

## KEY FIGURES

6,617

Requests for psychological support from UNFPA mobile teams

60 %

of UNFPA mobile team clients have never asked for help before

16,685

Callers served by 24-hour national hotline since January 2016

3X

Increase in calls received by the national hotline so far in 2016

## SPECIAL DELIVERIES TO EASE DELIVERY



In May, UNFPA distributed 75 reproductive health kits among medical facilities in Government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk to help their medical practitioners cope with a variety of challenges. The eight kits for complicated deliveries, 18 for management of miscarriage and complications of abortion, 12 for suture of tears, seven

for post-rape treatment, and 30 for STI treatment totalled \$55,470 worth of supplies. UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador Ashley Judd saw the impact of these deliveries first-hand during her May visit to eastern Ukraine, where she helped bring reproductive health kits to Karamatorsk maternity, which was seriously lacking medical supplies.

UNFPA has delivered a total of 370 sexual and reproductive health kits (including for post rape treatment) and 38,000 gynaecological kits to hospitals and clinics in conflict-affected regions of eastern Ukraine since beginning its humanitarian response in September 2014. These supplies, delivered as part of UNFPA's continuing work with Ukraine's Ministry of Social Policy to address the needs of the most vulnerable, help ensure access to reproductive health services and save the lives of mothers and new-borns.

**“Despite the danger, many women pass checkpoints to reach properly equipped hospitals,” Judd said. “UNFPA is working to ensure that despite all circumstances, every birth in Ukraine is safe.”**

## CALLS TO HOTLINE FOR SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE TOP 16,000

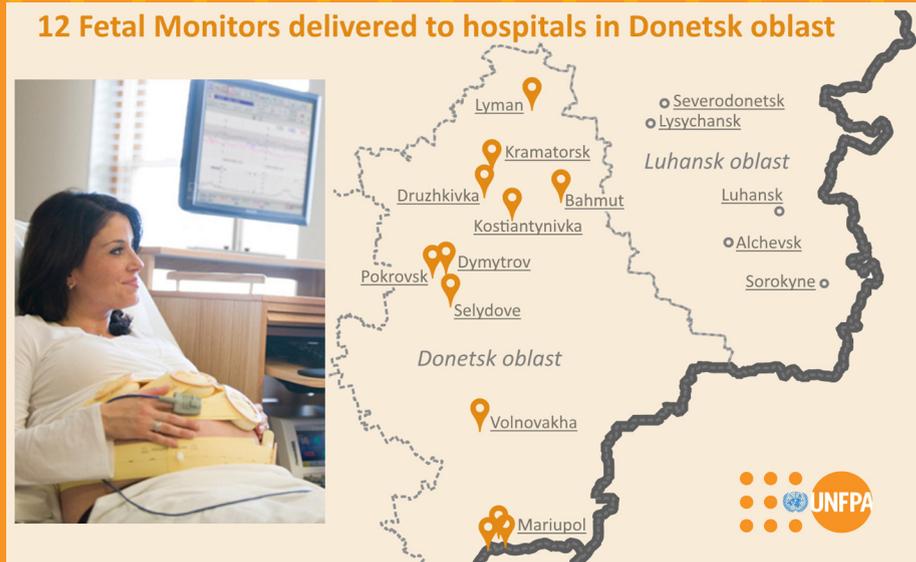
Since UNFPA started supporting night-time operating hours for a national toll free hotline on preventing domestic violence, trafficking and gender discrimination, the total number of calls has increased three times in comparison to 2015. Operated by UNFPA implementing partner La Strada, the hotline began receiving calls on a 24/7 basis at the start of February.

The organisation received more than 16,000 calls between January-June 2016, compared to 5,517 calls during the same period last year, clearly showing the need for early-morning and late-night operating hours. Counsellors have provided more than 4,252 telephone sessions of psychological counselling to callers, as well as thousands of referrals.

## 12 FETAL MONITORS DELIVERED TO HOSPITALS IN DONETSK OBLAST



The number of women with pre-term deliveries has increased dramatically during the conflict; the three infant incubators UNFPA has delivered in the past year, including one in June to Kramatorsk hospital, are crucial tools for saving the lives of premature babies. UNFPA also delivered 12 fetal and maternal monitors to health facilities in government-controlled areas of Donetsk; by measuring fetal and maternal conditions in both



clinics and delivery rooms, these lightweight and compact monitors will improve early detection of potentially fatal conditions such as fetal hypoxia (oxygen deficiency). The use of fetal and maternal monitors in obstetric practice has

reduced the incidence of perinatal mortality 2.5-3 times. These lightweight and compact monitors will improve access of pregnant women to high-quality perinatal care in areas heavily affected by conflict.

## UNFPA MOBILE TEAMS CONNECT SURVIVORS WITH SERVICES



Irina, 39, was subjected to physical and psychological violence by her former partner. When they started their relationship, she left her business to devote herself to caring for his son from a previous marriage and keeping house for them at his apartment. Over time, he began to accuse her of being wasteful with his money, and the verbal abuse soon escalated to physical abuse. After one attack during which he sat on her neck, Irina moved out and lived with her parents for several weeks. Then she gave her partner another chance, but it was not long before the cycle of abuse repeated. Finally, having heard about UNFPA's psychosocial support programmes through one of the tens of thousands of referral cards distributed in eastern

Ukraine, Irina called UNFPA's mobile teams for help. After talking to Irina, members of the team helped her schedule a medical examination and make plans. She decided to stay with her parents for a while and then move in with her daughter in Kharkiv, where she intends to work in a supermarket. Irina had the courage to ask for help, but many women experiencing gender-based violence do not see this as an option. Of women who do not ask for help, 40 per cent say they are capable of handling the situation on their own, while 14 per cent say they do not believe that anyone would be able to help them. UNFPA mobile teams show women like Irina that support is there, and change is possible.

## ASHLEY JUDD BRINGS GOODWILL AND GOOD VIBES

UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador Ashley Judd travelled in May 2016 to conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine, where she visited UNFPA-supported clinics and programmes for women and girls, helping deliver supplies and meeting with survivors of conflict and gender-based violence. Here, she reflects on her experience attending a therapy session for GBV survivors in Kramatorsk.



“Today my new friends came in, bravely, to a therapy group for the first time in their lives, and got so much information and relief. We shared dignity kits and UNFPA-prepared supplies for women. It’s jarring to be reminded by a box with the UN lettering that we are 40 kilometres away from heavy shelling, daily death of soldiers, and a war that is intensifying.”  
“Today I received gifts from those who live in relentless hardship, in war inside and outside their homes, and have ostensibly so little to give. Yet give they did: an icon, peonies, wildflowers,

laughter, hand-holding, children riding on my shoulders, leaning back so far on a rope-swing that my braid traced the surface of the river. I have loved it here in Ukraine. The level at which I have been moved, connected, and affected is far beyond any number of days the calendar may say I was here. I take pictures, to have another handy way to remind myself of the fantastic work, the clever and targeted programming, the great number of vulnerable Ukrainians reached and helped.”



## HARMONIZING RESPONSES TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

UNFPA helps improve intersectoral coordination mechanisms to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. The Fund brings together representatives of social protection and healthcare departments, national police, legal aid

centres, and social service centres for family, children, and youth to share best practices for gender-based violence prevention and response. Working with the East European Institute for Reproductive Health, UNFPA organised

two such workshops in Kharkiv (13-14 June) and Zaporizhzhia (16-17 June) aiming to establish an effective multi-sectorial coordination mechanism to harmonize the actions of different relevant institutions.