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UNFPA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN SOMALIA

Situation Report



FAST FACTS



Total people in need of humanitarian assistance in 2023

8.25M



Internally displaced persons

2.9M



Women of Reproductive Age [age 15-49, estimated]

1,897,500



Pregnant Women

300,000



Adolescents and Youth [Age 10-24]

1,980,000

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The humanitarian situation in Somalia remains one of the most complex in the world, impacting millions of people due to various challenges including displacements, climatic shocks, drought, flash floods, riverine floods, and armed conflict. According to the Somalia 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), approximately 8.25 million people, nearly half of the population, require life-saving humanitarian and protection assistance.

Recent heavy rains have led to flash and riverine floods, affecting over 100,000 individuals. If the heavy rains persist during the current Gu season in Somalia and the Ethiopian highlands, it is anticipated that flash and riverine floods could impact up to 1.6 million people, with over 600,000 people being displaced. Hotspot areas along the Juba and Shabelle rivers, as well as parts of Bay and Banadir Regions, are particularly vulnerable. Additionally, localized flooding is anticipated in Galmudug, Puntland, and Somaliland.

In response to the conflict-affected population in Las'anod, UNFPA is delivering urgent life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, as well as gender-based violence (GBV) support. UNFPA's efforts include supporting 11 Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) facilities, with eight located in the Sool region (including Falayeryaal, Awrbogays, Saah-Dheer, Las'anod, Xalin, Las'anod, and Hudun) and three in Garowe. These facilities operate 24/7 to cater to the needs of women, girls, and children affected by the conflict.

UNFPA is also focusing on strengthening the capacity of its partners to enhance the delivery of SRH and GBV services in response to the growing needs. Health facilities and mobile clinics are providing services for maternal and newborn health, birth spacing options, and the Clinical Management of Rape (CMR). Additionally, mental health and psychosocial support services are being offered to survivors of GBV in safe spaces designated for women, girls, and young people, as well as in one-stop centers.



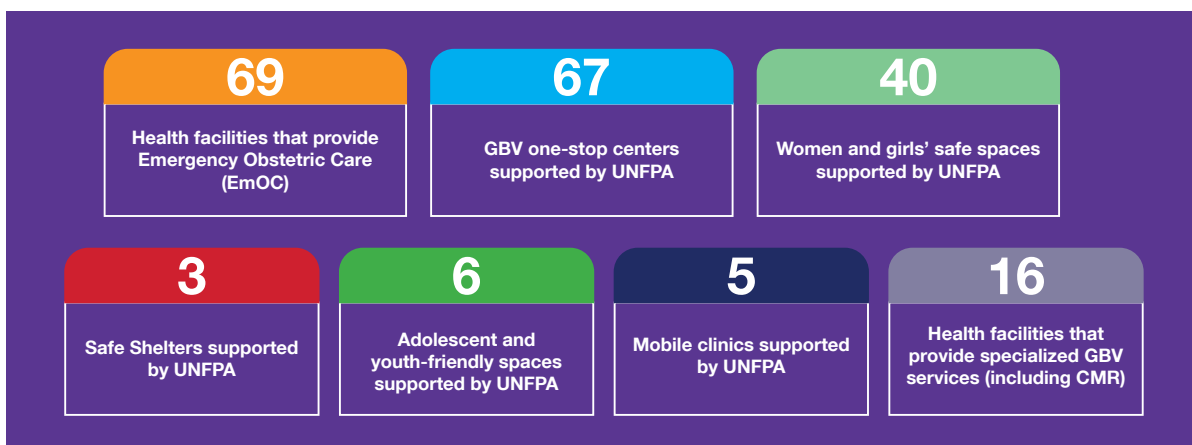
FUNDING NEEDS

- Urgent action is required to address the worsening humanitarian needs of women and girls in Somalia. UNFPA has identified a funding gap of at least USD 63 million until 2023. It is crucial to secure immediate and sustained investment to reduce risk and vulnerability, thereby preventing the escalation of humanitarian crises in Somalia.
- The UNFPA humanitarian response in the Las'anod-Sool region is in urgent need of USD 8 million in funding. Adequately addressing the pressing needs of affected women and girls in this region is paramount. Meeting the funding requirements is essential to ensure the timely and effective delivery of humanitarian assistance, alleviating the suffering of those impacted by the conflict in Las'anod-Sool.
- In 2022, UNFPA Somalia Country Office mobilized additional resources to enhance response capacity in priority humanitarian hubs across the country. UNFPA and its implementing partners have prioritized providing access to life-saving GBV and SRH services for vulnerable women and girls in high-priority locations.

SUMMARY OF UNFPA RESPONSE

UNFPA Somalia has developed an operational plan to align with the UN-wide humanitarian scale-up activation in Somalia. The plan's primary focus is to ensure access to and availability of life-saving SRH and GBV services in the most severely affected regions and locations. UNFPA's response activities specifically target women of reproductive age, pregnant women, adolescent girls, boys, and men in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps and hard-to-reach areas. The response includes the provision of high-quality, life-saving, and age-appropriate SRH services through Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and integrated SRH/GBV outreach initiatives. UNFPA works closely with the Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States (FMS), other UN agencies, and partners to ensure access to and continuity of SRH and GBV services. Active engagement in various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team (UNCT) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), strengthens UNFPA's collaboration and coordination efforts.

Services Delivered by UNFPA



Sexual/Reproductive Health	People Reached
Sexual/reproductive health services	24,075
Family planning services, information and counseling	3,108
Normal / assisted deliveries	4,711
Assisted C-Sections	349
Ante-natal care consultations	17,806
Post-natal care consultations	1,080
SRH information and community awareness activities	1,0514
People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	33
Gender-Based Violence	
GBV programming/services	7,008
GBV case management	454
GBV information and community awareness activities	2,474
People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	80
Women and girls who received dignity kits	2,000
Women and girls who received menstrual hygiene kits	2,000
Youth Services	
Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	622
Capacity Strengthening	
Personnel trained on SRH, including the Minimum Initial Service Package	0
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as clinical management of rape	0
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as GBV Case Management	26
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as Psychological First Aid	45

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES

SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

- In response to the worsening situation due to the floods UNFPA and partners have scaled up mobile SRH services to ensure access for vulnerable women and girls affected by the flash floods.
- UNFPA focuses on strengthening the capacity and continuity of quality life-saving SRH information and services for women, adolescents, and youth affected by the drought situation across the country.
- UNFPA continues to support 69 EmONC facilities and provides various services, including services for drought-affected people, with a focus on women and girls in IDP camps.
- UNFPA advocates for expanding life-saving SRH services to remote and newly displaced populations through mobile services.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- In April, UNFPA reached 47,946 people to ensure access to life-saving Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services, including clinical care, psychosocial support (PSS), legal aid, and material support for survivors of GBV, particularly women, adolescents, and youth.
- UNFPA supports 27 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) that are fully functional and staffed with case workers and PSS counselors across the country. The WGSS provides essential services to vulnerable women and girls, including PSS counseling, dignity kits, and Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits.
- UNFPA supports 40 One-Stop Centers (OSCs) across the country, which have caseworkers providing case management and other referrals to individuals.
- UNFPA has expanded 8 WGSS and OSC facilities in the first quarter of 2023 to reach more women and girls in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps across the country.
- In response to floods, UNFPA distributed 8,000 dignity and MHM kits to affected communities in Bardheere and Baladweyne to support the most vulnerable women and girls affected by the floods.
- UNFPA is constructing an integrated GBV/Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) temporary facility near the flood-affected population to provide services and information, including mobile outreach services providing SRH and GBV services



Adolescents and Youth Activities

- A total of 360 Adolescents and Youth received SRH information and services designed to foster a positive social and gender norm. UNFPA supported youth friendly centers fill a critical information and services gap on ASRH and increases young people access to sexual reproductive health services.
- UNFPA, through the support of EU trained 30 youth on core life skills for employment providing young people with opportunities, personal empowerment, and active citizenship through skills development.
- In partnership with UNDP, UNFPA conducted STEM TOT training for 20 youth centers instructors as part of a broader plan to rollout STEM based educational courses for young people benefitting services at the youth centers across Somalia.
- Through the EU funded Dalbile Project, UNFPA conducted training for 75 youth on entrepreneurship skills set to develop their capacity to start business.
- In partnership with local actors, UNFPA conducted intergeneration dialogue and youth led peacebuilding campaigns in Kismayo, Jubaland reaching an estimated 100 people. The Youth led campaigns on peacebuilding reaffirms young people as key stakeholders in building sustainable peace in Somalia.

COORDINATION LEADERSHIP

- UNFPA is the co-lead of the national and sub-national GBV sub-cluster and the Reproductive Health Working Group (RH-WG). UNFPA's focus is to ensure maintaining the supply of RH commodities and ensuring that health workers, particularly midwives, are well-equipped to address the needs of vulnerable people affected by the drought.
- Through the GBV AoR, UNFPA is actively advocating for funds and resources to address the severe drought in Somalia. UNFPA collaborates with other UN agencies, NGOs, clusters, and the Federal Government to prioritize GBV response and risk mitigation activities.



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