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UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine



Situation Overview

UNFPA has been managing programmes in Ukraine and Moldova since 1997 and 1995 respectively and continues to provide ongoing support amidst the war with a focus on meeting the reproductive health 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 document rights violations related to gender-based violence and assist with referrals to national services.



As the war in Ukraine intensifies, people are fleeing to safety at a rapid pace. Over 11.9 million people have fled their homes. The majority are women and children who urgently need life-saving services for their physical and mental wellbeing. At the start of the war, an estimated 265,000 women were pregnant in Ukraine, with 80,000 expected to give birth in the coming 3 months. There continue to be heartbreaking reports of attacks on hospitals and health infrastructure, with women giving birth in basements and bomb shelters without adequate medical support. There is an urgent need to prioritise health and protection services to reduce suffering, save lives and support those affected.

Current UNFPA actions

UNFPA, together with partners, is focusing on sexual and reproductive **health** (SRH), including maternal and newborn health; and **protection** from sexual and gender-based violence (GBV), predominately for **women and girls** and the most vulnerable. As the UN sexual and reproductive health agency, UNFPA is co-leading the SRH working group and the GBV sub cluster, playing a key coordination role with partners. UNFPA is repurposing its existing health and protection programmes in Ukraine and surrounding countries to provide emergency response services to meet urgent needs. As humanitarian access allows, UNFPA is scaling up interventions, to increase the number of partners and locations offering health and protection services, and has deployed mobile clinics and health teams. 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. UNFPA is expanding critical health services including psychosocial support and specialist services to pregnant and other women affected by GBV who are in transit or where services have been disrupted. Once the situation allows, UNFPA will support local actors' transition from emergency activities to support community resilience and livelihoods through the restoration of health and protection services.

Example activities that are ongoing in Ukraine and Moldova

- 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
- Distributing hygiene kits (including menstrual supplies) to women on the move and specialised hygiene supplies for pregnant and breastfeeding women
- Establishing mobile health teams offering specialist services staffed with medical personnel in maternal health, sexual reproductive health and psycho-social support
- Recruiting additional staff required for mobile teams: midwives, doctors, pharmacists, counselors, outreach workers, youth coordinators, guards and ambulance drivers
- Training local frontline health personnel with basic life-saving reproductive health knowledge
- Expanding existing 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
- Establishing psychosocial mobile teams to cover needs of the most vulnerable people both internally displaced women, GBV survivors and hosting authorities.
- Maintenance and expansion of 24/7 toll-free telephone hotlines in Ukraine for women to seek advice and support for their safety and protection
- Dissemination of handouts among women and girls on the move and in host communities with information on support for protection, and reproductive health
- Planning 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).

UNFPA Call to Partners:



UNFPA urgently needs **flexible funding** to scale its operations in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. All levels of funding are solicited. Most urgently UNFPA needs funding to provide essential medical supplies and deploy further trained personnel to deliver life-saving services. UNFPA has the networks and partners ready to receive goods and services but requires funding to provide specialist and emergency services.

The combined funding needed is **\$65.6 million**; \$47.75 million Ukraine and \$15.7 million Moldova, and \$2.2 million for other neighbouring countries until the end of December 2022.

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UNFPA Funding Requirements

The combined funding needed is \$65.6 million; \$47.75 million Ukraine and \$15.7 million Moldova, and \$2.2 million for other neighbouring countries, including refugees within Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia until the end of December 2022.

Country	Key Activities	Funding Requirements
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute Reproductive Health equipment and supplies to affected facilities providing health services and to service delivery points (SDP), including Inter-Agency Emergency Health Kits (IARH), medical supplies for maternal health and other non-food items requested by health and other state facilities • Establish mobile health teams offering specialist services staffed with medical personnel in integrated SRH and GBV services including clinical management of rape (CRM) and psycho-social support (PSS) • Procure and operate mobile clinics to improve capacity of health infrastructure, especially in the most affected regions • Continue and scale up provision of GBV prevention and response services (shelters, referral pathways, case management, safe spaces, PSS assistance) • In close coordination with other agencies, provide cash assistance (digital or cash-in-hand) to women, girls and older people on the move so they can prioritise their immediate needs (food, shelter, supplies) • Strengthen and expand existing coordination mechanism for SRH and GBV to the whole country, both at national and sub national levels 	<p>\$47.75 million USD</p> <p>\$26M for GBV and \$21.75M for SRH.</p>
Moldova	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase health system capacity to absorb increased refugee caseload and provide life saving emergency obstetric care through equipping of maternity rooms and operating theatres with medicines, equipment, supplies and technical assistance • Establish comprehensive centers that can provide clinical management of rape services that are survivor centered. • Deployment of mobile and static integrated community SRH and GBV health units, supplies and interventions to increase access to services • Procure and distribute dignity kits to refugees as well as provide cash assistance to increase access to services and protection • Support the establishment, refurbishing and maintenance of new or existing shelters for vulnerable women and girls, including pregnant and lactating women and girls, unaccompanied girls, GBV survivors • Establish women and girls safe spaces (including MHPSS support) • Provide training on MHPSS, healthcare and legal support services in working with GBV survivors including Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) • Support data collection and harmonisation effort (GBV IMS) and orient service providers on GBV case management protocols • Increase awareness of SRH services, warning signs and GBV protection services (incl PSEA) through information dissemination • Strengthen GBV Prevention and mitigation measures that address identified risks through the GBV assessment and the safety audits • Strengthen referral pathways for GBV survivors. 	<p>\$15.7 million USD</p> <p>\$7M for GBV</p> <p>\$8.2M for SRH</p> <p>\$0.5M for Education targeting young people</p>