

Ukraine Emergency Situation Report #6



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Covering the period from 22 March to 4 April

Highlights

- **13 metric tons of reproductive health supplies**, medicines and equipment were delivered to health facilities in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhia to cover the **immediate reproductive health needs of a population of 500,000 people**.
- UNFPA delivered **3,000 dignity kits** containing sanitary pads and hygiene items to shelters for GBV survivors and crisis rooms in Dnipro, Poltava, and Zaporizhzhia.
- More than **1 million people**, mostly women, received information about women's health, GBV and psychological advice for families prepared by UNFPA experts and partners.
- The [Flash Appeal](#) and the [Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#) are being updated and extended until the end of 2022.



4.2M

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

Situation Overview

- Since the start of the war, ongoing hostilities in Ukraine continue to drive unprecedented levels of displacement both inside the country and across international borders. Over **10 million people** –

roughly a quarter of the Ukrainian population– have fled their homes. Nearly **6.5 million** are forcibly displaced within Ukraine, and over **4.2 million** have [fled](#) to neighbouring countries. The Protection Monitoring Highlights of the [Protection Cluster](#) confirmed that the groups reporting being most affected by the situation or facing barriers in obtaining support were **women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities**. More than **12 million people** are estimated to be stranded in affected areas or unable to leave because of heightened security risks, destruction of bridges and roads, and lack of resources or information on where to find safety and accommodation.

- Eastern Ukraine continues to bear the brunt of the war, with continued reports of targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, including health infrastructure and health workers. The humanitarian situation in Chernihiv (Chernihivska oblast, north) is also deteriorating. As of 1 April, the number of **attacks on health facilities** verified by the World Health Organization had risen to **82**. Gender-based violence (GBV) specialized services continue to operate except in those communities where active hostilities are taking place, including Dnipro, Vinnytsia, Lviv and Odesa. **Referral pathways for GBV survivors** are not fully functioning in many locations and **access to police services** is limited.
- The Ombudsman and Ministry of Interior of Ukraine reported **cases of rape and sexual violence** in non-government-controlled areas. Human Rights Watch documented "apparent war crimes", including rape, in Russia-controlled areas, and local officials in Bucha (Kyiv oblast) reported the discovery of a mass grave of civilians allegedly killed by Russian troops. The UN Secretary-General and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights called for an independent investigation of these reports.
- Ongoing hostilities in Ukraine have already caused major disruptions to the medical supply chain and logistics infrastructure. The lack of consistent and predictable private sector logistics providers (infrastructure and personnel) within the country leads to significant bottlenecks in last-mile distribution as well as high competition over limited assets across the country.
- Close to 100 partners are part of the **health cluster** and over 60 of the **protection cluster** in Ukraine. UNFPA chairs the **GBV Sub-cluster** under the Protection Cluster and the **SRH Working group** under the Health Cluster, with meetings held on a weekly basis to ensure a coordinated response. Information on their work and geographical coverage is captured in the [3W Online Dashboard](#).



Oksana Andrushkiv (left) was recently relocated from Krematorsk, Donetsk region, where she coordinated a Recovery and Peacebuilding Programme for UNFPA. Now based in Lviv, Ms. Andrushkiv explains in this video how UNFPA's shipment of 13 tons of desperately needed reproductive health supplies will allow pregnant women in war-affected areas to give birth safely

[Watch the Video](#)

Humanitarian Needs

- As of 3 April, over **4.2 million people** had left Ukraine, primarily for Poland (around 2.5 million or 58%), Romania (648,000), the Republic of Moldova (396,000), Hungary (395,000), the Russian Federation (351,000), Slovakia (301,000), and Belarus (15,000), while others moved towards various other European countries [[UNHCR portal](#)].
- Women and girls need **continued access to sexual and reproductive health and GBV specialised services**.
- **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** remains among the most reported urgent needs. Displaced women suffer high levels of stress and anxiety due to fear, loss of family members or friends, and family separation.
- **Disruption to the national medical supply chain** within the country is impacting the ability of health workers to deliver life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, requiring large scale distributions of supplies across all 24 oblasts. Inconsistent access to hard-to-reach areas makes a last-mile distribution to health and protection facilities in some oblasts complex and unpredictable.
- The **national GBV hotline**, supported by UNFPA, received **more than 2,300 calls and online requests over the past 3 weeks (between 11 March and 3 April)**. In 74 per cent of reported **GBV cases**, women were victims. In addition, there have been **at least 10 reported cases of rape or sexual violence**.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response

Ukraine

- UNFPA has delivered **13 metric tons of interagency emergency reproductive health (IARH) kits** to Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) health facilities in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhya. Two further shipments of IARH kits will arrive in the country in the coming days.
- UNFPA is scaling up the delivery of life-saving sexual and reproductive health and protection services to support safe births, access to voluntary contraception and specialized services for GBV survivors, including post-rape treatment.
- **One mobile maternity clinic** will shortly arrive in Ukraine to restore the delivery of priority reproductive health services in areas affected by conflict with the greatest needs. Additionally, UNFPA continues to distribute essential medicines, supplies and equipment for maternal health care and obstetric emergencies alongside appropriate hygiene items.
- UNFPA is co-leading the work of the **PSEA Task Force** in Ukraine together with UNOCHA. The task force has disseminated PSEA communication materials in English, Ukrainian, and Russian to humanitarian partners, along with information on the Community-Based Complaints Mechanism (CBCM).
- **23 partners** are part of the **SRH Working Group (WG)** co-led by UNFPA under the Health Cluster to ensure a coordinated response including with respect to the distribution of reproductive health kits to health facilities. The group also ensured that the newly-developed harmonized health needs assessment tools cover SRH and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) issues well.
- **Over 40 partners are part of the GBV sub-cluster led by UNFPA** to map services available in the country, identify gaps and needs, and coordinate the response.
- UNFPA is chairing the Medical Logistics working group (part of the Logistics Cluster) to support partners in sharing best practices, consolidating information and advocating for the needs of their organizations within logistics cluster common services.

- UNFPA partnered with the organization 'MoloDvizh' in Lviv to create a **safe space for young people** and other vulnerable populations.
- As the GBV Sub-Cluster chair, UNFPA has led and agreed with the Ukraine Cash Working Group to create a **Cash & GBV Task Force**, so as to ensure that the delivery of multipurpose cash (up to US\$228 million under the Flash Appeal) is done safely and with consideration for women and girls' access and utilization. UNFPA is engaging with other cash actors to explore how its cash assistance can complement the large-scale multipurpose cash response with **targeted assistance to women and girls as part of SRH and GBV** response programming.
- '**Tatohubs**' originally created to promote responsible fatherhood have refocused their work on delivering **female and family essential packs** to the most vulnerable women. 150 packs were delivered to the Neonatal and Premature Infants Department of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Children's Clinical Hospital by Tatohub Zaporizhzhia, while another 210 packs were distributed in Poltava, Vinnytsia, and Odesa.

Moldova

- UNFPA delivered supplies (tents, tables, power banks) to support **young volunteers assisting refugees**, particularly women and girls, at the Moldova - Ukraine border checkpoints.
- Provided **psychological support services for women and youth refugees**, including referral to SRH and mental health services jointly with the "Youth Friendly Health Clinic" Network and Network of Youth Centres.
- Provided an assessment of SRH needs and GBV concerns in existing and newly opened refugee accommodation centers.
- Co-leads, together with UNHCR, the GBV Sub-working group under the Protection Sector, with over 26 agencies participating as partners.
- Currently procuring **IARH kits, additional dignity kits, ultrasounds and PPEs** to address the urgent needs of refugee women and girls and health service providers to ensure SRH service provision. Initiated the procurement of **wheelchairs for refugees** with locomotor disabilities and older persons.
- Internationally procured and delivered an additional 2,000 dignity kits to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection for distribution to refugees in accommodations centers and host communities based on identified needs of women and girls.
- Produced information materials on SRH and GBV prevention to be distributed at border crossing points and in refugee placement centres.
- Deployed a GBV specialist and PSEA focal points to support GBV and PSEA efforts.
- As the **gender focal point of the Moldova Cash Working Group**, is working closely with UNHCR and other key actors to ensure that GBV risks are addressed in the Moldova cash response. Simultaneously, UNFPA is planning its own sectorial cash support for refugee women and girls with a focus on SRH and GBV.
- Launched an inter-agency short document on **GBV Considerations for Women and Girls - Cash in Ukraine and the Regional Refugee Response**, covering Ukraine, Moldova, and other refugee-hosting countries with key considerations and contacts for hotlines and messaging material, endorsed by key donors.
- Initiated the first-line procurement for **4 maternity units** with an additional labour room and equipping the operating theater for emergency obstetric care (North, South and Centre) with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure safe deliveries among refugee women.

- Following the Government’s approval of cross-border delivery of supplies from Moldova to Odesa in Southern Ukraine, provisions are being considered to add SRH supplies to the planned food items delivery.

Belarus

- As a member of the Refugee Coordination Forum, a mechanism aimed to support the government to manage the refugee situation, UNFPA has assumed the role of coordinator of the **SHR and GBV response**, directly and through the Belarus Red Cross Society, the designated coordinator of humanitarian assistance in Belarus.
- UNFPA and the Belarus Red Cross Society will jointly support **opening a shelter for GBV survivors among refugee women and girls** in Brest.
- Procured around **500 sets of hygienic supplies** for refugee women and girls, including underwear, bath towels, and toothbrushes.
- Co-leading the **PSEA Task Force** in Belarus. UNFPA has promoted strengthening the capacity of PSEA among UN agencies and national partners. Tailored training is being provided during the coming 3-4 weeks;
- Using UNFPA methodology, a series of capacity-building workshops on the prevention of gender-based violence in humanitarian crises was launched. The first workshop was organized for specialists and volunteers of the Belarus Red Cross who provide services to Ukrainian refugees. Training will be operational on a regular basis to meet the emerging high demand within the community.
- Selected appropriate healthcare facilities jointly with the Ministry of Health to provide SRH services for refugees. UNFPA takes the leading role in coordination to provide referral support and full access to the whole spectrum of services to meet all needs of affected women and girls.

UNFPA Funding Requirements have more than doubled from the beginning of the war and currently exceed \$65 million. The revised flash appeal for Ukraine and the Regional Refugee Response Plan for the wider region will be released by mid-April.



**Over \$65 M
required**



20% funded

- UNFPA is committed to ensuring the continuity and scale-up of lifesaving SRH and GBV-related services. The [Flash Appeal](#) and the [Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#) are being revised to reflect the current needs which have more than doubled.

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

- [Washington Post](#). "Ukrainian women are at higher risk now for unintended pregnancies." Interview with Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director. 31 March 2022.
- [The Guardian](#). "The head of the UN's population agency has said she is "extremely concerned" about the potential for the war to cause a rise in unintended pregnancies." References Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director and Giulia Vallese, Regional Director for UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia. 31 March 2022.
- [Agence France-Presse](#). 'Human rights crisis': UN says half of global pregnancies unintended. Interview with Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director. 30 March 2022.
- [New York Times](#). "The United Nations Population Fund, a leading provider of reproductive health care services, said it had shipped more than 13 metric tons of supplies, medicines and equipment into Ukraine." 24 March 2022
- [Sapo \(Portugal\)](#) "Suffering and pain are not measured, each person counts, each woman counts." References UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador, Catarina Furtado. 21 March 2022
- [CNN Portugal](#). Interview with Jaime Nadal, UNFPA Representative Ukraine. "Television Interview: So far 43 hospitals have been targeted in Ukraine: "The situation is very worrying", says Jaime Nadal." 19 March 2022.

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