

# AGAINST ALL ODDS

## REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF UNFPA'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN SEVEN COUNTRIES IN THE ARAB REGION / 2022

Given the multitude of humanitarian crises impacting communities throughout the Arab region, UNFPA is consistently working to deliver quality sexual and reproductive health services and gender-based violence programming to refugees, displaced people, and host communities in need. In 2022, UNFPA conducted the sixth regional assessment of its humanitarian programmes spanning the Whole of Syria, Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, and Sudan, in order to gauge the impact its programmes have had on the well-being of women, girls, boys, and men. The assessment revealed that people served, particularly women and girls, continue to rely on UNFPA-supported facilities to access much-needed, high quality services that are delivered safely and confidentially.

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METHODOLOGY

<b>1,000+</b> RESPONDENTS	<b>300+</b> ADOLESCENT GIRLS CONSULTED	<b>177</b> KEY INFORMANTS
<b>138</b> FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS	<b>9,000+</b> CLIENT FEEDBACK FORMS	<b>75+</b> PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CONSULTED



Art by women and girls accessing Safe Spaces in humanitarian settings throughout the Arab region.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

<p><b>95%</b> of clients described health facilities as 'absolutely essential' or 'very important'</p>  <p>UNFPA-supported facilities are consistently providing high-demand and high-quality services</p>	<p><b>86%</b> of women / adolescent girls described Safe Spaces as 'absolutely essential' or 'very important'</p>  <p>UNFPA programmes continue to improve the psychological wellbeing and empowerment of people reached</p>	<p><b>99%</b> of clients reported feeling cared for / respected</p>  <p>UNFPA programmes are increasingly socially inclusive and prioritise leaving no one behind</p>
 <p>Women and girls are increasingly opting for gender transformative activities at Safe Spaces</p>	 <p>High levels of trust, confidence and respectfulness reported by people accessing UNFPA-supported facilities</p>	 <p>Findings indicate sustained progress towards UNFPA's transformative results</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS

- UNFPA is developing improved global guidance on AAP for rollout in 2023, which should be integrated into UNFPA humanitarian programming to ensure commitments to the Grand Bargain are sustained.
- UNFPA should deepen its engagement with young people to fulfil its commitments under the UNSCR 2250 agenda on youth, peace, and security, and to mitigate both gender-based violence and negative sexual and reproductive health outcomes.
- In an environment of increasing deprivation, redouble efforts to ensure that the distribution of commodities are appropriately targeting the most vulnerable.
- Dignity kits should be mainstreamed across programming wherever possible, particularly given their central role in the provision of increasingly hard-to-afford essential items and as valuable entry-points for other programming.
- Maintain and redouble focus on practical solutions – livelihoods linkages, transportation, mobile teams, cash transfers, personal resilience – that go beyond the immediate crises but mitigate future challenges.
- UNFPA should seek to anticipate and mitigate both the short-term effects of extreme climatic events and the overall long-term chronic crises underlying them.
- Leverage the findings and recommendations of the Johns Hopkins University study on the use of cash and voucher assistance, with a view to scaling-up and expanding CVA programming across all countries



THE PEOPLE AT THE SAFE SPACE HAVE BECOME MY FAMILY. I FEEL RESPECTED AND WELCOME. IT HAS BECOME A PLACE WHERE I ARRIVE FEELING IMMENSE SADNESS AND LEAVE WITH HOPEFUL JOY.

– SARA, A SYRIAN REFUGEE LIVING IN JORDAN