## Humanitarian response in Bosnia and Herzegovina: supporting women and youth



## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW IN NUMBERS APRIL 2021

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



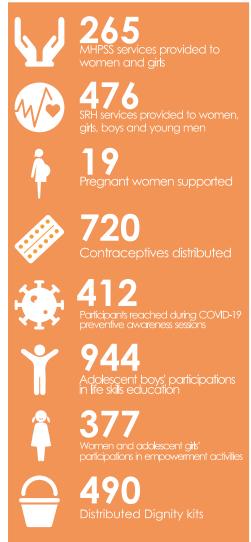


### Addressing Gender Based Violence



A decrease of newly identified GBV cases was observed in April, however, due to high turnover, return of beneficiaries (previously identified GBV cases) was on the rise. Furthermore, UNFPA reached formal agreement with 10M in order to partake in identifying and accommodating highly vulnerable persons relocated from TRC Usivak to TRC Blazuj upon reaching age of majority.

Reported trend in frequent movement among beneficiaries required UNFPA to step up its MHPSS response through its centres. Manifestations of symptoms related to poor mental health were interlinked with dilapidated living circumstances, onward movement adversities and GBV exposure.





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### Access to sexual and reproductive health services

- The trend of increased turnovers was accompanied by noticeably expressed needs for a plethora of SRH services, especially with an increase in pregnant women (19). UNFPA ensured timely and comprehensive urological and gynaecological services through regular individual, group and specialist consultations.
- ➤ In April, SRH sessions were thematically oriented, addressing needs and concerns raised by adolescent boys. Namely, adolescent boys were eager to learn about substance abuse, its effect on sexual performance and it's link with risky sexual behavior.



### Fast facts



7000

Estimated migrant/refugee population in BiH



3

UNFPA Woman and Girls Centers



4

**UNFPA Bovs and Young Men Centers** 



14

Women headed households



158

Women and airls at risk of violence



4

LGBTIQ persons supported

## Informal education and empowerment services

- UNFPA ensured equitable access to age and gender appropriate educational, empowerment and life-skills activities through which basic learning needs of beneficiaries are met. Through UNFPA Women and Girls Centers and Boys and Young Men Centers, beneficiaries were encouraged to develop positive social, emotional and cognitive skills.
- Moreover, UNFPA invested additional efforts in raising awareness on hygiene, prevention of COVID-19 and maintenance of common facilities, followed by provision of individual consultations for 320 beneficiaries.

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#### **GBV Working Group**

UNFPA organized a GBV working group for 14 representatives from differen humanitarian agencies in Sarajevo Canton.

#### Managing Gender-based Violence in Emergencies

training was held for 49 humanitarian workers in Una-Sana Canton.

#### Teen's Club

Upon identified needs of adolescent girls, Teen's club was established and held, reaching adolescent girls and providing age-appropriate educational and creative activities.

### The Boys' Voice

In TRC Usivak 4 Boys' Voice meetings were rolled out with adolescent representatives addressing maintenance of common property and timely reporting of sumptoms.

