



## Fast Facts



Total people  
in need of  
humanitarian  
assistance in 2021

**5.9M**



Internally  
Displaced Persons

**2.9M**



Women of  
Reproductive Age  
(age 15-49, estimated)

**1.8M**



Pregnant  
Women (estimated)

**380,983**



Adolescents and  
Youth (Age 10-24)

**2.0M**

## COVID-19 in Somalia



Confirmed  
COVID-19 cases  
In Somalia

**15,358**



Recovered  
cases

**7,498**



Reported  
Fatalities

**809**



## OVERVIEW & NEEDS

A double climate disaster and the COVID-19 pandemic has aggravated the humanitarian situation in Somalia. The country is also facing protection crises, the impact of election-related tensions, and the worst desert locust infestation. It is estimated that almost half of the population needs humanitarian assistance. About 2.9 million people remain displaced from their homes across the country, while an estimated 1.8 million women of reproductive age require urgent sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services. Meanwhile, COVID-19 cases in Somalia had reached 15,358 with 7,498 recoveries and 809 fatalities as of 29 July 2021.

Supporting the continuity of essential and life-saving health and GBV services remain UNFPA's key priority in 2021. In July, UNFPA Somalia and its partners reached **66,836** persons with sexual and reproductive

health services, **24,322** persons with prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV), including mental health and psychosocial support for women and girls. UNFPA also reached **652 young people** through youth-related activities.

Furthermore, the capacity of UNFPA partners is strengthened to support the delivery of SRH and GBV services. Health facilities and mobile clinics are providing discreet services to support maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options and the clinical management of rape, responding to the increased needs required. Safe spaces for women, girls and young people and one-stop centres for survivors of GBV are offering mental health and psychosocial services.

## Summary of UNFPA Response

UNFPA Somalia supports the delivery of life-saving sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services to vulnerable communities across Somalia. The UN agency closely works with the Federal Government and the Federal Member States, other UN agencies, and other partners to ensure access to and continuity of SRH and GBV services. UNFPA is engaged in the various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team and Humanitarian Coordination Team and supports the national COVID-19 preparedness and response plans, ensuring integration of SRH and GBV concerns.

UNFPA Somalia ensures that implementing partners (IPs) adhere to precautionary and preventive measures against COVID-19 by using personal protection equipment (PPE), including hand gloves and masks, and the environment where services are delivered are adequately sanitized. UNFPA continues coordination with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other key line ministries and actively advocates for efforts to provide SRH services during the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA response includes providing maternal and reproductive health services for pregnant and lactating women, support to GBV one-stop centers, operation of safe

spaces for women and girls, distribution of SRH and dignity kits, community awareness-raising and referrals to both RH and GBV services. UNFPA also continues to engage young people as partners and key agents of change and has been working hand-in-hand with IPs to support young people aiming to empower them to play vital roles in their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.





## Data from UNFPA Supported Services Since June 2021

<b>Sexual/Reproductive Health</b>	
# People reached with sexual/reproductive health services	20,532
# People reached with family planning services, information and counselling	1,765
# Normal / assisted deliveries	2,521
# C-Sections assisted	139
# People reached with ante-natal care consultations	10,813
# People reached with post-natal care consultations	578
# People reached with SRH information and community awareness activities	30,442
# People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	46
<b>Gender-Based Violence</b>	
# People reached with GBV programming/services	688
# People reached with Dignity Kits	900
# People provided with GBV case management	41
# People reached with GBV information and community awareness activities	22,654
# People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	39
<b>Youth Services</b>	
# Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	652
<b>Capacity Strengthening</b>	
# Personnel trained on SRH, including the Minimum Initial Service Package	35
# Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as clinical management of rape	19
# Personnel trained on COVID-19 prevention and control	56
# Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on SRH and GBV	652

## Services Delivered

29

Health facilities that provide  
Emergency Obstetric Care  
(EmOC)

26

GBV one-stop centers  
supported by UNFPA

7

Women and girls safe  
spaces supported by  
UNFPA

6

Adolescent and youth-  
friendly spaces supported  
by UNFPA

8

Mobile clinics supported  
by UNFPA

16

Health facilities that provide  
specialized GBV services  
(including CMR)



## Humanitarian Coordination Leadership

- UNFPA Somalia closely works with the Federal Government and the Federal Member States, other UN agencies and other partners to ensure access to and continuity of life-saving SRH and GBV services. UNFPA is actively engaged in the various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team and Humanitarian Coordination Team, and supports the national COVID-19 preparedness and response plans ensuring integration of SRH and GBV concerns
- UNFPA continues to co-lead the national and sub-national GBV sub-cluster and the reproductive health working group (RH-WG). Also, UNFPA is leading the efforts to ensure that the supply of reproductive health commodities is maintained and that midwives and other health personnel have the personal protective equipment they need to stay safe amidst COVID-19 response and the drought-like situation in Somalia

## COVID-19 Prevention and Control Interventions

### SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

- UNFPA strengthened the continuity of and access to quality life-saving essentials, SRH information and services for women, adolescents and youth during the COVID-19 pandemic
- UNFPA continues to provide support to the De Martino Hospital in Mogadishu, which is currently serving as the government-designated national referral centre for COVID-19 case management and isolation for the entire country



- UNFPA supports the prevention and mitigation efforts of the spread and transmission of COVID-19 in Emergency Obstetric Care and Neonatal Care (EmONC) facilities across the country and supports the procurement of PPE for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for health care workers, including midwives
- UNFPA continues to strengthen the knowledge and skills of health care workers, including midwives on IPC and case management using WHO guidelines for service providers
- UNFPA has supported establishing a new maternity ward at Hargeisa Group Hospital dedicated to pregnant women and new mothers with COVID-19 symptoms. The isolation centre will provide access to life-saving maternal and newborn care in a sensitized COVID-19 approach
- UNFPA has provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Ergavo Hospital to strengthen infection prevention and control of COVID-19 and enhance the quality of services delivered to mothers and girls in the Sanaag region. The provision of PPE was part of UNFPA's response to communities affected by drought

- UNFPA has visited Bayhaaw General Hospital in Baidoa to monitor the quality of services, coverage and utilization of the ongoing emergency services, identify gaps in service delivery, and suggest measures to bridge those gaps. The hospital provides a sensitized COVID19 approach to life-saving reproductive health and GBV services
- UNFPA has concluded a two-day pre-service and in-service midwifery training curriculum workshop in Puntland to strengthen midwifery education quality and help build a competent, well-trained, and well-supported midwifery workforce. Midwives save lives
- UNFPA and its partners have finalized four-day training for birth-spacing providers in Hargeisa on the Balanced Counseling Strategy Plus, a practical, interactive and client-friendly counselling approach that uses job aids to facilitate family planning consultations

## Gender Based Violence

- UNFPA remains committed to ensuring the continuity of and access to life-saving GBV prevention and response services such as the provision of clinical care, psychosocial support, legal aid and material support to survivors of GBV, especially women, adolescents and youth
- UNFPA Somalia continues to strengthen GBV one-stop centres across the country, which integrate care for survivors of GBV with reproductive health services
- UNFPA and its partner have distributed 200 dignity kits to the vulnerable women and girls in the Farjano camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs). This provision was part of the country office's emergency GBV responses in Puntland.
- The EndFGM campaign continues as UNFPA responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA Somalia supports Bahnano Midwifery-Led Centre to carry out community outreach campaigns to raise awareness of the life-long health consequences and complications of female genital mutilation.
- UNFPA and its partner have distributed 700 dignity kits to the vulnerable women and girls in Bosaso. Dignity kits help women and girls maintain proper hygiene after being displaced and are a critical component of UNFPA's humanitarian response.







## Youth Program Activities

- UNFPA and its partners have concluded consultations in Mogadishu and Garowe to inform the national youth policy. The UN agency supports efforts to develop and implement policies and programs to secure adolescents and youth's health, development, and human rights.
- UNFPA and its partners have concluded a five-day workshop for directors and senior staff from the Somaliland Ministry of Youth and the Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs to develop and implement youth policies to enhance youth empowerment programmes.
- UNFPA concluded a three-day workshop on testing a new national training manual for Youth Peer Education Network in Garowe. Y-Peer is a comprehensive youth-to-youth initiative that connects thousands of young people and aims to promote healthy lifestyles and empower them
- UNFPA and its partners have completed training for 152 youth in Hargeisa, including 112 girls and young people from vulnerable populations, on employability skills as well as make-up art, catering and tailoring to empower them to be self-reliant



## Risk communication and community engagement



- UNFPA is supporting data collection and analysis to identify COVID-19 hot-spots, including disaggregated data on specific vulnerable groups with a focus towards informing targeted interventions to address the pandemic
- UNFPA Somalia continues to support joint awareness-raising efforts on the risks of FGM and GBV. The UN agency is providing SRH education and activism with a wide range of partners, including communities, targeting women of reproductive age, youth, elderly men, female health workers and IDPs
- UNFPA is actively engaged in the risk communication and community engagement working groups at the national and sub-national levels in the COVID-19 taskforce pillars



## Funding and Partnership



- Alarming funding gaps continue to affect this year's humanitarian response plan for Somalia. The funding crisis is threatening 5.9 million vulnerable women, children and men at risk of losing access to some or all of the life-saving and protection services they desperately need. UNFPA Somalia joins the humanitarian partners in appealing for urgent funding for the Somalia humanitarian response plan. UNFPA Somalia and its partners continue to advocate for sustained resources to address the needs of vulnerable women and girls
- UNFPA Somalia continues to expand the number of its implementing partners across the country, including in hard-to-reach and insecure areas, for further programme implementation. Over half of the partnerships are with local (national) NGOs with access to communities in need, including providing much-needed health care and GBV services in some conflict-prone areas. The agency is represented in the humanitarian coordination forums such as the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and the UN Country Team (UNCT), and other cluster-based platforms (health and protection), which support the identification of needs and response coordination



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