



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
14,660

 Recovered cases
6,764

 Reported Fatalities
769



OVERVIEW & NEEDS



Somalia has been hit by a double climate disaster, with drought declared on 25 April and heavy rains last week causing riverine and flash flooding. An estimated 166,000 people have been affected by flooding caused by the recent heavy Gu seasonal rains across Somalia. Reports indicate that at least 25 people have died due to the heavy rains, including nine children who died after their house flooded in Banadir on 7 May. Four people were killed by lightning in Puntland on 5 May. Flash flooding was particularly felt in Jowhar and Beletweyne districts. An inter-agency assessment completed on 17 May found that 66,000 people from 11,000 households have been affected in 27 villages in Mahaday and Jowhar. Thirty percent of those affected were women, 28 percent were children, seven people were living with disabilities, 12 percent were the elderly, and 23 percent were men. Despite the reported decrease of rainfall in the third week of May, the flooding continues to affect livelihoods, causing disruption of transport and displacement and the risk of abuse and gender-based violence. Meanwhile, COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Somalia; the cases had reached 14,660 with 6,764 recoveries and 769 fatalities as of 31 May 2021.

repercussions. Responding to these issues requires health facilities and mobile clinics to provide discreet services to support maternal and newborn health, birth-spacing options and the clinical management of rape. Safe spaces for women, girls and young people and one-stop centres for survivors of GBV offer mental health and psychosocial services.



UNFPA prioritizes the provision of lifesaving and integrated services for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV), and mental health and psychosocial support response for women, adolescent girls as well as men and adolescent boys affected by crises. The capacity of UNFPA partners is strengthened to support GBV survivors, who typically contend with both mental and physical

Furthermore, UNFPA Somalia continues to update its continuity plan to address the COVID-19 related restrictions and ensure time-critical activities and functions related to managing staff safety and security despite the crisis and restrictions on physical movement in Somalia. The UNFPA country office has established systems and tools, including e-signatures and an e-filing system required to continue signing work plans and disbursing cash in a paperless fashion.



Summary of UNFPA Response

UNFPA Somalia supports the delivery of lifesaving 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 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.

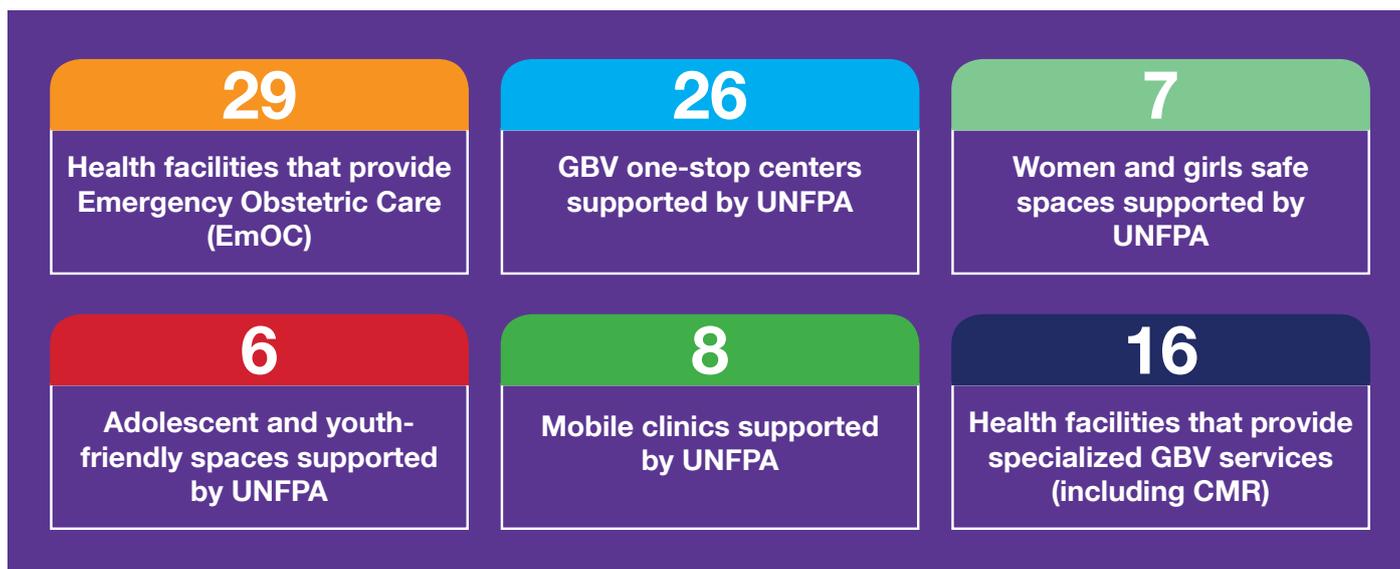
UNFPA response includes providing maternal and reproductive health services for pregnant and lactating women, support to GBV one-stop centers, operation of safe spaces for women and girls, distribution of SRH and dignity kits, community awareness-raising and referrals to both RH and GBV services. UNFPA 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 April 2021)

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Sexual/Reproductive Health	
# People reached with sexual/reproductive health services	20,213
# People reached with family planning services, information and counseling	1,856
# Normal / assisted deliveries	2,532
# C-Sections assisted	157
# People reached with ante-natal care consultations	11,868
# People reached with post-natal care consultations	743
# People reached with SRH information and community awareness activities	30,115
Gender-Based Violence	
# People reached with GBV programming / services	701
# People reached with Dignity Kits	1,000
# People provided with GBV case management	37
# People reached with GBV information and community awareness activities	24,646
Youth Services	
# Adolescents and young people reached with youth programming	488
Capacity Strengthening	
# Personnel trained on SRH, including the Minimum Initial Service Package	31
# Personnel trained on GBV, in areas such as clinical management of rape	16
# Personnel trained on COVID-19 prevention and control	15
# Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on SRH and GBV	527



Services Delivered



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 lifesaving 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 lifesaving 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. The hospital 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. UNFPA Somalia also 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 and its partners have concluded a trainer of trainers training for health workers under the SHINE project. The trainers will enable other health to be able to provide family planning clients with informed choices regarding their needs, following context-specific guidelines for family planning counselling

Gender Based Violence

- UNFPA remains committed to ensuring the continuity of and access to lifesaving 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 has distributed 1,000 dignity kits to girls and women affected by Cyclone Gati to maintain their health and dignity. Many families are yet to recover from the effects of the cyclone, which was the strongest on record to make landfall in Somalia last November causing death and destruction
- UNFPA Somalia continues to strengthen GBV one-stop centres across the country. The centres integrate care for survivors of GBV with reproductive health services
- UNFPA and its partners have supported an orientation session for health workers on the severe implications of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) on the sexual and reproductive health of girls and women
- The EndFGM campaign continues as UNFPA responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA Somalia is supporting Bahnano midwifery-led centre to carry out community outreach campaigns to raise awareness on the life-long health consequences and complications of FGM



- UNFPA has supported digital literacy training for young girls in high schools to enhance their use of information and communications technology
- UNFPA Somalia and partners have held discussions in Badhan with religious leaders as they are key in the EndGBV campaign and play an influential role in validating and promoting best practices for preventing and ending GBV



Youth Program Activities

- UNFPA and its partners have supported 150 young people in Somaliland on skills development to empower and give them the right opportunities to be self-reliant and effective drivers of change
- UNFPA and its partners have held discussions with adolescent girls and boys in Galkacyo to inform a GBV assessment towards efforts to end GBV. Engaging young people is essential to eliminating gender-based violence and empowering youth to become agents of change in their communities.
- On Menstrual Hygiene Day, UNFPA Somalia distributed menstrual hygiene packs to 150 girls from internally displaced communities and some schools in Puntland
- UNFPA and its partners concluded training in Information and Communications Technology for 40 young people at Inji Youth Center in Kismayo



Risk communication and community engagement

- UNFPA Somalia 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 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



- Loss of livelihoods forces families to rely on increasingly severe coping mechanisms, worsened by political instability, armed conflict and forced displacement. Funding shortfalls remain a significant challenge in scaling up the response. Less than 20 percent of the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan was funded as of May 2021. Without immediate mitigative assistance, double climate crises will be a key driver of displacement, communicable diseases and protection violations in the country
- The UNFPA Somalia humanitarian preparedness and response plan in the context of drought and COVID-19 requires USD 16.4 million. UNFPA and its partners continue to advocate for sustained resources to address the needs of vulnerable women and girls, with particular focus on funding for sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services in Somalia. With the country's humanitarian crises expected to worsen in 2021, women and girls will face the direct and worst consequences



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