



## Fast Facts



Total people  
in need of  
humanitarian  
assistance in 2021

**5.9M**



Pregnant  
Women (estimated)

**380,983**



Internally  
Displaced Persons

**2.9M**



Adolescents and  
Youth (Age 10-24)

**2.0M**



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

**1.8M**

## COVID-19 in Somalia



Confirmed  
COVID-19 cases  
In Somalia

**19,235**



Reported  
Fatalities

**1,079**



## OVERVIEW & NEEDS

The vulnerable population in Somalia continues to suffer from climatic shocks (drought), conflict, displacement, and COVID-19. About 3.5 million face significant food consumption gaps and protection crises, while 1.8 million women of reproductive age face challenges and gaps related to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services. An estimated 389,000 people are displaced in 2021 due to drought-related conditions across the country. In addition, 2.9 million people remain displaced from their homes across the country. Also, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge the already ill-equipped health service delivery in Somalia. As of 30 September 2021, COVID-19 cases in Somalia had reached **19,235** with **1,079** fatalities.

UNFPA continues to prioritize the continuity of essential and life-saving health and gender-based violence (GBV) services targeting vulnerable women and girls,

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and persons with disabilities. UNFPA and its partners reached **61,004** persons with sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services during the month of September, **20,053** persons with prevention and response to GBV, including mental health and psychosocial support for women and girls. UNFPA also reached **3,979** 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 services to support maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options and the clinical management of rape (CMR), 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 support services.

## Summary of UNFPA Response

UNFPA Somalia continues to support 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. The environment where services are delivered is adequately protected and 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. Also, UNFPA engages 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 August 2021

<b>Sexual/Reproductive Health</b>	
# People reached with sexual/reproductive health services	20,103
# People reached with family planning services, information and counselling	907
# Normal / assisted deliveries	2,087
# C-Sections assisted	110
# People reached with ante-natal care consultations	11,726
# People reached with post-natal care consultations	598
# People reached with SRH information and community awareness activities	25,432
# People with disabilities reached through SRH services and information	41
<b>Gender-Based Violence</b>	
# People reached with GBV programming/services	670
# People provided with GBV case management	48
# People reached with GBV information and community awareness activities	19,312
# People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	23
# People with disabilities reached through GBV services and information	25
<b>Youth Services</b>	
# Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	3,889
<b>Capacity Strengthening</b>	
# Personnel trained on SRH, including the Minimum Initial Service Package	24
# Personnel trained on GBV in areas such as clinical management of rape	15
# Personnel trained on COVID-19 prevention and control	36
# Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on SRH and GBV	90

## 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 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 situation in Somalia.
- UNFPA actively participated in inter-agency missions to the Qansax-Dheere Bay region of South West State and Buurdhuubo Gedo region of Jubbaland State. The missions focused on assessing the overall humanitarian needs, including challenges faced by women and girls in accessing reproductive health services and protection and response to gender-based violence.

## COVID-19 Prevention and Control Interventions

### SRH interventions, including protection of health workforce

- UNFPA is strengthening 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 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.
- Together with the Jubaland Ministry of Health, UNFPA has delivered a five-day training on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings. Forty health professionals from Kismayo, Dhobley, Afmadow and Bardheere in the Jubbaland State of Somalia completed the training.
- 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 supported the delivery of comprehensive family planning training in the South West state of Somalia. The training focus includes Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation. The training was 12 days long and targeted 40 health service providers from Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle.



- UNFPA and local authorities have supported the launch of an obstetric fistula camp at Borama Fistula Hospital. Thirty-five women have so far registered for the month-long campaign.
- UNFPA has finalized a family planning training for 31 health providers in Somaliland. The training supports family planning by ensuring a steady, reliable supply of quality commodities and strengthening national health systems.

## 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.
- Seven UNFPA GBV partners (READO, SEDURO, SBACO, OSPAD, TAAKULO, SLNMA, NAGAAD) have received extensive capacity-building for the implementation of Cash and Voucher Assistance within the Somalia context.
- UNFPA Somalia and partners reached 1,280 vulnerable women and adolescent girls with cash assistance. Women beneficiaries testified to improved self-esteem and autonomy levels for personal and family needs as a result of this modality.
- UNFPA Somalia continues to strengthen GBV one-stop centres across the country, which integrate care for survivors of GBV with reproductive health services.
- UNFPA has supported religious leaders to sign the first-ever anti-FGM declaration in the Federal Government of Somalia. The declaration was written and signed by all the religious leaders present at a roundtable discussion on the endFGM campaign in Mogadishu.
- UNFPA and partners conducted gender empowerment sessions with target beneficiaries and their relatives using an agreed developed schedule that consists of topics relating to women's empowerment, decision making and shared parenting within families.



## Youth Program Activities

- UNFPA and its partners supported life skills training for 50 youth and adolescent girls and boys. They learnt traditional weaving, basket making, and the production of reusable sanitary pads and face masks. The trainees were drawn from Bulaburte and Kahda, and Yaqshid in Mogadishu.
- UNFPA, through its national partners, conducted awareness campaigns on SRH information and community awareness on FGM, child spacing, forced marriage, drug abuse, domestic violence, sexually transmitted diseases and early marriage and their challenges plus health complications in Bula-burte.



- UNFPA supported an intergenerational dialogue on peacebuilding and civic engagement targeting 100 youth in Doble, Lower-Jubba region, in the Jubaland State of Somalia.
- An estimated 1,500 young women, men, boys and girls were reached through an outreach campaign on peacebuilding and civic engagement and protection of civic spaces.
- UNFPA supported the training of 35 youth in business idea generation and business management capacity building. The youth were supported with capital grants and in-kind grants to start or grow their businesses.

## 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 supported the Federal Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) towards the development and the launch of the Banadir COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Report in Mogadishu.
- 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 continuously 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



- Funding challenges 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 their life-saving and protection services they desperately need. UNFPA Somalia and its partners are committed to scaling up the response, but the lack of funds continues to challenge their efforts. Urgent and more sustainable mid- to longer-term investment in reducing risk and vulnerability is required.
- 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 the much-needed health care and GBV services in some conflict-prone areas. UNFPA 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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