

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 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.

UNFPA funds and supports a **vast network of GBV specialized services, including:** 24 shelters, 35 crisis rooms, and 37 daycare counselling centres. To complement and bolster this service network, **UNFPA**, in partnership with Ukrainian authorities, has **created tailored non-specialized initiatives** including Survivor Relief Centres, 'Vilna' women-friendly spaces, and 'VONA' career hubs, which will eventually be integrated into the national Ukrainian GBV system.

In October, UNFPA supported the opening of a new Daycare Counselling Centre in Dnipropetrovsk oblast.

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.

**'VONA' career hub.** 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.

**'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. They are also used as referral points to these services, including for survivors of GBV, and those at risk.

**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 37 women in October 2023.**

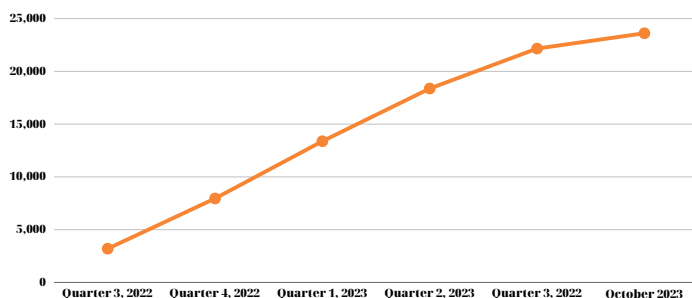
## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, AND RESPONSE

**1,450**

Services provided to people\* by SRCs in **October 2023**.

**23,613**

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



77.4% – female  
22.6% – male



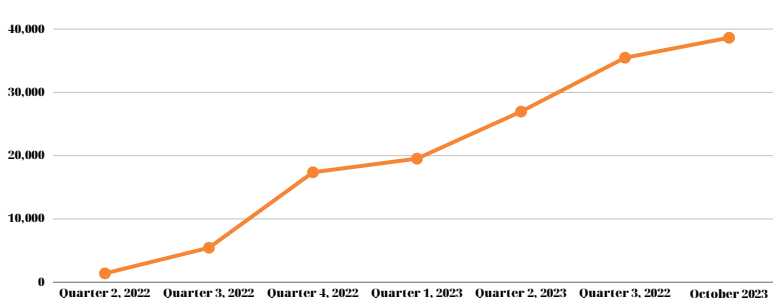
4.7% – people with disabilities

**3,151**

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

**38,630**

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

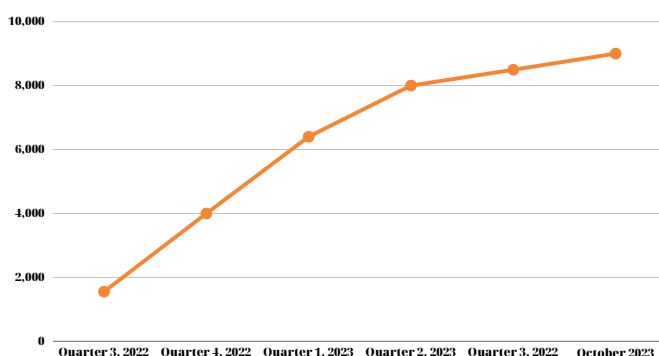


87.3% – female  
12.7% – male



17.2% – people with disabilities

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 stabilize their emotional state, find resources to overcome challenging situations and identify problematic aspects of behaviour. As of October 2023, one year after its launch, the hotline has received **9,000 calls from men seeking support**.



In October, the UNFPA team, in line with its localization strategy, extended support through standardized learning and capacity-building initiatives to empower over 600 GBV service providers and other professionals involved in GBV prevention and response.



## DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION

**42,000**

Almost 42,000 dignity kits have been distributed to, mainly, women since March 2022.

UNFPA Dignity Kits (DKs) contain carefully selected essential items to ensure menstrual hygiene, comfort, and are tailored to the needs of women, including pregnant and lactating, elderly and girls.

In October **UNFPA joined the IA convoy to Zaporizhzhia oblast**. **224 dignity kits were delivered**, providing essential sanitary supplies to women and elderly people.

## 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 (HCT). HCT acknowledged the UNFPA 2023 COD-PS as the best available baseline population for the Ukraine Humanitarian Needs and Response Planning (HNRP) 2024.

The 2023 COD-PS served the entire HCT as the universal starting point for the calculation of population-in-need (PiN) and target population for all clusters and areas of responsibility.

As of 31 October, the Ukraine HCT endorsed the HNRP 2024 targets and funding requirements - all of which were built with the 2023 COD-PS.

## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

### Services in operation:



**235**  
METRIC TONS

235 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.



**95**  
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.



**27**  
Mobile Reproductive Health Units

MRHUs are operating in 23 oblasts of Ukraine.



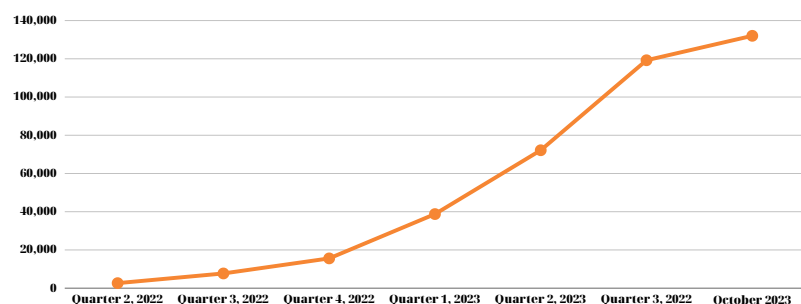
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Mobile Maternity Unit

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



In October, UNFPA made significant progress in its capacity enhancement efforts, equipping over 300 national healthcare professionals across Ukraine with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide quality and life-saving reproductive health services.

With UNFPA's support, consultants from the Institute of Pediatrics, Midwifery, and Gynecology hosted a webinar attended by 1,076 participants. The session focused on 'Management of pregnancy in outpatient settings: How to avoid pitfalls'.



**12,786** Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs in October 2023.

**132,025** Consultations were provided to people by MRHUs since March 2022.



94.8% – female  
5.2% – male



4.0% – people with disabilities

In October, professionals of SDPs conducted a total of 4,574 medical consultations, including clinical management of rape (CMR). Since the start of service delivery, UNFPA-supported SDPs have provided CMR for 65 incidents.

During October, UNFPA distributed 32 metric tonnes of IARH Kits to hospitals in Kyiv city, Kyiv, Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Rivne, Sumy, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, Zakarpattia, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

## STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

In collaboration with UNFPA partner 'Molodvzh', an event was organized in commemoration of World Mental Health Day on the 10th of October. The event aimed at acquiring knowledge about self-care techniques, and youth engagement in conversations about enhancing mental health. Additionally, UNFPA initiated a targeted information campaign featuring expert-backed mental health tips, reaching and benefiting over 15,000 individuals.



## INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

### GBV Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR)

- In October, the [GBV AoR](#) held 18 coordination meetings at the national, sub-national, and regional level among GBV partners.
- In October the **GBV AoR presented its figure for the 2024 HNRP**. The GBV AoR's target for 2024 is to assist 0.81 million individuals out of a total of 3.2 million people in need, comprising 0.44 million vulnerable internally displaced people (54%), 0.2 million returnees (25%), and 0.17 million non-displaced individuals (20%) with a projected budget of US \$58.1 million.

### Sexual and Reproductive Health Technical Working Group (SRH TWG)

- In October **Representatives from the SRH Technical Working Group actively participated in the 9th Positive Women's forum**, aiming to strengthen the involvement of individuals living with HIV, LGBTQ+, and sex workers in the SRH TWG's activities for comprehensive representation. The forum facilitated valuable connections with organizations advocating for LGBTQ+ and sex workers, shedding additional light on the specific SRH needs of women living with HIV and the barriers they face in addressing those needs.
- A qualitative assessment of Sexual and Reproductive Health** at the national level is underway, with the technical coordinator and the SRH TWG's 7 organization's focal points leading the effort.

## LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE

- UNFPA, with the support of the Government of Finland, conducts [training sessions to enhance the capacity of Ukrainian state service providers](#)** in responding to GBV during the war.
- UNFPA Representative to Ukraine, Massimo Diana, visited the Dnipro region to reinforce local cooperation, and to witness first-hand the impact of UNFPA services on the ground.** 'I share deep solidarity with the people suffering from daily missile and drone attacks causing casualties, human suffering, and destroying civil infrastructure.' - said Massimo Diana.
- The **International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)**, held in Geneva, Switzerland, concluded with a groundbreaking programme of action, emphasizing the promotion of reproductive health and women's rights in national and global development efforts. **UNFPA Ukraine played a pivotal role in supporting the influential Ukrainian delegation during the successful ICPD30 regional consultations.** This achievement marks a significant step forward in the global commitment to advancing women's rights and sustainable development. Moreover, the collaborative efforts between UNFPA Ukraine and Ukrainian government representatives from the health, social policy, and economic sectors, alongside a robust civil society partnership, further strengthened the impact of the delegation.



## UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 31 OCTOBER)

- 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 October, 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.**

## FUNDS REQUIRED

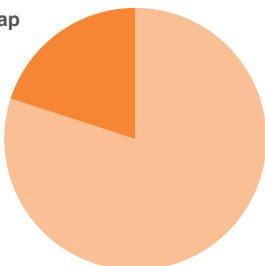
US\$ 48 million  
**GBV**



US\$ 26.1 million  
**SRH**



Funding gap  
20%



Funds mobilised\*  
80%

\*which includes funds committed for ongoing projects started in 2022

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