

## Concept Note

### Executive Board Briefing on UNFPA Humanitarian Action

Friday, 27 January 2023 - 1:15 - 2:45 pm EST

#### Background

Increased conflict and climate-related disasters, and a staggering protection crisis, have significantly increased humanitarian needs worldwide. UNFPA's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 calls for expanding UNFPA's humanitarian response capacity to address these rising needs and enhancing the centrality of UNFPA's humanitarian work in emergency settings. In line with this objective, UNFPA has made substantial progress to ensure continuity and scaling up of services for sexual reproductive health and gender-based violence, and localizing its humanitarian response for women and girls.

On 13 December 2022, UNFPA launched its global appeal, 2023 Humanitarian Action Overview, for \$1.2 billion to reach more than 66 million women, adolescent girls, and young people in 65 countries with lifesaving services and supplies.

#### Objective

Against this backdrop, this briefing will focus on providing updates to, and engaging in a dialogue with, the Executive Board on efforts to (a) Strengthen UNFPA's humanitarian programming, policy, mechanisms, and operational capacity, and (b) Respond effectively in an accountable manner and with high quality to rising humanitarian needs with lifesaving services and supplies for women and girls in emergencies.

#### Programme

##### Introduction:

*Welcome* by the Chair: H.E. Ambassador Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, (5 min)

*Opening remarks* by Mr. Ib Petersen, UNFPA Deputy-Executive Director for Management (5 min):

Global humanitarian trends and needs and their implications for UNFPA work on key humanitarian policies and interventions, including Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in humanitarian settings.

*Presentation* by Ms. Shoko Arakaki, Director, Humanitarian Response Division (5 min):

Update on UNFPA humanitarian priorities for 2023, including increasing prepositioning for preparedness and operationalization of the Global Emergency Response Team, and an update on the organizational strengthening of UNFPA's emergency response capacity.

### Focuses of the presentations and discussion:

Three main topics will be focused during this briefing due to their importance in enhancing UNFPA's capacity to deliver lifesaving interventions.

#### 1. UNFPA supplies and logistics in emergency settings

Overview of UNFPA's work and contributions to the partnership with the IASC Logistics Cluster. The presentation will touch upon how UNFPA is cultivating new partnerships with relevant agencies and partners to enhance system-wide efficiency in delivering lifesaving health interventions.

#### 2. Localization and gender-based violence prevention, risk mitigation, and response

With a significant increase in gender-based violence worldwide, localizing UNFPA's response is crucial for efficient and accountable lifesaving interventions.

#### 3. Sexual and reproductive health services in emergency settings

UNFPA promotes sexual and reproductive health as integral to the delivery of lifesaving humanitarian interventions. In addition, this presentation will directly link to the implementation of recommendation 10 ("*UNFPA should develop a plan to systematize establishment and functioning of reproductive health working groups*") from the evaluation of the UNFPA capacity in humanitarian action.

### Guiding questions:

- How do you balance the need to move quickly with the need to ensure quality lifesaving services?
- How do you ensure the right partnerships are in place to deliver a scaled up and sustained humanitarian response on the ground?
- What gaps need to be filled to address the needs of women and girls in emergency settings?
- What type of funding and what innovations are needed to meet rising humanitarian needs?

## Annotated Agenda

1:15 – 1:20 pm	Welcome by Chair, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Njambi Kinyungu	5 minutes
1:20 – 1:25 pm	Opening Remarks by UNFPA Deputy Executive Director for Management, Mr. Ib Petersen	5 minutes
1:25 – 1:30 pm	Update on humanitarian actions and priorities for 2023, Ms. Shoko Arakaki, Director, Humanitarian Response Division	5 minutes
1:30 – 1:32	Overview by moderator and introduction of panel Ms. Ann Erb Leoncavallo, UNFPA/HRD	2 minutes
1:32 - 1:37 pm	Topic 1: <u>UNFPA supplies and logistics in emergency settings</u>  <b>Mr. Kelly Bradley, WFP team lead of service provision from the logistics cluster in Ukraine</b> , to talk about the contribution of UNFPA in the integration of medical logistics into interagency logistics planning and operations	5 minutes
1:37– 1:45 pm	Topic 2: <u>Localization and gender-based violence prevention, risk mitigation, and response</u>  <b>Ms. Ghida Anani, Founder and Director of ABAAD, in Lebanon</b> and <b>Ms. Angelina Nyajima, Executive Director of Hope Restoration South Sudan</b> to speak as leaders of women-led local organization working on GBV	8 minutes

1:45 - 1:50 pm	<p>Topic 3: <u>Sexual and reproductive health services in emergency settings</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Sandra Krause, Senior Director, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Program at Women's Refugee Commission</b> to talk about leveraging the newly established SRH Task Team within the Global Health Cluster</p>	5 minutes
1:50 - 2:40 pm	Interactive discussion and Q&A	50 minutes
2:40 – 2:43 pm	Closing reflections by UNFPA Deputy Executive Director for Management, Mr. Ib Petersen	3 minutes
2:43 – 2:45 pm	Wrap up and closing by Chair Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, Ambassador Njambi Kinyungu	2 minutes

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