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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)

1.9M



Pregnant Women

380,983



Adolescents and Youth (Age 10-24)

2.0M

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The humanitarian crisis in Somalia remains dire. Severe drought, famine, disease, and violence have impacted millions, leading to widespread displacement. In 2022 alone, drought-related displacement increased by over five times, with more than 1.4 million people displaced since January 2021. Recently, humanitarian partners and the Federal Government of Somalia unveiled the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) on 8 February 2023. The Somalia 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) analysis indicates that nearly half of the estimated population, or around 8.25 million individuals, require life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection.

The armed conflict between Somaliland and the Las'anod community has caused severe damage to the Las'anod General Hospital, including the maternal health ward and equipment, due to heavy artillery shelling. As a result, two maternal health facilities and two GBV facilities have been forced to close, and many of the supported facilities are now without essential medical equipment and supplies, putting vulnerable pregnant women at risk. The region was already impacted by successive droughts and failed rainy seasons, that have affected the population's food security. According to the IPC (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification) results in December 2022,

the population of Las'anod is facing a dire situation, with 35% to 50% of the population in IPC3 or higher, which is the crisis and emergency phase of acute food insecurity. Displaced individuals have relocated to areas with a high percentage of the population in IPC3+ such as the rural part of Las Anod, south of Sool, Buuhoodle in Togdheer, or Garowe city in Puntland, which already have significant IDP settlements. These areas are expected to be at risk of IPC5 Catastrophe by April-June 2023.

In response to the Las'anod crisis, UNFPA Somalia country office (CO) is providing urgent medical assistance through its partners, who are working around the clock to ensure that conflict-affected individuals have access to critical services. The CO supports 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. All of these facilities operate around the clock to serve women, girls, and children affected by the conflict.

UNFPA partners are further strengthening their capacity to support the delivery of life-saving services to address sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs and gender-based violence (GBV) interventions and respond to increasing needs. Health facilities and mobile clinics provide services to support maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options, and clinical management of rape (CMR). Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services are offered to survivors of GBV in safe spaces for women, girls, and young people, as well as in one-stop centers.



FUNDING NEEDS

UNFPA and its implementing partners continue to prioritize ensuring access to life-saving services to address SRH needs and GBV interventions for vulnerable women and girls in high-priority locations. UNFPA Somalia CO has mobilized additional resources in 2022 to scale up response capacity in priority humanitarian hubs in the country.

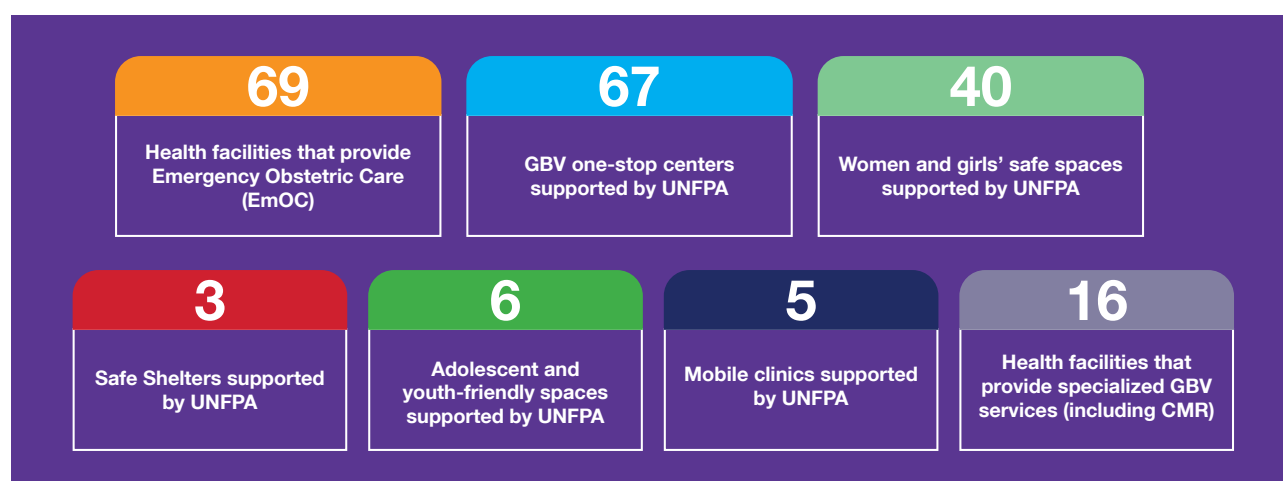
- UNFPA urgently requires **at least USD 63 million until 2023 to address the worsening humanitarian needs of women and girls in Somalia**. Investing in reducing risk and vulnerability on a mid- to longer-term basis will be critical to preventing the worst humanitarian crises in Somalia.
- To adequately address the pressing needs of affected women and girls **in the Las'anod-Sool region, the UNFPA humanitarian response urgently requires USD 8 million** in funding. Meeting these funding needs is crucial to ensure timely and effective humanitarian assistance and alleviate the suffering of those affected by the conflict in the Las'anod-Sool region.

SUMMARY OF UNFPA RESPONSE

UNFPA Somalia has developed an operational plan to adapt the UN-wide humanitarian scale-up activation in Somalia. The plan is centered on ensuring access to and availability of life-saving SRH and GBV services in the worst-affected regions and locations, with a focus on women of reproductive age, pregnant women, adolescent girls, boys, and men in IDP camps and hard-to-reach areas. These activities include providing quality lifesaving and age-appropriate SRH services through Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and integrated SRH/GBV outreach.

UNFPA works closely with the Federal Government of Somalia and the Federal Member States (FMS), as well as other UN agencies, and partners to ensure access to and the continuity of SRH and GBV services. UNFPA is also engaged in various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

Services Delivered by UNFPA



Sexual/Reproductive Health	People Reached
Sexual/reproductive health services	43,520
Family planning services, information and counseling	3,552
Normal / assisted deliveries	5,113
Assisted C-Sections	604
Ante-natal care consultations	17,081
Post-natal care consultations	2,198
SRH information and community awareness activities	14,917
People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	55
Gender-Based Violence	
GBV programming/services	7,769
GBV case management	464
GBV information and community awareness activities	2,248
People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	120
Women and girls who received dignity kits	4,473
Women and girls who received menstrual hygiene kits	464
Youth Services	
Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	120
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	37
Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as Psychological First Aid	30

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF UNFPA ACTIVITIES

SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

- UNFPA focuses on strengthening the capacity to provide continuity of quality lifesaving SRH information and services for women, adolescents, and youth affected by the drought situation across the country.
- UNFPA continues to support 69 EmONC (Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care) facilities, providing services to the drought-affected population, with a special focus on women and girls in IDP camps.
- UNFPA advocates for expanding lifesaving SRH services to remote and newly displaced populations through mobile services.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- UNFPA continues to ensure access to lifesaving GBV prevention and response services, such as the provision of clinical care, psychosocial support (PSS), legal aid, and material support to survivors of GBV, especially for women, adolescents, and youth.
- UNFPA supports 40 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) 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 MHM kits.
- UNFPA supports 67 One-Stop Centers (OSCs) across the country. The centers have caseworkers who provide case management and referrals to services.
- UNFPA plans to expand the number of WGSS and OSCs in 2023 to reach more women and girls in IDP camps across the country.

Adolescents and Youth Activities



- UNFPA, in partnership with the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) is the Swedish government agency for peace, security and development, conducted a forum on youth, elections, and democratization attended by more than 120 youth from South West state. The forum provided an opportunity for relevant stakeholders involved in promoting democratization to meet and discuss the challenges and opportunities for young men and women's political participation through elections.

COORDINATION LEADERSHIP

- UNFPA continues to co-lead the national and sub-national GBV sub-cluster and the Reproductive Health Working Group (RH-WG). UNFPA is leading efforts to ensure the supply of RH commodities is maintained, and midwives and other health personnel are equipped to address the needs of vulnerable people affected by the drought.
- Through the GBV AoR, UNFPA strongly advocates for funds and resources to respond to the severe drought in Somalia. UNFPA works with other UN agencies, NGOs, Clusters, and the Federal Government to prioritize GBV response and risk mitigation activities.



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