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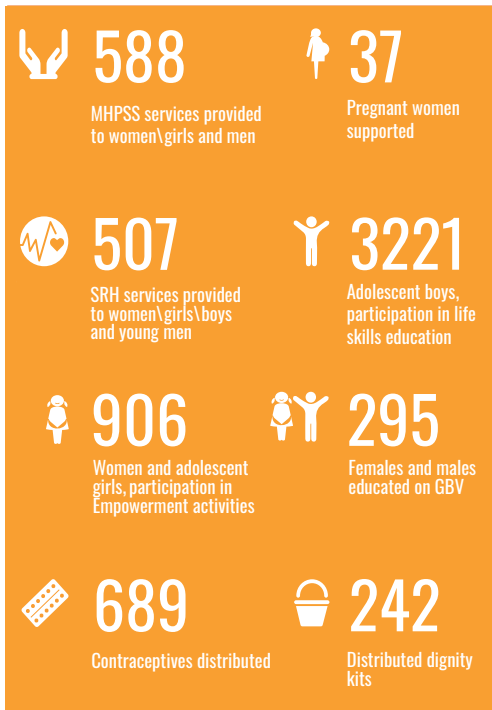


UNFPA ECA Regional Director Ms. Florence Bauer visited Temporary Reception Centre (TRC) Ušivak, Hadžići in Canton Sarajevo. During her visit to TRC Ušivak, Ms. Bauer had the opportunity to meet and talk to the UNFPA teams, as well as women and girls, boys and young men within the UNFPA and EU supported centers.

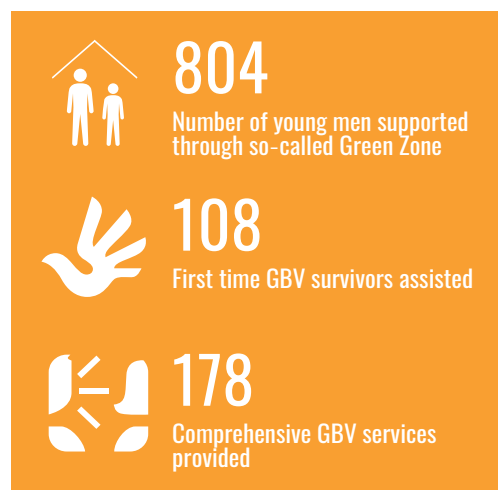
Both globally and in BiH, UNFPA works to prevent and respond to gender-based violence through its work with policymakers, justice systems, health systems and humanitarian partners.

Displacement and protracted movement generate growing concern on mental health of affected populations, especially survivors of Gender based violence. During the month of October as mental health month, UNFPA mental health experts, with the support of the EU, focused their activities to raise awareness on mental health, discussing the importance of good mental health and how to reach crucial MHPSS services within reception centers.

In addition, regular UNFPA MHPSS activities addressed symptomatology related to PTSP, depression, and problems in partner relationships as well as parenting challenges, feelings of helplessness and loss.



UNFPA held Women and Girls Committee meeting with representatives of female residents in TRC Borici. In addition to protection challenges, participants discussed daily challenges of life in collective accommodation settings.



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During this report's implementation period, UNFPA together with SFA in TRC Lipa has continued to improve protection services for vulnerable young men. The UNFPA team in TRC Lipa in agreement with SFA will perform the process of reception and accommodation of newly arrived young men within the Green Zone.

In addition, due to the increased number of newly arrived young men, the UNFPA team in TRC Blazuj, in cooperation with SFA and IOM, expanded the accommodation capacity of the Green Zone.



UNFPA within its Centres marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and kicked off the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" campaign with a series of activities with residents of TRCs and humanitarian personnel, raising awareness and strengthening participation in prevention and response to GBV.

UNFPA Sexual and Reproductive Health experts in Una Sana and Sarajevo Canton Temporary Reception Centers held educational sessions on "Sexually Transmitted Diseases with an emphasis on HIV in the context of mixed migrations" for personnel of agencies engaged in the humanitarian mixed-migration response.

In total more than 50 persons participated in the trainings through which they acquired vital knowledge on self-protection measures in context of direct work with the HIV-positive population, psychosocial support and stigma, but also the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.



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In TRC Usivak, UNFPA teams conduct regular activities outside the Women and Girls center, talking to residents, identifying their needs and ensuring delivery of supportive services including SRH and PSS and referrals towards protection sensitive assistance.

UNFPA MHPSS Expert in TRC Borici held group sessions with young mothers through the **Young Mothers Club** during which young mothers spoke about parenting, positive and negative reinforcements necessary in raising children.

UNFPA in TRC Lipa through its various empowerment programmes helps residents use their time creatively and productively. Through involvement in artistic activity, male residents use art as a medium of expression, socialization and recovery.



UNFPA continuously works to build capacities of frontline workers to ensure swift and proper reaction to GBV incidents. UNFPA organized Trainings on GBV Pocket guide for non-GBV workers for 48 staff members of a partner organizations in Una Sana Canton and Canton Sarajevo. The purpose of the trainings was to provide frontline workers with supporting materials and information on an adequate GBV response in an emergency context.

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Participation and Empowerment oriented assistance



Selina's Story

What is it like for an adolescent girl growing up during movement?

This was the question addressed to 16-year-old Selina*, who has left her homeland together with her parents and now lives in one of the family reception centers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As Selina shared her story with us, ringing of children's laughter and play could be heard in the distance. Listening to her story, she speaks with determination, presenting composure of a person far beyond her 16 years, moulded by her experiences, both good and bad.

"This is my life phase when I come to understand purpose of life more clearly", says Selina.

Women and girls bear unimaginable burdens connected with movement, however, adolescent girls like Selina, particularly continue to face unique and complex challenges which have irreparable impact on their overall development and wellbeing.

"Birth, death, my journey and emotions. I don't know how I feel, as I am overwhelmed with feelings, but I know that I miss my family, my pet, my school friends and everything that I now do not have, but will need to find."

With EU support, UNFPA is able to help adolescent girls like Selina rebuild their confidence and sense of belonging through various different empowerment and psychosocial supportive programs, including Teen Club and individual PSS sessions with UNFPA MHPSS experts. UNFPA continuously works to improve quality, accessibility and delivery of services for extremely vulnerable populations like adolescent girls on the move.

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With EU support, UNFPA marked the Think Pink - breast cancer awareness month campaign through a set of activities with women and girls. SRH experts from local healthcare centers held educational sessions providing vital life-saving information and individual consultations. In addition, UNFPA in cooperation with local healthcare centers ensured that women and girls underwent breast ultrasounds examinations.

During the implementation period, there was a noticeable increase in arrivals of adolescent girls from African countries. Given the specific risks and increased vulnerability of this population, UNFPA MHPSS experts held interactive Teen Club meetings with adolescent girls, giving comprehensive insight into Gender- based violence related content, including types of violence, psychological consequences and coping mechanisms.



 **2417**
Estimated migrant* refugee population in BiH?

 **185**
Women headed households

 **5**
LGBTQ+ persons supported

 **2**
UNFPA Women and Girls Centers

 **3**
UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers

Fast facts

UNFPA in close cooperation with Caritas and IOM continued with the positive practice of organizing “Daytime Cinema” for adolescent boys accommodated in TRC Ušivak. Cinema helps adolescent boys to socialize, create new friendships and stimulates positive emotions, imagination, perceptions and skills. UNFPA through Boys’ Voice meetings with representatives of boys seeks to gather suggestions from adolescent boys on their preferences and interest in sport and leisure activities.



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

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Within the framework of marking 16 days of activism against violence, UNFPA held group PSS sessions on the cycle of violence and how to break it.

