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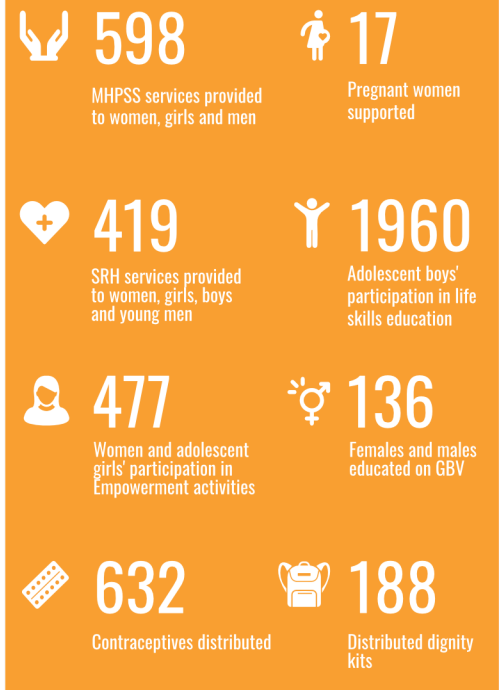
MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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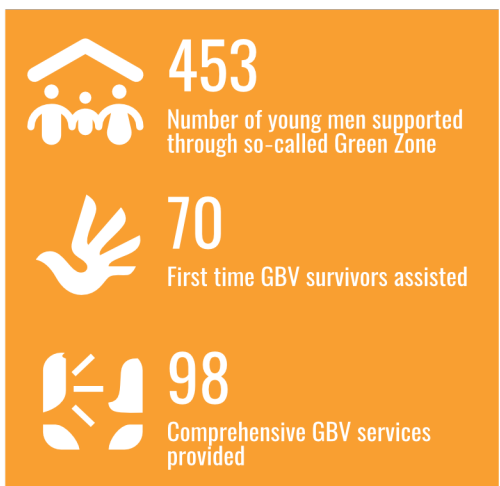


In January, UNFPA held a Gender Based Violence (GBV) Working Group meeting and gathered representatives of partner organizations engaged in the humanitarian response in Canton Sarajevo. The meeting ensured continuity of coordinated action among partners through dialogue, information sharing and good practices, strengthening the successful comprehensive and coordinated approach to GBV, including risk mitigation, prevention, protection, and support for GBV survivors.

During the first months of 2023, the movement dynamics within the reception centers remained high, with short stays within Temporary Reception Centers (TRCs) and high frequency of departures amongst affected populations. These factors combined significantly affect the GBV Case management progress, with survivors prioritizing onward movement over receiving all-inclusive supportive services in the TRCs. UNFPA ensured immediate GBV assistance and worked with survivors to raise awareness on the importance of receiving full specter of GBV supportive services to achieve progress in recovery and healing, including protective sensitive accommodation in Green zones in TRC Lipa and Blazuj.



UNFPA Women and Girls Committee Meeting provided meaningful opportunity for women and girls to engage in discussion and provide insightful feedback on potential risks and ways to improve living conditions in Temporary Reception Centers (TRCs).



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Participation and Empowerment oriented assistance



Yunuz's Story

For 17 years Yunuz* did not see much beyond the difficulties of life on the move. At the age of 6, together with his parents, he fled his homeland and set out on an uncertain journey, hopeful to leave behind the everyday violence and poverty. At the age of 19, he decided to continue his journey alone.

"I moved to a different country at the age of 19 to look for a job. Life was hard, I worked in the forest, cutting down trees and extracting wood. The wages were very low, but I had to do something. Because I didn't go to school, I couldn't find a better job."

Before things got better, they would take a turn for the worse. Yunuz would see more violence, dehumanization and poverty unfold throughout his journey.

Today, at 23, Yunuz lives in a male-only reception center in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and he fully enjoys all the supportive services offered through the UNFPA center.

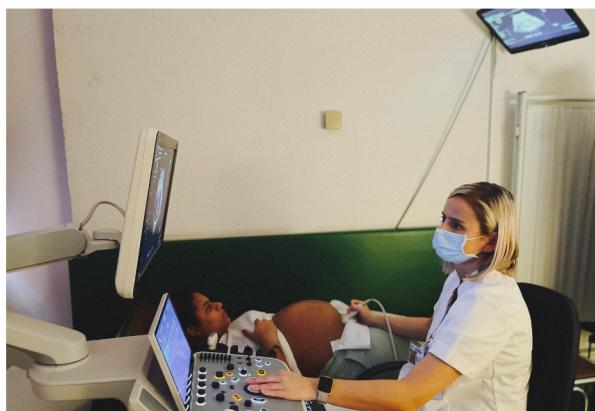
"I have been here for 5 months, and I spend all my free time in the UNFPA Boys and Young men center. I especially like to participate in language learning, weekly sport sessions in a sports club and SRH sessions where I learn something new every day. I really miss school."

With immense support from EU, UNFPA is able to reach young men like Yunuz with a range of compassionate services helping them cope with their traumatic pasts, regain their dignity and lead healthy lives. In January and February, UNFPA, in close coordination with SFA and IOM, supported 453 vulnerable young men and GBV survivors with accommodation and supportive services in the Green Zones in TRC Lipa and Blazuj, ensuring that their immediate and essential needs for protection, safety and empowerment were met.

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



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Local health centers have played an important role in ensuring affected populations are able to achieve better sexual and reproductive health. UNFPA, with EU support, coordinated efforts and reached vulnerable individuals and GBV survivors with regular consultations and information sharing sessions, as well as the possibility to undergo preventive SRH examinations in local health centers.

UNFPA MHPSS experts carried out psychological assessments of newly arrived women and girls to identify the psychological state of women, as well as to tailor and deliver services according to their needs. Women usually displayed intense psychophysical fatigue, caused by onward movement in cold winter conditions. Through PSS sessions, UNFPA helped strengthen women and girls' capacities to overcome difficulties connected with traumatic lived experiences.



2927

Number of total arrivals in 2023*



86

Women headed households



3

LGBTQI+ persons supported



2

UNFPA Women and Girls Centers



3

UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers

Fast facts

UNFPA in cooperation with CSO "U Pokretu" implemented empowerment activities in the Youth Center Bihac, providing opportunity for women of different cultural backgrounds to interact and engage in relaxing sport activities, thus promoting social cohesion.



*Interagency Weekly Update (20 - 26 FEB 2023)

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Thanks to EU, UNFPA supported life-skills activities that empower youth to live healthy and productive lives through learning and improved literacy.