Addressing Gender Based Violence

High turnover and increased movement of persons, particularly survivors of GBV, significantly impedes the process of GBV follow up and disrupts implementation of legal protection processes, which subsequently leads to increase in recurrence of GBV cases. In June, a steady high rate of turnovers, closure of TRC Sedra and relocation of persons in need from TRC Sedra elevated the need for individual psychosocial support to GBV survivors.

Increase in numbers of adolescent boys identified as highly vulnerable cases due to experienced violent events required rapid response. Access to SRH services and empowerment activities was provided through Boys and Young Men Center. In June, UNFPA in joint cooperation with UNHCR and Vasa Prava referred for accommodation in the Safe House a previously identified female GBV survivor and ensured continuous protection, legal aid, medical assistance and psychological support.
Access to sexual and reproductive health services

UNFPA remains committed to providing life-saving SRH services and ensuring access to safe, voluntary family planning. Due to increase of young women in TRCs, UNFPA through Women and Girls Centers organized family planning sessions and ensured individual consultations that increases access to family planning and reduces barriers to the use of contraceptives.

UNFPA’s Boys and Young Men Centers are “male friendly places”, male beneficiaries have shown great interest in SRH education which emphasize men’s positive roles in sexual and reproductive health and rights. In June, 11 males were identified for crucial urological examination and all 11 underwent examination in Local Health Clinics while 526 condoms were distributed through UNFPA Centers.

Fast facts

- **7000**: Estimated migrant/refugee population in BiH
- **3**: UNFPA Woman and Girls Centers
- **4**: UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers
- **16**: Women headed households
- **171**: Women and girls at risk of violence
- **3**: LGBTIQ persons supported

Informal education and empowerment services

- During June, improved weather conditions allowed for a plethora of empowerment activities to be rolled out within the UNFPA Centres, focusing on relaxation and stress relief. In joint cooperation with young mothers, UNFPA in TRC Usivak established the **Young Mother’s Club** with the aim of bringing together pregnant women and young mothers and providing a safe space for antenatal and postnatal support.

- Due to the specific needs that young men, survivors of Gender-based violence have, the first **Young Men Support Group** was held in TRC Blazuj, aiming to provide mutual support between survivors of violence and strengthening the capacity of personality traits.
Humanitarian response in Bosnia and Herzegovina: supporting women and youth

June 2021

**World Refugee Day**
Was marked with active participation of 40 women, with a performance symbolizing the long and arduous journey and their resilience covered by persons on the move.

**Day of Cultures**
Was organized in cooperation with UNICEF/World Vision with adolescent boys at their proposal, in order to learn about cultural differences.
In addition, 4 the **Boys Voice meetings** were organized with the boys representatives in TRC Usivak.

**GBV trainings for beneficiaries**
were held for 120 male and female participants and included topics related to intimate partner violence, gender equality, human rights with aim of raising awareness of the importance of reporting incidents and preventing recurrence of GBV.

**GBV Working Group**
was held and updates, trends and challenges regarding GBV being discussed between agencies that participated at WG.