

UNFPA Regional Response to Ukraine Emergency Situation Report #22



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62,201

People reached with GBV information, referrals and services



25,810

Psychosocial support



38,591

People reached with SRH information, referrals and services

Highlights

- Across the region, over **127,000** women, girls, men and boys – including older persons, youth and people with disabilities – received tailored prevention, mitigation and life-saving response services on gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health (SRH).¹
- 12** new service delivery points (SDPs) started operating in Kyiv oblast, increasing the total UNFPA-supported SDPs across Ukraine to **107**.
- Several events – with the participation of refugees, host communities and key partners – took place in the region to locally launch or commemorate the [16 Days of Activism against GBV](#) and the [bodyright](#) global campaigns.
- UNFPA continues to support an expanding network of Women and Girls Safe Spaces: **29** across Ukraine, **32** across Moldova—including **11** mobile units— and **three** each in Romania and Belarus, focusing on refugees and host communities.



Separated by War: A Refugee Family's Holidays Apart. Photo: UNFPA Moldova/Mihail Calarasan



14.6 million

People in need in Ukraine



3.7 million

Internally displaced people in Ukraine



5.9 million

Refugees in European countries

¹ The UNFPA Regional Response to the Ukraine Emergency covers Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, European Union (EU) countries bordering Ukraine (Romania, Poland and Slovakia) and Belarus. The regional estimated figure of people served refers to beneficiaries who may have received more than one service.

Situation Overview/Humanitarian Needs

- As of January 2024, an estimated **6.3 million** people have been [forced to flee](#) Ukraine, with **94 per cent** of them hosted in European countries—representing **5.9 million** refugees.
- Within Ukraine, displacement trends are complex. An estimated **3.7 million** people are [internally displaced](#), and **4.6 million** people [returned](#) to their area of habitual residence following a period of displacement due to the war. However, returnees face significant challenges due to safety issues, family separation and limited access to income-generating opportunities.
- In [Ukraine](#), an estimated **7.8 million** people need health assistance, and **11.5 million** need protection assistance and services, including **2.5 million** who need GBV prevention and response services. The [ongoing return](#) of internally displaced persons is exacerbating needs.
- A [recent surge in strikes and hostilities](#) caused extensive damage across Ukraine, including at least **10** health-care facilities, and affected essential services where hundreds of thousands were left without electricity and water amid harsh weather conditions. UNFPA and partners [swiftly](#) extended [vital support](#) to those affected by the specific attacks.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Ukraine*

- During the reporting period, over **40,000** women, girls, men and boys received tailored GBV prevention, mitigation and response services. These services included psychosocial mobile teams, safe spaces, survivor relief centres, municipal specialized services, crisis rooms, shelters, day-care centres, GBV case management, cash assistance, women career hubs, dignity kits, as well as online platforms and chatbots on information sharing.
- Close to **25,000** people received life-saving SRH services through mobile teams and SDPs embedded in national health-care providers.
- UNFPA procured **2,500** winterized dignity kits with tailored essentials for women and girls, which are being distributed in collaboration with local partners.
- **12** new SDPs started operation in Kyiv oblast, with a total of **107** UNFPA-supported SDPs providing specialized assistance for those affected by GBV across Ukraine, including conflict-related sexual violence.
- UNFPA delivered **10** infant incubators to medical facilities in diverse regions affected by the war.
- UNFPA updated the Common Operational Dataset on Population Statistics (COD-PS), which became the foundational basis for calculating populations in need and target groups across all coordination clusters.
- **Two** new Day-care Counselling Centres with crisis rooms were opened in Ternopil and Kharkiv oblasts with UNFPA's support, bringing the total number of these centres to **46**.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Neighbouring Countries

Moldova*

- During the reporting period, over **7,300** women, girls, men and boys received tailored GBV prevention, mitigation and response services. These services included static and mobile safe spaces, case management, referrals, cash assistance, dignity and winterization kits and vouchers for hygiene products.
- UNFPA distributed **1,400** winterization kits to the most vulnerable refugees and host communities. Where necessary, UNFPA also equipped safe spaces with additional heaters.
- UNFPA and NGO Artemida, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Moldova, pioneered a [new cash assistance mechanism](#) to empower survivors of GBV, reaching over **300** women.
- [Strengthened the capacities](#) of **five** local women-led organizations and **300** front-line service providers, equipping them to offer GBV services and prevention actions in communities hosting refugees.

- UNFPA [transferred](#) 10 vehicles to the newly launched Territorial Agencies for Social Assistance under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection as part of the [RESTART Reform](#).

EU countries bordering Ukraine

- During the reporting period, around **17,000** women and girls received tailored prevention, mitigation and response services on GBV and SRH in Romania. These services included safe spaces, GBV case management, psychosocial support, recreational/socialization activities, as well as awareness-raising on SRH and/or GBV, entrepreneurship, and available services in safe spaces and local communities.
- In support of, and at the request of the government authorities of Romania, UNFPA co-facilitated a **GBV Case Management** training in collaboration with UNHCR, UN Women and UNICEF. As a result, an initial pool of **28 Social Workers** strengthened their skills to provide specialized services to GBV survivors.
- In Romania, UNFPA conducted a regional training of trainers (ToT) on **Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)** and **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)** in collaboration with the SRH and GBV Working Groups of Romania and Slovakia. **13** participants successfully completed the ToT and have been included in the **regional pool of trainers**.
- In Poland, UNFPA delivered **CMR/IPV training** for **front-line health-care providers** to improve the quality of care for survivors of sexual violence and IPV. In addition, a survey on Health Facility Readiness and Facility Staff Friendliness for CMR-IPV and GBV service provision was conducted to assess the baseline for future programmes. The report will be shared in the next regional SitRep.

Belarus

- UNFPA and their partners reached over **900** women, older persons and people with disabilities with tailored GBV prevention, mitigation, response services and SRH services. These services included accommodation, safe spaces, psychosocial counselling and referrals.
- During the reporting period, refugees of older age from Ukraine participated in different socializing activities organized at the UNFPA-supported safe spaces. They also discussed issues of their concern with specialists from the health and social care departments of the Gomel and Vitebsk municipalities.

** More information is available by clicking on the resources below.*

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Coordination

- UNFPA continues to lead SRH and GBV coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels to ensure prevention, risk mitigation and response mechanisms are in place.
- During the 16 Days of Activism against GBV, partners of the SRH/GBV coordination mechanisms collaborated to organize multiple events across the region. In Ukraine, nearly 300 events were planned to reach a broader audience across Ukraine. In Moldova, the global bodyright campaign against digital violence was [launched](#) nationally with the attendance of multiple high-level stakeholders. In Belarus, UNFPA launched a digital awareness-raising campaign on [GBV](#) and co-led an inter-agency campaign on [women's empowerment](#). Regionally, UNFPA contributed to a [joint statement](#), advocating for investing in women-led organizations to prevent violence against women and girls.
- The GBV Area of Responsibility of Ukraine published a comprehensive report on [Service Barriers Faced by Male Survivors of Sexual Violence in Ukraine](#) in December, allowing the issuance of a [Guidance Note](#).

Future Plans

- In Ukraine, UNFPA will continue to strengthen local capacities by conducting three CMR-IPV training sessions followed by three CMR ToT training sessions to expand the pool of national trainers.
- In Belarus, UNFPA will expand the safe spaces network and strengthen GBV and SRH service referrals, psychosocial support and mobile services in collaboration with partner organizations.
- In Moldova, UNFPA will continue GBV prevention and response, including case management and cash assistance. The bodyright campaign will also continue, focusing on social media and youth outreach.
- In EU countries, UNFPA will expand its partnership with the [SafeYou app](#) to facilitate access to information and services for GBV survivors, starting in Romania.

UNFPA Funding Requirement for 2024



**US \$94.4 million
required**



**Approx 30%
funded**

- [UNFPA's 2024 Appeal for the Regional Response to the Ukraine Crisis](#) was launched on 21 December 2023 and seeks \$94.4 million in funding to provide life-saving SRH and GBV interventions and supplies.
- As of January 2024, UNFPA's 2024 regional appeal was approximately 30 per cent funded.
- The OCHA-led [Humanitarian Need and Response Plan](#) for Ukraine and the UNHCR-led [2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan](#) were released in January 2024, including UNFPA funding requirements.

Media, Communication and Advocacy

- [Separated by War](#): A Refugee Family's Holidays Apart in Moldova.
- [#ActingForSurvivors](#) run gathered 1,500 people in a united effort to end GBV in Ukraine.
- A photo exhibition about the stories of [internally displaced Ukrainians](#) opened in 10 Ukrainian cities.

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