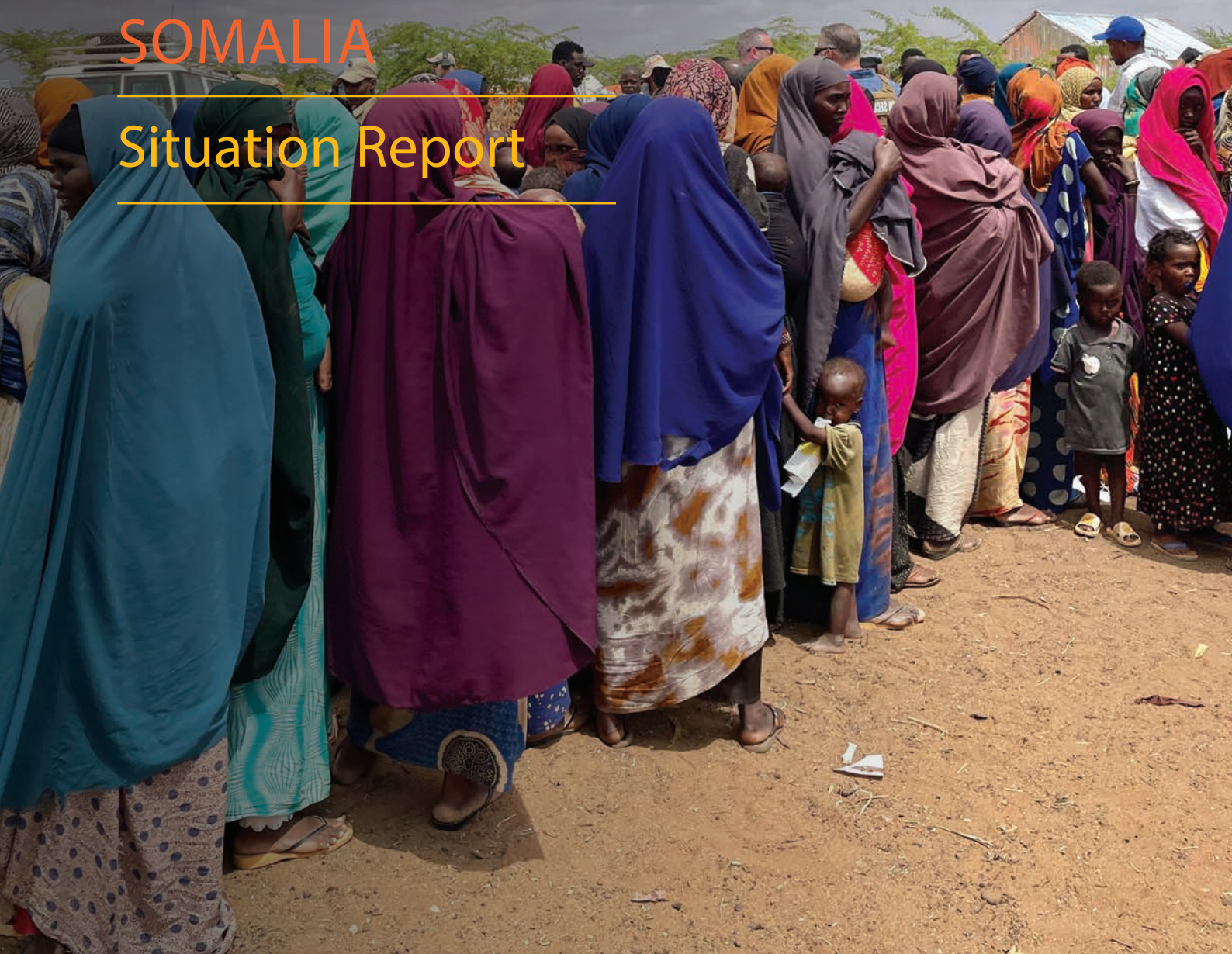




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UNFPA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN SOMALIA

Situation Report



FASTFACTS



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

Somalia is facing a climate emergency that is destroying the lives and livelihoods of millions of people. The forecast shows a fifth consecutive below-average rainy season for 2023, which has resulted in the longest drought the country has witnessed in more than 40 years. According to the UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN), the catastrophic drought has displaced more than 1.4 million people since 2021. Thousands of Somalis have also fled to neighboring countries to seek assistance. Many people have lost their livelihoods, and their coping capacities have been stretched.

The situation is further compounded by persistent insecurity and armed conflict, soaring food prices, and extreme poverty. These multiple shocks have exacerbated protection risks and pre-existing inequities. According to the Integrated Food Security Classification (IPC) analysis, the projected famine in Baidoa and Buur Hakaba districts between October and December 2022 was averted, but there is a strong possibility of famine between April and June 2023 if the next rainy season fails and if humanitarian assistance is not sustained. Over 8.3 million Somalis are expected to face a crisis level (IPC Phase 3) of acute food insecurity by June 2023, including 727,000 facing catastrophic levels of extreme hunger (IPC Phase 5).

UNFPA Somalia continues to prioritize the continuity of essential and life-saving SRH and GBV services during humanitarian crises, targeting vulnerable women and girls, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and persons with disabilities. In January 2023, UNFPA and its partners reached 30,584 persons with SRH services and 17,801 persons with prevention and response to GBV, including Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) for women and girls.

The capacity of UNFPA partners is further strengthened to support the delivery of SRH and GBV services and to 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). MHPSS services are offered to survivors of GBV in safe spaces for women, girls, and young people and in one-stop centers.



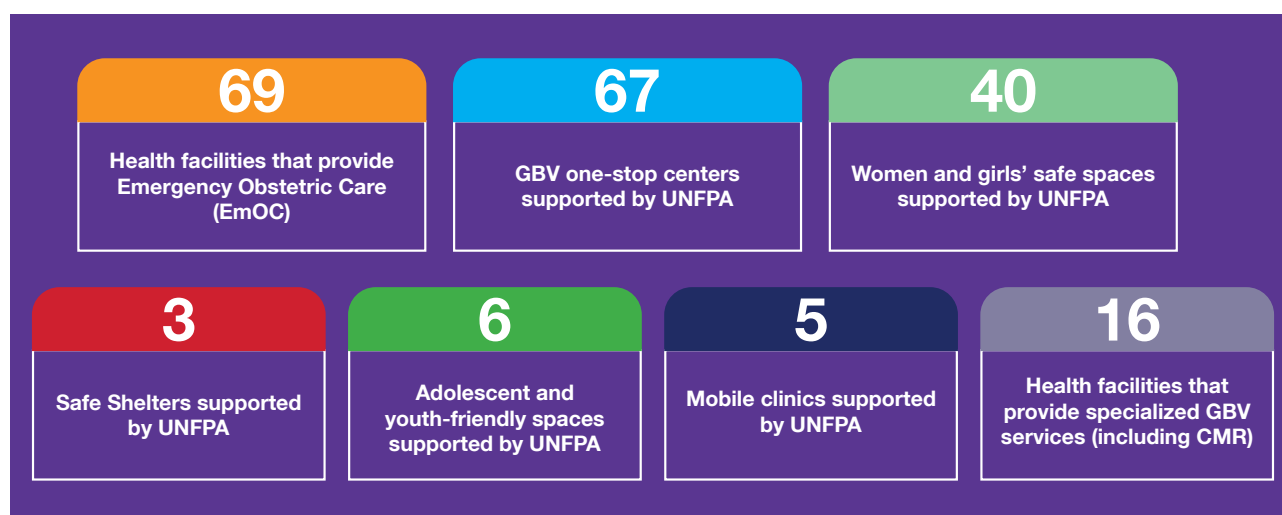
FUNDING NEEDS

- To urgently address the worsening humanitarian needs of women and girls in Somalia, UNFPA requires at least USD 63 million until 2023. Urgent and more sustainable mid- to longer-term investments in reducing risk and vulnerability will be key in averting the worst humanitarian crises in Somalia.
- For 2022, UNFPA Somalia CO has mobilized additional resources to scale up its response capacity in priority humanitarian hubs in the country. UNFPA and its implementing partners focused on ensuring access to life-saving gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services for vulnerable women and girls in high-priority locations.

SUMMARY OF UNFPA RESPONSE

UNFPA Somalia has developed an operational plan to adapt the UN-wide humanitarian scale-up activation in Somalia. The plan focuses on ensuring access to and availability of life-saving SRH and GBV services in the worst-affected regions and locations. UNFPA's response activities target women of reproductive age, pregnant women, adolescent girls, boys, and men in IDP camps and hard-to-reach areas. These include the provision of quality life-saving 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), other UN agencies, and partners to ensure access to and the continuity of SRH and GBV services. UNFPA is engaged in various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team (UNCT) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

Services Delivered by UNFPA



Sexual/Reproductive Health	People Reached
Sexual/reproductive health services	30,584
Family planning services, information and counseling	2,770
Normal / assisted deliveries	3,552
Assisted C-Sections	346
Ante-natal care consultations	16,471
Post-natal care consultations	1,976
SRH information and community awareness activities	5,427
People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	42
Gender-Based Violence	
GBV programming/services	17,801
GBV case management	894
GBV information and community awareness activities	13,715
People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	254
Women and girls who received dignity kits	1,824
Women and girls who received menstrual hygiene kits	1,114
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 ensure continuity of quality, life-saving SRH information and services for women, adolescents, and youth affected by the drought situation across the country, including the protection of the health workforce.
- UNFPA continues to support 69 EmONC facilities and provide 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)

- UNFPA continues to ensure access to lifesaving GBV prevention and response services, such as the provision of clinical care, Psychosocial Support (PS), legal aid, and material support to survivors of GBV, especially for women, adolescents, and youth.
- UNFPA supports 40 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 (OSC) across the country. The centers have caseworkers who provide case management and other referrals to individuals.
- UNFPA plans to expand the WGSS and OSCs in 2023 to reach more women and girls in the IDP camps across the country

Adolescents and Youth Activities



- UNFPA in partnership with FBA Swedish agency for peace, security, and development conducted a forum on youth, elections, and democratizations forum attended by more than 120 youth from Southwest. The forum provides 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 that the supply of RH commodities is maintained and that midwives and other health personnel are well-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 is working with other UN agencies, NGOs, Clusters, and the Federal Government to ensure that GBV response and risk mitigation activities are prioritized.



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