

Ukraine Emergency

Situation Report #4



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Covering the period from 8 March to 13 March

Highlights

- UNFPA and its partners scale up the response to meet growing needs in Ukraine and Moldova.
- UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem visits refugees in Moldova and meets with senior national officials.
- UNFPA is bringing emergency reproductive health kits to Ukraine to meet the needs of 500,000 people, 2 mobile health care clinics and 1 mobile maternity unit, and 10,000 dignity kits.
- UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO issued a joint [statement](#) condemning attacks on health care in Ukraine.



2.8M

Refugee arrivals from Ukraine



9.4M

Women of reproductive age in Ukraine



265,000

Estimated number of pregnant women in Ukraine at start of military offensive



80,000

Estimated number of births in the next 3 months

Humanitarian Needs

- Intensive fighting continues with attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, increasing the need for humanitarian assistance to protect women's rights, health and dignity. Protection and humanitarian access remain a key challenge.

- As of 13 March, an estimated **2,808,792 people** fled Ukraine to Poland (1,720,227 people), Hungary (255,291), Slovakia (204,862), Russian Federation (131,365), the Republic of Moldova (106,994), Romania (84,671), with others fleeing towards various other European countries [[UNHCR portal](#)].
- Humanitarian needs are rising for women and girls who face an increased risk of gender-based violence (GBV) in war-affected areas and in displacement. Most refugees are women and children and many women and girls travel alone, making them more vulnerable to violence and trafficking. There is an increasing number of reports of cases of sexual harassment and violence in Ukraine. The Protection Cluster, jointly with the Child Protection AoR, is developing guidance on protection standards for the safe passage and evacuation of civilians.
- The need for sexual and reproductive health services (SRH) is increasing. Before the war, there were 70 maternity and perinatal centers in 398 hospitals in Ukraine. Some were shelled and their operations were seriously affected if not discontinued. Such attacks on healthcare were condemned through a [press statement](#) by the Heads of UNFPA, UNICEF, and WHO on 13 March.
- In Moldova, 89% of Ukrainian refugees are women and children in urgent need of psychosocial support, GBV monitoring and referral systems. Health supplies for persons living with HIV are also needed.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response

UNFPA is coordinating closely with UN agencies and other partners. We are an active member of the Health Cluster and lead or participate in the GBV sub-cluster or protection sector depending on the country's context.

Ukraine

- UNFPA continues to lead GBV National and Subnational Sub-clusters / working groups and is coordinating an RH working group with a number of UN agencies, civil society organisations and donors to address the most acute needs of women and girls in a coordinated and effective manner.
- Specialized services, including GBV hotlines, remain partially functional. Prior to the current war, UNFPA was supporting a government network of 67 facilities across 30 cities for GBV survivors, reaching out to 60% of the population: two hotlines remain operational (counseling and referral for GBV survivors). An onsite facility is being established in Lviv to provide direct assistance to women and girls. The 65 remaining facilities are a combination of Service Delivery Points, shelters, crisis rooms and daycare centers that provide direct assistance to GBV survivors and referral to SRH services. Of these, 29 (45%) were still operational as of 13 March, 7 were repurposed and 13 were not in service. The remaining 16 could not be reached.
- UNFPA is expanding existing services provided in shelters and centers in Ukraine for women affected by violence, to provide support to women through 10 shelters, 8 crisis rooms, and referrals.
- UNFPA is bringing emergency reproductive health kits to cover the needs of up to 500,000 people.
- 10,000 dignity kits with menstrual supplies, soap and other items to meet the needs of women on the move, and specialized hygiene supplies for pregnant and breastfeeding women are being shipped.

Moldova

- UNFPA is working to ensure that refugees, most of whom are women and children, can access life-saving, quality, and well-coordinated sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and GBV response services. This includes establishing safe spaces for women and girls and building the frontline worker's

capacity in addressing the mental health and psychosocial needs of refugees as well as providing quality services for survivors of rape and GBV); as well as cash assistance to increase access to services and protection.

- UNFPA is currently procuring emergency reproductive health kits, dignity kits, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to address the urgent needs of refugee women and girls and health service providers.
- UNFPA is contributing to the ongoing revision of the Regional Refugee Response Plan and the national chapters in all neighboring countries. UNFPA revised financial requirements in order to respond to the SRH and GBV-related needs of the refugees in neighboring countries are now estimated at 12 million USD and will be revised regularly depending on the evolution of the context.

Belarus

- UNFPA continues consultations with Belarus national authorities (especially in cross-border regions) to support refugees and help organize logistics to provide antenatal, obstetrics and postnatal care to pregnant women in accordance with international standards;
- UNFPA is delivering hygienic supplies to the Gomel region where 200 Ukrainian refugees are currently staying, 80% being women and children.
- UNFPA is focusing on cooperation with local authorities to be operational to provide social services that may be required after basic needs are met.
- UNFPA continues establishing mobile teams for service provision and the development of durable solutions for GBV survivors.
- UNFPA supports civil society organizations that provide help to Hasidic Jewish women arriving from Ukraine. As of 14 March, more than 100 Hasidic Jews from Ukraine expressed wishes to stay in Belarus, 34 of them are women, including pregnant women and women with children.

Other Neighboring Countries

- For countries in the EU such as Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania, UNFPA is ready to provide advisory services to ensure that SRH and GBV services are prioritized and available for all refugees.

UNFPA Funding Requirement - Total US\$32 Million



\$32 M required



18% funded

- The funding appeal of UNFPA includes \$18 million for Ukraine, \$12 million for Moldova, and \$2 million for other neighbouring countries for the six-month period March-August 2022.
- UNFPA solicits funds through the [Ukraine Flash Appeal](#) (coordinated by OCHA) and the [Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#) (led by UNHCR), and through direct appeals to donors including through [individual giving campaigns](#).
- UNFPA is engaging with multiple donors to ensure that from the earliest phase of this crisis, the continuity and scale-up of lifesaving SRH and GBV-related services are prioritized.

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 Ukraine communication and advocacy plans. The following are a selection of key media interviews:

- [CNN](#), Interview with Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director, "Pregnancy doesn't wait. Childbirth doesn't wait." 8 March 2022
- [NPR](#), Interview with Jaime Nadal, UNFPA Representative Ukraine, "Establishing humanitarian corridors out of Ukraine is a top priority." 8 March 2022
- [Bloomberg](#), Interview with Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director. "The UN fights gender-based violence online and in real life as we focus on International Women's Day."
- [CBS News](#), Interview with Jaime Nadal, UNFPA Representative Ukraine. "How war in Ukraine is affecting women and girls."
- [BBC News](#), Interview with Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director, reporting from Moldova field visit

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