

UNFPA UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

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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:



104

Psychosocial Mobile Teams (anticipating deployment of 5 more PSS mobile teams)



29

"Vilna" women-friendly spaces



7

"VONA Hubs" (career hubs)



11

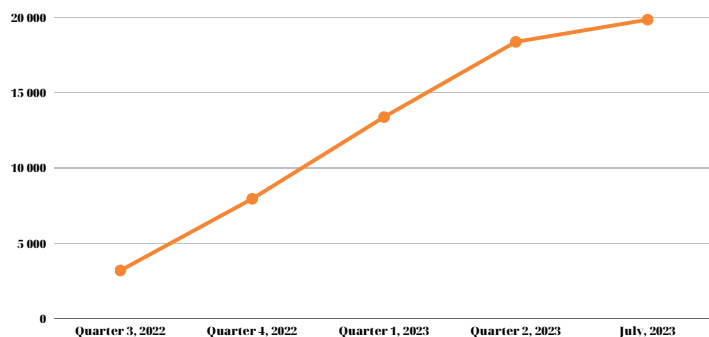
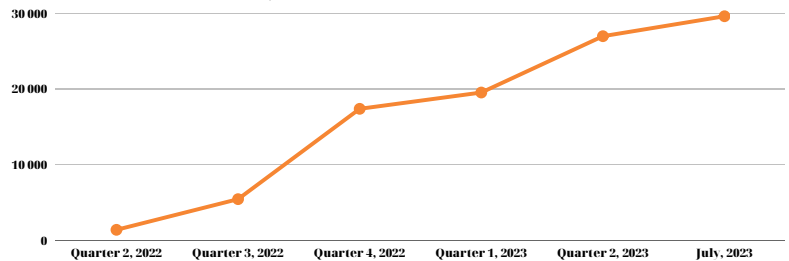
Survivor Relief Centres

2,635

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

29,602

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



1,470

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

19,844

Services provided to people* by SRCs **since March 2022**.



*Individuals may receive multiple services

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, AND RESPONSE

Working together with the Government of Ukraine, UNFPA has established **Survivor Relief Centres (SRC)** in areas close to the conflict line and/or receiving high numbers of IDPs. As an effective and safe '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 psychosocial assistance, in addition to lifesaving referrals, including to healthcare and legal aid.

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 GBV, including domestic violence, and those higher at-risk, as a way to break the cycle of dependency on the perpetrators, one of the main barriers for survivors to seek assistance.

'Vilna' spaces provide various services to women and girls, including those who are survivors of GBV and at risk of violence. 'Vilna' spaces complement the range of services offered through SRCs and 'Vona Hubs' by providing access to activities that focus specifically on women and girls' wellbeing, including mental and physical health. The activity sessions, conducted by specialists of 'Vilna' and linked to the work of the SRCs and 'Vona Hubs', include a broad range of therapeutic activities that women and girls can attend, free of charge such as sports, dancing and creative therapies, lectures on healthy eating, psychology and mental health, etc.

Mental health is an essential part of well-being. Unfortunately, men often do not seek psychological support due to gender stereotypes or other prejudices. During the full-scale war, the number of stressful situations has continued to increase significantly. Therefore, solving problems and overcoming psychological tension are vital, and serve as a strong GBV risk mitigation to prevent the cycle of violence.

In October 2022, UNFPA launched a toll-free confidential and 24/7 **psychological support line for men**. It aims to help men stabilise their emotional state, find resources to overcome challenging situations and identify problematic aspects of behaviour.

To date, the hotline has received 7,000 calls from men seeking support.

DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION

40,000



Since March 2022, nearly 40,000 dignity kits have been distributed, primarily benefiting women.

UNFPA dignity kits (DKs) contain carefully selected essential items to ensure menstrual hygiene, comfort, and are also tailored to the needs of pregnant and lactating women. They are distributed in areas that face particular challenges like being close to the line of contact, or having been flooded following the blow of the Kakhovka Dam.



UNFPA responds to the urgent humanitarian needs of those affected by the war in Ukraine and offers support to people living in proximity to the front line. **In July, a UN interagency convoy embarked on a crucial mission to Toretsk, Donetsk oblast. UNFPA contributed to this vital mission with 124 dignity kits and 480 dignity kits for older women.**

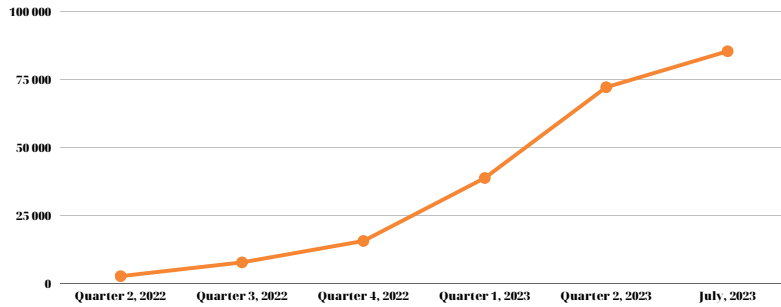
ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Services in operation:



25

Mobile Reproductive Health Units in 22 oblasts of Ukraine.



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Mobile Maternity Unit

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



94,4% – female
5,6% – male



4,3% – people with disabilities

13,251

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs in July 2023.

85,412

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs since March 2022.



90

Service Delivery Points

In July, 20 new SDPs were opened in different regions of Ukraine. SDPs are located in hospitals (mostly in maternity facilities) where healthcare professionals can provide specialized, confidential assistance to those affected by GBV, including conflict-related sexual violence. The SDPs are designed to ensure access and comfortable service provision for people with disabilities.



203 METRIC TONS

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

In November 2022, UNFPA launched a **nationwide hotline 3033 providing expert guidance on women's sexual and reproductive health**. The toll-free hotline connects women and girls in need to gynaecologists for advice, specialist recommendations, and info on SDPs.

The hotline encourages collaboration between medical professionals, as doctors from diverse fields can connect and consult with experienced obstetric-gynaecologists through this hotline, especially referral cases of GBV, sexual violence and conflict-related sexual violence to UNFPA supported barrier free cabinets. Also, medical professionals from primary level care, especially in remote and close to the front line, can get professional advice on emergency cases.



STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Residency within the Bank of Ideas 3.0: MOLO, Dream

The project was conducted in Lviv in cooperation with UNFPA's implementing partner (IP) 'MoloDvizh'. The event included an Ideathon of Ideas for youth-led organizations, educational sessions on project writing and work with mentors on youth team projects with further seed funding support of the best initiatives. The 2023 Bank of Ideas focused on the active role of young people in the humanitarian response and recovery at the municipal level with the active involvement of IDPs. Overall, representatives of 20 teams from 8 regions of Ukraine participated in the Youth Residency, and 13 projects received seed funding support.



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

GBV Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR)

- In July 2023, the GBV AoR held **18 coordination meetings** to ensure a coordinated approach and response at the national, sub-national, and regional level among GBV partners.
- The GBV AoR and the UNFPA IP East European Institute for Reproductive Health are actively carrying forward the **gender-based violence in emergency (GBViE) response training series** for partners within the GBV AoR. During July, a training session focused on Psychological First Aid for GBV Survivors, Effective Referrals, and Trauma Informed Care of GBV survivors was conducted. These training sessions empowered 77 participants from 27 organizations, allowing them to deepen their grasp of the GBViE minimum standards.
- The GBV AoR coordination team has recently revised and updated the list of entry points for referrals to GBViE services in 22 regions. This comprehensive list is now accessible on the **GBV AoR website** in both Ukrainian and English. Moreover, the E-map has been expanded to include the locations of specialized police units trained to assist GBV survivors. Across the country, there is detailed information available about 603 GBV and SRH service options, ensuring effective referrals to specialized GBV services.

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

- A total of 70,000 condoms, 2,600 packs of Combined Low Dose Oral Contraceptive Pills, and 3,840 emergency contraceptives were distributed to partners within the SRH TWG (MDM, CARE, FHI360, IRC). This **strategic distribution of essential SRH commodities** demonstrates UNFPA's commitment to ensuring accessible and comprehensive reproductive health support.
- SRH TWG is actively engaged in providing essential support for the **capacity building initiatives** of the Association of Midwives of Ukraine. The first round of offline and online training sessions has been successfully launched. These training initiatives specifically target 12 midwives working at the Primary Healthcare (PHC) level. The scope of this training extends to midwives in 9 different hromadas, spanning across 7 oblasts in Ukraine.
- SRH TWG has taken a proactive approach to drive **harmonization within legislative frameworks**. This endeavor involves an expert group specialized in conflict-related sexual violence. The collaboration is anchored within the Prosecutor's General office representatives and is geared towards advocating for a transformative shift in Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)/GBV legislation. The primary aim of this joint effort is to realign Ukrainian laws with internationally recognized standards.

LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

In a recent stride towards fostering community resilience, a monitoring visit took place in the cities of Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia. This endeavor bore witness to the **establishment of a Crisis Room in Zaporizhzhia** and the exploration of various impactful interventions at UNFPA field sites.



The visit also included monitoring trips to a variety of other services. Among these were: **Survivors' Relief Centres**, **"Vilna" (women-friendly space)** and **"VONA Hub"**. Furthermore, the team conducted a visit to the **"Tatohubs"**, a clubs aimed at promoting responsible fatherhood and fostering a culture of active paternal engagement.

Additionally, the collaborative meeting with the **Dnipropetrovsk Regional Police Department** emerges as a cornerstone, heightening community safety and addressing issues of gender-based violence.



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UNFPA has launched a **cash assistance programme to GBV survivors via Case Management**. Incorporating unconditional cash into the GBV case management toolset is critical for survivors and at-risk groups to address their priority needs, immediate risks and identified vulnerabilities in a dignified, safe and survivor-centred approach. The cash assistance via GBV Case Management is launched as part of the project implemented by UNFPA with the financial support of USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).

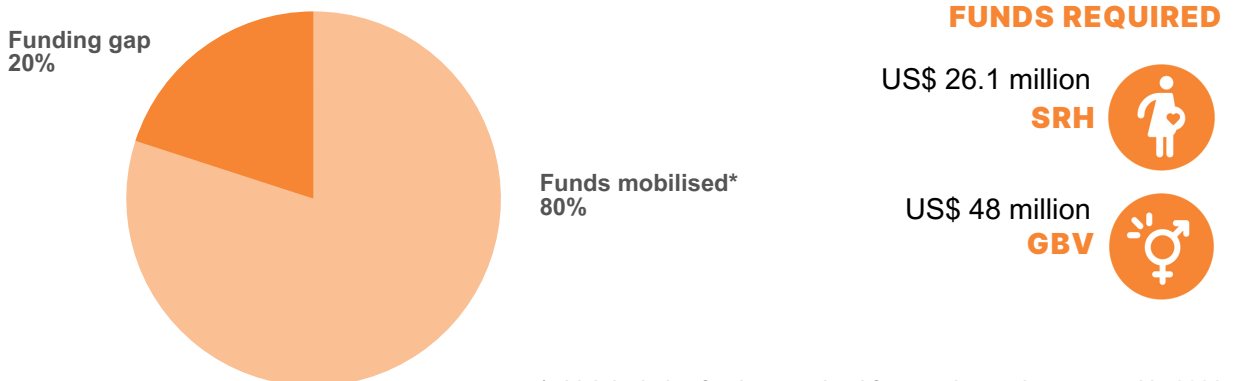
As part of the cash programme, UNFPA partnered with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC) to incorporate, where applicable, use an innovative and award winning blockchain solution to provide digital cash assistance to women at risk of gender-based violence (GBV). This programme, designed to be easy to use for recipients, allows the most vulnerable population groups to discreetly convert this assistance into dollars, euros, or the local currency at any global MoneyGram location, as well as transfer the amount to a personal bank account.

PARTNERSHIPS

- With a strong focus on **localization** through, in many cases, already established policy interventions and programmes, UNFPA works closely with an extensive network of Ukrainian implementing partners. Among 21 partners, 15 are **Women-Led Organizations (WLO)**. Committed to increasing gender equality, these WLOs work to empower women and girls, and play a crucial role in strengthening the delivery of essential services, including by aligning them with the specific needs of women and girls. UNFPA remains committed to strengthening these partnerships to support the resilience of women, and ensure they are well-positioned to play an active role in Ukraine's recovery.
- **Collaboration with UN Funds, Agencies, and Programmes, remains a priority for UNFPA, in order to maximise its impact on the ground, and to effectively meet the needs of women and girls.** Joint Inter-Agency UN convoys are a crucial mechanism for delivering aid in remote and/or hard-to-reach areas where communities are most in need. These convoys typically include UN agencies such as UNICEF, WFP, WHO, UNHCR, OCHA, IOM, and UNFPA, working together to ensure the efficient and coordinated distribution of life-saving supplies and services.

UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 31 JULY)

- At the beginning of 2023, UNFPA Ukraine launched its emergency appeal for US\$70.1 million that was increased by US\$ 4 million in July, bringing the total ask to **US\$ 74.1 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 July, the UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine was almost **80 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 requires long-term flexible funding to respond to the needs of the population in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.** All levels of funding are solicited.



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