

Ukraine Emergency

Situation Report #7



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Covering the period from 5 to 19 April

Highlights

- With ongoing reports of rape and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV) in Ukraine, Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director released a [statement](#) calling for urgent action to protect the rights of women and girls.
- In addition to 13 metric tons of reproductive health supplies delivered to 7 hospitals in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhya, **26 tons of critical reproductive health supplies, medicines and equipment** have arrived in Ukraine to be distributed to maternity hospitals in war-torn Chernihiv, Sumy, Kherson, Mykolaiv and four more cities.
- UNFPA signed an agreement with the National Health Insurance Company in Moldova to provide direct financial support to the national health system to cover the SRH needs of Ukraine refugee women, ensuring their access to **free-of-charge services**, including antenatal, postnatal care, delivery, cesareans, contraceptives, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) treatment.
- UNFPA launched and is leading the **Cash & GBV Task Force**, a joint initiative of the GBV Sub-Cluster and the Cash Working Group consisting of 22 organizations, to ensure that a GBV lens is embedded in the delivery of cash programming in Ukraine.



Women received dignity kits after being displaced from Mariupol to Zaporizhzhia © UNFPA Ukraine



12M

Forcibly displaced (including **5 million** who crossed the border)



9.4M

Women of reproductive age in Ukraine



265,000

Estimated number of pregnant women in Ukraine at start of the war



80,000

Estimated number of births in the next 3 months

Situation Overview

- Over **12 million people** – more than a quarter of the Ukrainian population – have fled their homes since the start of the war. Over **7.1 million** are forcibly [displaced](#) within Ukraine, and almost **5 million** have [fled](#) to neighbouring countries. Over 50 per cent of IDPs have children, 57 per cent are older persons, and 30 per cent have chronic illnesses (IOM [survey](#)).
- Eastern and southern Ukraine continued to face the fiercest fighting, while IDPs in western Ukraine face challenges meeting their basic needs such as shelter.
- As of 16 April, the number of **attacks on health facilities** verified by WHO had risen to **125** and **access to health care** continues to pose a significant challenge due to severe disruptions in critical services and additional patient workload in the western part of the country.
- Gender-based violence (GBV) specialized services continue to operate, including in Dnipro, Vinnytsia, Lviv and Odesa, but not in communities where active hostilities are taking place. **Referral pathways for GBV survivors** are not fully functioning in many locations and **access to police services** is limited.
- Aid delivery and logistics capacity continue to face challenges, particularly in relation to security and transport services.



Jennifer Chase (GBV AoR Global Coordinator, first from the left) and Mustafa Elkanzi (Senior Emergency Coordinator, third from the left) visited a shelter for GBV survivors in Lviv to identify the pressing needs of women and girls.

Humanitarian Needs

- As of 18 April, almost **5 million people** had left Ukraine, primarily for Poland (around 2.8 million or 56%), Romania (757,000), the Russian Federation (550,000), Hungary (471,000), the Republic of Moldova (427,000), Slovakia (343,000), and Belarus (24,000), while others moved towards various other European countries ([UNHCR portal](#)). There was an increase in the number of refugees fleeing to the Russian Federation (additional 180,000 people recorded over the past 2 weeks), making it the third biggest refugee recipient country.
- Women and girls need **continued access to sexual and reproductive health and GBV specialized services**.
- **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** remains among the most reported urgent needs. Displaced women suffer high levels of stress and anxiety due to fear, loss of family members or friends, and family separation.
- **Disruption to the national medical supply chain** in Ukraine is impacting the ability of health workers to deliver life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, requiring large scale distributions of

supplies across all 24 oblasts. Inconsistent access to hard-to-reach areas makes a last-mile distribution to health and protection facilities in some oblasts complex and unpredictable.

- The **national GBV hotline**, supported by UNFPA, received **more than 3,000 calls and online requests** and about 79% of them are on GBV (78% are from women). Reports include sexual violence perpetrated in and outside the family.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response

Ukraine

- In addition to 13 metric tons of reproductive health supplies delivered to 7 hospitals in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhya in March 2022, an additional **26 tons of critical reproductive health supplies, medicines and equipment** have arrived in Ukraine in April and will be distributed to maternity hospitals in war-torn Chernihiv, Sumy, Kherson, Mykolaiv and four more cities. Additional equipment and supplies are expected to arrive in May.
- UNFPA is dispatching **mobile psychosocial teams** to 12 regions across Ukraine. Staffed by psychologists and social workers, the UNFPA-supported teams will provide psychosocial support to women experiencing trauma or violence.
- The Government requested UNFPA to provide technical support to the **national sexual violence programme** which was recently launched by the Deputy Prime Minister's Office.
- UNFPA continues to chair the **GBV Sub-cluster** under the Protection Cluster and the **SRH Working group** under the Health Cluster, with regular meetings to ensure a coordinated response ([5W Online Dashboard](#)). SRH Working Group supported urgent requests from maternity hospitals in Odesa and Mykolaiv, and currently addressing the hormonal therapy request for the needs of transgender and intersex people in Ukraine.
- UNFPA identified an in-country Inter-agency Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Senior Coordinator in consultation with OCHA to oversee and support the collective PSEA activities of humanitarian organizations working in Ukraine including providing guidance to the Ukraine PSEA task force and strengthening PSEA coordination.

Moldova

- **More than 10 metric tons of reproductive health (RH) kits** have arrived in Chisinau to be delivered to hospitals and 41 Youth-Friendly Health Clinics across the country to support the provision of lifesaving SRH and GBV services to the refugees from Ukraine. The RH kits include supplies, medicines and equipment for the management of emergency obstetric and gynaecological care, including gynecologic oncology, clinical delivery assistance, management of complications of miscarriage and abortions, and treatment of the STIs, post-rape care, contraceptives and other reproductive health supplies. The reproductive health kits will cover the needs of a population of more than 450,000 people across Moldova.
- UNFPA provided medical supplies to a new [refugee camp](#) in Pirlita village in north Moldova to ensure continued access to quality healthcare and sexual and reproductive health services for 500 residents.
- UNFPA distributed **8,000 dignity kits** to refugees in accommodation centers and host communities based on identified needs of women and girls.
- With UNFPA support, more than 1,100 women and youth refugees received **psychological first aid and mental health support**, including referral to SRH and GBV services, through the "Youth Friendly Health Clinic" network.
- Expanding existing service centres for women and youth, UNFPA established **8 Orange Safe Spaces** in Chisinau and locations (Palanca border crossing, Nisporeni, Criuleni, Congaz) across Moldova to

provide for refugee youth, women and older persons a physically, emotionally, and socially protective environment, support related to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence, resilience building and recreational activities. **An additional 4 mobile Orange Safe Spaces** will also be opened for hard-to-reach host communities to provide psychological counseling and sessions for women and older persons.



- UNFPA procured **state-of-the-art equipment** for seven perinatal centers in the north, south and center of Moldova, and the Institute of Oncology in Chisinau. The equipment will support the national health system to provide quality reproductive health care, ensuring safe pregnancy and births among women refugees. The equipment is adaptable to the needs of women with disabilities.
- UNFPA is developing **GBV referral pathways** in collaboration with national and local authorities and NGOs specializing in health, legal, and social services, as well as law enforcement bodies with other UN agencies.
- UNFPA plans to equip and open one **separate refugee accommodation center for pregnant women and mothers with newborns**, offering them a safe living space, and services of a psychologist and a medical specialist.
- More than **200 refugee young people and children** were reached by UNFPA-supported Youth Center volunteers.



Belarus

- UNFPA continued delivering **hygiene items** to serve the needs of 200+ refugee women and girls at border crossings and emergency accommodations.
- Continued **capacity building of specialists and volunteers of Belarus Red Cross**, covering GBV prevention, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and provision of gender-sensitive services in humanitarian crises. The training is offered on a regular basis to meet the increasing demand within the organizations responding to the needs of the refugees.
- UNFPA reinforced the Belarus Red Cross team with three coordination

specialists to better manage **technical, logistical and psycho-social support to refugees**.

- UNFPA agreed with all involved parties to initiate a **Supervision Aid Team** to cover the needs of specialists and volunteers working with refugees. The team will include professionals to provide counseling services off- and online.
- Appropriate healthcare facilities to **ensure access to SRH services for refugees were selected**. UNFPA is taking a leading role in coordinating referral support and full access to the whole spectrum of services to meet all needs of affected women and girls.

Neighbouring EU countries

- UNFPA is partnering with civil society organizations to **document rights violations** related to gender-based violence among refugees in **neighboring EU countries** and assist with referrals to national services.

UNFPA Funding Requirements have more than doubled from the beginning of the war and currently exceed \$65 million. The revised flash appeal for Ukraine and the Regional Refugee Response Plan for the wider region will be released by the end of April.



\$65.6 M required



25% funded

- UNFPA is committed to ensuring the continuity and scale-up of lifesaving SRH and GBV-related services. The Flash Appeal and the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) are being revised. UNFPA financial needs to continue responding to the growing SRH and GBV-related needs of the Ukrainian population have more than doubled

Communications & Media Coverage

UNFPA continues advocacy and external media engagement to highlight the situation of women and girls in Ukraine and contributes to joint UN communication and advocacy plans on the Ukraine crisis.

UNFPA [press release](#): Women and girls in Ukraine and neighboring countries require urgent support 19/4/22.

Media coverage:

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- [Teen Vogue](#). Ukrainian Teens Are Helping Refugees Displaced During the War with Russia. 6/4/22.

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