

## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RESPONSE

Services in operation:



**100**  
Psychosocial  
Mobile Teams



**2,454**  
People in need received  
psychosocial counselling  
from PSS mobile teams in March



UNFPA's strategy is anchored in localization efforts aimed to fill emergency SRH and GBV service gaps, including lifesaving referrals, while ensuring complementarity and partnership with ongoing national efforts and early recovery plans. In that regard, UNFPA has supported pre-war national plans to build a network of essential GBV services throughout the country, while avoiding the establishment of any parallel systems.



In the first quarter of 2023, UNFPA launched 19 additional "Vilna" women-friendly spaces in Ukraine. These spaces provide various services, including legal and psychological counselling, medical support, and vocational training.



**24**  
UNFPA-supported  
specialised facilities  
for GBV survivors



**28**  
Other services  
for GBV survivors and  
women at risk (career hubs,  
"Vilna" women-friendly spaces)



**6**  
Survivor  
Relief Centres



**12,239**  
Services provided to people  
by SRCs from the beginning  
of the full-scale invasion

A new Survivor Relief Centre began operating in Mukachevo in March. SRCs are open for all people affected by the ongoing war, where they can receive medical, legal, and psychological assistance.

The mobile application for response and prevention of domestic violence was presented by UNFPA in August 2022. Since then, the total number of downloads is 35 000, and the number of active users is 15 000.

Since the beginning of 2023, **more than 3,000 Dignity Kits have been distributed**. Each Dignity Kit contains essential items to ensure hygiene and comfort. DK distribution is also used as an effective entrypoint to other life-saving services and referrals. **On 31 March, UNFPA joined a UN interagency convoy to reach people in Vovchansk, Kharkivska oblast. 432 women, including older persons and those with reduced mobility.**



## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Services in operation:



**23**

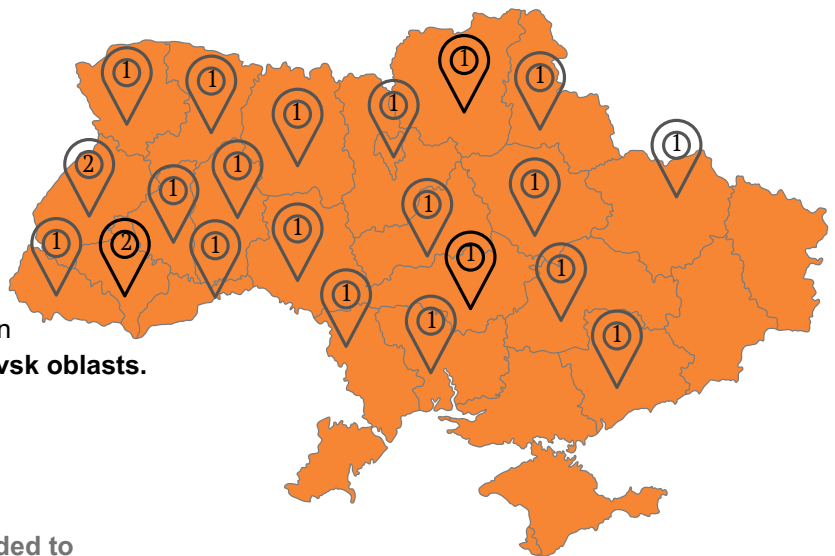
Mobile Health Units

In March **3 new MHUs** started operations in **Chernihiv, Kirovograd and Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts.**



**9,258**

Consultations were provided to women and girls by MHUs in March



**1 Mobile Maternity Unit** is operating in Kharkiv oblast, providing comprehensive emergency obstetric care.

**37 Service Delivery Points** SDPs are located in hospitals (mostly in maternity clinics) where healthcare professionals can provide specialized, confidential assistance to those affected by gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence. The SDPs are designed to ensure access and comfortable service provision for people with disabilities.

**23,6 MT**

Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits delivered to maternity hospitals in March



## STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

A total of 76 adolescents from 18 regions of Ukraine participated in the second spring shift of the **"Energy of Your Future" camp**. **151 young people** aged 14 to 17 gained new useful soft skills and interacted with like-minded peers. Participation in the camp will help them to develop the ability to overcome difficult life situations, build interpersonal relationships, plan for the future, and create new ideas with others to help build a better world.



## INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION :

### GBV Sub-Cluster (GBV SC)

- As part of efforts to initiate and institutionalize GBV case management in Ukraine, which to date has not been an available service, the GBV SC held a **GBV Case Management SOP Development workshop**.
- The **Working Group on Needs of Male Survivors of Sexual Violence** met on **16 March** to discuss barriers that prevent male GBV survivors from seeking help. Efforts also continued to develop safe referral pathways to ensure quality, comprehensive, timely, non-discriminatory, and proactive services are available for male survivors.
- Together with local authorities, UNFPA continued decentralizing humanitarian emergency GBV coordination in order to maximize reach and impact. The **first GBV SC regional meeting in Poltava** was held on 27 of March. In March 2023, such **regional meetings were held in Kharkiv, Rivne, and Cherkasy oblasts**.

### Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health Technical Working Group (SRMCH TWG)

- **Two successful conferences were held with doctors from eleven medical health units across Ukraine**. Medical professionals gathered to exchange best practices for providing quality care in challenging environments, particularly in underserved communities. Discussions focused on emergency response protocols, preventative care strategies, and community outreach programmes. Participants also discussed the operation of UNFPA-supported Mobile Health Units.
- In March, **118 medical providers received training via the 'Women's Health, Family Planning' programme**, a UNFPA national implementing partner. 89 providers were trained on the topic of disability, while 29 providers received training on Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) over a five-day period.
- To improve the quality of CMR within the national healthcare system, **UNFPA conducted a five-day CMR training**. The training, held in **Kyiv**, brought together 30 participants from various healthcare facilities across the country. UNFPA remains committed to building the technical capacity of Ukraine's healthcare professionals.

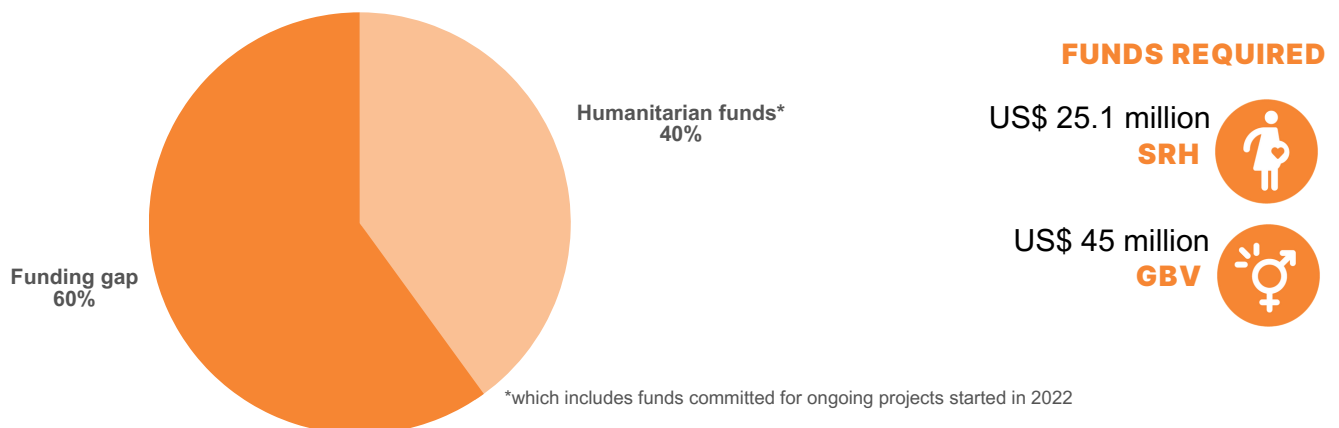


## LATEST NEWS FROM UNFPA IN UKRAINE:

- During the **67th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York**, the Assistant Representative of UNFPA in Ukraine emphasised the importance of providing information on life-saving GBV-related services, and to establish critical entrypoints to a comprehensive specialized support system, highlighting, "This type of support is crucial to empowering survivors and helping them to recover from the trauma of conflict-related sexual violence." The discussion focused on the support and services available to women affected by GBV, including CRSV.
- On 15 March, the **Office of Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine and the Secretariat of the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy and UNFPA, presented a new online platform – Survivors Relief Platform**. This is the first online platform in Ukraine with comprehensive information on all key GBV-related services. The initiative aims to provide much-needed support to those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine and to facilitate access to life-saving services.

## UNFPA UKRAINE FUNDING STATUS (AS OF 31 MARCH):

- In 2023, **UNFPA Ukraine launched its emergency appeal for US\$70.1 million**. The appeal seeks to provide life-saving SRH and GBV prevention and response services to address the needs of women and girls in Ukraine.
- As of 31 March, the **UNFPA Appeal for Ukraine was 40 per cent funded**, which includes funds committed for ongoing projects starting in 2022. This includes support from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Norway, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Belgium, the EU (DG-ECHO, DG-NEAR), CERF, Netherlands, Ireland, OCHA-Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Iceland, Estonia, Czech Republic, the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) and Portugal.
- UNFPA is grateful to our donors for contributing to core resources. Core funding ensures that programmes are delivered in a predictable and sustainable manner and give the organisation the flexibility to redeploy resources to humanitarian actions whenever needed.



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