

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE Response in ETHIOPIA

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Overview

The UNFPA GBV programme aims to enable individuals, communities and institutions to have an enhanced capacity to promote and protect the rights of women and girls and provide services to survivors of harmful practices and gender-based violence. UNFPA works towards empowering women and girls in targeted communities of the country to exercise their human rights, including sexual and reproductive health rights, freedom from violence, harmful traditional practices, exploitation and discrimination using Prevention, Provision, Protection and Coordination/Advocacy approaches. During a humanitarian crisis, UNFPA Ethiopia CO provides support to populations affected by crisis, such as IDPs, returnees, refugees, and host communities focusing on the provision of appropriate & timely life-saving SRH and GBV prevention and response services in emergencies; ensuring, advocacy and close partnership with various stakeholders; coordination and mobilizing resources for its humanitarian operations.

Coordination

UNFPA has the global mandate to lead the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), and therefore UNFPA leads the GBV AoR in Ethiopia, which has over 40 partners nationally. UNFPA has two dedicated GBV AoR Coordinators at the national and northern-Ethiopia levels to support the government, UN, and NGOs to implement a coordinated and efficient GBV response in humanitarian settings. UNFPA has also conducted service mapping and developed referral pathways in selected affected woredas of Amhara, Afar, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Somali, Oromia, Tigray and Addis Ababa, as well as created GBV partner and service directories for the regions. UNFPA has also supported the translation of the [GBV Pocket Guide](#) to Afar, Amharic, Oromiffa, Somali and Tigrinya languages and the [User Guide](#) to Amharic so these resources can support GBV actors across Ethiopia. In addition, the Inter-agency guideline for [GBV case management](#) for social workers was translated into Amharic and Oromiffa languages to support the

the provision of GBV case management services for girls and women at risk of GBV.

The GBV AOR has created a visual interactive dashboard showing the progress on the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) implementation, supporting service availability and reach at Woreda level. Furthermore, the GBV AOR is supporting the coordination with the Regional Health Bureau and Bureau of Women Affairs in co-leading the GBV AOR forums, as well as coordinating the support to One-Stop Centers (OSCs). Additionally, the GBV AOR has been finalizing the development of the HRP 2023, based on the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Woreda-level severity ranking, to identify Persons in Need (PIN) of GBV response, as well as supporting the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MOWSA) and regional Bureaus of Health and Women Affairs in developing and updating various SOPs and service guidelines.

Partnerships

UNFPA adopts a coordinated approach in all its programs to ensure effective response to GBV needs in Ethiopia. UNFPA partners with sister UN agencies, International NGOs, National NGOs, Faith-based organizations, grassroots structures as well as with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health, Ethiopian Public Health Institute, the Federal Supreme Court and other stakeholders to advance gender-based violence prevention and response and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

UNFPA is spearheading programming for GBV prevention and response to build stronger national and local capacity to effectively address GBV services as an investment in resilience, peace and security. UNFPA works through the **Country Programme in 9 regions - Amhara, Afar, B/Gumuz, Sidama, Somali, SNNP, Gambella and Oromia - and Addis Ababa.** UNFPA also operates across seven regions to address GBV in humanitarian settings.

UNFPA GBV RESPONSE

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SAFE HOUSES

Services provided:

- Medical and psychosocial care and support
- Skill building and training opportunities
- Peer-to-peer support groups.
- Legal assistance and support with their case
- Support with reintegration to their original or new community.


Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Tigray regions

28 
WOMEN & GIRLS FRIENDLY SPACES (WGFS)

28 UNFPA-WGFS established and supported in Ethiopia

- WGFS are considered an entry point for specialized GBV services and a learning space for women and girls through the provision of vocational training and free space to discuss their own issues and receive peer support.
- An additional **9 WGFS are planned across four regions and will be established in 2023.**

21 
ONE-STOP CENTERS (OSCs)

21 UNFPA-OSCs established and supported across Amhara, Afar, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia, SNNP, Somali, Tigray and Addis Ababa

- One Stop Centers provide multi-sectoral services such as health, mental health & psychosocial support, and case management services and have linkages to criminal / legal services and additional services which may be required such as temporary shelters.
- UNFPA provides critical and essential life saving Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits, medical equipment and supplies and strengthens service provision by hiring trained medical professionals to operate in the OSC.



164,963
DIGNITY KITS

In 2022, UNFPA has distributed 164,963 dignity kits to support the menstrual and hygiene needs of women and girls across 10 regions impacted by conflict and climate-related shocks.

- Dignity Kits are distributed as an entry point to raise awareness and identify GBV survivors. Items will be given together with information on GBV services, GBV risk mitigation information - including PSEA - and to support the safety and dignity of vulnerable women and girls.
- UNFPA dignity kits are culturally appropriate to meet the particular needs of women and girls affected by crises.


NATIONAL HOTLINE SERVICE

- UNFPA supports the National hotline service for survivors of GBV and harmful practices to access free legal aid in three languages (Oromifa, Tigrigna and Amharic)


530
SAFE SPACES

- UNFPA supports 530 Safe Spaces established for in school, out of school and in the IDP sites to provide a platform for vulnerable adolescent girls to openly discuss issues on FGM and Child Marriage and to make informed decisions about their health and rights.

"The Dignity kit I received helped me to carry out my daily routines without shame, boosting my confidence. After I received these items, my personal hygiene improved, and I am managing my monthly period. I am not ashamed to participate in any ceremony."

Dollo Ado, Somali (Ethiopia)



What can you do to help UNFPA ETHIOPIA?

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world

Archibishop Desmond Tutu

- Write to your representative in the Congress or National Assembly requesting more aid for Ethiopia
- Give a young woman the freedom to manage their menstrual and personal hygiene needs during a crisis (see options below)
- Save a woman from the life-threatening consequences of rape by supporting her specialized medical care (see options below)
- Donate dignity kits to make daily life bearable for women
- Use social media to give visibility to Ethiopia
- **USD 300** - will enable one adolescent girl to feel safer, more empowered, and more resilient through participating in women and girl friendly space activities
- **USD 30** - pays for a UNFPA Dignity kit for one woman or girl in reproductive age to move around safely at night and take care of their menstrual and personal hygiene needs
- **USD 60** - allows one community leader or service provider to receive training on the Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) so they know how to mitigate risk, report an incident, and support a survivor in their community.
- **USD 24** can provide a gender-based violence survivor with life-saving medical treatment, including emergency contraception.
- **USD 400** - supports one GBV survivor to get specialized medical treatment at hospital level.
- **USD 1,200 per month** - pays for one Psychosocial counselor to provide psychosocial counseling for women and girls at risk of GBV.
- **USD 50,000** - can establish and run one semi-permanent Women and Girls Friendly Space (WGFS) to provide psychosocial support services and to be used as an entry point for specialized GBV services.

Areas UNFPA is seeking resources to scale up:

- Establish and regularly update GBV referral pathway, provide GBV case management and psychosocial support services and provide post-rape treatment kits to health facilities.
- Build capacity of service providers to deliver GBViE clinical management of rape (CMR), GBV Case Management, GBV Information management and psychosocial support.
- Improve GBV risk mitigation interventions including use of dignity kits as an entry point.
- Broaden partnerships for livelihood opportunities pursuant to the local context
- Establishment of Women Friendly Spaces (WFS) for immediate provision of psychosocial support, provision of skill training and to serve as an entry point for appropriate referral.
- Pursue multi-year funding to ensure continuity of the life-saving services for crisis affected women and girls and to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus.
- Develop and implement a GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) to ensure quality and confidential data collection, storage, and analysis.
- Roll out the GBV Case Management Capacity Building Initiative (CM CBI), for Case Management.
- Community level interventions to support prevention and mitigation of GBV are required to ensure sustainable results and long-lasting protection of women and girls. Target risk mitigation work to non-protection actors to ensure GBV is mainstreamed throughout humanitarian interventions and to support Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- Scale up rehabilitation centers/ safe houses to strengthen service provision for GBV/HP survivors in all regions.

Areas UNFPA is seeking resources to scale up:

- Develop a skilled GBV workforce to strengthen **health services** and provide accessible, appropriate and timely care for GBV survivors.
- Strengthen community structures to protect, support and empower women and girls and build resilient **communities**. This will be done through women and girl friendly spaces and other community mechanisms, to support community engagement on GBV prevention and mitigation, provision of GBV services and support, and providing capacity and skill building and livelihood opportunities.
- With **multi-year funding**, we can develop longer-term programming incorporating the nexus approach to ensure sustainable change with communities. In addition, we can ensure a sustainable supply chain on priority life-saving medicines for survivors.
- Enhance **GBV coordination** in Ethiopia through information management, developing standards for GBV at regional and national levels and roll-out initiatives to support scale up of GBV standards and services across the country. Lead GBV mainstreaming across the humanitarian clusters to support non-protection actors to mitigate risk and ethically refer where appropriate.

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

- Funding Required: \$30,000,000 USD
- Funding Received: \$22,700,000 USD

Funding GAP

\$7,300,000 USD

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