



From #SafeBirths to #SafeSpaces, since the first days of the crisis, UNFPA Moldova ensures that all refugee women, youth and older persons receive lifesaving care to stay healthy and safe.

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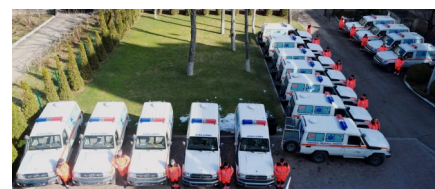
**From Displacement to Em-**  
**powerment: Stories of resili-**  
**ence of Ukrainian women in**  
**Moldova**



**Ukraine war: Stories of love**  
**and survival one year on**

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## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS



- UNFPA Moldova and the U.S. Government delivered 20 new ambulances with state-of-the-art medical equipment to the healthcare system of the Republic of Moldova. The ambulances will serve more than 50,000 patients and ensure access to quality services for patients in critical conditions, especially in hard-to-reach areas and bordering regions with Ukraine. A significant number of emergency requests relate to urgent obstetrical and gynecological needs, highlighting the critical need for improving access to lifesaving reproductive health services. **See the video [here](#).**
- The ambulances will be assigned to the following locations: Olănești, Volintiri, Copanca, Tocuz, Valea Perjei, Tvardița, Copceac, Cișmichioi, Cotiușeni Mari, Călărășeuca, Sudarca, Vadul lui Vodă, Molovata, Pripiceni-Răzeși, Vărăncău, Călinești, Costești, Larga, and Slobozia Mare. Additionally, an ambulance will serve the emergency medical assistance substation in Dubăsari.
- UNFPA has initiated an assessment of secondary level perinatal centers in Moldova to determine the needs and to continue modernizing and upgrading their delivery rooms, operating theatres, and intensive care units. The assessment is being carried out in five locations, including Soroca, Hincești, Ungheni, Orhei and Causeni perinatal centers.
- An assessment is also underway to establish a full range of services that can ensure timely and survivor-centered response to the survivors of sexual violence. As part of this effort, UNFPA plans to fully equip the gynecological offices of 42 emergency units countrywide with adjustable gynecological chairs, medical furniture and forensic supplies to promote holistic services for survivors of violence.
- Additionally, UNFPA provided winterization items such as heaters and bed sets designed for delivery and postpartum rooms, nurseries, and intensive care units to perinatal centers located in cities with the highest influx of refugees.



## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- UNFPA continues to support **28 Safe Spaces across Moldova, including eight Mobile Safe Spaces** to conduct outreach activities targeting the refugees and host communities. UNFPA supports Safe Spaces dedicated to women, youth and older persons.
- All of the Safe Spaces offer a minimum package of information on GBV and SRH, referral to specialized services and dignity kits. Both the static and mobile Orange Safe Spaces are run by professional psychologists and social workers to provide services customized to the needs of the target groups.

More than

# 20,000

women, young & older refugees

received information, services and support on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health at UNFPA Safe Spaces.

**During the reporting period, UNFPA partners reached 1,625 new individuals in 29 regions** all over Moldova through the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces, including women, youth and older persons:

**Women Safe Spaces**



# 820

psychological support consultations

**Women Safe Spaces**



# 1,173

reached new people

**Older persons Safe Spaces**



# 291

reached new people

**Mobile Safe Spaces**



# 29

reached districts

- GBV Risk Mitigation: 1,914 dignity kits were distributed by UNFPA partners, including 648 customized dignity kits for the winter season, as well as 249 dignity kits for men and boys. The dissemination of the dignity kits serves as an entry point to share information on GBV including the types of GBV and SRH rights, and information on the available support services for survivors of GBV and groups at risk.
- UNFPA is supporting the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in developing the multi year National Program on GBV and ensuring a humanitarian-development perspective into the program.
- UNFPA organized an Open House at the Safe Space in Chisinau, where women and youth refugees opened their hearts and shared their stories. The event was attended by H.E. Ambassador of Japan Mr. Yamada Yoichiro, General State Secretary of Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova Mr. Alexandru Iacub, UNFPA Representative Dr. Nigina Abaszada, as well as families from Ukraine and Moldova, partners and mass media.



## INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- UNFPA co-leads the Interagency Gender-based violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group (SWG) with UNHCR, which brings over 60 national and international organizations, women led organizations, and government entities. The objective of the GBV SWG is to strengthen GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response and to facilitate the multi sectoral interagency action during humanitarian settings.
- During this period, the GBV SWG conducted a training session on Mainstreaming GBV Risk Mitigation Measure into Other Sectors targeting the Health, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sector and the Accommodation sector. The training was attended by 25 participants and a follow up session is planned in March to develop GBV mainstreaming tools. The GBV SWG also supported the PSEA Network in rolling out the PSEA SOPs through conducting a dedicated session on survivor-centered approach and safe referral to services.
- During this period, the GBV SWG together with the members developed the 2023 work plan with focus on localization and advocacy efforts to facilitate survivors' access to services.
- The GBV SWG continues to run a joint campaign with UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF and UN WOMEN to promote the available support services to survivors of GBV and groups at risk of GBV.
- The GBV SWG continues to update 6 referral pathways mapping service providers in the North region, South Region, Chisinau, Central Region as well as two border areas Palanca and Otachi. The GBV referral pathways are disseminated to humanitarian actors and service providers to ensure timely support to survivors of GBV.
- The GBV SWG also continues to promote the GBV Pocket Guide on how non-GBV actors can support survivors of GBV, focusing on the Romanian and Russian versions. The GBV Pocket Guide can be accessed at the GBV Area of Responsibility website.