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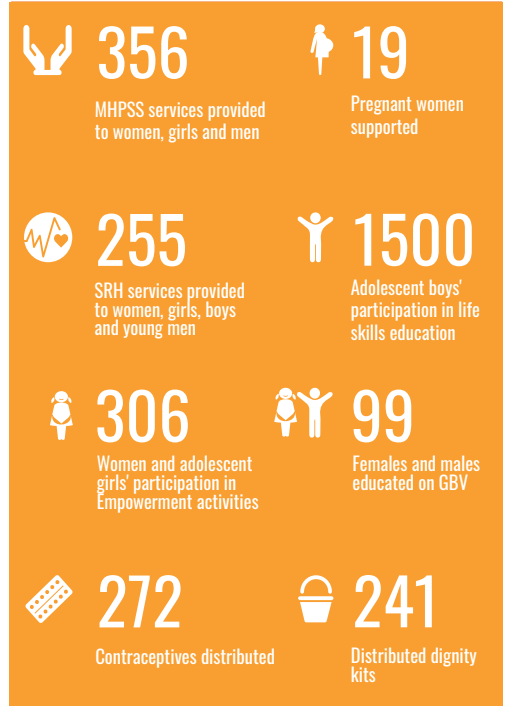
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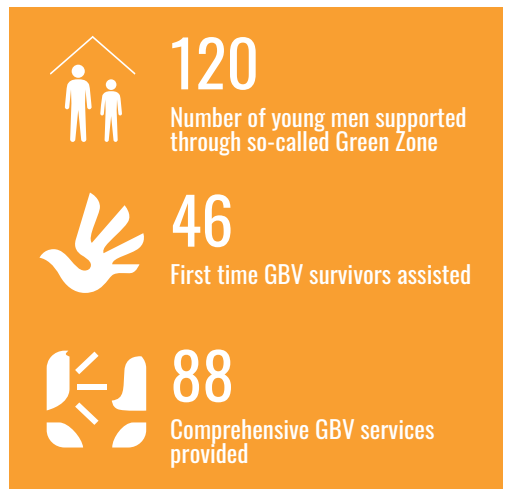
Thanks to EU support, the UNFPA team in coordination with The Service for Foreigners' Affairs and in joint efforts with young male residents of the protection sensitive accommodation unit, the so-called Green Zone in TRC Blazuj performed finishing works of painting the walls and decorating living spaces. The joint group works had positively affected young men from diverse cultural backgrounds through socialization, teamwork and acquisition of new practical skills.



Caught in limbo between childhood and adulthood, adolescent girls on the move are often faced with inimitable risks of gender-based violence (GBV), which are additionally worsened during irregular movement, where girls' overall safety and well-being are disturbed by lack of family and peer support networks. EU and UNFPA were able to ensure adolescent girls have access to supportive mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and empowerment services that focus on their unique needs, age and experiences.



Through the Teens' Club, adolescent girls from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Burundi took part in an interactive psycho-educational group on the topic of GBV through which they were empowered and taught to embrace a life of dignity and freedom, safe from violence, exploitation and abuse.



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Participation and Empowerment oriented assistance



**Name has been changed for protection of survivors' identity*

Atef's Story

As a young man, Atef*, like so many of his peers, envisaged living a normal life, and getting an education was his biggest dream. However, due to political turmoil in his home country, he would see those dreams shattered to pieces.

"I love my hometown, where I was born, but I still had to leave because of the unstable political situation. Of course, back home I wanted to get an education, go to school like all other children around the world, but I simply didn't have the opportunity for that."

People trying to leave on their own face numerous hurdles along the way. Trying to reach safe ground in countries further afield takes a tremendous amount of courage and strength, and it does not come without its risks.

"I did a lot of walking through the mountains and even had to use the help of smugglers to cross into some countries. I have blisters and scars on my feet and my knees still hurt from walking so hard. I often starved, but there were still good people on the way who helped. I was very afraid for my safety. It still amazes me how some people can be so mean..."

"I worry a lot about my parents and I rarely hear from them."

With EU support, UNFPA in joint coordination with The Service for Foreigners' Affairs and IOM established protection sensitive accommodation, so-called Green Zone for vulnerable young men like Atef. Here, Atef and his cotenants are able to interact and enjoy a plethora of supportive services in a safe and compassionate environment.

"I am very satisfied with the accommodation in the Green Zone. It is close to other services and UNFPA visits us every day to inquire about our condition and problems. I feel much safer here."

In the end, Atef like so many refugee and migrant young men has a simple wish.

"I think about a normal life. I want to have the opportunity to get an education, to have a good job and enough funds to help my family. I want to feel safe and no longer live in uncertainty."

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In TRC Ušivak, two Boys Voice meetings with representatives of boys were held by UNFPA and other adolescent mandated organizations. The participants voiced recent challenges and provided suggestions for organizing group outdoor activities such as the table tennis tournament which were realized through the Boys and Young Men center.

In line with its global mandate, UNFPA is highly devoted to improving Bosnia and Herzegovina's healthcare system by ensuring a better quality of maternal health care. With support of UNFPA and its partners, women are able to enjoy better privacy during childbirth and early stages of motherhood in the Cantonal Hospital Bihac.



2026
Estimated migrant/refugee population in BiH

90
Women headed households

4
LGBTQI+ persons supported

2
UNFPA Women and Girls Centers

3
UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers

Fast facts

Women and girls, as well as adolescent boys and young men residing in temporary reception centers (TRCs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina have experienced unspeakable hardships in their countries of origin and during movement. Simultaneously, coming to terms with your past and moving forward to a better future can be daunting tasks. Throughout July, UNFPA responded to the most demanding mental health needs of women and girls, as well as male GBV survivors, with particular focus on helping survivors and residents who have previously never had the opportunity to speak with a psychologist, or were reluctant to approach psychological assistance due to stigma, trauma or misbalanced social norms.

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UNFPA places great importance on providing quality sexual and reproductive health services to pregnant women. Thanks to successful cooperation with local health centers in Una Sana Canton and Canton Sarajevo, and with support of their highly dedicated and skilled staff, pregnant refugee and migrant women are able to enjoy a carefree and safe journey to motherhood through regular weekly consultations, access to supplements and gynecologists' monitoring.