In March, the spike in number of identified GBV cases was caused by the COVID-19 lockdown of reception centers, high turnover of beneficiaries and an increase in returns from failed onward movement.

Mental health of migrant/refugee women and girls in BiH is visibly impaired. In addition to external factors, such as sub-standard living conditions, one of the main causes of impaired mental health was continued exposure to various forms of violence.
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Access to sexual and reproductive health services

- UNFPA remains committed to providing life-saving SRH services to women and youth, especially pregnant women and GBV survivors. This included provision of SRH assistance for two pregnant women who miscarried during onward movement attempts as well as comprehensive SRH support to two survivors of rape.

- Access to Sexual and Reproductive health remains an integral part of UNFPA’s humanitarian response, for that reason, UNFPA established cooperation with health care providers ensuring urological services for adolescents and young men.

Fast facts

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- 13 Women headed households
- 152 Women and girls at risk of violence
- 4 LGBTIQ persons supported

Informal education and empowerment services

- Thirty Boys on The Move sessions were implemented at the Centres for Boys and Young Men, empowering and providing them with life-skills informal education.

- UNFPA intensified educational sessions reaching 47 beneficiaries on the rights of survivors who experienced some form of violence or neglect empowering them on how to report GBV.
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GBV Working Group
was held and updates, trends and challenges regarding GBV have been discussed between agencies that participated at WG.

Woman and Girls Committee
were held in TRC Usivak and Sedra, addressing issues regarding women and girls’ challenges and needs.

“Boys’ Voice” meetings
During roll out of four Boys’ Voice meetings with adolescents in TRC Usivak various activities were organized, amongst which a Poetry club was established.

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