

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



## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW IN NUMBERS JULY 2021

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Report No. 5



### Addressing Gender Based Violence

During the warmer summer months increased movement of families with small children was observed. Families with children who decide to leave TRCs and stay in outreach locations with limited or no access to basic services, stand at greater risk of GBV and deteriorated health. In July, the UNFPA Women and Girls Center intensively worked with mothers to increase awareness on negative impacts of sudden departures from TRCs despite their children's current health and psychological state.

Although GBV most predominantly affects women and girls, boys and men also equally stand at risk of being affected by GBV. Male survivors have specific health, psychological and safety needs, often find it difficult to share their lived experiences, and remain suffering in silence. UNFPA, therefore, continuously works on improving accessibility and availability to sensitive services focused on the survivor's recovery process.

-  **231**  
MHPSS services provided to women and girls
-  **274**  
SRH services provided to women, girls, boys and young men
-  **12**  
Pregnant women supported
-  **280**  
Contraceptives distributed
-  **553**  
Participants reached during COVID-19 preventive awareness sessions
-  **1015**  
Adolescent boys' participations in life skills education
-  **585**  
Women and adolescent girls' participations in empowerment activities
-  **114**  
Distributed Dignity kits

-  **43**  
GBV cases identified
-  **89**  
comprehensive GBV services provided

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## Access to sexual and reproductive health services

- UNFPA ensures that all residents of Temporary Reception Centers have equal access to information on SRH through regular SRH sessions with highly trained healthcare professionals. UNFPA supported SRH sessions are both curative and preventive, ensuring a wide range of services for both male and female beneficiaries. In July, UNFPA SRH educational sessions were aimed at educating on preventing sexually transmitted diseases, monitoring of one's own health and timely reporting of symptoms.
- Maintaining that access to family planning is a human right, UNFPA through its Centers supports beneficiaries with family planning services and reliable access to high quality contraceptives in line with the recommendations of healthcare professionals.



## Fast facts



5500

Estimated migrant/refugee population in BiH



2

UNFPA Woman and Girls Centers



4

UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers



14

Women headed households



168

Women and girls at risk of violence



3

LGBTIQ persons supported

## Informal education and empowerment services

- Residents of Temporary Reception Facilities are faced with numerous hardships on a daily basis. Through outdoor games, sports event and creative workshops, UNFPA in collaboration with other partner agencies aims to encourage positive behavioral traits, reduce stress and eliminate pessimism amongst beneficiaries.
- UNFPA aims to reduce intercultural tensions and ethnic conflict by facilitating educational sessions building on acceptance of diversity and practicing respectful discourse. UNFPA implements Boys on the Move methodology sessions aimed at preventing potential conflicts through teaching nonviolent problems solving strategies.

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## GBV trainings for beneficiaries

Were held for 88 male and female beneficiaries with the aim of educating participants on the basic concepts of sexuality, intersexuality, LGBTQI and discrimination, as well as strengthening their capacities through the development of a social network.

## Peer Support group

was held in TRC Usivak for 11 GBV survivors. Participants had the opportunity to share experience, strengthen sense of togetherness and mutually encourage motivation.

## Women and Girls Committee meeting

was held in TRC Borici and was attended by women representatives from Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Nepal. Women spoke about the challenges and difficulties faced during onward movement and mental health challenges that arise after returning to TRCs.

## The boys' voice

5 meetings were organized with adolescent boys encouraging active involvement of adolescent persons in social events and decision-making.

