

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

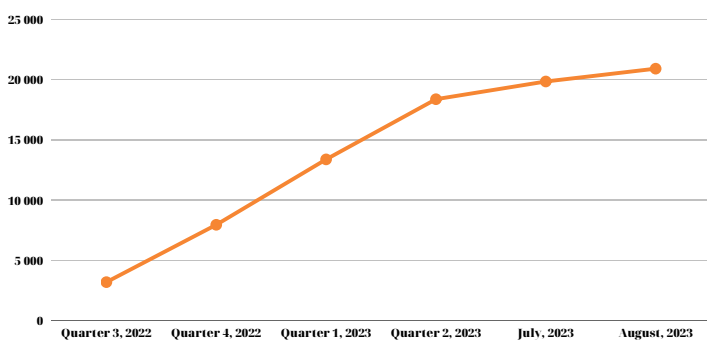
2,994 People* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams in **August 2023**.

32,596 People* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams **since March 2022**.

87,5% – female
12,5% – male

17,4% – people with disabilities

Period	Count
Quarter 2, 2022	~2,000
Quarter 3, 2022	~5,000
Quarter 4, 2022	~18,000
Quarter 1, 2023	~20,000
Quarter 2, 2023	~28,000
July, 2023	~30,000
August, 2023	32,596

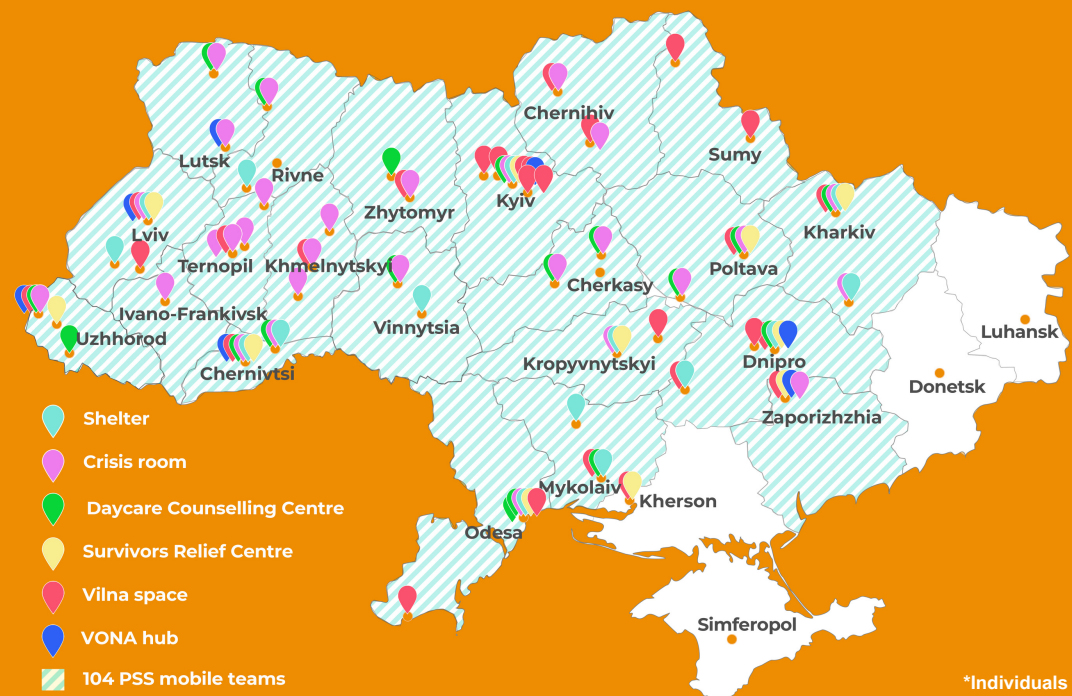


1,063 Services provided to people* by SRCs in **August 2023**.

20,907 Services provided to people* by SRCs **since March 2022**.

76,3% – female
23,7% – male

4,7% – people with disabilities



*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 contact 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.

UNFPA, jointly with the Ministry of Interior and the National Police of Ukraine, maintains an ongoing initiative in the form of a **mobile app aimed to protect women at risk of domestic violence**. Since its introduction in 2022, the application has been downloaded **37,000** times. This advanced technology enables survivors and individuals in vulnerable situations to securely inform the national police about their location and urgent need for help.

UNFPA has 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 was launched as part of the project implemented by UNFPA with the financial support of USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).

Cash assistance was provided to a total of **64 women in August 2023**. 59 women received cash assistance through implementing partners (IPs), and 5 women – UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). All payments were made through bank account transfers.

DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION

41,000



Since March 2022, nearly 41,000 dignity kits have been distributed, primarily benefiting women.

Women and girls affected by the war in Ukraine need care and support during this difficult time. 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. Almost 1,000 dignity kits were distributed in August to vulnerable people.

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. As part of a UN interagency convoy, 720 DKs for older women were distributed to Kupiansk, Kharkiv oblast.



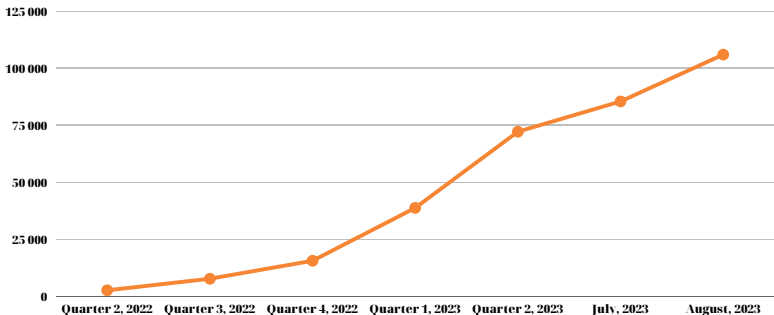
ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Services in operation:



25

Mobile Reproductive Health Units
in 22 oblasts of Ukraine.



More than 100,000 consultations have been conducted by Mobile Reproductive Health Units since March 2022.



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Mobile Maternity Unit

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

13,572

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs in August 2023.



95.7% – female
4.3% – male



4.2% – people with disabilities



94

Service Delivery Points

In August, 4 additional SDPs were opened in different oblasts 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 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, including sexual violence and conflict-related sexual violence, to UNFPA-supported SDPs.



ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

2,937 Medical consultations, including clinical management of rape (CMR), were provided to people by SDPs in August 2023. Since the start of service delivery, UNFPA-supported SDPs have provided **CMR for 53 cases**.



During August, UNFPA made significant progress in its **capacity enhancement** efforts, equipping professionals across Ukraine with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide quality and life-saving reproductive health services. A total of **837 participants benefited from learning activities**. The trainings focused on three key areas:

- Friendly approach in the provision of medical services for sexual and reproductive health to adolescents and young people
- Providing medical assistance in the field of sexual and reproductive health to women with disabilities
- Client-oriented medical care in case of GBV. System of coordination and redirection at the level of regions" – 125 participants all over Ukraine.

STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

In the current year, UNFPA Ukraine organized a series of local **youth forums** focused on the themes of youth resilience and engagement in early recovery – "**Mriyapolis**". These forums were conducted as part of the "EU4Recovery" project, funded by the European Union. Over 150 young individuals were brought together from Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Poltava, and Donetsk regions in three specific target communities: Nizhyn, Kamianske, and Kremenchuk.

The active involvement of these young men and women in decision-making processes, their aspirations, and innovative ideas are of paramount importance for the resilience and enhanced recovery of Ukraine.

The "EU4Recovery – Empowering Communities in Ukraine" project is being implemented by UNDP Ukraine in partnership with UNFPA and UN Women Ukraine.



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

GBV Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR)

- To advance the response to Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) in Ukraine, the GBV AoR conducted **28 coordination meetings in August 2023**. These meetings aimed to ensure a coordinated approach and response at the national, sub-national, and regional level among GBV partners.



- The GBV AoR team recently held individual consultations with five prospective data-gathering organizations. The purpose of these meetings was to offer expert support and guidance in implementing self-assessments as part of the collaborative effort to introduce the **Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS)** across multiple agencies. GBVIMS serves as a vital tool for those delivering services to survivors of gender-based violence, facilitating the secure and efficient collection, storage, analysis, and sharing of data pertaining to reported GBV incidents, all while adhering to global standards within the field of GBViE.
- The GBV AoR coordination team has been making significant progress in its ongoing efforts to enhance **service mapping**. 21 legal aid service entry points were added to the electronic map on the [GBV AoR website](#). There is detailed information available about GBV and SRH service options, ensuring effective referrals to specialized GBV services.

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 meetings with national and international partners and local authorities. **In August, two coordination meetings were held.**
- SRH TWG meetings serve as a platform for the exchange of valuable experiences and insights, fostering collaboration among diverse groups and addressing the challenges that may arise. They provide an opportunity for knowledge-sharing and growth while welcoming new members who bring expertise and new perspectives to the SRH component.
- A total of **20,736 condoms were distributed** to partners within the SRH TWG (MSF, Academy of Family Medicine of Ukraine). This strategic distribution of essential SRH commodities demonstrates UNFPA's dedication to guaranteeing widespread and all-encompassing reproductive health assistance.

LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

By 31 August 2023, UNFPA delivered the **2023 Ukraine Common Operational Dataset on Population Statistics (COD-PS)** to the Humanitarian Country Team to support the upcoming 2024 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) rounds. The 2023 Ukraine COD-PS provides updates from the reference time of January 2022 of the previous COD-PS to an updated reference time of July 2023 by explicitly accounting for recent population changes since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022. It provides rayon-level (ADM-2) estimates of population size by sex and standard 5-year demographic age groups, by using over 10 types of best available data and appropriate demographic methods to account for recent population dynamics resulting from national-level (ADM-0) out-mobility and oblast/regional-level (ADM-1) net mobility, as well as fertility and mortality change. The estimation methodology, custom-made for the context of Ukraine and designed to make the maximum use of the best available data, combines mass migration data from IOM, UNHCR, and IMPACT/REACH with numerous national data sources from within Ukraine, both open government data as well as other data sources that UNFPA has private access to. The methodology was designed by UNFPA and refined through rounds of multi-stakeholder consultations with national stakeholders (e.g. Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv School of Economics, etc.) as well as international stakeholders (e.g. IOM, UNHCR, IMPACT/REACH, UN Population Division, etc.)

LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

The open-air exhibition **"Together"** dedicated to **World Humanitarian Day** hosted in Kyiv features UNFPA's photo, showcasing the Mobile Reproductive Health Unit in action [2023, © Andriy Driga].

This exhibition served as a dedicated homage to vital humanitarian work and the relentless dedication of aid organizations, national, local and regional authorities, volunteers, members of war-affected communities, civil society organizations.



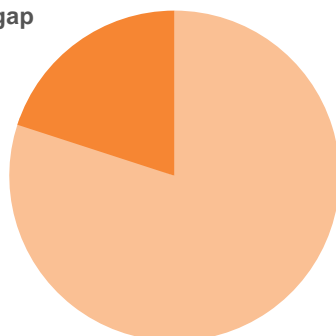
PARTNERSHIPS

- UNFPA continues to closely cooperate with the Government of Ukraine, national and local authorities, municipalities, United Nations sister agencies, funds and programmes, non-governmental and civil society organisations, and private businesses in addressing humanitarian challenges in Ukraine. Efforts include improving access to quality sexual and reproductive health services, responding to gender-based violence, sexual violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, empowering youth, and supporting war-affected areas. **This partnership demonstrates a shared commitment to the well-being and rights of the people of Ukraine.**
- 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.

UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

- **UNFPA Ukraine emergency appeal for 2023 for US\$ 74.1 million** seeks to provide life-saving GBV and SRH prevention and response services to address the needs of women and girls in Ukraine.
- As of 31 August, 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.**

Funding gap
20%



Funds mobilised*
80%

FUNDS REQUIRED

US\$ 48 million

GBV



US\$ 26.1 million

SRH



*which includes funds committed for ongoing projects started in 2022

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