

UNFPA, the UN Population Fund, is the UN's Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency, and in humanitarian settings holds the global-lead mandate to combat Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and to mitigate its consequences, while also being mandated to address reproductive and maternal health. We work to ensure that women are protected from GBV and can deliver safely in spite of humanitarian and emergency situations. UNFPA has been present in Ukraine since 1997, working to prevent gender-based violence, improve sexual and reproductive health, promoting gender equality and advancing youth rights, participation and resilience.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, AND RESPONSE

Services in operation:



11
Survivor Relief Centres



28
"Vilna" women-friendly spaces



7
"VONA Hubs" (career hubs)



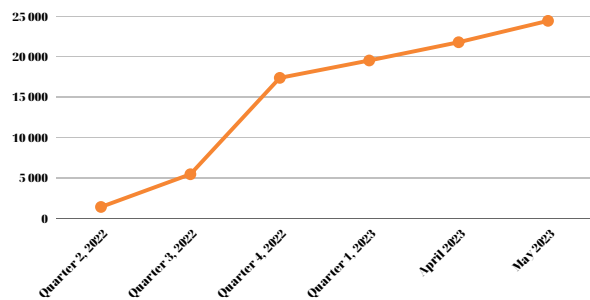
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UNFPA-supported specialised facilities for GBV survivors



100
Psychosocial Mobile Teams
(anticipating deployment of 21 more PSS mobile teams)

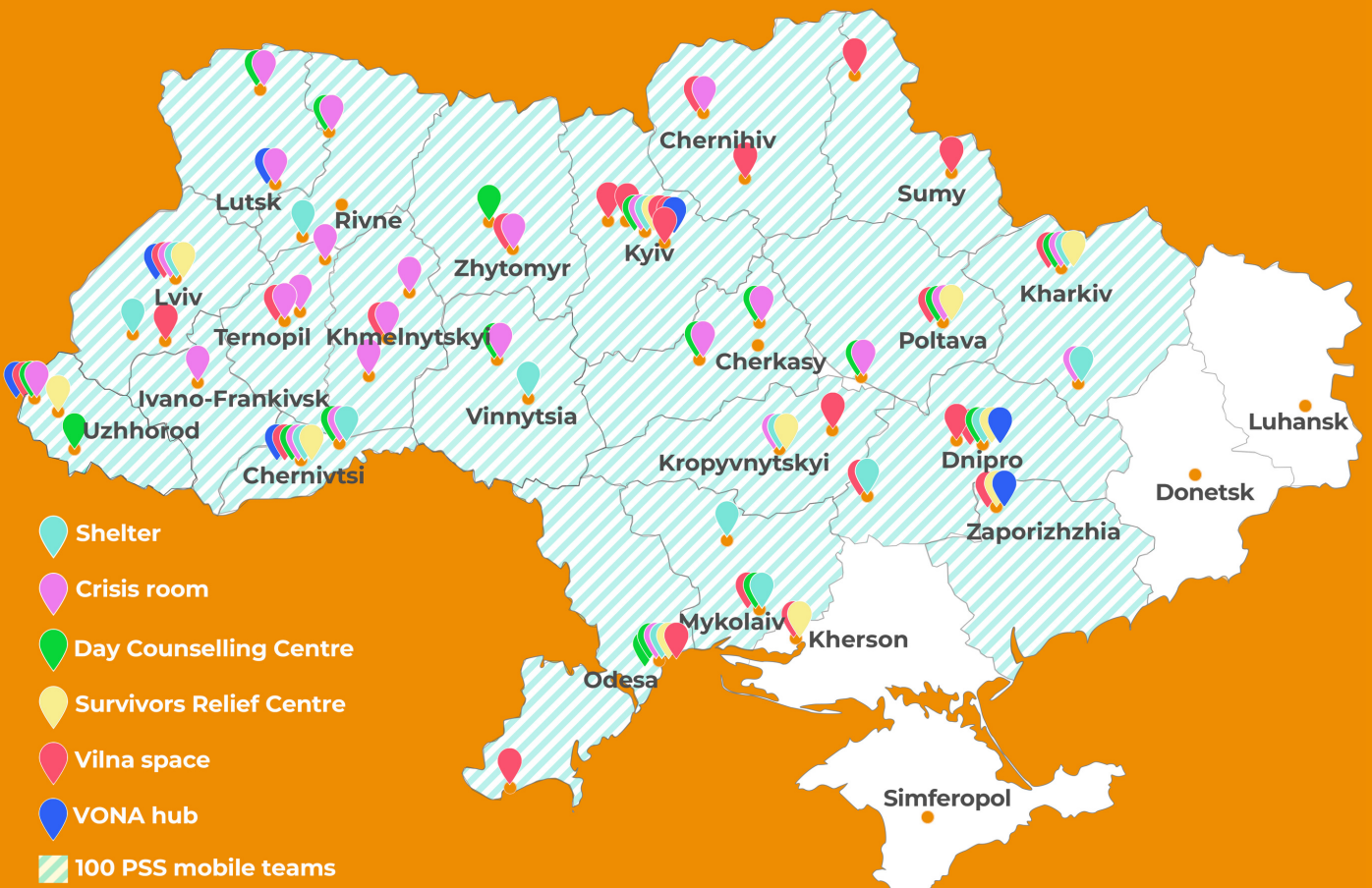
2,647 People* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams in **May 2023**.

24,434 People* in need, including **1,221 people with disabilities**, received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams since **March 2022**.



87,9% – female;
12,1% – male.

*Individuals may receive multiple services



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UNFPA's strategy is anchored in localization efforts aimed to **fill emergency sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence service gaps**, including lifesaving referrals, while ensuring complementarity and partnership with ongoing national efforts and early recovery plans. In that regard, UNFPA has supported pre-war national plans to build a network of essential GBV services throughout the country, while avoiding the establishment of any parallel systems.

Working together with the Government of Ukraine, UNFPA has established **Survivor Relief Centres** in areas receiving high numbers of IDPs. As an effective 'entrypoint' for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence to receive assistance, SRCs are also **open for all people affected by the ongoing war, where they can receive medical, legal, and psychological assistance, in addition to lifesaving referrals.**

'**Vilna**' **women-friendly spaces** provide various services, including legal and psychological counselling, medical support, and vocational training.

The name of the "**VONA**" **career hub** consists of the first letters of 4 words (in Ukrainian) - Free, Winged, Independent, and Ambitious. The project aims to develop the professional potential and financial capacity of women who have suffered from domestic/gender-based violence or are in the risk group as a way to break the cycle of dependency on the perpetrators, one of the main barriers for survivors to seek assistance.

Since October 2022, a toll-free and confidential **24/7 psychological support line for men** has been launched in Ukraine by UNFPA. Men can reach out with any psychological issues that cause stress, including problems at work or relationships, war distress, and anger management difficulties. **In May, 381 men received professional mental health counselling** via the men's helpline. **Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, 3,073 men have received assistance** through this helpline.



DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION

Women and girls affected by the war in Ukraine need care and support during this difficult time. UNFPA Dignity Kits contain carefully selected essential items to ensure menstrual hygiene, comfort, and are also tailored to the needs of pregnant and lactating women.

Almost 2,000 dignity kits were distributed in May 2023 to vulnerable people. As part of a UN interagency convoy, **464 DKs** were distributed to the community of Yampil and Siversk in Donetsk oblast, and to the Tiahynka community in the Kherson oblast.

1,520 DKs were distributed to older women from Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Sumy regions in May.



ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

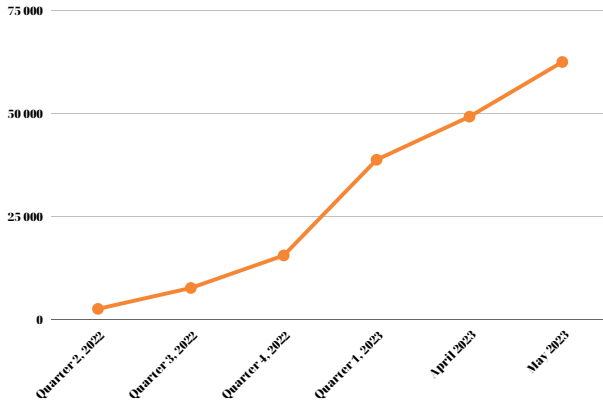
Services in operation:



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Mobile Reproductive Health Units

In May, a new MRHU started operation in Kryvyi Rih.



95% – female;
5% – male.

13,242

Consultations were provided to people, including **677 people with disabilities**, by MRHUs in May 2023.

62,449

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs since March 2022.



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Mobile Maternity Unit

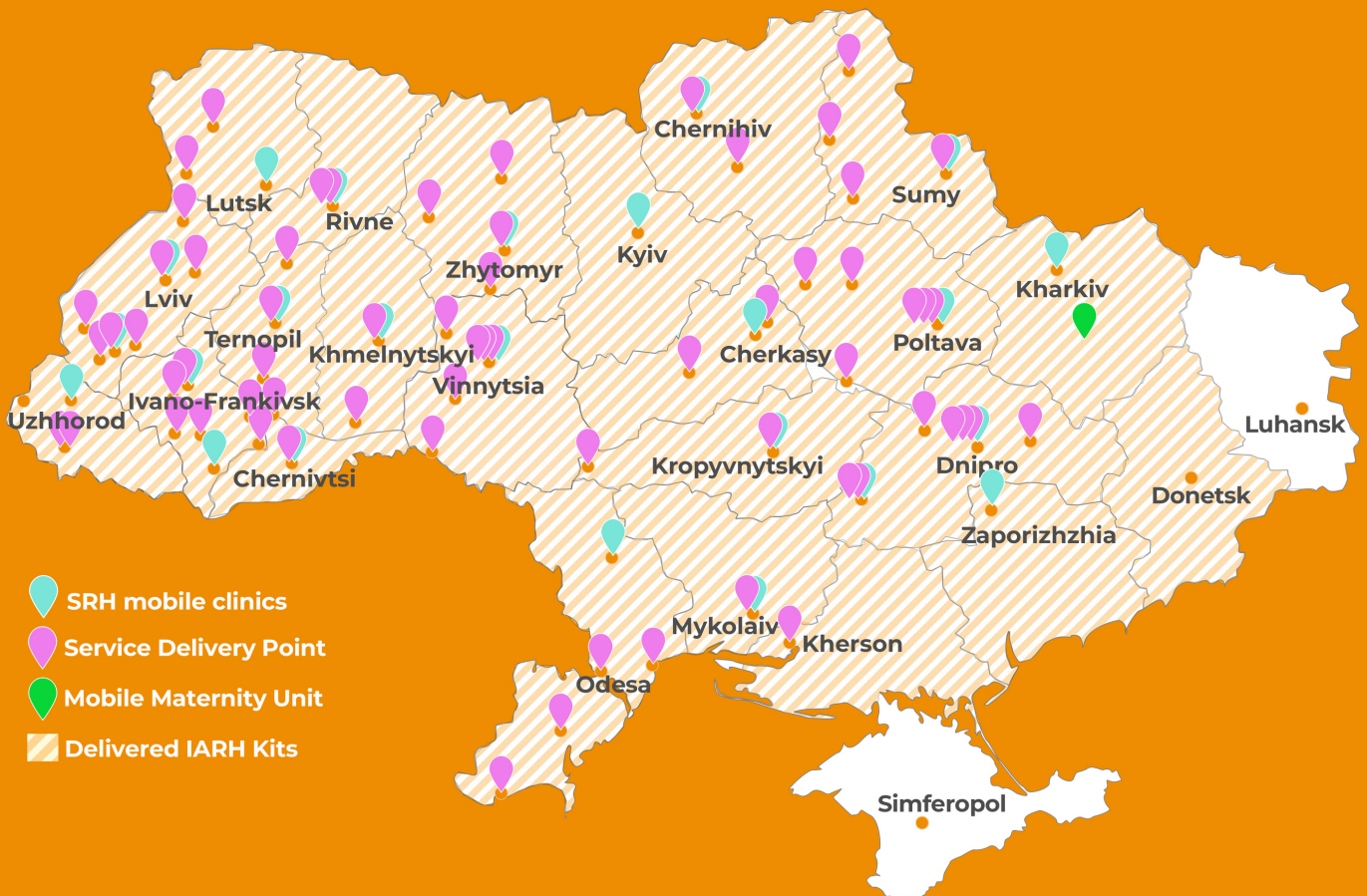
MMU is operating in the Kharkiv oblast, providing comprehensive emergency obstetric care.



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Service Delivery Points

In May, **28 additional SDPs** were opened in **different regions of Ukraine**. 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 fully accessible and designed to provide state of the art reproductive health services for people with disabilities.



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170 METRIC TONS

of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits have been delivered since the start of the war to fill critical gaps in national supplies and equipment in hospitals with perinatal centres.

During May, UNFPA distributed 25 metric tonnes of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits to 22 hospitals in Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Rivne, Poltava, Khmelnytskyi, Ternopil, Chernivtsi, and Kyiv oblasts.



STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House, and UNDP, and financially supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a public event was held on May 20th, where Ukrainian youth voiced their perspectives on the current situation and shared their thoughts on the **"Impact of War on Youth in Ukraine"** survey. This event served as a platform to amplify the voices of Ukrainian youth and foster meaningful discussions with public policy experts to foster the engagement and resilience of young people in face of the current situation and with a view to capitalize on their potential for the recovery efforts.



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

GBV Sub-Cluster (GBV SC)

- To advance the response to Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) in Ukraine, the **GBV SC conducted 13 coordination meetings in May 2023**. These meetings aimed to develop essential tools such as GBV Case Management SOP, address barriers for male survivors, and assess capacity enhancement needs for improved coordination and training of GBV and non-GBV humanitarian actors in the country.
- With the support of the GBV SC, GBV Global AoR, and Norwegian Church Aid, a **4-day trauma mindfulness training was provided to 20 frontline workers involved in GBViE**. The training, held in Lviv, focused on equipping first responders with skills to enhance their emotional resources and overall well-being.
- Under the **1st standard allocation of the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF), a total of 8 multisectoral projects with components addressing GBViE have been approved to receive funding**. These projects, dedicated to targeted interventions in eastern regions heavily impacted by the ongoing war, have a combined GBViE component worth under 2 million USD. The GBV SC Coordination Team played a pivotal role in organizing and contributing to the scoring of these projects, offering technical guidance on response needs and gaps, as well as necessary actions.
- **The GBV SC Coordinator presented Ukraine's GBV needs and response** at the Interaction Protection Working Group meeting in Washington on May 16. The total number of people in need is approximately 3.6 million, facing significant risks such as sexual exploitation and abuse, trafficking, domestic violence, conflict-related sexual violence, and other challenges. These include limited access to essential GBV services, reduced livelihood opportunities, food insecurity, unemployment, and ongoing military hostilities. To address these needs, the GBV SC has identified thematic priorities, including service mapping, quality checks, and referrals through an interactive e-map available on the [GBV SC website](#).

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

- To advance sexual, reproductive, maternal, and child health in Ukraine, SRMCH TWG conducts regular **coordination meetings with national and international partners and local authorities**. In May, three meetings were held, in addition to a Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) Sub-TWG meeting.
- SRMCH TWG created a **catalogue of available training from master trainers**, which was shared with partners for their consideration. The group collaborated with the Centre for Public Health (CPH) to develop a mapping of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Kits availability, integrating it with CMR service mapping. This joint mapping will be disseminated among SRH TWG partners and service providers under the CPH.
- A comprehensive **review and a comparative analysis of Ukrainian and international CMR protocols were conducted**, incorporating inputs from relevant partners. Joint activities advocating for the harmonization of these protocols are under way.
- SRMCH TWG engaged in **productive discussions with the Eastern Bureau of the NHSU to explore practical steps for integrating SRH services at the primary healthcare (PHC) level**. Subsequently, coordination meetings were held with international partners to align their current interventions with the SRH component, resulting in a shared understanding.

LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

On 24 of May, **UNFPA handed over 15 disability-inclusive vehicles to the Government of Ukraine and local partners, procured thanks to funding provided by the Government of Denmark**. These vehicles will play a crucial role in enabling UNFPA's Psychosocial Support Mobile Teams to strengthen their vital work in assisting survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and domestic violence, including people with disabilities, across 13 regions of Ukraine.



LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

UNFPA presented the film, "Behind the Silence", on 24 May. The documentary was produced with the support of the governments of Canada, the United Kingdom, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), and the Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UHF). "Behind the Silence" offers a powerful, poignant portrayal of the profound impact of the full-scale war on levels and forms of domestic violence in the affected regions. Through storytelling and personal accounts, the film sheds light on the challenges faced by survivors and highlights the critical importance of providing life-saving assistance to those affected by GBV, including domestic violence, sexual violence, and conflict-related sexual violence.

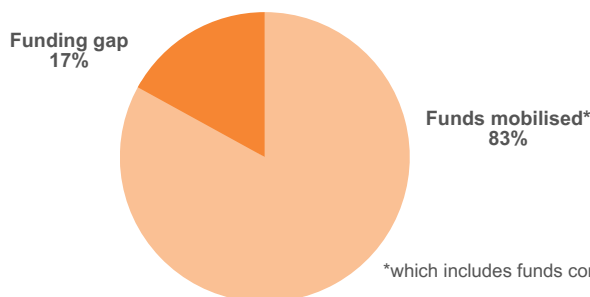


PARTNERSHIPS

- **UNFPA continues to closely cooperate with the Government of Ukraine, national and local authorities, municipalities, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, non-governmental and civil society organisations, and private businesses in addressing humanitarian challenges in Ukraine.** Efforts include improving sexual and reproductive health services, responding to gender-based violence, sexual violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, empowering youth, strengthening data collection, with a special focus on the areas most affected by the war.
- **UNFPA ensures a localized response.** Among 21 implementing partners, 15 are Women-Led Organizations (WLO). Committed to increasing gender equality, these WLOs are empowering women and girls, and play a crucial role in delivering essential services, while addressing the specific needs of women and girls. UNFPA remains dedicated to nurturing these partnerships to support the resilience of women, and ensure they are well-positioned to play an active role in Ukraine's recovery.

UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 31 MAY)

- 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 31 May, the UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine was 83% per cent funded,** which includes funds committed for ongoing projects. This includes support from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Sweden, Australia, Norway, the United Kingdom, France, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Belgium, the EU (DG-ECHO, DG-NEAR), CERF, Netherlands, Ireland, OCHA-Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, Japan, Canada, Iceland, Estonia, Czech Republic, the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) and Portugal. Funding from the private sector and private individuals is also included.
- **UNFPA continues to require long-term flexible funding to respond to the growing needs of the population in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.** All contributions, no matter the amount, are an expression of support to the critical, live-saving services provided for women and girls affected by the War in Ukraine.



FUNDS REQUIRED

US\$ 25.1 million **SRH**

US\$ 45 million **GBV**

*which includes funds committed for ongoing projects started in 2022

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