

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:



109

Psychosocial
Mobile Teams
(PSS MTs)



29

"Vilna"
women-friendly
spaces



8

"VONA Hubs"
(career hubs)



11

Survivor
Relief Centres
(SRCs)



The **UNFPA GBV Response and Prevention Programme** works in cooperation with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, the Ministry of Social Policy, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the National Police, and supports integration of all new services into the network of municipal, local and state services.

The Programme includes, as well, a vast **network of GBV specialized services supported by UNFPA**: 24 shelters, 35 crisis rooms and 37 daycare counselling centres.

In September, a new **Daycare Counselling Centre** was opened in **Vinnytsia region**, with UNFPA's support.

Working together with the Government of Ukraine, UNFPA has established **Survivor Relief Centres (SRC)** in areas close to the front 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 at risk, as a way to break the cycle of dependency on the perpetrators, one of the main barriers for survivors to seek assistance. **UNFPA launched one additional 'VONA Hub' in Odesa.**

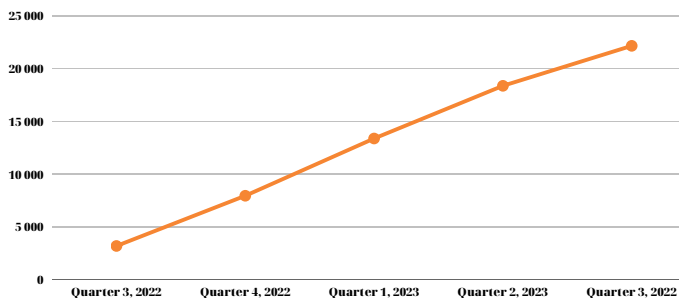
'Vilna' spaces provide various services to women and girls, including those who are survivors of GBV and at risk of violence. 'Vilna' spaces complement the range of services offered through SRCs and 'Vona Hubs' by providing access to activities that focus specifically on women and girls' wellbeing, including mental and physical health. The activity sessions, conducted by specialists of 'Vilna' 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.

UNFPA's cash assistance programme for 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 72 women in September 2023.**

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1,256 Services provided to people* by SRCs in **September 2023**.

22,163 Services provided to people* by SRCs since **March 2022**.



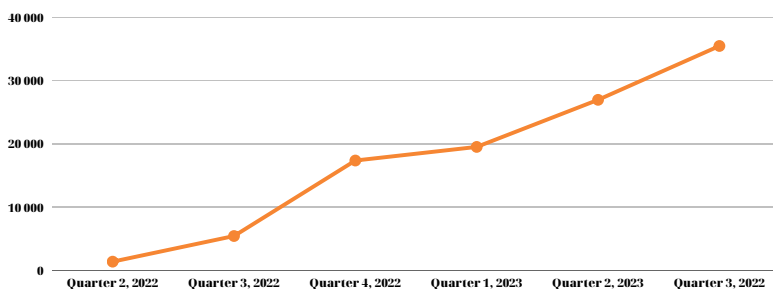
76,6% – female
23,3% – male



4,6% – people with disabilities

2,883 People* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams in **September 2023**.

35,479 People* in need received psychosocial counselling from PSS mobile teams since **March 2022**.



87,4% – female
12,6% – male



17,3% – people with disabilities

Aurora, is an online platform that provides specialized psychotherapy for survivors of GBV, including conflict-related sexual violence. The platform ensures that survivors have access to quality, online specialized assistance in any part of Ukraine, including non-government-controlled areas, and abroad. Anyone, regardless of gender or age, can access it for free. **200 people* have received support** from psychotherapists on the [AURORA platform](#) from the beginning of the war. With a strong case-management approach built in, clients receive several sessions with a psychotherapist and may be referred to Aurora's lawyer and healthcare experts for further counselling, or to other available services if needed.

In September, the UNFPA team, in line with its localization strategy, extended support through standardized learning and capacity-building initiatives to empower over 300 GBV service providers and other professionals involved in GBV prevention and response.



DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION

41,500

Almost 41,500 dignity kits have been distributed to, mainly, women since March 2022.

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. **632 dignity kits were distributed to vulnerable people* this month.**

PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN POPULATION ESTIMATES TO STRENGTHEN NEXUS AND RECOVERY PLANNING

UNFPA delivered the **2023 Ukraine Common Operational Dataset on Population Statistics (COD-PS)** to the Humanitarian Country Team. The 2023 COD-PS underpins the 2024 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) in Ukraine.

The 2023 COD-PS provides humanitarian population estimates by sex and 5-year age groups, and by oblast (region) and rayon (district) as of July 2023, by explicitly accounting for the net population changes (births, deaths, refugees, IDPs) that occurred since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

UNFPA drew from over 10 types of data sources to design an estimation methodology tailored to the context of Ukraine through consultations with both national and international institutions (including Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies, IOM, UNHCR, IMPACT, UN Population Division).

ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Services in operation:



26

Mobile Reproductive Health Units

MRHUs are operating in 23 oblasts of Ukraine.

In September, a new MRHU started operation in Kherson oblast.



1

Mobile Maternity Unit

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



94

Service Delivery Points (SDPs)

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.



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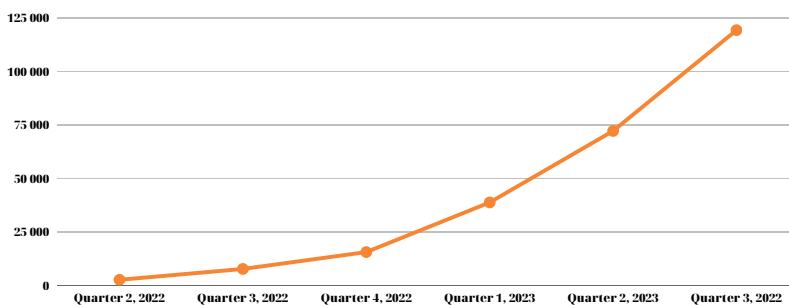
METRIC TONS

203 Metric Tons of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits have been delivered since the start of the full-scale invasion to fill critical gaps in supplies and equipment in hospitals with perinatal centres.



Professionals of SDPs conducted a total of **3,706 medical consultations**, including clinical management of rape (CMR) in September. Since the start of service delivery, UNFPA-supported SDPs have provided **CMR for 58 incidents**.

UNFPA made significant progress in its capacity enhancement efforts, equipping national healthcare professionals across Ukraine with the necessary **knowledge and skills to provide quality and life-saving reproductive health services**. More than **1,300 participants** benefited from learning activities.



12,958

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs in September 2023.

119,239

Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs since March 2022.



94.7% – female
5.3% – male



4.0% – people with disabilities

In September, UNFPA organized two **conferences in Lviv and Kyiv for SRH Mobile Health Units operating in those regions**. The conferences brought together medical professionals and coordinators from 23 oblasts who shared best practices for improving coordination with local municipal and health authorities, enhancing patient flow, and addressing financial and administrative challenges.

STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

UNFPA Ukraine continued the tradition of supporting the annual youth event, **'Molodvzh. Not Easy but Dream'**, which successfully gathered over 4,000 young people from every corner of Ukraine.

During the **'Inclusion in Recovery'** panel hosted by UNFPA, challenges faced by young people with disabilities were highlighted, and those most affected by the war. Kadambari Mainkar, a specialist in Inclusion in Humanitarian Response at UNFPA's Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, was a featured speaker.

An offline session of the **'Mentalochka'** podcast organized by UNFPA drew the active participation of hundreds of young attendees. The discussion revolved around the critical topic of recovery and recuperation during times of war, underscoring UNFPA's unwavering commitment to prioritizing mental health.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

GBV Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR)

- The GBV AoR **Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)** input for 2024 has been submitted to OCHA. The initial round of consultations for the HNO and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) took place in Mykolaiv, Kherson, and Dnipropetrovsk regions, concluding in September 2023. Subsequent validation of people in need (PiN) and severity assessments was carried out during a dedicated session with the GBV AoR Strategic Advisory Group.
- The **Global GBV AoR Coordinator visited Ukraine** during a Global Protection Cluster mission to learn first-hand about GBViE Coordination impact on the ground. The coordinator visited UNFPA-supported services including: Women and Girls Safe Spaces; PSS MTs; and Survivor Relief Centres. participated in the Capacity Enhancement and Male Survivors WGs, and had bilateral meetings with women-led organisations. The GBV AoR together with the East European Institute for Reproductive Health continued a series of GBViE trainings. **During September, four training sessions enabled 533 participants from 175 organizations throughout Ukraine** to learn relevant GBV skills.

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

- A Ukrainian delegation, composed of representatives from UNFPA and the National Health Care Service of Ukraine attended the **"Accelerating Progress in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" conference**, held in Tbilisi 26-27 September. also took part in the 3rd Annual Forum of the Regional Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, on 28-29 September.
- The project **"Midwife in the Community: Contributing to Life"**, carried out in collaboration with UNFPA and the NGO "Association of Midwives of Ukraine" aims to enhance the availability of reproductive health services among local communities and reinforce the pivotal role of midwives within the primary healthcare system. A total of twelve midwives from nine distinct communities actively participated in the training initiative, collectively representing seven different regions across Ukraine.
- Leading experts from Europe, Asia, and Africa conducted an 8-day **training** for Ukrainian healthcare professionals on **Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)**. The training involved the participation of 27 medical practitioners from the Dnipro, Zaporizhia, Kharkiv, and Donetsk regions. Following the first four days of training, 11 candidates were selected to continue their education in the program's second stage, becoming certified trainers.

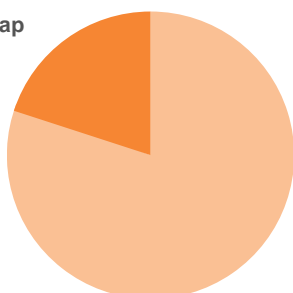
LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

- On 20 September in Kherson, [an airstrike has caused significant damage to the shelter for survivors of domestic violence](#), a facility established with UNFPA's support.
- On [World Contraception Day](#), on 26 September UNFPA provided 103 healthcare facilities with condoms in Ukraine.
- ["Ukraine without Domestic Violence" Children's Drawings Exhibition](#), took place at the Kyiv Shopping Center from 25 September to 6 October. Powerful messages were conveyed by the young artists as they envision a safer, more peaceful Ukraine.

UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER)

- 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 30 September, 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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