



"It is sad that I was forced to leave my home, friends, community, especially my mom. My dreams are on hold." Sofiya, 14, travelled to Republic of Moldova with her teen brother, leaving her mother and family behind.

On World Refugee Day and every day, UNFPA is committed to ensuring safety and well-being of women and girls in times of crisis.

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## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND SAFEGUARDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- **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.**
- Medical and non-medical specialists from all medical and sanitary institutions of the country enhanced knowledge and skills to act in obstetrical emergencies and improve communication with patients, including the refugees, for better reproductive health. 39 professionals gained updated information and practical skills in obstetric emergencies, including difficult birth situations and post-partum management.



- UNFPA supported capacity-building training for 55 obstetrician-gynecologists and midwives from perinatal centers countrywide in updated management of emergencies. The training included the use of cardiocography and real patient studies.
- UNFPA conducted capacity building workshops on the clinical management of rape in times of crisis for 137 primary healthcare specialists from all regions of Moldova.
- The Hospital of the Ministry of Internal Affairs received updated medical equipment to ensure the reproductive health of women employees in the front line of national security who make up 22% of MIA employees. The equipment included a blood gas analyzer, ICU bed, IPC device, and gynecological armchairs adapted for women with disabilities. The equipment facilitated early diagnosis and provision of quality medical services in gynecological departments.

## PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- **The campaign continues to mobilize action to amplify the #UntoldStories, raise awareness about services and foster compassionate response.** Zero tolerance of sexual violence, existing services and importance of holistic response discussed with UNFPA and health experts on TV show *Obiectiv Comun* on TVR Moldova.

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



# UNFPA MOLDOVA HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

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## 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:

# 10,814

### 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

 4416

participants recorded

Older persons Safe Spaces

 3329

participants recorded

Youth Safe Spaces

 3069

participants recorded in Lifeskills & info sessions

Mobile Safe Spaces

 31

reached districts

 729

dignity kits distributed

- **Safe Spaces for Women:** At least 4416 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces targeting Women. Information sessions recorded more than 1183 participants in total, and more than 1227 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 1,263 individuals received first line-services at the Safe Spaces in the borders (Otaci and Palanca) and the railway station including 838 women, 55 girls, 50 men and 10 boy.
- **Safe Spaces for Youth:** At least 3069 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the static and mobile safe spaces targeting young people. This includes 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 195 participations.
- **Safe Spaces for Older Persons:** At least 3329 participants were recorded through the five static Safe Spaces targeting Older Persons in Anenii Noi, Cojusna/Straseni, Saratenii Vechi/Telenesti, Popeasca/Ştefan 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.



- On Menstrual Hygiene Day, UNFPA works with partners to ensure dignity for all, even in times of crisis. Since the start of the war, **UNFPA and partners distributed more than 30,574 dignity kits with safety and hygiene items to women and girls, and customized kits for men, boys and older persons.**

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.

## 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.



- UNFPA Safe Space participated in the kick-off of summer camp season at Center of Young Naturalists, welcoming over 300 women and youth daily.

*"Your team empowers youth to embrace Moldovan traditions & language."* - Olesya Shevchenko, wife of Ukrainian Ambassador to Moldova at the opening.

- More than 100 refugees and members of the host communities in Drochia participated in the outreach event "United against gender-based violence". This is the first in a series of 12 community events, led by the UNFPA Safe Spaces mobile teams that aim to inform the refugee and local communities about the types of gender-based violence and available services.



## 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](#).
- During the reporting period, UNFPA in collaboration with GBV SWG delivered a training on Minimum Standards for GBV in Emergencies for professionals involved in GBV programming. The aim of the training was to establish a common understanding amongst the GBV SWG member of what constitutes minimum GBV prevention and response programming in emergencies
- **NoViolence.md** - A new platform was launched at the dawn of the campaign connecting survivors of violence to resources and gender-based violence services available in the Republic of Moldova. Together, let's #BreakTheSilence and foster empowerment & support!

