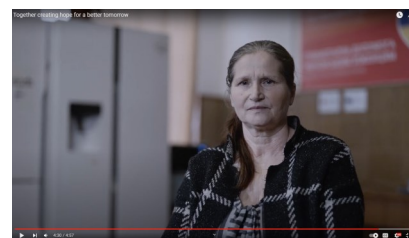


In this Holiday Issue of the Snapshot, UNFPA Moldova is pleased to share a Holiday Card with the [QR code featuring stories](#) from the individuals whose lives have been positively impacted by our joint efforts.



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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Women Safe Spaces



636

reached new people

Youth Safe Spaces



291

reached new people

Older persons Safe Spaces



60

reached new people

Border & Railway Safe Spaces



1,164

reached new people
with first line services

UNFPA continues to support 20 Static Orange Safe Spaces across Moldova and three Mobile Orange 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 Orange Safe Spaces are run by professional psychologists and social workers to provide services customized to the needs of the target groups.

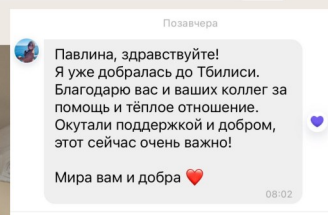
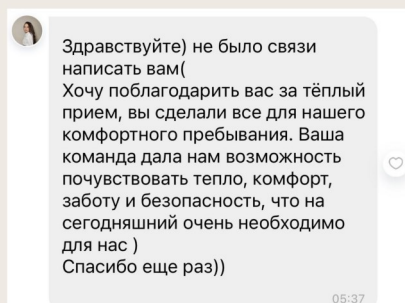
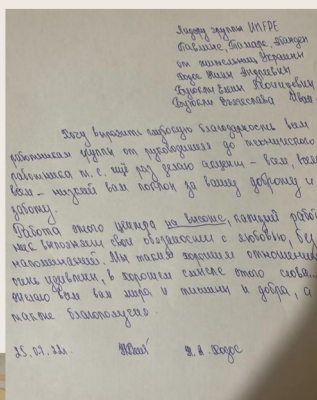
During the reporting period, UNFPA partners reached 2,489 new individuals in 65 communities all over Moldova through the Static and Mobile Orange Safe Spaces, including women, youth and older persons. Details on the target groups reached during this reporting period include:

- **Orange Safe Spaces for Women:** 636 new individuals were reached through the Static and Mobile Orange Safe Spaces targeting Women. The participants primarily attended sessions focused on individual psychosocial support and legal counseling, and the group sessions centered on group-based psychosocial support and awareness-raising on GBV. 1164 individuals received first line services through the Orange Safe Spaces in the border and the railway station.
- **Orange Safe Spaces for Youth:** 291 new individuals were reached through the static and mobile Orange Safe Spaces targeting Youth. The activities in the safe spaces include information and non-formal education sessions on GBV and SRH, psychoeducation, menstruation management, health sessions, legal sessions and information on available support services. Furthermore, the Safe Spaces teams conducted 228 group sessions, including psychosocial support, and recreational activities like art clubs, media clubs, handcrafting, sports activities and life skills activities on relationships building. An increased interest is shown from the refugees' side for IT courses, Romanian language courses. At the same time, all static OSS ensure support for the Youth to attend online schooling, IT and access to digital facilities.
- **Orange Safe Spaces for Older Persons:** 60 new individuals were reached through the 5 static Orange Safe Spaces targeting Older Persons in Anenii Noi, Cojuszna/Straseni, Saratenii Vechi/Telenesti, Popeasca/Stefan Voda and Donduseni. Within these static Orange Safe Spaces for Older Persons, the activities include information sessions on GBV, legal support, health services, and digital literacy, recreational activities including culture and tradition activities as well as individual PSS services.
- **GBV Risk Mitigation:** 1200 dignity kits were distributed by UNFPA partners, including customized dignity kits for the winter season, as well as dignity kits for 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



Heartwarming messages keep coming from women travelling through Chisinau Railway Station with thanks to Safe Space psychologist and social worker



This kind of support is very important to us, refugees.

A woman supported by the Safe Space team

"What I can say for sure is that service providers were the best at the border in Moldova. We have been provided advice, psychological and moral support, food, and information on where and how to buy tickets. I received a kit for women with supplies I needed. I remember the warm welcome at the entrance point. This kind of support is very important to us, refugees. I am very grateful. I hope after the war ends I will be able to come to Moldova and thank you again."



UNFPA Safe Space helped me when I arrived with my baby in my arms and did not know where to go.

Facebook message from a woman who arrived at Chisinau Railway Station

"Thank you for your kindness and for helping a woman with a baby to find a place to stay."



Thank you for providing a place where we could rest a bit and gain confidence.

A woman supported by the Safe Space team

"We have arrived at our destination. All good. I am so sorry that we were in such a hurry and did not have the chance to thank you for all you did. It was really good. You will always be in my mind and heart as a country that welcomes everybody warmly. I felt a lot of respect, kindness, and help."



Ensuring safety, rights and confidence of women on the move is at the core of our response. Thank you for your trust and support!

ENSURING SAFE BIRTHS

- UNFPA continues to provide technical expertise and support in upgrading seven perinatal centers and two specialized hospitals with lifesaving equipment, namely the delivery rooms, operating theatres, and intensive care units for women and newborns. As of December, modern equipment with a total value of \$ 2,160,000 has been delivered to nine health care institutions.
- The equipment includes including the Fetal cardiac-monitor, newborn resuscitation table, suction machine for newborn, operating light ceiling type with 2 satellites, operating table with 5 sections, anesthesia machine, adult-pediatric pulmonary ventilator, Defibrillator (Emergency resuscitation trolley with defibrillator), fetal heart doppler, static and mobile incubators, plasma thawing system, gynecological chairs for examination, infant coats and changing tables, etc.
- To ensure the quality control and accuracy of the medical equipment use, the UNFPA bioengineers conducted six capacity building training sessions targeting 31 doctors and technical staff of the medical institutions of the perinatal centers.
- In the context of the energy crisis and voltage fluctuation, UNFPA Moldova provided to all the equipped hospitals 60 UPS with AVR (Automatic Voltage Regulation), it means power protection against voltage fluctuation. These equipment will allow the uninterrupted functioning of the medical equipment, even during electricity fluctuations.
- UNFPA, in cooperation with other UN agencies, developed the Winterisation Strategy. As part of the strategy, UNFPA Moldova, with the financial support of the U.S. Government, distributes heaters for medical institutions, quilts, pillows and bleachers, kits with urgent necessities for women and newborns among refugees and people from vulnerable groups.
- With nearly 400 births taking place at home or in a car in the Republic of Moldova, UNFPA will deliver 20 ambulances to reduce response time and ensure access to quality lifesaving services for patients in critical conditions. As of December, four ambulances arrived and will be transferred to the government.

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

Progress as of December:

\$2,160,000 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
Ceadir Lunga Perinatal Center
Edinet Perinatal Center
Comrat Maternity Hospital
Institute of Oncology



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

15,000

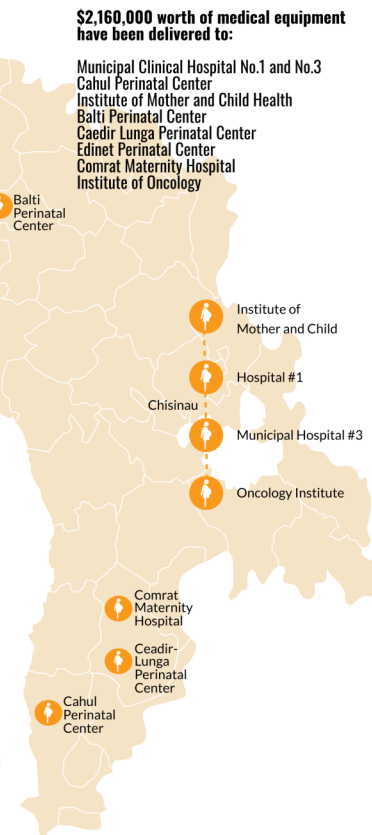
births annually (including for women with disabilities)



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



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 in coordination with the Cash working group conducted a rapid GBV risk assessment in the Cash and Voucher Assistance exercise to assess potential GBV risks that may be created for host families by CVA programming and to recommend enhancement of the response to mitigate the risks.
- The GBV SWG delivered a session on the survivor centered approach in providing support to groups of protection concerns during a dedicated training workshop for service providers in Cahul on the developed protection referral pathways developed by the regional coordination team for Cahul.
- The GBV SWG also continues to update six referral pathways mapping service providers in North region, South Region, Chisinau, Central Region 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.
- The GBV SWG launched a campaign to spread a clear message of zero tolerance of all forms of GBV and to raise the awareness of the refugee and host communities on the existing prevention and response services to gender-based violence in the Republic of Moldova.

Through a series of community outreach events, media partnerships and social media engagement, the partners will build on the ongoing dialogue about the issue, invite the service-providers and the communities to create a supportive environment and raise the awareness about the existing services, and foster accountability so that every humanitarian effort provides safe and comprehensive survivor-centered services to those affected or at risk of violence.

