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UNFPA is the UN's Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency, and in humanitarian settings holds the global-lead mandate to combat GBV and to mitigate its consequences, while also being mandated to meet the reproductive and maternal health needs of persons in emergency situations, ensuring that women can deliver safely in often difficult conditions. UNFPA has been present in Ukraine since 1997, working to improve maternal and child health, strengthen national health systems, promote gender equality, and prevent gender-based violence.

### **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, AND RESPONSE**

## Services in operation:



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Psychosocial Mobile Teams (anticipating deployment of 21 more PSS mobile teams)



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UNFPA-supported specialised facilities for GBV survivors



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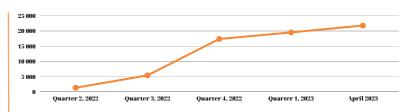
Survivor Relief Centres

Two new SRCs began operating in Poltava and Odessa in April.



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Other services for GBV survivors and women at risk (career hubs, "Vilna" women-friendly spaces)

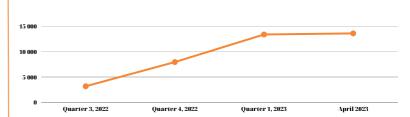


2,259

People\* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams in **April 2023**.

21,787

People\* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams **since March 2022**.



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Services provided to people by SRCs in **April 2023**.

13.596

Services provided to people by SRCs since March 2022.



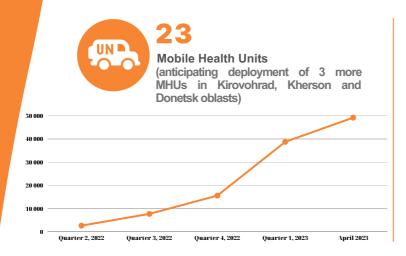


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### **ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

## Services in operation:



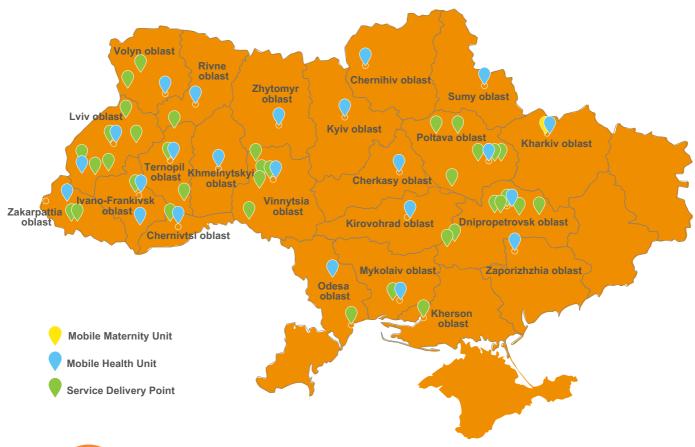
10,393 Consultations were provided to women and girls by MHUs in April 2023.

49,207 Consultations were provided to women and girls by MHUs since March 2022.





SDPs are located in hospitals (mostly in maternity clinics) where healthcare professionals can provide specialized, confidential assistance to those affected by gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence. The SDPs are designed to ensure access and comfortable service provision for people with disabilities.





19 METRIC TONS

Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits delivered to maternity hospitals in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zakarpattia oblasts in April.



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UNFPA responds to the urgent humanitarian needs of those affected by the war in Ukraine. In April, 288 Dignity Kits were delivered as part of a UN interagency convoy to help people in Stepnohirsk, Zaporizhzhia oblast; Mariianka and Vuhledar Hromadas, Donetsk Oblast, where access to basic needs is scarce. Each Dignity Kit contains essential items for female hygiene.







### **INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION**

#### **GBV Sub-Cluster (GBV SC)**

In April 2023, the GBV SC held 11 meetings to ensure a coordinated approach and response at the national, sub-national, and regional level among GBV partners:

- Coordination meetings of regional WGs in Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Chernivtsi, Lviv, Volyn, Sumy, Chernihiv, and Rivne oblasts focused on mapping GBV services, capacity-building action planning, and sharing information on the growing availability of GBV support services across the country, resulting from the joint efforts of the GBV SC partners.
- The Capacity Enhancement WG renewed its work with 3 co-charing organizations International Medical Corps, HIAS, and East European Institute for Reproductive Health. In 2023, the WG plans to conduct two needs assessments and implement interagency capacity-building initiatives focused on GBViE minimum standards for both GBV and non-GBV actors.
- The GBV SC WG on Male Survivors of Sexual Violence, co-led by the Women's Refugee Council, has achieved several milestones, including the development of a section on the needs of male survivors in the GBV Case Management SOP, a barrier analysis tool, and a service quality checklist on accessibility for male survivors of sexual violence. These resources will aid to identify barriers that prevent male survivors from accessing existing services, and will also review the quality and male-friendliness of these services.
- A new forum Subnational South/East WG, was launched in mid-April with the objective of bringing
  together operational partners who work across multiple locations in the most war-affected territories. The
  WG's focus is on conducting joint needs and gap assessments, organizing joint inter agency convoys for
  delivering material aid, enhancing the capacity of non-GBV actors, and mainstreaming GBV across priority
  sectors.

### Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health Technical Working Group (SRMCH TWG)

- To identify legal challenges related to the Clinical Manegment of Rape (CMR) protocol in Ukraine, and to
  discuss potential solutions to these challenges, a workshop for TWG partners was organized in April. A
  review and comparative analysis of CMR protocols in Ukraine and internationally was carried out, and a
  preliminary draft of a joint statement calling for harmonization of these protocols was presented to the TWG
  partners for feedback and suggestions.
- The CMR Sub-Technical Working Group meeting was held in April with the participation of Jurfem (Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association). Participants discussed identifying potential legal challenges or barriers to effective implementation of CMR services. Best practices and strategies to enhance the quality of care provided to survivors of sexual violence were shared during the meeting.
- To discuss the integration of sexual and reproductive health services at the primary healthcare level, a series of meetings were held with the Eastern Bureau of the National Health Service of Ukraine in Dnipro. Following this, coordination meetings were conducted with international partners, separately, to explore how their current interventions can be adapted to include the SRH component.



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### STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

As part of its work in Ukraine, UNFPA provided technical and organizational support for a research project on the impact of war on youth. The project, titled "The Impact of War on Youth in Ukraine", was carried out in collaboration with the UNDP and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, and was financially supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The research included interviews and focus groups with young people aged 14 to 35 in both the territory controlled by Ukraine and those who fled abroad due to the full-scale invasion. Its purpose was to analyze the effects of the conflict on youth and provide recommendations for supporting their involvement in the reconstruction and recovery process. The research findings were presented on 28 April.



## **LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE:**

- UNFPA, with the support from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), held a <u>roundtable for the Inter-Agency Network on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Ukraine</u>, which took place on 25-26 April in Kyiv. The event brought together 45 representatives from UN, NGO, and civil society organizations to discuss how to implement a multi-year strategy on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, with a focus on improving survivors' access to quality services.
- UNFPA, with financial support from the Government of Finland, conducted 34 workshops on preventing and responding to gender-based violence for state service providers across 19 regions of Ukraine. The workshops took place in February, March and April 2023 and aimed to enhance the capacity of police workers, social workers, and psychologists in responding to GBV cases and providing assistance to survivors. A total of 989 state service providers participated in the workshops, which covered a wide range of topics related to GBV, including domestic violence and conflict-related sexual violence, and survivor rights. The training sessions were designed to provide practical guidance to participants on how to respond safely and ethically to disclosures, and refer survivors to relevant services while emphasizing the importance of ensuring a survivor-centered approach in all interventions.





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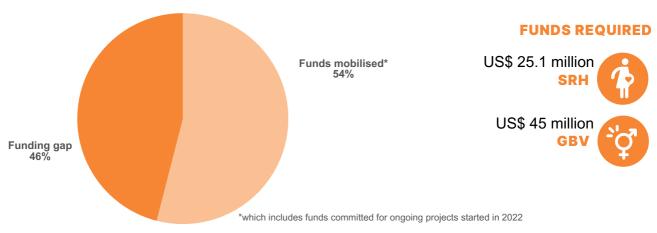




On 25 April, <u>UNFPA handed over 60 vehicles</u> donated by the U.S. Government through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with support from the Government of Ukraine, to local partners during an event in Kyiv. These vehicles will enable UNFPA-supported psychosocial support mobile teams to continue providing critical support to survivors and those at-risk of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, in all regions of the country.

## **UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 30 APRIL):**

- In 2023, UNFPA Ukraine launched its emergency appeal for US\$70.1 million. The appeal seeks to provide life-saving SRH and GBV prevention and response services to address the needs of women and girls in Ukraine.
- As of 30 April, the UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine was 54% per cent funded, which includes funds committed for ongoing projects starting in 2022. This includes support from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Norway, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Belgium, the EU (DG-ECHO, DG-NEAR), CERF, Netherlands, Ireland, OCHA-Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Iceland, Estonia, Czech Republic, the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) and Portugal.
- UNFPA requires long-term flexible funding to respond to the needs of the population in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. All levels of funding are solicited.
- UNFPA is grateful to our donors for contributing to core resources. Core funding ensures that programmes
  are delivered in a predictable and sustainable manner and give the organisation the flexibility to redeploy
  resources to humanitarian actions whenever needed.



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