

# Ukraine Emergency

## Situation Report #8



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Covering the period from 20 to 28 April

### Highlights

- Over 50 metric tons of Inter-agency **reproductive health kits** were delivered to hospitals and youth-friendly health clinics across **Moldova and Ukraine** to support the provision of lifesaving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) services.
- UNFPA-supported **mobile psychosocial teams** started operations in 12 regions of **Ukraine** providing support to hard-to-reach survivors of GBV and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- Expanding existing service centres, UNFPA established 8 **“Orange Safe Spaces”** across **Moldova** for refugee youth, women and older persons.
- UNFPA is partnering with the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF-EN) and the Centre for Reproductive Rights to support national efforts in **EU countries** neighbouring Ukraine to ensure that women, young people and marginalized populations fleeing the war in Ukraine are provided with **access to SRH care and GBV information and services**.
- UNFPA is part of the revised [Ukraine Flash Appeal](#) and [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#) issued on 25 April.



**13M**

Forcibly displaced (including **5.4 million** who crossed the border)



**9.4M**

Women of reproductive age in Ukraine



**265,000**

Estimated number of pregnant women in Ukraine at start of the war



**80,000**

Estimated number of births in the next 3 months

## Situation Overview

- Over **13 million people** – more than a quarter of the Ukrainian population – have fled their homes since the start of the war. Over **7.7 million** are forcibly [displaced](#) within Ukraine, and almost **5.4 million** have [fled](#) to neighbouring countries. On the other hand, over 1.2 million Ukrainians have entered the country since the end of February. Eastern and southern parts of the country have been facing the most severe consequences of the fighting in recent weeks, while Internally displaced people (IDPs) in western Ukraine face challenges meeting their basic needs such as shelter.
- As of 28 April, the number of **attacks on health facilities** verified by [WHO](#) had risen to **175** and **access to health care** continues to pose a significant challenge due to severe disruptions in critical services and additional patient workload in the western part of the country.
- GBV-specialized services continue to operate in safer areas across Ukraine, including Dnipro, Lviv, Odesa and Vinnytsia oblast, but not in communities where active hostilities are taking place.
- Aid delivery and logistics capacity continue to face challenges, particularly in relation to security and transport services.



*Victoria Yaloyska, GBV Consultant for UNFPA Ukraine, has been working with UNFPA to support the survivors of domestic violence through crisis rooms and mobile teams with her experience for more than 25 years.*

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## Humanitarian Needs

- As of 27 April, close to **5.4 million people** – 90 per cent of them women and children – had left Ukraine, primarily for Poland (around 3 million), Romania (800,000), the Russian Federation (640,000), Hungary (510,000), the Republic of Moldova (440,000), Slovakia (360,000), and Belarus (25,000) out of which some continued and moved towards various other European countries. Over 1.2 million Ukrainian entered Ukraine since 28 February [[UNHCR portal](#)].
- According to the revised estimates, over 24 million people – **more than half of Ukraine's population** – will need humanitarian assistance in the months ahead, including 15.7 million people inside Ukraine.

- 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. UNFPA is deploying an MHPSS expert to Ukraine to support all organizations members of the GBV sub-cluster.
- **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.
- A **national GBV hotline** supported by UNFPA received a total of **3,735 calls and online requests** between 11 March and 24 April. 79% of these cases are GBV-related out of which 63% are reported by women. Reports include sexual violence, including intimate partner sexual violence.
- Some **15.7 million** people are estimated to be in need of protection assistance, including 3.3 million people in need of protection services mitigating the risks and outcomes of GBV, and 14.5 million people in need of mine action-related assistance.
- According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS ([UNAIDS](#)), over a quarter of a million Ukrainians are **living with HIV**. More than 40 health facilities that offered HIV treatment, prevention and care services before the war are closed and the lack of access to antiretroviral therapy and prevention services is of serious concern.

## UNFPA Humanitarian Response

### Ukraine

- A mobile maternity unit arrived in the country and is being dispatched to the most affected area of Chernihiv oblast, to provide much needed reproductive health services including safe delivery.
- In addition to 13 metric tons of reproductive health supplies already delivered to 7 hospitals in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhya in March, **27 tons of critical reproductive health supplies, medicines and equipment** have arrived in Ukraine for distribution to maternity hospitals in war-torn Chernihiv, Sumy, Kherson, Mykolaiv and four more cities. Additional **41 tons of equipment and supplies** are expected to arrive at the beginning of May.
- Support continues to 30 shelters, crisis rooms and daily care centres for displaced women and survivors of gender-based violence.
- Support continues to a national hotline with 20 operators responding to cases of gender-based violence, including sexual violence.
- Twenty-four UNFPA-supported **mobile psychosocial teams** were dispatched to 12 oblasts across Ukraine to provide support to women experiencing trauma or violence. The mobile teams were set up in coordination with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Office of Deputy Prime Minister of European and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation.
- UNFPA continues to chair the **GBV Sub-cluster** (95 organisations) under the Protection Cluster, the **SRH Working group** (52 organisations) under the Health Cluster, and the **Medical Logistics Working Group** under the Logistics Cluster, with regular meetings to ensure a coordinated response. ([5W Online Dashboard](#)).
- UNFPA is working with the Ukrainian Medical Mission to provide support **to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in the Northern parts of Kyiv region** through health mobile teams. Services have included surgical repair with the use of the CMR kits.

## **Moldova**

- **More than 10 metric tons of reproductive health (RH) kits** were procured and delivered to hospitals and 41 youth-friendly health clinics across the country to support the provision of lifesaving SRH and GBV services to the refugees from Ukraine. The inter-agency RH kits include supplies, medicines and equipment for the management of emergency obstetric and gynaecological care, including gynecologic oncology, clinical delivery assistance, management of complications of miscarriage and abortions, and treatment of the STIs, post-rape care, contraceptives and other reproductive health supplies. The reproductive health kits will cover the needs of a population of more than 450,000 people across Moldova.
- Expanding existing service centres for women and youth, UNFPA established 8 **Orange Safe Spaces** in Chisinau and various locations (Palanca border crossing, Nisporeni, Criuleni, Congaz) across Moldova to provide for refugee youth, women and older persons a physically, emotionally, and socially protective environment, support related to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence, resilience building and recreational activities.
- **GBV referral pathways** were developed in collaboration with national and local authorities and NGOs specializing in health, legal, and social services, as well as law enforcement bodies with other UN agencies.
- As co-leads of the inter-agency GBV sub-working group, UNFPA and UNHCR conducted webinars for humanitarian frontline responders in Moldova on GBV safe disclosure and referral.

## **Belarus**

- With UNFPA support, two medical facilities in two regions of Belarus started providing reproductive health services to refugees. A third facility will be contracted in the coming weeks.
- UNFPA continued delivering hygiene items to match the needs of refugee women and girls at border crossings and emergency accommodations.
- GBV in emergency training to refugee service providers is continuing on a weekly basis.
- Psychological supervisory support (advisory support and counseling by experienced psychologists) to Red Cross specialists and volunteers is up and running. Coordination of refugee support by the Red Cross is strengthened by national experts in psychosocial support, GBV prevention and overall coordination.

## **Neighbouring EU countries**

- UNFPA, in partnership with the International Planned Parenthood Federation - European Network (IPPF-EN) and through local civil society organizations, has launched a programme to support national efforts in **Romania** to ensure women and young people have access to information and services related to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.
- UNFPA is partnering with the Geneva-based Centre for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and local partners to strengthen national capacities in EU countries neighboring Ukraine for providing sexual and reproductive health care to women, girls, and marginalized populations fleeing the war.

## UNFPA Funding Requirement



**\$65.6 M required**



**25% funded**

- UNFPA along with other UN and humanitarian partners is part of the revised [Ukraine Flash Appeal](#) and [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#) released on 25 April.
- UNFPA is committed to ensuring the continuity and scale-up of lifesaving SRH and GBV-related services for people affected by the war both inside and outside of Ukraine.
- UNFPA is very grateful to the governments and individuals who have so far provided funds to UNFPA to finance our ongoing response. These funds are critical and we hope more donors will step up to close the funding gap and ensure the safety and wellbeing of those impacted by the crisis.

## 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 is a selection of key media coverage:

- [Newsweek](#). Facilities have been damaged or destroyed, and resources are being stretched or diverted to respond to the needs of displaced persons. Quote from UNFPA Ukraine Representative, Jaime Nadal. 29 April 2022.
- [The Guardian](#). In a crisis situation reported cases of violence, including rape, are likely “just the tip of the iceberg.” Quote from UNFPA Ukraine Representative, Jaime Nadal. 28 April 2022.
- [FAZ](#) (Germany). Any rape is a war crime. References UNFPA Ukraine Representative, Jaime Nadal. 27 April 2022.
- [MSNBC](#). Ukraine Statistic. "UNFPA estimates that 80,000 women will give birth in Ukraine in the next few months." 26 April 2022.
- [NBC News](#). Ukrainian refugees confront increase in pregnancy complications. 26 April 2022.
- [Observer Research Foundation](#). The Ukraine crisis: Women are fighting a different kind of war. 22 April 2022.
- [UN News](#). Guterres requests meetings with Russian and Ukrainian Presidents. Quotes Dr. Natalia Kanem and Ukraine Representative Jaime Nadal. 20 April 2022.

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