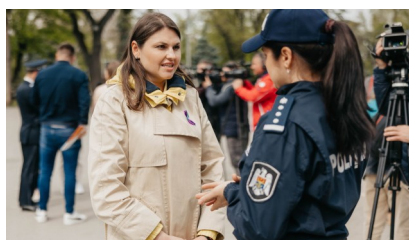




Strong partnership mobilized for the launch of the @UNFPA's campaign #SetFree on the eve of the #DenimDay. The campaign continues to mobilize action to amplify the #UntoldStories, raise awareness about services & foster compassionate response.

Learn more about the Campaign: [Visit the Campaign Page](#) | [Watch the Video](#)



**UNFPA thanks Australia, Kingdom of Denmark, the European Union, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the USA PRM, Ferring Company and Friends of UNFPA for their lifesaving contribution to the UNFPA Moldova humanitarian response.**

## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND SAFEGUARDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Every day, 500 midwives in the Republic of Moldova are making motherhood safer.

**On 5 May - International Day of the Midwife**, UNFPA thanks our heroes for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding the health of women and newborns.



**5 May - International Day of the Midwife 2023**

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- **Women refugees aged 18-55 continue to receive free medical and surgical emergency care, including sexual and reproductive health services, under the partnership between the UNFPA and the National Health Insurance Company.**
- UNFPA developed the "Training of Local Administrators on the Use of the Cervical Screening Register" module. Representatives from 340 Primary Medical Assistance Institutions (PMAIs) attended the training, with representation rate of 98% from all public primary care medical institutions. Participants learned about usage guidelines and the collaboration between different modules and screening service providers, such as PMAIs, cytology laboratories, colposcopy units, and histopathology departments.
- UNFPA has upgraded emergency gynecological offices in 20 medical institutions nationwide by delivering adjustable examination chairs. The newly introduced gynecological armchairs are specifically designed for women with disabilities and offer additional features, including peripheral venous access support when required. This upgrade replaces outdated equipment that was over 30 years old, ensuring improved accuracy in gynecological examinations and enhanced patient comfort.



## 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 Safe Spaces are run by professional psychologists and social workers to provide services customized to the needs of the target groups.

During the reporting period:

**9,263**

**women, young & older refugees**

recorded in sessions providing information, services and support on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health at UNFPA Safe Spaces.

**Women Safe Spaces**

**5044**

participants recorded

**Mobile Safe Spaces**

**31**

reached districts

**Older persons Safe Spaces**

**2825**

participants recorded

**1358**

dignity kits distributed

**Youth Safe Spaces**

**1394**

participants recorded in Lifeskills & info sessions

- **Safe Spaces for Women:** At least 5044 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces targeting Women. Information sessions recorded more than 1704 participants in total, and more than 1340 referrals were made to available specialized and non-specialized GBV services. Psychological support, recreational and non-formal information activities recorded more than 2000 participants. At least 711 individuals received first line-services at the Safe Spaces in the borders (Otaci and Palanca) and the railway station including 650 women, 19 girls, 41 men and 1 boy.
- **Safe Spaces for Youth:** At least 1394 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the static and mobile safe spaces targeting young people, including 128 new participants. This includes 1164 participations in informational sessions, life skills development programs that include basic knowledge on hygiene, mental health, building relationships, sexuality education, GBV prevention, Romanian language, IT sessions and recreational activities. Individual and group psychosocial support activities recorded 230 participations.
- **Safe Spaces for Older Persons:** At least 2825 participants were recorded through the five static Safe Spaces targeting Older Persons in Anenii Noi, Cojusna/Straseni, Saratenii Vechi/Telenesti, Popeasca/Stefan Voda and Donduseni. Within these static Safe Spaces for Older Persons, the activities include information sessions on Temporary Protection, GBV, legal support, health services, and digital literacy, recreational activities including culture and tradition activities as well as individual PSS services.

Furthermore, the Safe Spaces teams, including Ukrainian volunteers, received training on basic GBV concepts, safe referrals, and humanitarian principles. The Safe Spaces team continues to conduct outreach activities to share information on the available services in the safe spaces.

## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



UNFPA is supporting the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in developing the **National Program for Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence 2023-2027** and the **National Program for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities** and ensuring a humanitarian-development perspective into the program.



UNFPA continues to support the strengthening of GBV case management services to survivors of GBV and individuals at risk of GBV including facilitating access to CASH support to meet their protection needs and connecting them to available services following a survivor centered approach.

## YOUTH RESILIENCE

- UNFPA organized the General Assembly of Peer to Peer Educators from VET institutions jointly with Ministry of Education, bringing together 75 students from 12 colleges and Centers of Excellence nationwide, along with nine mentors. The sessions focused on tailoring the activities and programmes for refugee youth and vulnerable groups to foster life skills, emotional resilience, and provide referrals to Youth Clinics and Youth Centers' services for refugee youth.



- The National Forum of Youth Workers from Moldova was co-organized by UNFPA, entitled "The importance of youth worker occupation in the context of the European Year of Skills" brought together 50 youth workers, specialists in the field of working with young people from all over the country, as well as decision-makers and Government partner institutions.

The forum served as a space for discussing the latest developments in working practices with young people and youth policy in the context of trends and prospects for the development of the community of youth workers in the Republic of Moldova, including in the context of humanitarian crisis.





**On International Day of Families,**  
UNFPA honors resilient families affected by war.  
May separated families reunite, heal, and find peace.



## INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- UNFPA co-leads the Interagency [Gender-based violence \(GBV\) Sub-Working Group \(SWG\)](#) with UN-HCR, 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 multisectoral interagency action during humanitarian settings.
- The GBV SWG continues to update six referral pathways mapping service providers in the Northern, Southern and Central regions, Chisinau, 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](#).