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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 situation in Somalia is complex and continues to affect millions of people through multiple displacements, climatic shocks, flash and riverine floods, and armed conflict. Ongoing fighting in Las'Anod has displaced between 154,000 and 203,000 people since December 2022, with an estimated 100,000 crossing into Ethiopia. The Somalia 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) indicates that nearly half of the Somali population, approximately 8.25 million people, require life-saving humanitarian and protection assistance.

Recent reports indicate that heavy rains since mid-March have affected over 175,000 people in Somalia, with 140,000 displaced mainly in Baardheere district, Gedo Region of Jubaland State, and Baidoa district in Bay Region of South West State. There are concerns that flash and riverine floods could affect up to 1.6 million people, with over 600,000 displaced, if heavy rains persist in Somalia and the Ethiopian highlands through the current Gu season. Most displacements are expected in hotspot areas along the Juba and Shabelle rivers, and parts of Bay and Banadir Regions, with localized flooding in Galmudug, Puntland, and Somaliland.

In Las'anod, UNFPA is providing urgent life-saving sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services to conflict-affected people.

The CO supports 11 Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) facilities, eight of which are in the Sool region (including Falayeryaal, Awrbogays, Saah-Dheer, Las'anod, Xalin, Las'anod, and Hudun) and three in Garowe. These facilities work 24/7 to serve women, girls, and children affected by the conflict.

UNFPA is also strengthening the capacity of its partners to provide SRH and GBV services and respond to increasing needs. Health facilities and mobile clinics offer services to support maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options, and Clinical Management of Rape (CMR). MHPSS services are provided to survivors of GBV in safe spaces for women, girls, and young people, as well as in one-stop centers.



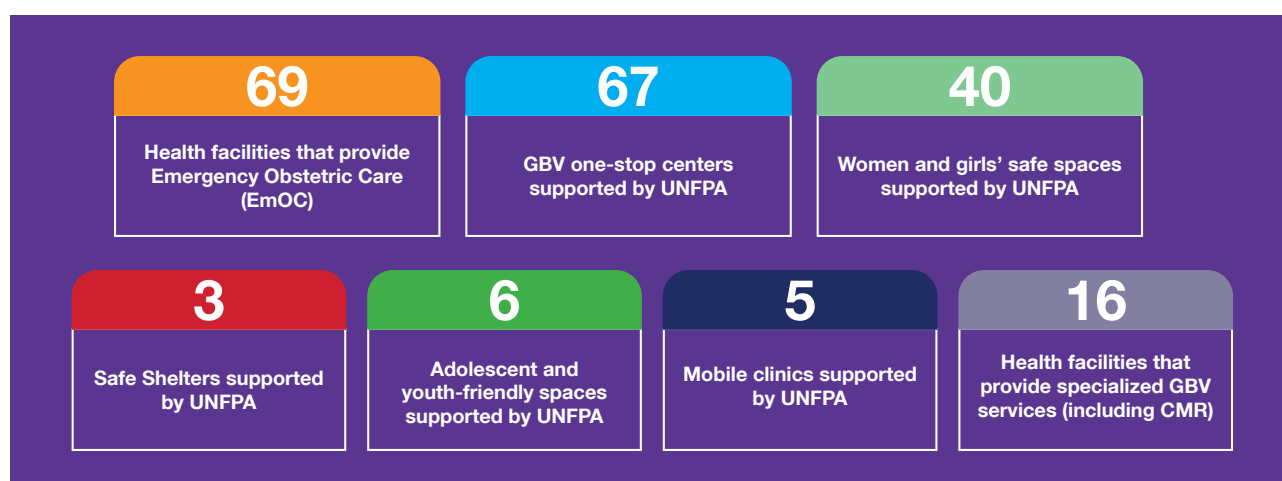
FUNDING NEEDS

- To effectively address the growing humanitarian needs of women and girls in Somalia, UNFPA urgently requires a minimum of USD 63 million in funding until 2023. Investing in reducing risk and vulnerability in a sustainable manner is crucial to prevent the worst humanitarian crises in Somalia.
- The UNFPA humanitarian response in the Las'anod-Sool region requires USD 8 million in funding to address the pressing needs of women and girls affected by the conflict. Meeting these funding needs is crucial to ensure timely and effective humanitarian assistance, and to alleviate the suffering of those impacted in the Las'anod-Sool region.
- UNFPA Somalia CO has mobilised additional resources in 2022 to scale up response capacity in priority humanitarian hubs across the country. With a focus on high-priority locations, UNFPA and its implementing partners are working to ensure vulnerable women and girls have access to life-saving gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services.

SUMMARY OF UNFPA RESPONSE

UNFPA Somalia has developed an operational plan to respond to the UN-wide humanitarian scale-up activation in Somalia. The plan's focus is on ensuring access to life-saving SRH and GBV services in the worst affected regions and locations. UNFPA's response activities are tailored to serve women of reproductive age, pregnant women, adolescent girls, boys, and men in IDP camps and hard-to-reach areas. The provision of quality life-saving and age-appropriate SRH services is carried out through Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and integrated SRH/GBV outreach. UNFPA collaborates 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. UNFPA is also involved 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	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	7,108
GBV case management	554
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

- UNFPA launched five mobile maternity clinics in five locations to provide essential maternal and newborn health services, benefiting up to 250,000 beneficiaries in displaced camps and remote areas.
- UNFPA is ensuring the provision of quality lifesaving SRH information and services for women, adolescents, and youth affected by the drought situation across Somalia.
- UNFPA supports 69 EmONC facilities that provide essential 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 provides life-saving GBV prevention and response services, such as clinical care, psychosocial support (PSS), legal aid, and material support to survivors of GBV, especially women, adolescents, and youth.
- UNFPA supports 40 fully functional WGSS 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 with caseworkers who provide case management and referrals to individuals.
- UNFPA plans to expand the WGSS and OSCs in 2023 to reach more women and girls in IDP camps across the country.



Adolescents and Youth Activities

- With the support of UNFPA, youth centers provide youth-friendly ASRH services to 80 young people. The services are designed to provide comprehensive SRH information, including HIV prevention through peer education, and include mentorship and life skills education.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Jubaland, UNFPA conducted training in Kismayo for 50 youth peace champions. The workshop equipped the youth with key skills on sustainable peacebuilding methodologies and strategies, which contribute to enhancing their grassroots engagements with the community.

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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