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# UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine

(Valid until the end of 2022)



## Situation Overview

UNFPA has been working in Moldova and Ukraine since the mid-1990s and continues to provide ongoing support amidst the war with a focus on addressing the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) needs of women and girls and supporting their rights, safety and dignity. UNFPA is also partnering with civil society organisations in neighbouring EU Member States receiving refugees, to strengthen their capacity to provide SRH and GBV (including sexual



violence) prevention and response information and services, and to facilitate a multi-sectoral interagency action on GBV; this is done via the establishment of referral pathways and the development and application of guidelines to anticipate, monitor and analyse GBV trends and by documenting the needs of women and girls as well as challenges and risks faced by the most vulnerable populations.

As the war in Ukraine intensifies and winter approaches, people continue to be displaced across the country with rates expected to increase during the harsh winter months - most of them women, children and older persons. Over 14 million people have fled their homes as of the end of October, and 7 million people are internally displaced. There are heartbreaking reports of attacks on hospitals and health infrastructure, with women giving birth in basements and bomb shelters without adequate medical support as well as a significant increase in cases of early deliveries due to additional stress on pregnant women. There is an urgent need to prioritise health and protection services to reduce suffering, save lives and support those affected.

UNFPA's appeal is part of the OCHA-led Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Ukraine and the UNHCR-led Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for countries neighbouring Ukraine until the end of 2022. New plans covering the continued needs for 2023 are currently being developed and are to be released in December 2022.

## Current UNFPA actions

UNFPA, together with partners, is focusing on sexual and reproductive **health** (SRH), including maternal and newborn health; and **protection** from gender-based violence (GBV) including sexual violence, predominately for **women and girls** and the most vulnerable, and building the resilience of refugee youth and older persons. As the UN sexual and reproductive health agency, UNFPA is leading the international response and coordinating/being an active member of the SRH and GBV sub clusters/sub-working groups in focus countries, playing a key coordination role with partners. Both in Ukraine and Moldova, UNFPA has scaled up interventions

and geographical coverage, offering health and protection services, and has deployed mobile clinics, health teams, and mobile Safe Spaces for women, youth and older persons, to reach those who cannot access life-saving services. UNFPA is using its existing network of shelters, centres and crisis rooms providing GBV services, established before the war, to respond to the needs of women on the move and to ensure that women and girls have access to quality life-saving protection services. UNFPA is expanding critical health and GBV services including psychosocial support and specialist services to pregnant and other women survivors or at risk of GBV who are in transit or where services have been disrupted. Building on the Triple Nexus Approach (humanitarian, development and peace), UNFPA supports local actors' transition from emergency activities to support community resilience and livelihoods through the restoration of health and protection services, in support of national efforts.

## Ongoing activities in Ukraine and Moldova

- In both countries, distribution of essential health and medicine supplies for service delivery points, including emergency reproductive health kits, neonatal and obstetric medical supplies for maternal health, and other non-food items requested by health and other state facilities
- Distribution of dignity kits (including menstrual hygiene materials) to women on the move and specialised hygiene supplies for pregnant and lactating women.
- Establishment of Survivor Relief Centres where social workers, psychologists, and lawyers provide free and confidential psychological and legal assistance to internally displaced people (IDPs) and survivors of gender-based violence. Survivors also receive information on medical services, humanitarian aid, help with settlement, and social benefits.
- Establishment of mobile health teams offering specialist services, staffed with medical personnel in maternal and sexual and reproductive health, and psycho-social support.
- Training of local frontline health personnel with life-saving reproductive health knowledge, including Clinical Management of Rape.
- Expansion of existing GBV prevention, mitigation and response services provided in shelters and centres in Ukraine for women affected by violence, to provide support to women affected by the conflict and related emergency needs.

- Establishment of psychosocial mobile teams to cover the needs of the most vulnerable including internally displaced women, GBV survivors, and hosting authorities.

- Maintenance and expansion of 24/7 toll-free telephone hotlines and online platforms in Ukraine for women to seek advice and support for their safety and protection. Establishment of a hotline to provide psychological assistance and support to men.

- Dissemination of awareness-raising material handouts among women and girls on the move and in host communities with information on support for protection and reproductive health.



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- Planning for the provision of cash assistance (digital or cash-in-hand) to women on the move so they can prioritise their immediate needs (food, shelter, supplies) and access SRH services.
- Localization efforts supporting the Government and investing in community-led solutions through building the capacity of national Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including women-led organisations.
- Development of the [first GBV Safety Audit](#) and [GBV Risk Assessment in CASH and Voucher Assistance \(CVA\) programs for refugees](#).
- Strengthening the national capacity and quality of SRH services through equipping additional delivery rooms, operating theatres and newborn intensive care units in order to accommodate a higher number of women due to the refugee influx.
- Support to the National Health Insurance Company for the provision of all SRH services to Ukrainian refugees and raising awareness among refugee women and girls on the availability of SRH and GBV services, including clinical management of rape, SRH cancer treatment and prenatal and postnatal care.
- Capacity building trainings on Clinical Management of Rape for professionals from the national health system in order to ensure quality and timely response to sexual violence
- Outreach campaigns on GBV risks, sexual exploitation and abuse, access to GBV and SRH services.
- Operation of 17 static and 3 mobile [Orange Safe Spaces](#) for women, including on border points. Some Orange Safe Spaces have been tailored specifically to the needs of older persons, people with disabilities, youth groups and Roma refugees.

## UNFPA Call to Partners:

UNFPA continues to need **long-term flexible funding** to respond to the needs of the population in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. All levels of funding are solicited. Most urgently UNFPA needs funding to continue providing essential medical supplies and deploying trained personnel to deliver life-saving services. Working together with the Government of Ukraine, international and national civil society organisations in the different countries, UNFPA requires funding to ensure that these partnerships continue to sustain and expand much needed lifesaving GBV and SRH services.

## UNFPA Funding Requirements

The combined funding needed until the end of 2022 is \$75.6 million; \$57.75 million for Ukraine, \$15.7 million for Moldova, and \$2.2 million for countries neighbouring Ukraine.

So far, thanks to the generosity of our donors, approximately **65% of the appeal has been funded**, but the needs remain high and will continue in 2023.

### UNFPA Funding Requirement



**\$75.6 M required**



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