

## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW IN NUMBERS | DEC 2022

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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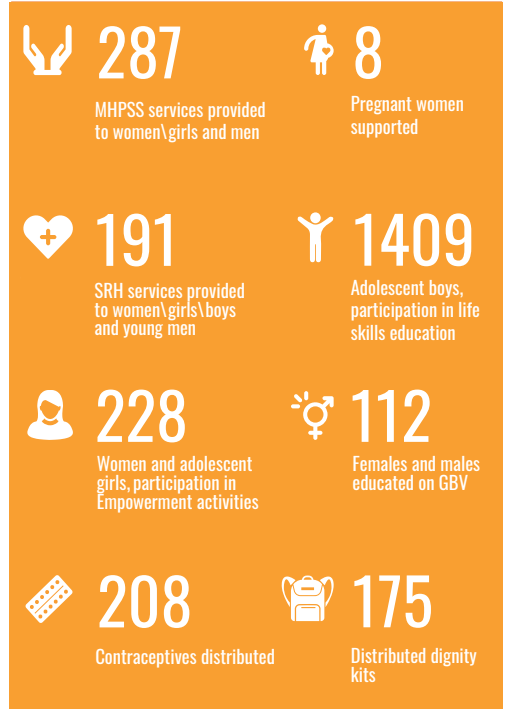


UNFPA supports the commitment of Ministry of Security of BiH and relevant institutions in leading and managing the Gender-based Violence (GBV) response in context of mixed migrations. With support of EU, UNFPA is steadily transitioning the GBV responsibilities to state and local stakeholders by ensuring useful tools and resources are in place to ease service delivery to affected populations.

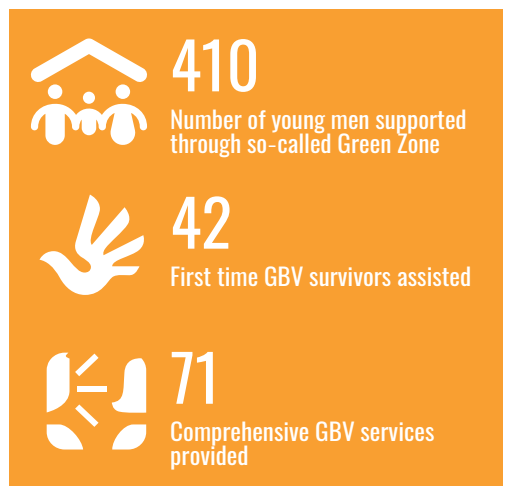
With support of EU, UNFPA organized two events during which these tools and resources were presented. The first event, "Presentation of good practices and tools in the Humanitarian Gender-Based Violence Response", gathered representatives of governmental institutions, healthcare providers, humanitarian agencies, civil society organizations, and other institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to learn about the good practices and tools in the humanitarian GBV response.



The latter, promotion of the "The Book of Life, Stories of migrants and refugees in the humanitarian response", a compilation of personal stories illustrating the journeys and lives of refugees and migrants and asylum seekers in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The tools and resources presented during the two events are part of UNFPA's support in building capacities of local institutions within the transition process.

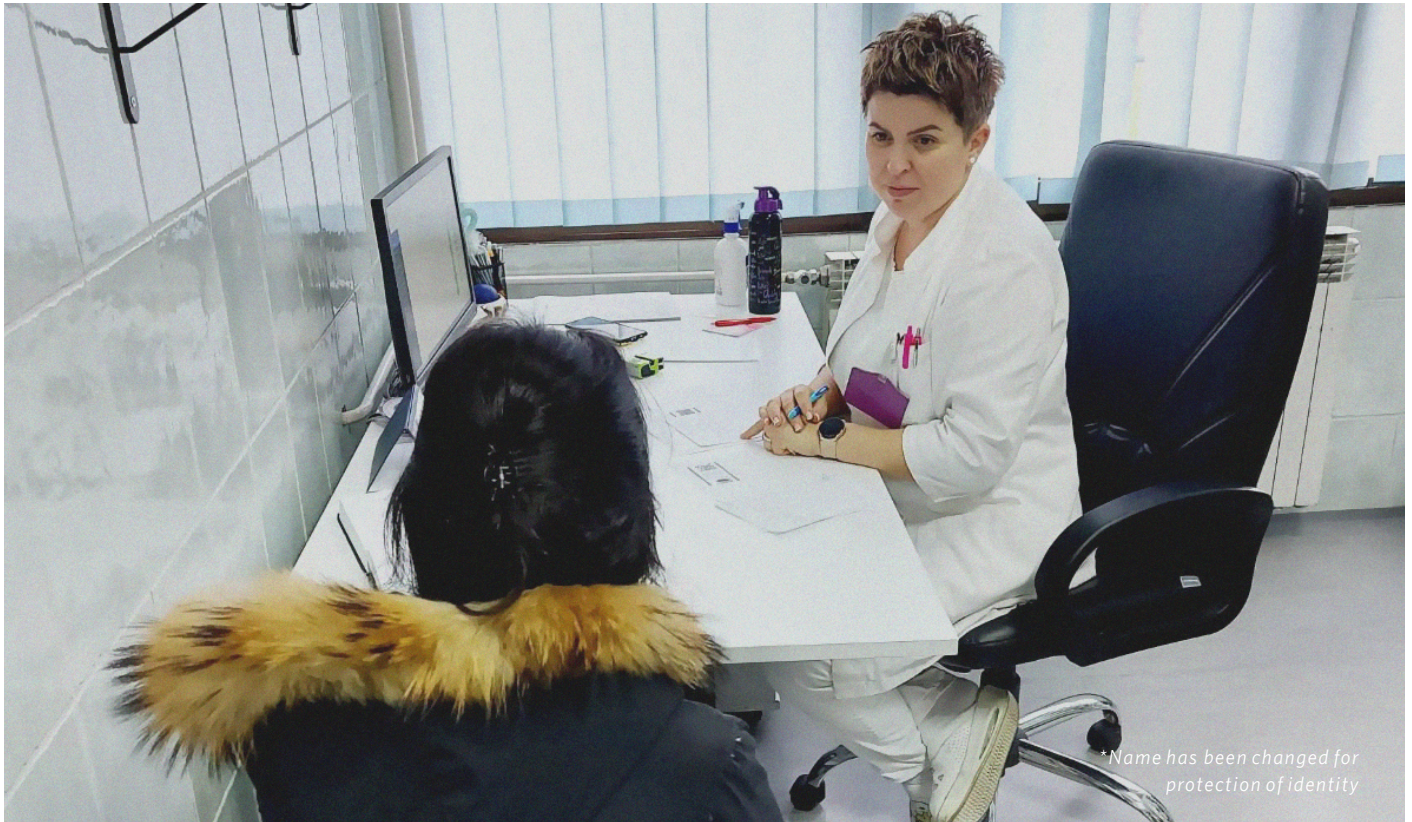


**UNFPA Gender-based Violence (GBV) specialists work tirelessly to bring awareness to the issue of GBV focusing on adolescent boys. In the presence of assigned legal guardians, UNFPA held a workshop with adolescent boys raising awareness to prevent and combat GBV.**



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## Participation and Empowerment oriented assistance



### Erika's Story

Adolescence is a highly critical age for girls. Events that unfold during a girl's teenage years profoundly navigate the direction her life will take in the period to come. For girls on the move, however, the onset of adolescence additionally marks a time of heightened vulnerability and increased risk to Gender-based violence.

Erika\*, an adolescent girl, has been living with her parents at the family reception center in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has many interests, but her favorites are reading, painting and hanging out with her friends. Like so many girls her age, Erika has never before visited a gynecologist. The thought of going to a gynecologist for the first time was daunting.

*"I felt afraid to go for the examination since I've never been before.  
My mom told me that everything is fine, and the gynecologist encouraged me  
by explaining that girls also go for checkups to protect their health."*

Together with EU, UNFPA invest efforts to make sexual and reproductive health services for adolescent girls more accessible, supportive and respectful. Adolescent girls have access to sexual and reproductive health information; a range of safe contraceptive methods, sensitive counseling, prevention of sexually transmitted infections, as well as a whole range of other services.

"Examinations were provided for both my mum and me. I'm glad everything was fine with me even though mum's tests didn't show the best results. I'm glad she had the opportunity to discover her problem in time and get adequate treatment. Now, I feel happy because I overcame my shame and fear, and I know that everything will be alright thanks to all these professional doctors and treatments."



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



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In December, UNFPA humanitarian team took part in the Diplomatic Winter Bazaar in Sarajevo, with the support and creative skill of residents of TRCs, items created during UNFPA empowerment program were offered to raise funds during the Winter Bazaar with proceeds donated to children and youth charities.

The UNFPA team in TRC Lipa held a closing ceremony workshop for humanitarian personnel on the occasion “16 days of activism against gender-based violence against women and girls” on International Human Rights Day. The workshop was implemented with an informative presentation about the meaning of the 16 days of activism.



 **1908**

Estimated migrant\* refugee population in BiH\*

 **40**

Women headed households

 **5**

LGBTQ+ persons supported

 **2**

UNFPA Women and Girls Centers

 **3**

UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers

## Fast facts

In order to build greater self-esteem, better social interaction and preserve their mental health, UNFPA mental health experts organized various psychosocial group activities with young men, including art therapy, grounding activities, group counseling and regular sports activities at local sports centers.



\*Estimate based on DTM and Consolidated number of migrants in TRCs in Bosnia and Herzegovina reports (IOM - December 2022)

## DONORS

UNFPA BiH IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING DONORS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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# WOMEN AND GIRLS CENTER

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*UNFPA team in TRC Borici marked "World AIDS Day" with a series of awareness growing sessions, as well as distribution of high quality modern contraceptives to residents.*