UNFPA SYRIA

Programme Snapshot
Quarter 2 - 2021

484,000 beneficiaries
(471,000 women and girls) received assistance through UNFPA interventions.

7,500 dignity kits distributed to vulnerable women, men and girls to help protect them, promote hygiene and ensure respect and a dignified lifestyle.

104,000 pregnant & lactating women reached with cash and voucher assistance.

67% of funding secured compared to the 2021 need.

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**Beneficiaries**

- **352,000** (348,000 women and girls) benefited from life-saving reproductive health services and activities.

- **125,000** (119,000 women and girls) benefited from GBV prevention and response services and activities.

- **7,000 young people** (4,000 female) benefited from resilience-based activities.

- **27,000** (26,000 women and girls) with RH awareness-raising and individual/group counselling on COVID-19.

- **93,000** (89,000 women and girls) were reached with Psycho-social support “PSS” and case-management services.

- **385,000** (376,000 women and girls) provided with information on GBV and RH.

- **104,000 pregnant & lactating women** reached with voucher assistance.
Beneficiaries received assistance through UNFPA interventions per governorate and service

- Aleppo: 113K
- Rural Damascus: 87K
- Hama: 62K
- Al-Hasakeh: 39K
- Deir-ez-Zor: 31K
- Homs: 27K
- Ar-Raqqa: 26K
- Damascus: 23K
- Lattakia: 20K
- As-Sweida: 19K
- Dar’a: 18K
- Quneitra: 7K
- Tartous: 7K
- Idleb: 5K

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Distributions

- 29,000 unique individuals benefited from 284 RH Kits distributed to provide medical assistance to 2,600,000 individuals in the catchment area.
- 7,500 distributed dignity kits to vulnerable women, men, and girls to help protect them, promote hygiene, and ensure respect and a dignified life style.
- 2,600,000 face masks delivered to NGOs, *MOH, *MOHE, and *MOI to protect services providers and beneficiaries.
- 55,000 gloves delivered to *MOHE to protect services providers and beneficiaries.
- 10,000 liters of sanitizers delivered to *MOH and **MOHE.

Supported Reproductive Health /Gender Based Violence/ Youth service-delivery points to leave no one behind

Reproductive Health

- 88 RH clinics
- 107 integrated mobile teams
- 3 CWC
- 1 FPU*
- 47 WGSS*
- 60 mobile teams
- 1 Youth-friendly space

Gender-based Violence

- *MoH: Ministry of Health
- *MoHE: Ministry of Higher Education
- *MoI: Ministry of Information

Youth

- *CWC: community well-being center
- *FPU: family protection unit
- *WGSS: women and girls safe space
- *YFS: youth friendly space
770 public and NGOs service-providers
trained on reproductive health topics.

550 service providers
Service providers trained on ways to provide RH and GBV services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

320 service providers
trained on GBV and gender topics.

550 young people
trained on youth topics.

120 national partners
had the skills and knowledge of their staff enhanced on ICPD key principles.

8 partners
engaged in ICPD25 implementation.
Since 2017, UNFPA has been supporting the Family Protection Unit (FPU), a shelter in rural Damascus for women and children survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). The FPU, under the umbrella of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs and Population (SCFAP), is managed by a local NGO, the Syrian Youth Council (SYC). The FPU provides a comprehensive and integrated approach for women survivors of violence, focusing on their protection and well-being and providing a range of specialised services including case management, psychosocial support (PSS), psychotherapy, legal counselling and aid, vocational training, awareness raising, reproductive health and recreational activities.

The work of FPU has been critical and often life-saving, particularly considering the limited operating shelters in Syria receiving women and children who have been exposed to various, often severe, types of GBV, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape. FPU receives survivors of extreme cases of GBV, who have nowhere to go, and responds to their physical, psychological, and social needs to empower and support survivor’s reintegration as active members of the community. Several of the services provided in the shelter are also open externally in separate areas of the Centre.
To ensure the continuity as well as the improvement and expansion of services provided in the FPU, UNFPA in coordination with the SCFAP and UNDP engineering services conducted rehabilitation activities in early 2021. The garden was rehabilitated to include a playground for children residing at the shelter and provide them with a safe space to play, communicate, and learn.

A library was also established in the FPU, serving as a multipurpose room to hold computer training, the newly-established children book club sessions, and other activities. Based on the request of beneficiaries, the gym and the hair dressing room were expanded allowing for new gym equipment and more advanced/specialized vocational training. Finally, a solar system was implemented for heating and lighting, a crucial development considering the long hours of power cuts currently experienced in Syria.

UNFPA is continually striving for the development of FPU staff capacities, improving their skills in dealing with very complex cases of GBV and in developing an approach that is woman-centred and focused on building women’s empowerment. Relevant staff members at the FPU have attended training on basic counselling, PSS interventions, and family counselling. Complementary training will be conducted with the third phase focusing on group counselling. Most recently, the staff of the FPU and some relevant personnel from SYC have taken part in a training with Differenza Donna, an Italian NGO, specialised in provision of services for women survivors of GBV. The training focused on strengthening understanding of the conceptual framework of violence against women and the methodologies of working in a shelter for GBV survivors. Among the objectives of this training is developing a Standard Operating Procedure that ensures the quality services provided in the FPU meet international standards for such facilities in addition to the Code of Conduct for daily life in the FPU.
UNFPA, with the generous support of donors, continued to work with partners to serve the most in need, delivering life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) services to communities inside Syria. As of June 2021, UNFPA Syria is funded for 67% of 2021 funding needs, thanks to the donors who responded to the UNFPA appeals for funds. However, more resources are still needed to ensure continuation of existing GBV and SRH services across the Country, carry on with the new pilot interventions on specialized programming for adolescent girls and address the negative social norms on GBV, aiming to support women and young people with disabilities.

With your support, UNFPA will keep pushing boundaries and reaching the furthest behind towards a world with zero unmet need for contraception; zero preventable maternal deaths; and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices.
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