



Response to acute humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable women and adolescent girls affected by armed conflict in eastern Ukraine. Phase II: Bridging humanitarian interventions with response to lingering consequences of the crisis

Project Background and Description

Conflict in eastern Ukraine has affected around 5.2 million people. Many were forced to flee their homes and most of the internally displaced people (IDPs) moved to safer parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions or neighboring Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia regions. IDPs, the majority of whom are women, children and disabled, remain the most vulnerable to discrimination, violence and abuse.

In January 2015, UNFPA commissioned in-depth Needs Assessment in 16 oblasts of Ukraine that confirmed that IDPs face various forms of violence including threat with weapon, intimidation, psychological and sexual violence. With the deterioration of humanitarian situation, gender-based and domestic violence prevalence rates have increased and remain a serious concern.

The Humanitarian Response Project is addressing humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable women and female adolescents affected by armed conflict in eastern Ukraine through strengthening multi-sectoral coordination, protection and prevention systems and enhancing access of GBV survivors to legal, health and psychosocial services.



Project Objectives



Scaling up national multi-sectoral response to GBV including prevention, mitigation and management of GBV cases



Providing inclusive access to quality psychosocial and SRH services and fostering the environment supportive to GBV survivors

Project Funding

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Project Partners

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Ukrainian Foundation
for Public Health



La Strada-Ukraine



Ukrainian Centre for
Social Reforms



Woman Health and
Family Planning



Project Results and Achievements

Enhanced multi-sectoral coordination of humanitarian response to GBV

- GBV sub-cluster established in Kyiv and 5 eastern regions: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia. The sub-cluster includes over 80 organizations and is leading the process of development of regional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on multi-sectoral cooperation and referral
- Ministry of Social Policy supported with 2 experts (GBV Policy Advisor and Legal Expert) to strengthen its leading role in responding to GBV and addressing critical gaps in national GBV response mechanism
- Development of GBV Monitoring and Analysis System initiated through comprehensive GBV survey and establishment of GBV Information Management System Working Group
- Capacity development of partners enhanced through 5 workshops on Gender Equality in Humanitarian Action and 5 workshops on multi-sectoral response to GBV

Enhanced capacities of primary healthcare providers to address sexual and reproductive health needs

- 10 emergency service delivery points established close to the contact line to ensure emergency post-rape assistance, provision of family planning services, prevention and treatment of STIs, as well as essential medication availability
- 24,500 individual dignity kits, 543 reproductive health kits, 68,000 gynecological kits, 30 hospital beds and 8,600 packages with warm clothes delivered
- 32 fetal monitors and 6 infant incubators delivered to maternity hospitals that allow saving up to 900 prematurely born infants annually
- 765 healthcare specialists trained in provision of medical services to GBV survivors, including 209 obstetrician-gynecologists trained in comprehensive management of GBV cases
- over 7 million male condoms to prevent STIs and HIV transmission and 40,000 pregnancy tests distributed among vulnerable population

Enhanced capacities of service providers to address needs of GBV survivors and population at risk

- 26 mobile teams (with 2 psychologists and 1 social worker) provide psychosocial support – 16,538 GBV survivors in more than 400 locations served as of May 2017
- "Hotline" for GBV survivors now available 24/7 – 49,337 calls received and 14,531 legal and psychological consultations provided since January 2016
- 178 psychosocial workers trained in GBV prevention and response
- 594 police officers trained in SGBV management

Safe space solutions created to address safety and recovery needs of GBV survivors

- three 24/7 shelters for GBV survivors launched (in Kharkiv, Berdiansk and Kryvyi Rih) providing women with safe space (up to 6 months), as well as psychosocial, legal and medical support

Raised awareness on GBV issues and available response services

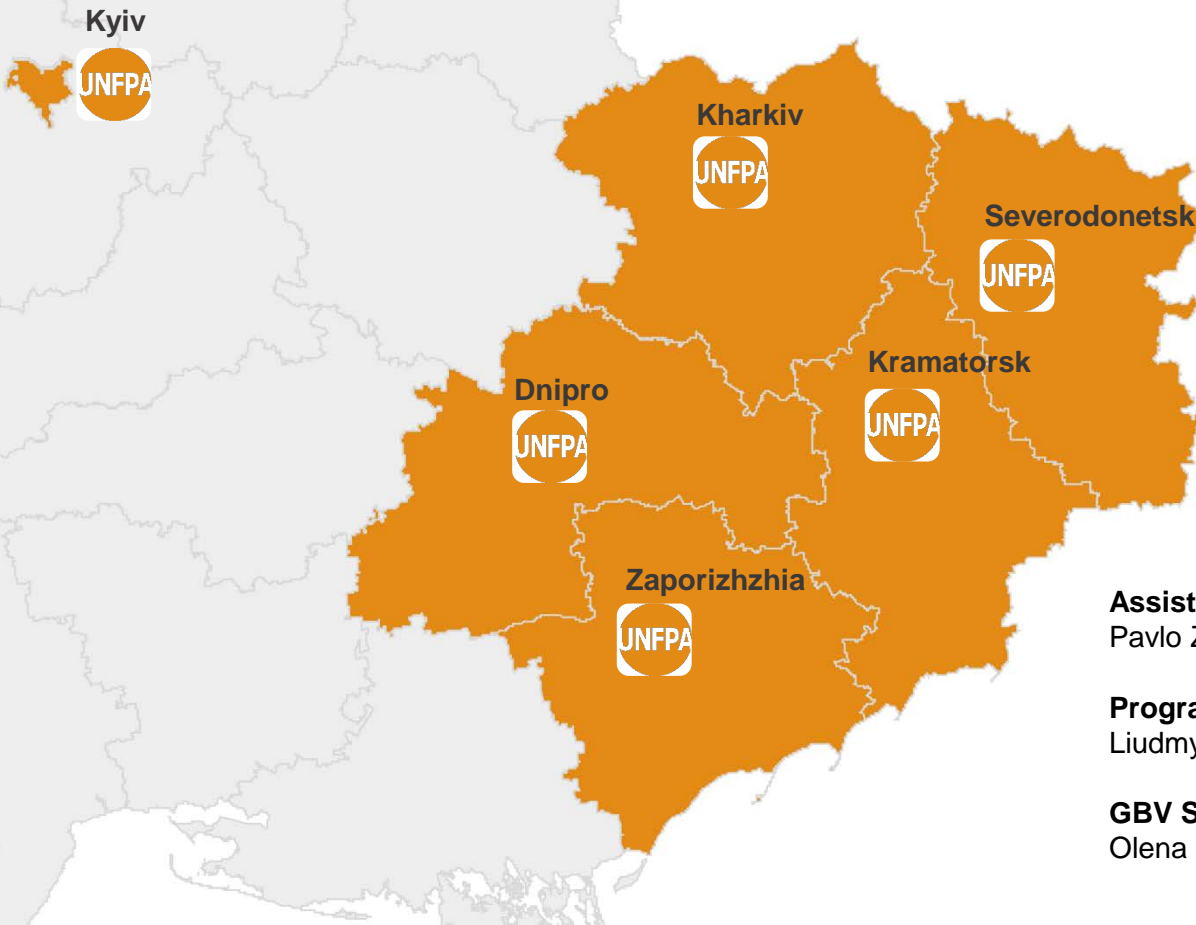
- 290,000 information materials on GBV awareness distributed in over 3,400 locations, including 89,800 GBV referral cards with contact information about service providers
- 10 roundtables and trainings to sensitize regional media on reporting GBV cases conducted within "Break the Circle" campaign
- social media campaign communicating information in GCA and NGCA launched in local networks and groups

Community-based GBV prevention actions supported in selected municipalities

- 18 NGOs working with GBV survivors provided with mini-grants and 21 centers of social services supported with technical assistance



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