

UNFPA MOLDOVA HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

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Mariya, 69, is a role-model of resilience. She is actively engaged in growing the community and amplifying the voices of refugee older women. [Read story.](#) (Photo: UNFPA Moldova)

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Safe Spaces for Women, Youth, Older persons

2,806

reached new people

Mobile Safe Spaces

79

reached communities

1,100

people received dignity kits

During the reporting period, UNFPA partners reached 2,806 new individuals in 89 locations all over Moldova through the Orange Safe Spaces, including women, youth and older persons with 690 group sessions. Both the static and mobile Orange Safe Spaces are run by professional psychologists and social workers to provide services customized to the needs of the target groups. The services include individual and group-based psychosocial support, awareness raising on GBV and sexual and reproductive health (SRH), as well as legal counseling and referral to specialized GBV services for further support following existing referral pathways.

The mobile safe spaces reached 791 individuals in 79 communities. Individual sessions were primarily focused on individual psychosocial support activities and legal counseling, and the group sessions centered on group-based psychosocial support and awareness-raising on GBV.

UNFPA partners reached 1,100 beneficiaries with dignity kits, and a further 1,700 kits were given to NGO partners for distribution. 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.

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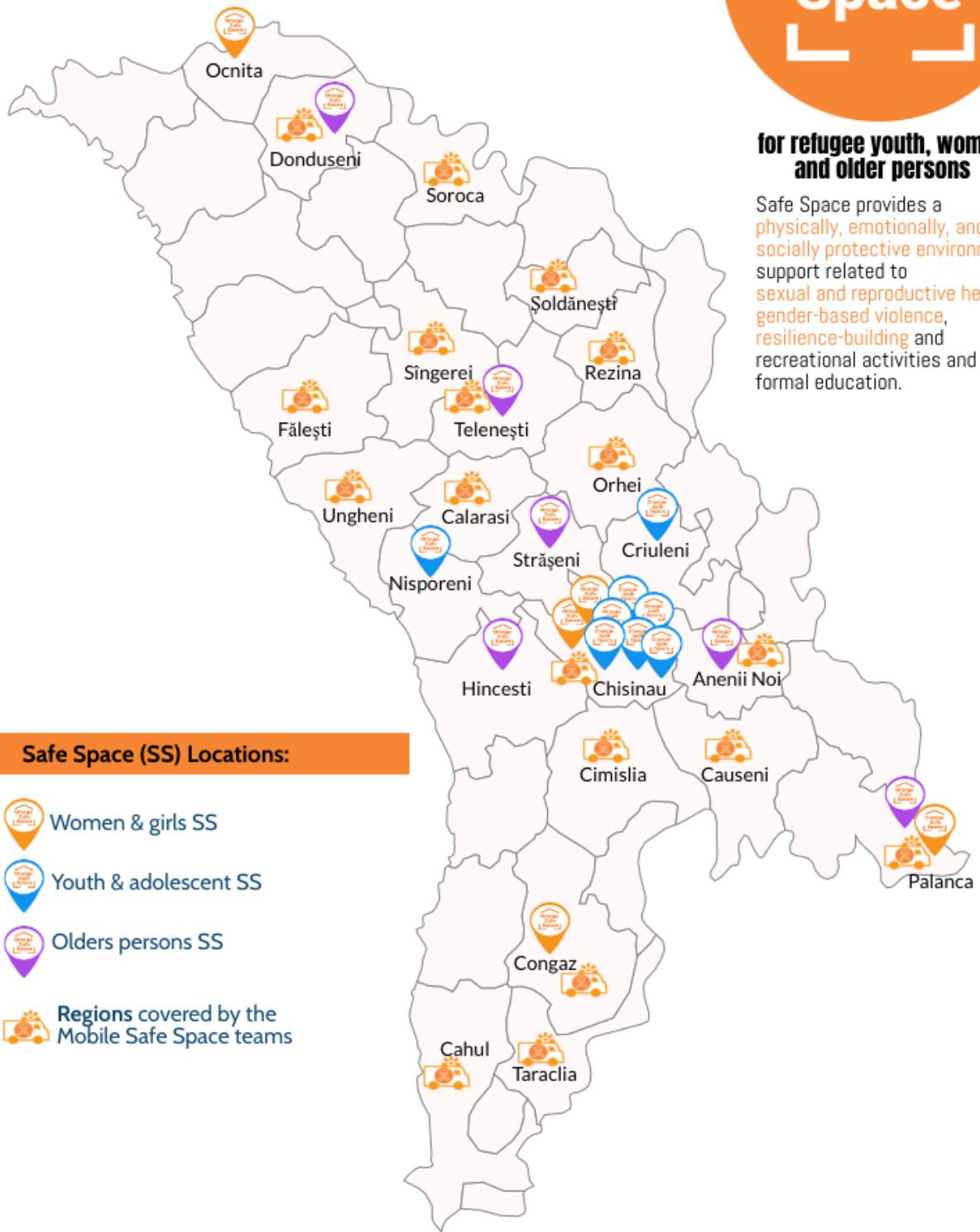
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As of October 2022, UNFPA Moldova and partners run 18 static Safe Spaces and 4 Mobile Safe Spaces covering around 80 locations in the North, South and Center of Moldova



for refugee youth, women and older persons

Safe Space provides a physically, emotionally, and socially protective environment, support related to sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, resilience-building and recreational activities and non-formal education.



ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (*CONT*)

- As part of the efforts to enhance service providers' capacity to respond to GBV, 55 new professionals were trained by UNFPA on GBV core concepts and safe referral, as well as case management, including CASH as a modality to support survivors of GBV and women and girls at risk of GBV.

Building Youth Resilience

- The Youth Safe Spaces reached young people in Ungheni, Anenii Noi, Bălți, Cahul (Crihana Veche) and Chișinău suburbs (Budești, Ciorescu, Grătiești). The activities were mainly focused on awareness raising on GBV, psychosocial support and art therapy, and information.
- Another 20 young people, both Ukrainian and Moldovan, attended the 5th Youth Tour within the program "Know the country that hosts you!". They group explored the Chisinau and its surrounding areas in a very interactive way by participating in a CityQuest, which brought to them the opportunity to interact with the host community and become more open to communication and resilience building.

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 published the GBV risk assessment in the Cash and Voucher (CVA) Assistance exercise conducted in collaboration with the CASH working group to assess potential GBV risks for refugees that may be created by this CVA programming in Moldova and to recommend enhancement of the response to mitigate the risks. The GBV SWG also conducted an analysis of the GBV Legal Framework of the Republic of Moldova and the mandatory reporting requirements in the country.
- The GBV SWG will launch an Inter Agency Campaign on behalf of all members to mark the International 16 Days of Activism Against GBV Global Campaign. The activities include outreach events, social media activities, and communication materials with the aim to strengthen the collective action on the prevention and response to GBV and to promote the available support services to refugees and the host communities.
- The GBV SWG developed 7 referral pathways and is constantly updating and disseminating the GBV referral pathways to humanitarian actors and service providers to ensure timely support to survivors of GBV.
- 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 Pocket Guide can be accessed at the GBV Area of Responsibility website.

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ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS

UNFPA modernizes nine medical institutions with lifesaving sexual and reproductive health equipment

UNFPA strengthens the national healthcare system

by equipping nine medical hospitals in the capital and regions with the largest population of the refugees

to increase access of women, both Moldovan women and Ukrainian refugees, to quality maternal, newborn and reproductive health services



22 delivery rooms to be equipped to ensure safe deliveries for the estimated

15,000

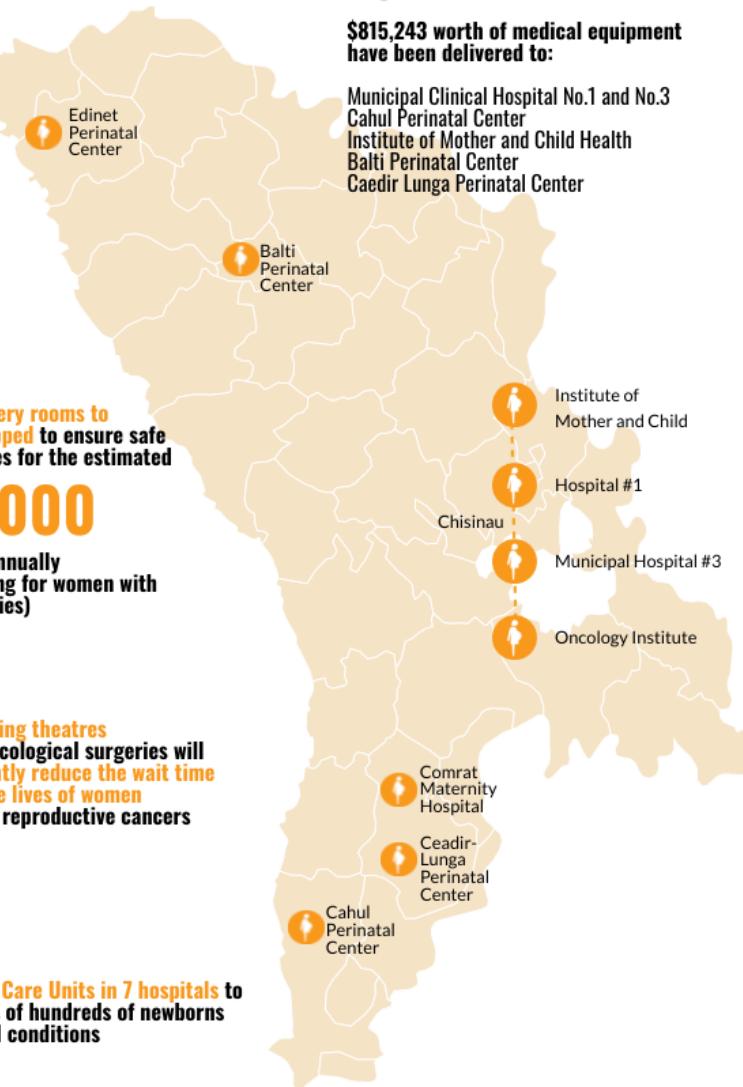
births annually (including for women with disabilities)



14 operating theatres for gynaecological surgeries will significantly reduce the wait time saving the lives of women incl. with reproductive cancers



Intensive Care Units in 7 hospitals to save lives of hundreds of newborns in critical conditions



Progress as of October:

\$815,243 worth of medical equipment have been delivered to:

Municipal Clinical Hospital No.1 and No.3
Cahul Perinatal Center
Institute of Mother and Child Health
Balti Perinatal Center
Caedir Lunga Perinatal Center

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, the United Kingdom, the USA PRM, Ferring Company and Friends of UNFPA for their contribution to the UNFPA Moldova humanitarian response.