

ENSURING SAFE BIRTH & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- UNFPA signed an agreement with the UNHCR to contribute to the **Emergency cash grant for pregnant and lactating refugee women from Ukraine in the Republic of Moldova.**
- Additional sexual and reproductive kits with drugs, instruments and consumables to **cover more than 250 caesarian sections** were distributed to three main perinatal centers.
- **Post-rape treatment kits for adults and children have been distributed in 41 medical institutions and medical points at the refugee accommodation centers;** on-the-job short training was provided on the clinical management of rape cases with the staff from the emergency department and perinatal centers across the country.

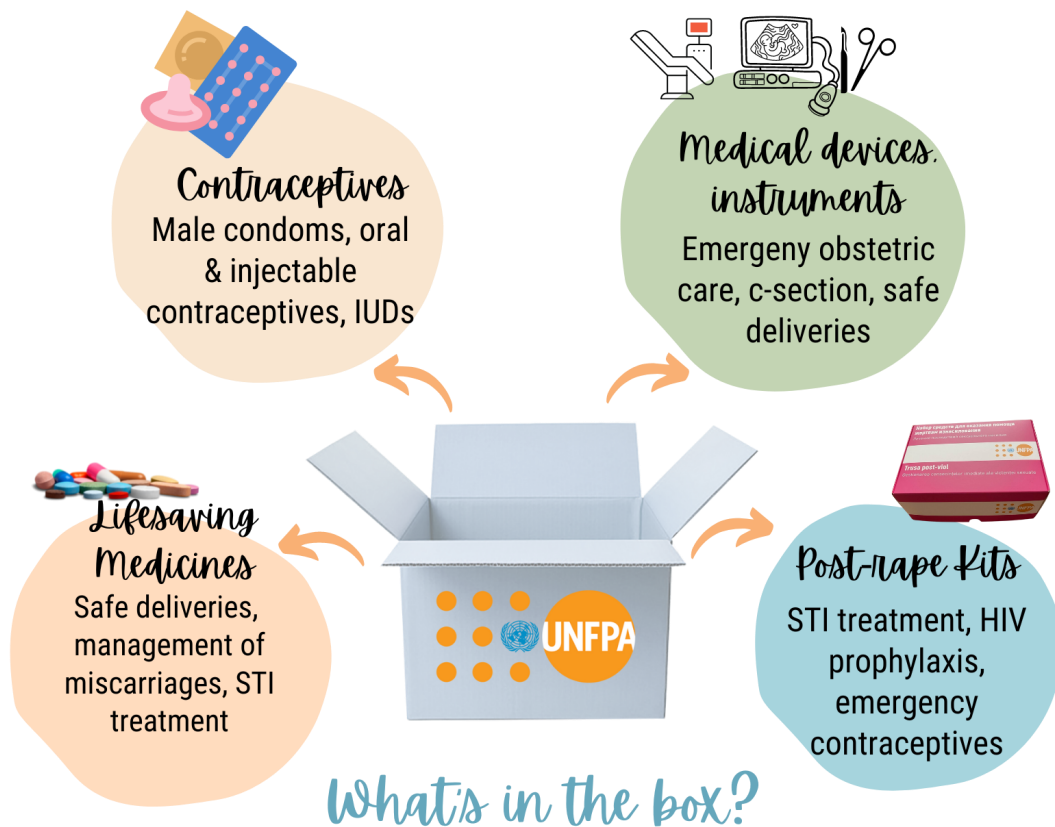
Lifesaving Sexual & Reproductive Health Kits

Since the beginning of the war, UNFPA Moldova delivered:

13 tonnes
sexual and
reproductive
health kits

41 hospitals &
medical points
43 youth clinics

cover the needs
of more than
450,000
people

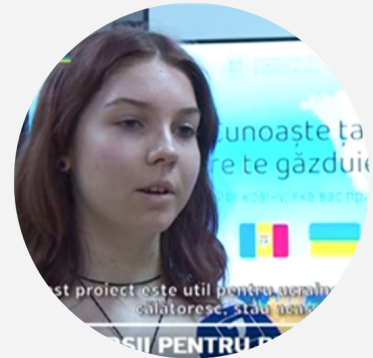


ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- **UNFPA co-leads the Interagency Gender-based violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group** with over 50 national and international organisations, women led organizations, and government entities under the Protection Working Group. The objective of the GBV SWG is to strengthen GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response and to facilitate the multi sectoral interagency action.
- **The GBV SWG conducted the Gender-Based Violence Safety Audit** to identify key GBV risks and issued recommendations to the various sectors. The Safety Audit identified that GBV risks increased in the context of private/host accommodation, private arrangements for transportation, and in the reception and transit facilities, refugee accommodation centres. Specific groups are at heightened risk of GBV including Roma women, LGBTI persons, single women, and adolescent girls.
- **A total of 828 people were reached by the UNFPA Orange Safe Space for women, youth and older persons and the mobile teams** through the individual and group counseling, as well as one on one psycho-social education/information sharing on topics like anxiety, family crisis, mother-child relationships, psycho-emotional support, LGBTI rights, and sexual and reproductive health as well as referral to other specialized services (lawyer, doctor, psychiatrist, etc). Special sessions were dedicated to the issues of sexual abuse and sexual development.
- **UNFPA's Youth Orange Safe Spaces at the refugee accommodation centers in Chisinau, Nisporeni and Criuleni reached more than 1,041 beneficiaries** through emotional support sessions and recreational activities, individual and group psychological counseling, and immediate and referral services related to sexual and reproductive health.
- **The UNFPA safe spaces utilize the dissemination of the dignity kits as an entry point to share information on GBV** including the available support services for survivors and information on SRH rights and services. The UNFPA partner Artemida distributed 254 dignity kits to women and girls of reproductive age from the refugees and the host communities. As part of the support services, the teams were able to provide 128 individual consultations for refugees and people from the host community.
- **UNFPA partner Home Care operating at the Palanca Bus Station and Palanca Crossing Border reached 331 people** through information-sharing sessions on GBV and SRH including the available support services for survivors of GBV. The team also distributed 34 dignity kits to women and girls, including menstrual hygiene items, and provided medical first aid to 78 persons and psychological first aid to 83 persons. The supported individuals included pregnant and lactating women, older persons, and persons with disability.
- **Training on the clinical management of rape continue with a focus on gender-based violence and mental health and psychosocial support.** More than 80 medical doctors and nurses were trained on different types of GBV, survivor centered approach, the psychological impact of sexual and gender-based violence, the psychological needs of the survivor and supportive communication skills.

YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS

- **"Know the country that hosts you!"** is a youth programme that was launched by UNFPA jointly with the Government of Republic of Moldova and CNTM organization to build social cohesion and solidarity among the Moldovan and Ukrainian youth. The programme includes six Youth Tours and will run until August inviting more than 120 young people to visit different parts of the country and explore the language and culture.
- **Theatrical performance "Fairytale Through the Stones"** premiered in Chisinau on 1 July, a charity event that was organized by UNFPA Implementing Partner Millennium NGO, and supported jointly with the Ministry of Education and Research, Lifting Hands International, Lucafaurul Theater, and the Ukrainian youth. In a unique collaboration with the Ukrainian refugees, the play is a drama therapy that aims to speak to the young people who are experiencing war trauma. The play explores the inner emotions of youth, including fears, anger and apathy, and serves as a reminder that the rights and needs of youth should not be overlooked in times of crisis.
- UNFPA jointly with IP NGO Terres des hommes developed **two guidance documents "Together for Safety" targeting NGOs that work with and for adolescents and youth refugees**. UNFPA kicked off the capacity building training sessions for the first 25 youth workers from the National Youth Centers Network on critical aspects and recommendations to be considered in organizing activities, delivering services for Ukrainian adolescents and youth refugees;
- UNFPA with the support of the UNFPA Regional Office experts on Youth Meaningful Engagement, and on Youth, Peace and Security delivered a workshop for UNFPA youth portfolio partners, more than 10 civil society organizations and staff of the Orange Safe Spaces were trained on **how to support meaningful youth engagement in the humanitarian context**.



"This program is important for Ukrainian youth,"

Daria from Mykolaiv, Ukraine

"It is important to learn more about culture and nature of the country that hosts us. This program will help us defuse tension and meet new friends. Everyone is under stress now. We do not know when we will go back home."

"Know the Country that Hosts You!" is a UNFPA program that aims to bring social cohesion, integration and solidarity among Ukrainian and Moldovan youth.

UNFPA MOLDOVA FUNDING REQUEST & STATUS*

- UNFPA urgently needs flexible financing to scale its operations in Ukraine and neighboring countries. UNFPA requires additional funds to ensure rights and choices of refugee women, youth and older persons in the Republic of Moldova.
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