

UNFPA MOLDOVA HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

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World Humanitarian Day - 19 August

#HeroesOfOurTime

On World Humanitarian Day, UNFPA Moldova kicked off a campaign #Heroes of Our Time to celebrate and thank all the people who worked to ensure that the refugees from Ukraine feel protected and safe in the Republic of Moldova.

They're doctors, teachers, psychologists, social workers, young people, volunteers, representatives of non-governmental organizations, authorities and donors, and local communities.

They are the #Heroes of Our Time.

UNFPA thanks our partners and donors for your trust and support in prioritizing women and girls' needs, rights and dignity in times of crisis.

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- **UNFPA launched a Mobile Safe Space in the Southern Region of Moldova** to conduct outreach activities targeting the refugees and host communities and to complement the work of the existing mobile team in the North. The mobile Safe Spaces are run by professional psychologists and social workers providing individual and non-focused group-based psychosocial support activities as well as individual consultations, awareness raising on gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and referral to specialized services for further support.
- **UNFPA in partnership with HelpAge International launched a Safe Space for older persons in Cojușna.** The Safe Space will prioritize psychosocial support activities and information on GBV prevention for older persons and other groups in need, and will offer sessions on digital skills to increase the access of older refugees to information and existing services. Other activities promote intergenerational dialogue, visits to the theatre and provision of the customized dignity kits to meet the basic hygiene needs of older persons.
- UNFPA organized a series of capacity building trainings targeting 143 specialists from all Safe Spaces teams across the country on GBV Core Concepts, the GBV Pocket Guide on how to support survivors, outreach skills, concept of mental health and psychosocial support and Psychological Support First Aid (PSFA). The training was an opportunity to reflect on the work of the Safe Spaces and discuss ways to enhance and strengthen their work.
- During the reporting period, **UNFPA partners reached an additional 1,433 new beneficiaries** through the services and information sessions offered by the Safe Spaces. **501 dignity kits were distributed including 138 kits for boys and men.** The dissemination of the dignity kits serves as an entry point to share information on GBV including the types of GBV, the available support services for survivors and information on SRH rights and existing services.



YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS

- **UNFPA launched a mobile Safe Space for youth** to cover 15 locations in Moldova (Taraclia, Căușeni, Călărași, Ungheni, Anenii Noi, Ialoveni), Chișinău and Chișinău suburbs (Cricova, Tohatin, Budești, Stauceni, Vadul lui Vodă, Costești, Colonița).
- During the reporting period, the **mobile and static Safe Spaces for youth in Criuleni, Nisporeni and Chisinau reached 493 young people, including 192 Roma youth**, through psychosocial group sessions, Romanian language courses, and life-skills and resilience building and recreational activities. The Safe Spaces for Youth also welcome refugee and local parents and offer family counseling sessions.
- The second session of the **Youth Summer Camp** brought together **20 refugee and Moldovan young people**. The summer camp, organized with the **National Youth Council** from Moldova, helped young people to get to know each other, build social cohesion, learn more about how they communicate and value the intercultural environment they live in. Young people also acquired basic knowledge on prevention of the GBV, how and where they can ask for age appropriate SRH services and life skills orientation and support.
- **Know the country that hosts you tours** continued on **5th and 12th August**, the International Youth Day (IYD). The UNFPA-supported tours were attended by 40 Ukrainian and Moldovan young peers and promoted social cohesion and integration. **The Youth tour participants joined the biggest youth event of the year at 2022 Youth Capital in Stefan Voda on IYD** and visited the Youth Center in Balti. The youth tours also included peer to peer and team-building activities and interactive information sessions on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.



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ENSURING SAFE BIRTH & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- **The first batch of UNFPA-procured equipment arrived in the Republic of Moldova**, including the Fetal cardio-monitor, newborn resuscitation table, suction machine for newborn, electronic weighing scales for newborn, etc. This equipment will be distributed to the perinatal centers in coordination with the Ministry of Health and according to the needs specified in an assessment. UNFPA conducted the assessment of nine medical institutions, including seven perinatal centers, the Oncology Institute and multi-profile hospital #3, and identified the critical need to support them with the procurement of relevant medical equipment for the delivery rooms, operating theatre and intensive care units.
- Training sessions were conducted for the UNFPA partners and Safe Space teams on sexual and reproductive health. The refresher training covered the components of the Minimum Initial Service Package in sexual and reproductive health, as well as the existing services for the refugees within the framework of UNFPA's partnership with the National Health Insurance Company. The outreach teams play a crucial role in raising the awareness of the local and refugee populations on free sexual and reproductive health services that they can access in the Republic of Moldova.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- **UNFPA co-leads the Interagency Gender-based violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group (SWG)** with UNHCR, which brings over 63 national and international organizations, 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 during humanitarian settings.
- The GBV SWG continues to disseminate the Romanian and Russian versions of the [GBV Pocket Guide](#) on how non-GBV actors can support survivors of GBV. The GBV SWG established a team to conduct a legal Analysis of the Legal Framework and the Mandatory reporting requirements in Moldova.
- The GBV SWG updates and disseminates the GBV referral pathways and will launch in September a National Campaign on GBV and the available support services to refugees and the host communities.

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, including to prepare and address the adverse effects of upcoming winter season.
- Thanks to **Australia, Kingdom of Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Norway, Switzerland, USA PRM, Ferring Company and Friends of UNFPA** for their contribution to the UNFPA Moldova humanitarian response.