.

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## STUDY ON PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE

In spring 2023, a nationwide study of public opinion regarding GBV and domestic violence was conducted in Ukraine. The survey results revealed that most respondents are able to recognize signs of psychological, economic, and sexual violence. This indicates an increased awareness of GBV and domestic violence, which can help to prevent and reduce incidences of violence.

**87%**

of respondents believed that physical violence cannot be justified, which is a significant increase from the

**69%** who held this belief in February 2021.

**About 94%**

of individuals believe that it is necessary to intervene in a violent situation in some way to help the survivor, which is a significant increase from the

**64%** who believed this in February 2021.

**72%**

of respondents believe that only the perpetrator is fully responsible for sexual and gender-based violence.

Moreover, the overwhelming majority of those surveyed stated that they are aware of how to react if they encounter violence from their intimate partners.

UNFPA Programme on GBV Response and Prevention is implemented with the support of the governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, USA and Estonia