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# UNFPA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN SOMALIA

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## Situation Report

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# 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]

**1,827,361**



Pregnant Women

**380,983**



Adolescents and Youth [Age 10-24]

**2,030,758**

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Somali population continues to endure numerous challenges, including climatic shocks, conflict, flash and riverine floods, and armed conflict. Among the most affected groups are displaced and vulnerable women and girls across the country. The Somalia 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) analysis reveals that over half of the estimated population, amounting to 8.25 million individuals, require critical humanitarian and protection assistance.

Vulnerable women and girls in displaced camps face multiple threats due to displacement and inadequate access to water and health services. Recent flooding incidents in Baletweyne have heightened concerns about waterborne diseases such as diarrhea, while also increasing the risks of gender-based violence (GBV). Additionally, ongoing displacements are predicted to persist in hotspot areas along the Juba and Shabelle rivers, as well as in parts of the Bay and Banadir Regions, with localized flooding anticipated in Galmudug, Puntland, and Somaliland.

UNFPA is providing life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and GBV response among conflict-affected populations in Las'anod. This includes support for 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 around the clock to cater to the needs of women, girls, and children affected by the conflict.

In addition, UNFPA is actively strengthening the capacity of its partners to deliver SRH services and responding to GBV, and meet the growing demands. Health facilities and mobile clinics play a vital role in providing support for maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options, and the Clinical Management of Rape (CMR). Furthermore, safe spaces designed for women, girls, and young people, as well as one-stop centers, offer mental health and psychosocial support services for survivors of GBV.



# FUNDING NEEDS

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- In order to urgently address the escalating humanitarian needs of women and girls in Somalia, UNFPA is seeking a minimum of USD 63 million by 2023. It is crucial to make immediate and sustainable investments in reducing risks and vulnerabilities to prevent the exacerbation of the humanitarian crisis in Somalia.
- Sufficient resources and funding are imperative for UNFPA's humanitarian response to effectively address the urgent needs of affected women and girls. Meeting these funding requirements is vital to ensure that humanitarian assistance can be provided promptly and efficiently, thereby alleviating the suffering of those impacted by the conflict in the Las'anod-Sool region.
- For the year 2023, the UNFPA Somalia Country Office (CO) has proactively mobilized additional resources to expand its response capacity in key humanitarian hubs throughout the country. UNFPA, alongside its implementing partners, is prioritizing access to life-saving GBV and SRH services for vulnerable women and girls in these high-priority locations.

## SUMMARY OF UNFPA RESPONSE

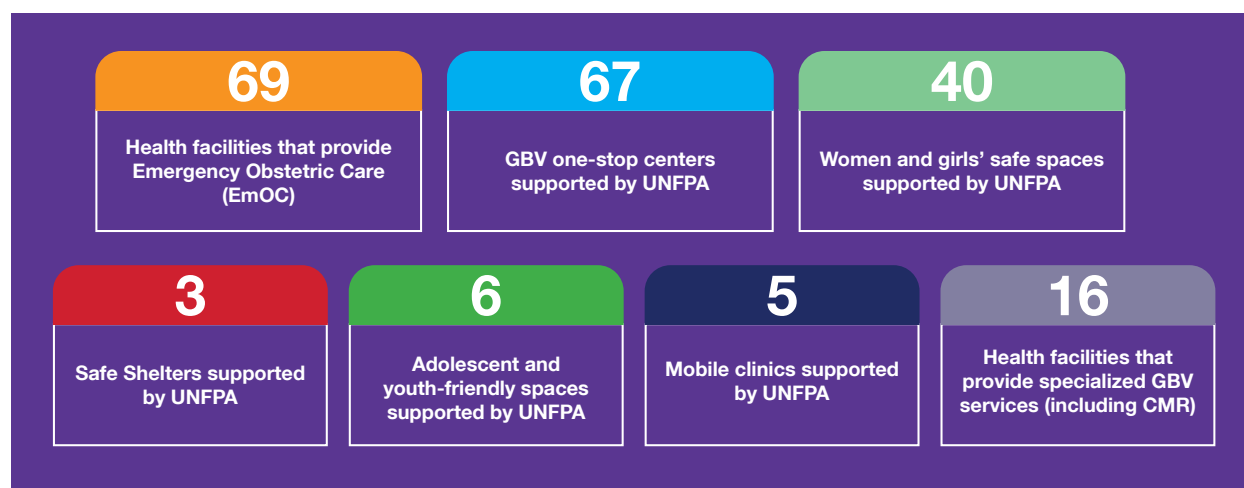
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UNFPA Somalia has developed an operational plan that aligns with the broader UN-wide humanitarian scale-up activation in Somalia. The primary objective of this plan is to ensure access to and availability of life-saving SRH and GBV services in the regions and locations most heavily impacted by the crisis.

UNFPA's response activities specifically focus on women of reproductive age, pregnant women, adolescent girls, boys, and men residing in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps and hard-to-reach areas. The CO aims to provide high-quality and essential SRH services through Basic Emergency and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and integrated SRH/GBV outreach programs.

To achieve these goals, UNFPA collaborates closely with the Federal Government of Somalia, the Federal Member States (FMS), other UN agencies, and partners. The focus is on ensuring continued access to and the delivery of SRH and GBV services. UNFPA actively participates in coordination mechanisms such as the UN Country Team (UNCT) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to enhance overall coordination and collaboration in addressing the humanitarian needs in Somalia.

## Services Delivered by UNFPA



### Data from UNFPA Supported Services.

Sexual/Reproductive Health	People Reached
Sexual/reproductive health services	30,467
Family planning services, information and counseling	3,019
Normal / assisted deliveries	3,790
Assisted C-Sections	551
Ante-natal care consultations	11,483
Post-natal care consultations	2,105
SRH information and community awareness activities	17,459
People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	60
Gender-Based Violence	
GBV programming/services	6,808
GBV case management	454
GBV information and community awareness activities	4,674
People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	80
Women and girls who received dignity kits	1,200
Women and girls who received menstrual hygiene kits	400
Youth Services	
Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	622
Capacity Strengthening	
Personnel trained on SRH, including the Minimum Initial Service Package	32
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as clinical management of rape	0
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as GBV Case Management	0
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as Psychological First Aid	0

# KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES

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## SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

- UNFPA has established integrated mobile services and fixed facilities to address the needs of vulnerable women and girls displaced by the Baletweyne floods. These services, including safe birth and counseling, have notably supported pregnant women in the camps.
- UNFPA focuses on strengthening capacity and ensuring the continuity of quality life-saving SRH information and services for women, adolescents, and youth affected by the drought situation across the country.
- UNFPA has expanded its support to fixed EmONC facilities, increasing the number from 69 to 74. These facilities provide services for drought-affected people, with a specific focus on women and girls in IDP camps.
- UNFPA and MoH Somalia co-chaired the second meeting of the SRH technical working group. Key topics discussed included flood response in Beledweyne, MISP training, and the provision of timely SRH reports for planning and response.
- UNFPA held the commemoration of the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula and launched the national strategy for the elimination of obstetric fistula in Somalia during the event



## Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- UNFPA continues to ensure access to life-saving 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 26 fully functional Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) across the country, staffed with case workers and PSS counselors. These spaces provide essential services such as PSS counseling, dignity kits, and MHM kits for vulnerable women and girls.
- UNFPA supports 53 One-Stop Centers (OSCs) across the country, where caseworkers provide case management and referrals to individuals.
- UNFPA plans to sustain the WGSS and OSCs previously funded under the CERF and FCDO by seeking additional funding opportunities to reach more women and girls in IDP camps across the country.

## Adolescents and Youth Activities

- A total of 100 Youth trained on business management skills acquiring entrepreneurial skills including mentoring, coaching and business development skills in Kismayo Jubaland.
- 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 local partners, UNFPA trained 30 youth with social networking skills to empower them to be agent of positive change in the community and to lead campaigns against harmful practices such as child marriage and FGM in Malawle IDP camp in Somaliland.
- Through the EU funded Dalbile Project, UNFPA conducted capacity building training for representatives of 20 youth led organizations in Puntland to boost decision making and networking among youth serving organizations.
- A total of 100 youth trained in vocational skills training and entrepreneurship at Gabiley youth centre in Somaliland to economically empower them by building their technical skills informed by market needs so as to enhance their livelihoods.
- Through the support of EU funded Dalbile project, UNFPA conducted bootcamp training, soft skills, financial literacy, and mentorship for 495 young people in Barawe, Dollow and Mogadishu to equip them with employable skills and harness their potential in creating self-employment and income generating businesses.

# COORDINATION LEADERSHIP

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- UNFPA maintains a co-leadership role in both the national and sub-national GBV sub-cluster and the Reproductive Health Working Group (RH-WG). This active involvement ensures the organization's commitment to maintaining a consistent supply of reproductive health commodities and adequately equipping midwives and other healthcare personnel to address the needs of vulnerable individuals affected by the drought.
- Through the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), UNFPA strongly advocates for necessary funds and resources to effectively respond to the severe drought in Somalia. The organization collaborates closely with other United Nations (UN) agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), clusters, and the Federal Government to prioritize GBV response and risk mitigation activities, ensuring they receive the necessary attention and resources they require.
- UNFPA Co-chairs the UN interagency working group on Youth providing leadership and advancing United Nations work on youth development in Somalia by strengthening collaboration, creating coherence, and enabling exchanges among all UN agencies funds and programs in Somalia.



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