UNFPA SYRIA
Quarter 3 2021

654,000 beneficiaries
(633,000 women and girls) received assistance through UNFPA interventions.

9,600 dignity kits distributed to vulnerable women, men and girls to protect them, promote hygiene and ensure respect and a dignified lifestyle.

128,000 pregnant and lactating women reached with cash and voucher assistance.

82% of funding secured compared to the needed funding for 2021.

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Accomplishments

January to September - 2021

472,000 individuals (including 468,000 women and girls) benefited from life-saving Reproductive Health (RH) services and activities.

161,000 individuals (including 153,000 women and girls) benefited from Gender-based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services and activities.

21,000 young people (including 12,000 female) benefited from resilience-based activities.

32,000 individuals (including 30,000 women and girls) reached with RH awareness raising and individual/group counselling on COVID-19.

140,000 individuals (including 134,000 women and girls) reached with psychosocial support (PSS) and case-management services.

544,000 individuals (including 525,000 women and girls) provided with information on GBV and RH.

128,000 pregnant and lactating women reached with voucher assistance.
Beneficiaries received assistance through UNFPA interventions per governorate

- Aleppo: 151K
- Rural Damascus: 113K
- Hama: 93K
- Al-Hassakeh: 48K
- Deir-ez-Zor: 45K
- Homs: 37K
- Ar-Raqqa: 31K
- Damascus: 29K
- Lattakia: 29K
- Dara’a: 26K
- As-Sweida: 23K
- Quneitra: 11K
- Tartous: 9K
- Idleb: 7K

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UNFPA-supported service delivery points

- RH kits were distributed to provide medical assistance to approximately 74,000 individuals.
- Distributed dignity kits to vulnerable women, men and girls to promote hygiene and ensure respect and a dignified lifestyle.
- Face masks delivered to NGOs, MoH, MoHE and MoI to protect services providers and beneficiaries in their fight against COVID-19.
- Gloves delivered to MoHE to protect services providers and beneficiaries against medical hazards and COVID-19.
- Liters of sanitizers delivered to MoH and MoHE.

MoH: Ministry of Health
MoHE: Ministry of Higher Education
MoI: Ministry of Information
CWC: Community Well-being Center
FPU: Family Protection Unit
WGSS: Women’s and Girls Safety Space
YFS: Youth Friendly Space
1400 public and NGOs service providers
trained on RH topics.

950 service providers
trained on ways to provide RH and GBV services during the COVID19 pandemic.

480 service providers
trained on GBV and Gender topics.

2,500 young people
trained on youth topics.

120 national partners
received capacity building on ICPD25 key principles, aiming at enhancing their knowledge and skills.

8 partners
engaged in the ICPD25 implementation process and activities.

ICPD25: International Conference on Population and Development
Integrated Mobile Team Reaching the Furthest behind in Deir Hafir - Aleppo

“When we returned, life was difficult due to the massive destruction in the area and the absence of basic health services. As a result of the crisis, most of the doctors and healthcare workers have left” recalls Rasha, one of the pregnant women from Deir Hafir area in Aleppo Governorate, unable to receive basic reproductive health services. Thanks to the UNFPA-supported integrated mobile team, which provides reproductive health and gender-based violence response services, Rasha was able to seek medical attention during her pregnancy. A gynecologist, a midwife, a Gender-based Violence case worker, a psychosocial support officer and three outreach volunteers are working simultaneously in remote areas to ensure that no one is left behind.

As thousands of internally displaced people returned to rural Aleppo in 2018, UNFPA first deployed a mobile team to provide essential Reproductive Health services to remote villages. Due to increasing needs in the area, a primary health clinic, and a women and girls safe space were established in 2019 allowing for the redeployment of the mobile teams to more villages in the vicinity of Deir Hafir.

Since 2021, UNFPA has been working on adapting its integration strategy to reach the furthest behind with life-saving joint Reproductive Health and Gender-based Violence services in one location, including antenatal and postnatal care services, treatment of respiratory tract infections and urine tract infections, early detection of breast and cervical cancer, menopause and postmenopause care, individual and group information dissemination sessions for all, neonatal care, family planning, GBV case management, psychosocial support and individual material support (mainly sanitary napkins and dignity kits). The current integrated mobile team active in Deir Hafir rural area covers 12 villages on a monthly basis. These villages have no access to medical and protection services, and UNFPA is often the only actor available in the area.

On a daily basis, the integrated mobile team provides a full package of services to about 50 women and girls while linking women from rural areas to UNFPA-supported static facilities in Deir Hafir, showing the integral role of the integrated mobile team. UNFPA informed feedback and data gathered from partners and field staff shows that the integration of the mobile teams has enabled UNFPA to reach twice the number of beneficiaries compared to a single service mobile team.
As the UNFPA-supported integrated mobile team makes its way through the villages, residents welcomed the team and even offered their houses as a working space. Nadia, 45 years old, displays a great sense of hospitality and generosity towards UNFPA. She told the team that she was very happy and eager to open her door to UNFPA: “As women need privacy, I am very much happy to open my house for the women who come to get the right services”.

Nadia offered her house to the integrated mobile team to provide its services, in Rasm Al Hamis village in rural Aleppo.

The integrated mobile team has also become a safe space for women to share their concerns with professional staff as they receive medical assistance and attend awareness sessions on Reproductive Health and Gender-based Violence: “When I don’t have a medical consultation, I come to attend the awareness sessions as we want to be educated rather than left behind” explained Rana, 33 years old, a mother of six children. Rana mentioned the importance of raising awareness on family planning and the values of information she receives throughout the sessions.

Rana participated in an awareness session on family planning run by the mobile team in Rasm Al Hamis village in rural Aleppo.
Why Availing our Integrated Approach Is a Priority for Us

Engaging the local community, making the best of the available resources, and most importantly reaching those in need in Syria are among the benefits of UNFPA’s new integration strategy. Integrated mobile teams have proven to be an efficient, cost effective service, enabling UNFPA to reach twice the number of beneficiaries compared to a single service mobile team. Thanks to our donors, people in remote areas have been able to benefit from life-saving services.

Syrian women, girls, boys and men who have been exposed to trauma and bereavement are still in need of urgent assistance. More is needed for UNFPA to increase its number of services, expand the services provided, and continue delivering to the most vulnerable population.