

## ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS AND SAFEGUARDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



- UNFPA provided 20 portable semi-automatic defibrillators to the National Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Assistance Center. To date, UNFPA delivered 20 ambulances to reduce response time and ensure access to quality services for patients in critical conditions. The defibrillators complement the delivered ambulances and will now enable swift first aid for cardiac arrest cases in Moldova for both refugee and host communities.
- UNFPA supported the delivery of state-of-the-art technology, including colposcopes and electro-surgical units in 12 clinics, conducted comprehensive training sessions for healthcare professionals, thus contributing to the early detection of cervical pathologies.
- **Women refugees aged 18-55 with temporary protection status 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 MOLDOVA HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

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## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

UNFPA set up 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.

Safe Spaces continue offering 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:

**10,225**

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



**4217**

participants recorded

Older persons Safe Spaces



**2751**

participants recorded

Youth Safe Spaces



**3258**

participants recorded in Lifeskills & info sessions

Safe Spaces covered districts



**33**



**525**

dignity kits distributed

- **Safe Spaces for Women:** At least 4,217 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the Static and Mobile Safe Spaces targeting Women. Information sessions recorded more than 2,335 participants in total, and more than 2,232 referrals were made to available specialized and non-specialized GBV services. Psychological support, recreational and non-formal information activities recorded more than 1,544 participants. At least 986 individuals received first line-services at the Safe Spaces in the borders (Otaci and Palanca) and the railway station including 899 women, 36 girls, 40 men and 11 boy.

**Safe Spaces for Youth:** At least 3,258 participants were recorded in activities implemented by the static and mobile safe spaces targeting young people 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 psycho-social support activities recorded 201 participations.

- **Safe Spaces for Older Persons:** At least 2,751 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.



UNFPA supports 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 provides expert support to 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.

## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (CONT)

- Linking women and youth with disabilities to specialized services was the focus of a workshop for 25 service providers and Safe Space teams, as part of the "Mainstreaming a disability-inclusive humanitarian response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis" project.
- Mobile Safe Spaces continue organizing community outreach events and visited Palanca, Drochia, and Ungheni villages, engaging 500 refugees and local community members.



## YOUTH RESILIENCE

- On International Youth Day 2023, over 200 young people, including 45 youth refugees boarded the "Youth Train" bound for Moldovan Youth Capital Ungheni, where the national youth celebration event with the theme "Explore Your Potential" took place. Minister Dan Perciun and UN Population Fund Representative Nigina Abaszada inaugurated the journey.



## 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, Gender-based violence Sub-working Group conducted a training on Monitoring and Evaluation of GBV Programmes.



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