As of August 2022, Syrians and host communities throughout the region continue to face the escalating impact of a protracted humanitarian crisis, further complicated by a deteriorating economy, continuing hostilities, and an unrelenting pandemic.

The crisis region, which spans the Whole of Syria, Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt, continues to face a multitude of challenges, particularly in light of the recurrent waves of COVID-19 infections that continue to exacerbate existing needs. A decade into this protracted crisis, people in need continue to endure the cumulative effects of years of instability, the risks of which are even higher now due to the impacts of a far-reaching economic meltdown.

The Regional Situation Report for the Syria Crisis offers a bird’s eye view of UNFPA’s operations within the context of the Syria crisis. The report is prepared by the UNFPA Regional Humanitarian Hub for Syria and the Arab States in Amman, Jordan, and spans operations conducted by UNFPA offices in Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt, in addition to operations conducted inside Syria from Damascus and cross-border via Türkiye.

In addition to providing aggregated quantitative results for each country involved in UNFPA’s regional Syria response, this report also brings stories from the field that highlight the plight of communities inside Syria and in host countries, underscoring the positive impact of the response delivered by UNFPA in the areas of sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, youth engagement, and others. The report also covers UNFPA’s efforts to ensure continuity of operations throughout the Syria crisis region during the COVID-19 pandemic.
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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS HAS BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM AFTER THE WAR. WE SIMPLY DO NOT FEEL SAFE ANYMORE.

— YUSRA, a Syrian woman from Qamishli

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FOR SYRIAN WOMEN & GIRLS, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE REMAINS A DAILY REALITY.

During August 2022, the situation for Syrian women and girls continued to worsen as the cumulative impact of multiple crises takes its toll. Ongoing hostilities, mass displacements, economic collapse, and the normalization of gender-based violence continue to place their lives and well-being at risk, upending decades of progress on women’s issues and creating new realities that are testing their resilience.

Despite the continuing efforts of humanitarian actors, the situation in Syria continues to be dire, further complicated by a worsening economy, waves of hostilities and mass displacement, and the lingering aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. The crisis remains one of the world’s most complex humanitarian and protection emergencies, with 14.6 million estimated in need of assistance, among them 7.2 million women and girls. This reflects a steep increase from the number of people in need reported in 2021 (13.4 million) and in 2020 (11.7 million).

When the crisis passed the decade mark in 2021, the world was already a year into the COVID-19 pandemic, and an array of other humanitarian situations were emerging. Among the millions of Syrians who have spent the last 12 years surviving conflict, displacement, economic collapse, and mounting risks to their safety, many feel their calls for help have been increasingly drowned out.

Women & girls continue to pay the steepest price

Assessments and focus group discussions conducted by UNFPA in August show that gender-based violence continues to pervade the daily lives of Syrian women and girls, who are paying the steepest price of ongoing hostilities, economic collapse, climate-related challenges, and other challenges. The lives of Syrian women and girls are marked by mutually reinforcing forms of gender-based violence and gender discrimination, often exacerbated by discriminatory attitudes based on age, displacement status, disability and/or marital status. This has created an environment in which women and girls are consistently devalued, controlled, exploited, and then blamed for the violence they face.

“Physical, emotional, and sexual violence continues to take place,” explains Mona, an adolescent girl living in Areesha camp, whose family forced her to leave school after learning that one of the teachers there had been sexually harassing female students. “Attending the UNFPA-supported Safe Space was an opportunity for me to live again, as I was considering suicide due to the pressure that my family was putting on me.”

The risks facing women and girls like Mona are further compounded by the deteriorating economy and widespread poverty, lack and loss of livelihoods, destruction and loss of housing and property, protracted and multiple cycles of displacement, substandard living conditions (even for people in areas of relative stability), and shortage of natural resources. This is increasing reliance on negative coping mechanisms, such as early and forced marriages and sexual exploitation and abuse.

Even more alarming are the reports by women and girls stating that the violence against them has become normalized as a result of years of instabilities. Harassment, intimate partner and family violence, child and forced marriage and subsequent pregnancies, and sexual violence and exploitation are consistently reported, while new trends, such as various forms of technology-facilitated violence, have also been observed in recent years.

“We have people that consider a girl to be a spinster if she reaches age 16 while unmarried,” explains Raghad, a woman from Dara’a, in a statement that highlights the normalization of child marriage in her community. A similar statement is made by Nour from Qamishli, who notes that “girls growing up in these circumstances have become accustomed to the violence and now think it’s normal.”

And yet, despite the enormous challenges levelled against them, Syrians throughout the region refuse to give up. People of different ages and backgrounds, including women and girls who have survived gender-based violence, continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and determination. Many rise above their challenges and traumas to provide better prospects and opportunities for their children and loved ones, while others defy circumstances to become artists, activists, innovators and influential voices in their communities.

UNFPA continues to show up

UNFPA and humanitarian actors will continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of women and girls.

Between January and August 2022, as part of its regional response to the crisis, UNFPA delivered SRH services to more than a million people, while more than 498,000 were reached with services designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, including more than 171,000 adolescent girls. More than 114,000 women were provided with cash assistance, and more than 498,000 were reached with services designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

In 2022, UNFPA is appealing for a total of USD 144.3 million to fund its regional Syria crisis response, which spans the Whole of Syria, Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt.
RESPONSES FROM ALL OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE REGION, INCLUDING THE WHOLE OF SYRIA, TÜRKİYE, LEBANON, JORDAN, IRAQ, AND EGYPT.

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AS THE CHALLENGES WORSEN, WOMEN AND GIRLS CONTINUE TO PAY THE PRICE.

The conflict in Syria has created one of the most severe and protracted humanitarian crises in the world today. Millions have been displaced both inside the country and outside as refugees, especially in Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. The crisis has permanently altered the fabric of society in Syria itself, with far-reaching ramifications for its future resilience.

Assessments and interviews conducted by UNFPA since 2016 have also been able to illustrate the profound effect that years of instability have had on women and girls, particularly adolescent girls, who face a variety of unique risks. Lack of individual autonomy, movement restrictions, forced and early marriage, denial of resources and opportunities, and sexual and physical violence continue to be part of their daily reality, creating a web of violence that can transcend generations.

Despite testing their limits, however, the crisis has also revealed the remarkable resilience of women and girls, many of whom defy enormous odds to become artists, activists, innovators, and other influential voices in their communities.

* Above figures reflect fully-supported service delivery points. Inside Syria, an additional 638 primary healthcare facilities are being partially supported through the Ministry of Health.
The #ThisIsNotNormal campaign comes in response to increasing reports by women and girls that violence against them is becoming so widespread and unchecked, that it has been normalized in many communities.

Globally, women and girls continue to bear the brunt of the worst impacts of natural and human-made disasters, and this includes the escalating risks of multiple forms of gender-based violence and harmful practices. In the Arab region, converging crises are affecting the lives and well-being of women and girls, including protracted humanitarian crises, armed conflicts, forced internal and external displacement, food insecurity and water scarcity, the worsening impacts of climate change, and countless other serious challenges. Meanwhile, the ongoing war in Ukraine, are exacerbating the challenges women and girls face in communities across the region and beyond.

In the wake of these unprecedented challenges, more women and girls report to UNFPA that violence against them is becoming increasingly normalized, particularly in humanitarian settings. Harassment, intimate partner and domestic violence, child and forced marriage, and sexual violence and exploitation are consistently reported, while new trends, such as various forms of cyber violence, have also been observed in recent years. Women and girls also report that this sense of normalization is eroding their resilience, particularly for those living in humanitarian settings.

The normalization of violence against women and girls poses a serious risk to sustainable peace and security and could derail progress towards the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The international community must act with urgency and in solidarity to reject the risk of the normalization of violence against women and girls, and ensure that programmes designed to respond to this trend are at the front and centre of humanitarian responses.

Featuring the voices of artists and influencers, across Arab region, such as Ghada Saba, Joanna Arida, Maya Ammar, and Alaa Hamdan, the campaign aims to counter this alarming trend, amplify the voices of women and girls survivors of gender-based violence, and reaffirm global commitment to ending gender-based violence, including sexual violence in conflict, and providing justice and support services to all those affected.

#ThisIsNotNormal is an extended campaign that will continue over the coming months. UNFPA is inviting donor countries, UN and partner agencies, gender-based violence experts, journalists, and other opinion influencers to participate.
ACROSS THE WHOLE OF SYRIA

ENSURING THAT ALL COMMUNITIES INSIDE SYRIA HAVE ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE AND QUALITY SERVICES, EVEN IN LOCATIONS THAT ARE HARD TO REACH.

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In 2014, the Whole of Syria (WoS) approach was introduced across the United Nations, authorised initially by UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2165 in 2014. This allowed cross-border humanitarian assistance from Iraq, Jordan, and Türkiye. Successive UNSCRs extended and adapted this, eventually reducing to cross-border assistance from Türkiye exclusively. In July 2022, the resolution was extended until 10 January 2023. The continuation of this large, UN-led humanitarian operation is vital to reaching those most in need. In addition to the Whole of Syria approach under the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), there has been a succession of comprehensive Regional Refugee and Resilience Plans (3RPs) since 2014, which aim to coordinate and align responses to Syrian refugees and affected host communities across Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Türkiye.

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**WHEN I FINALLY FOUND MY WAY TO THE SAFE SPACE, I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW QUICKLY I BEGAN TO FEEL A CHANGE. THE KIND PEOPLE THERE GAVE ME THE HOPE I THOUGHT I’D NEVER GET BACK.**

— RULA, a Syrian woman from Damascus
## SYRIA COUNTRY OFFICE

DELIVERING EMERGENCY AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO SYRIAN COMMUNITIES IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WITH A FOCUS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS.

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THE FREE MEDICAL SERVICES THAT WE RECEIVE AT THIS CLINIC MEAN A LOT TO US BECAUSE THEY SPARE US THE HIGH COSTS OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT PRIVATE CLINIC.

— AMINA, during her visit to a UNFPA-supported well-being centre in Deir-ez-Zor

More than 4,000 people like Amina (quoted to the left) received similar services provided through three satellite points and the community well-being centre in Deir-ez-Zor. Together, they offer a wide range of services, including a gynaecology clinic, an internal clinic, a paediatric clinic, and specialised gender-based violence interventions. The community well-being centre where Amina accessed these services serves around 175 beneficiaries on a daily basis, providing a much-needed lifeline during a period of unparalleled economic hardships.

### Additional Services

- **93 PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**
- **19 EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC CARE FACILITIES**
- **99 MOBILE CLINICS**
- **13 YOUTH CENTRES**
- **61 OTHER SERVICE DELIVERY POINTS**

* Above figures reflect fully-supported service delivery points, inside Syria, an additional 638 primary healthcare facilities are being partially supported through the Ministry of Health.
### TÜRKİYE CROSS-BORDER

**ENSURING THAT ALL COMMUNITIES INSIDE SYRIA HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SERVICES.**

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**In August, the number of new displacements almost doubled with 13,260 new people fleeing their homes primarily due to the economic deterioration. (HMAP, 2022). Of the 4.5 million people living in northwest Syria (NWS), more than half – 2.8 million – are living in displacement, 4.1 million are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and 3.1 million are in need of health assistance.**

The security situation remained extremely volatile and frequent artillery shellings were reported by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Ten men and five children were killed in an artillery shelling hitting a public market in Aleppo Governorate. Additionally, at least 14 civilians, including six children, were killed and more than 30 civilians were injured in shelling over the course of the month.
HALFWAY INTO 2022, MASS DISPLACEMENTS CONTINUE TO PLACE LIVES AT RISK. UNFPA IS FOCUSING ON EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO COMBAT AND RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

IN NORTH-WESTERN SYRIA, UNFPA CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO ONGOING DISPLACEMENTS, HOSTILITIES, AND EXTREME CONDITIONS.
TÜRKİYE COUNTRY OFFICE

WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE CRISIS REGION, TÜRKİYE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED SYRIANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

68,025
PEOPLE REACHED WITH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES
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“THESE DAYS WHEN I FEEL THE LOSS OF MY MOTHER, I FEEL THE SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN HERE, AND I FEEL BETTER.

— RIMA, a Syrian woman from Raqqa, who accessed services at a UNFPA-supported Safe Space in Türkiye
IN TÜRKİYE, UNFPA CONTINUES TO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING OF MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES.

AS TÜRKİYE CONTINUES TO FACE A MOUNTING ECONOMIC CRISIS, UNFPA IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL PARTNERS TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE NOT LEFT BEHIND.

“Participation in the local labour market is key to integrating refugees into host countries in the medium and long term. Inactive periods at early ages can bring long-term damage in terms of earnings and employment opportunities as well as psychologically.

The global estimates of the International Labour Organization for 2020 show that more than one in five young people aged 15-24 (22.4 percent) are not in employment, education or training (NEET). This rate is even higher in Türkiye at 28.3 percent. In particular, young women’s lower participation in the labour market, the pandemic’s economic effects, and Türkiye’s macroeconomic vulnerabilities affect young people’s participation and their experiences in the labour market.

UNFPA, with the support of its implementing partner the Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, provides economic empowerment activities to women and girls, aiming to strengthen their capacity in applying for a job (e.g., CV writing, participate in competency based interview, etc.) and on different work related skills (either at UNFPA supported service units or being referred to other organisations), that will allow them to secure a job or start their own business/home production activity. Moreover, in August together with Çankaya Municipality a joint Handicraft Market was opened to support the sale of the home-made products of women and youth who started their home production as a result of not being able to leave the house due to their gender roles (child care, elderly care, etc).

In the context of its Humanitarian Programme, UNFPA in Türkiye provides sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and protection services, including prevention and response to GBV services through 18 service units. In addition, the supported service units provide awareness-raising sessions on GBV and SRH topics, empowerment activities along with social cohesion activities.

In August, UNFPA continued to strengthen the capacity of implementing partner staff on provision of SRH and GBV services. Supervision meetings were organised for outreach workers, health mediators, psychologists and social service workers aiming to increase their self-awareness about quality of services and to ensure that the interventions are provided according to the humanitarian principles and standards. Frontline service providers are exposed to high levels of stress and pressure while working with complex cases of people in need. Selfcare sessions were organised for outreach workers and psychologists to ensure appropriate levels of support for them to function effectively, to cope with daily stress and strengthen their capacities to avoid situations of unacceptable risk.

A training of trainers programme under the heading of “Engaging Men Towards Gender Equality” was provided for 26 service providers from the UNFPA supported service units.

Helping refugees with disability access vital services

The connection between Rana and her daughter Leyen is so strong that, when they embrace each other, it brings smiles to the faces of everyone in the room.

Rana is a mother who would do anything for her daughter, who has Down’s syndrome. That is what catches one’s eye about her; her confidence and upright stance. Her eyes sparkle when she looks at her daughter, despite the difficult journey they have shared.

Rana has been living in Türkiye for six years. During the war in Syria, her house was bombed and her family lost everything they had. The situation was further complicated by her daughter’s medical challenges, which in addition to Down’s, also include a thyroid condition and celiac disease.

“I overcome every obstacle that was put in my way for my daughter’s safety,” explains Rana. “Eventually, we arrived in Turkey, and while we felt safer, we struggled in other ways, such as with finding housing, the high cost of living, and the language barrier. Leyen’s need for special education, also proved a challenge, of course.”

Rana eventually found her way to the Refugees with Disability service unit in Ankara, where she attends group activities and receives psychological support. While she regains her resilience and self-confidence, her daughter Leyen is given an appointment, a special transfer vehicle, and translation and referral services are provided in Ankara, where she attends group activities and receives psychological support. While she regains her resilience and self-confidence, her daughter Leyen is given an appointment, a special transfer vehicle, and treatment procedures at the hospital. In addition, necessary guidance and referrals are given for Leyen to receive the special education she needs.

Rana and Leyen also participate in other group activities organised by the service unit, which Rana explains have helped alleviate her feelings of isolation. Rana is also an active member of the Disability Committee established within the scope of the project, through which she works to support people who request counselling. “We talk about the problems that we experience at the committee meetings and discuss how we can solve them. This process increases our sense of unity and solidarity.”

“Before I came to this centre, it was quite the challenge accessing services for persons with disabilities, but now they even help me when taking an appointment at the hospital,” says Rana. “I feel much safer and stronger, as I benefit from their support at all times.”

Despite the support they receive, Rana and Leyen’s lives are still rife with challenges. Rana, however, is joyful and hopeful having finally set her daughter on a clear path to a better life, away from the threat of violence.

The services offered to Rana and Leyen are part of a project carried out in cooperation with UNFPA Türkiye with generous funding from the European Union. The project helps refugees with disabilities and their support persons to receive specialised protection services and exercise their equal rights to access. Through the service units in Ankara and İzmir, counselling, psychosocial support, translation, and referral services are provided in order to increase access by refugees with disabilities to social protection and other services they need.
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**LEBANON COUNTRY OFFICE**

UNFPA CONTINUES TO ADAPT ITS PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN NEED, WITH A FOCUS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS.

- **52,868** people reached with reproductive health services
  - **100% female**

- **26,529** people reached with gender-based violence services
  - **91% female**

- **599** people provided with cash & voucher assistance
  - **100% female**

- **1,304** people with disabilities reached with various services
  - **100% female**

- **8,449** adolescent girls supported through various programmes
  - **100% female**

- **2,910** LGBTQI+ individuals supported through various services
  - **91% female**

- **2,045** people trained on various topics
  - **98% female**

- **22** people trained on youth-related topics
  - **100% female**

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

- Family planning consultations: 6,514 (100% female)
- Ante-natal care consultations: 328 (100% female)
- Post-natal care consultations: 3,208 (100% female)
- People trained on SRH-related topics: 807 (100% female)

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

- People reached with dignity kits: 22,529 (100% female)
- People provided with GBV case management: 329 (97% female)
- People reached with GBV awareness messages: 7,322 (82% female)
- People trained on GBV-related topics: 1,216 (96% female)

**YOUTH SERVICES**

- People trained on youth-related topics: 22 (100% female)

**NARRATIVE**

"Many communities do not realise that the way they treat us women is unfair and harmful. This is why I am committed to these awareness sessions. They are helping women understand their rights."

— Narjis, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon
UNFPA is targeting marginalised communities as Lebanon experiences another difficult year.

As has been the case over the past two years, hyperinflation in Lebanon continues to women, rising to about 162 percent in August year-on-year according to Lebanon’s Central Administration of Statistics. The last week of August saw a sharp drop in the value of the Lebanese pound against the dollar in the parallel market, reaching LBP 35,000 per dollar.

In August, the Lebanese Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology in partnership with UNFPA Lebanon and Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) conducted a training on antenatal and postnatal care for healthcare providers working in Primary Health Care (PHC) Centres. The training, which aims at enhancing national capacities on maternal care services, was attended by general practitioners, obstetricians, gynaecologists, midwives, and nurses. Topics covered included the dietary needs for pregnant and lactating women especially in view of the deteriorating economic conditions leading to food insecurity and negative coping mechanisms.

Meanwhile, the network of midwives established in partnership between the Lebanese Order of Midwives (LOM) and UNFPA continued its interventions to promote COVID-19 vaccination among pregnant and lactating women and ensure provision of information on infection prevention and control (IPC) measures through awareness sessions, home visits, and referrals to the nearest vaccination centre.

UNFPA also continued its support for the provision of SRH-GBV integrated services and awareness sessions across Beirut, Bekaa, and northern Lebanon, targeting vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian communities. The services include reproductive health (RH) medical consultations, midwifery care, family planning counselling, lab tests, ultrasound, imagery tests and RH interventions such as IUD insertion/removal, PAP smear test, mammography and referral to GBV services. Dignity kits were distributed to vulnerable women and girls during the awareness sessions.

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Building better prospects through life skills

Through the generous support of the Government of Sweden, Riwa, a 31-year-old Lebanese teacher, has been able to attend life skills training in the hope of securing a better future.

“The most useful skill I learned from these training sessions was how to listen and understand to enhance my communication skills,” said Riwa. “I also began practicing how to structure my thoughts and deliver my messages and ideas in a more efficient way.”

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Riwa became known as an active member in the sessions. “It was indeed a transformational learning experience that changed my life, especially after I started applying what I learned in real life. I was able to learn on how to be a great leader and on the characteristics I should develop to become one. I will indeed apply the things I learned in my professional and personal life.”

Another topic that I’m proud to have learned more about is emotional intelligence. I’ve mastered the ‘evaluate, update, and celebrate’ equation. This is to mainly manage my reaction towards others. With the facilitator’s support, we are applying what we are learning, which is a completely different process that feels quite different from traditional learning.

Riwa is eager to learn more. “I believe that every skill we learn about can definitely contribute to our success in life, especially as women.”

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“There were many instances along the way where I was more than tempted to give up – to surrender to the feelings of despair that were taking over. Thankfully, I found the right support at the right time.”

— YARA, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon
JORDAN COUNTRY OFFICE

With 1.3 million Syrians nationwide, UNFPA in Jordan continues to provide essential services to refugees and host communities nationwide.

71,679
People reached with reproductive health services
99% female

918
People with disabilities reached with various services
97% female

40,404
People reached with gender-based violence services
87% female

6,779
Adolescent girls supported through various programmes

7,224
Young people engaged through various activities
63% female

153
People provided with cash & voucher assistance
100% female

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“I fell to the floor and burst into tears, and I simply recall myself pleading for protection. The anxiety had reached such deep levels that it made me feel overwhelmed.”

— Salma, who recently received gender-based violence support at a UNFPA-supported facility in Jordan
IRAQ
COUNTRY OFFICE

IN IRAQ, UNFPA CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO MORE THAN 316,000 SYRIAN REFUGEES AS 1.2 MILLION PEOPLE REMAIN DISPLACED NATIONWIDE.

10,681 PEOPLE REACHED WITH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES
100% FEMALE

2,310 PEOPLE REACHED WITH GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SERVICES
92% FEMALE

876 ADOLESCENT GIRLS SUPPORTED THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMMES
99% FEMALE

332 YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES
49% FEMALE

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NEARLY 1.2 MILLION IRAQIS CONTINUE TO LIVE IN PROTRACTED SITUATIONS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AS THE COUNTRY HOSTS OVER ONE-QUARTER OF A MILLION REFUGEES.

These displaced populations are often more vulnerable to protection risks—such as arbitrary arrest and detention, trauma and psychological stress, the threat of eviction from their homes, and lack of access to essential services than the population at large. Nearly one-in-five Syrian refugees rely on charity and cash assistance for food, and more than half report experiencing difficulties accessing healthcare services.

While significant humanitarian support is still crucial for many, efforts in the country are gradually transitioning from humanitarian interventions and placing more focus on development interventions to support public institutions to deliver basic services and ensure their socio-economic integration. At the same time, Iraq's overall political, economic, and security environment remains unpredictable.

UNFPA Iraq continues to provide SRH services in nine refugee camps throughout the country. These include antenatal care, family planning consultation, postnatal care, gynaecological consultations and referral pathways to secondary hospitals for the purpose of normal delivery, caesarian sections and complication cases.
UNFPA Egypt continues to provide assistance to Syrian refugees in the country, with a focus on women and girls.

**EGYPT COUNTRY OFFICE**

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**145,451**

People reached with reproductive health services

100% female

**842**

People trained on various topics

91% female

**6,565**

People reached with gender-based violence services

96% female

**81**

Young people engaged through various activities

100% female

**81**

People with disabilities reached with specialised services

100% female

**958**

Adolescent girls supported through various programmes

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UNFPA continues to tailor its programmes in Egypt to respond to the needs of women and girls caught in the crisis.

More than 280,000 refugees and asylum seekers from 66 countries of origin are currently living in Egypt, around half of whom are Syrians. Most refugees and asylum seekers are located in urban areas of Greater Cairo and on the northern coast. During August, UNFPA continued to support 10 Safe Spaces in six governorates, delivering vital services to survivors or those at risk of gender-based violence. UNFPA is particularly focusing on mental health and well-being, with more than 544 women and girls attending multiple MHPSS sessions that span sound therapy, yoga, psychological balance workshop, identity crisis and psychological support, group therapy, and others. GBV awareness raising activities were also delivered with a focus on the types of GBV, sexual harassment, and prevention using sports for GBV. Reproductive health awareness sessions were delivered to women and girls with topics including puberty, menstrual health, and hepatitis prevention.

"This safe space has allowed me to find my own worth and community. I feel stronger and ready to start living."

— Yosra, a Syrian woman from Rural Damascus
UNFPA CONTINUES TO LEAD THE GBV AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, ENSURING THAT MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES.

Whole of Syria

During August, the Whole of Syria GBV coordination team volunteered to be part of the HNO-HRP template task force chaired by OCHA. The TF brings together coordinators from the Shelter/NFI, Wash, Food Security and GBV sectors to review the HNO and HRP templates before the beginning of the HRC narrative development.

Sixty-four partners filled out the mid-year GBV coordination survey (seven in NES, 26 in north-western Syria, and 31 in the Syria hub). The survey gives the opportunity to GBV AoR members to evaluate the coordination mechanism they are part of. GBV coordinators use this opportunity to gather suggestions for improvement. The main findings include:

- 64 percent of partners believe the coordination does not need improvement, however, for the remaining 36 percent the main steps to be taken include in-presence meetings, translation and more resources dedicated to capacity building.

- The main achievements of the GBV coordination at the Whole of Syria level relate to the quality and modality of information sharing as well as the members’ engagement and decision-making. Space for improvement has been identified in the role of GBV AoR in channeling and advocating for funds.

- The Whole of Syria GBV AoR also worked on the first draft of the “Older Women Training Package,” designed to complement this guidance note previously developed by the GBV AoR. The package includes presentations, a facilitator guide, handouts, and pre- and post-surveys to verify the impact on participants. The training package was conceived to serve both in-presence and online modalities, and is currently under a technical review process.

Lastly, The Hub has identified an LGBTIQ+ consultant to develop a new Knowledge Series product to support UNFPA and partners in making GBV and SRH services more accessible to the LGBTIQ+ community. The consultant will carry out an initial assessment to mainly identify best practices of inclusion and barriers to services experienced by LGBTIQ+ community in humanitarian settings in the region.

Türkiye Cross-Border

In the framework of the 2022 GBV and SRH Integration Initiative in north-western Syria, UNFPA, with WHO support, has completed a comprehensive baseline study to evaluate the level of integration of GBV services in 50 EmOMC facilities. In line with the recommendations outlined in the report, UNFPA organised 11 trainings on GBV Basics and Safe Referral which have contributed to enhancing the knowledge and capacity on GBV of 249 medical staff working in Aleppo and Idlib Governorates. Additionally, 50 supervision visits were conducted to enhance the quality and integration of services, evaluate staff attitude towards GBV survivors and ensure continuous protocol implementation and full adherence to GBV principles.

In August, the SRH Technical Working Group released the SRH TWG Dashboard that illustrates key data and information about the achievements reached through 304 health facilities supported in NW Syria by 34 partners. UNFPA provides technical and financial support to eight health facilities, including 2 mobile clinics, located in densely populated and underserved areas. In Aleppo and Idlib Governorate, Through these critical facilities, UNFPA Türkiye Cross-Border provides lifesaving services, such as antenatal and postnatal care, infection treatment, delivery services, clinical management of rape, family planning methods, and lab services. Recently, UNFPA expanded its offer including advanced care services, such as cancer screening, HIV testing, and nutrition services.

Lebanon

Successful collaborations were established between GBV and SRH partners supported through SIDA-funded programmes to ensure adequate referrals, service provision, and increased attendance to Safe Spaces. NABAD referred 225 beneficiaries seeking reproductive health services, mainly gynaecological lab tests and consultations, to AMEL Association. Also, LECORVAW administered awareness-raising sessions on menstrual hygiene management as part of the RH programme to facilitate the identification of individuals in need of CVA for menstrual hygiene products. In addition, LECORVAW liaised with AKKAROUNA on the SRH component. AKKAROUNA provided 5 reproductive-health awareness sessions to GBV beneficiaries in LECORVAW safe spaces.

On August 17, UNFPA Lebanon in partnership with Makassed, coordinated a high-profile visit attended by Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, Mr. Harjit S. Sajjan and the ambassador of Canada to Lebanon Ms. Chantal Chastenay with the presence of UNFPA Lebanon Head of Office. The mission consisted of visiting the primary health care centre managed by Makassed. UNFPA Lebanon’s implementing partner and meeting beneficiaries who were provided with SRH/GBV services.

UNFPA continues to lead the GBV area of responsibility, ensuring that minimum standards are in place to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in emergencies.
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In Türkiye: ASAM (Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants), KAMER (Women’s Centre Foundation), Escola Universa University: Harun University: YAH (Youth Approaches to Health Association), PLA (Positive Living Association): Red Umbrella Sexual Health and Human Rights Association. For the service units that are under direct implementation, UNFPA is collaborating with Ankara Municipality, Sanliurfa Municipality and RASAS (Refugees and Asylum Seekers Assistance and Solidarity Association).

Türkiye Cross-Border: International Rescue Committee (IRC), Relief International (RI), Shafak, Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), Ihsan for Relief and Development (IhsanRD), and their sub-implementing partners Women Support Association (IhsanRD), Hope Revival Organization (IRC) and Relief Experts Association- UDER (IRC).

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