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# OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEEDS

UNFPA REGIONAL SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE

2021

I KNOW THE WORLD I WANT TO LIVE IN. HELP ME  
BUILD IT, AND I WILL NEVER STOP WORKING.

— RUBA, an adolescent girl from Idlib, Syria



# THE SITUATION - 2021

Protracted humanitarian needs, the COVID-19 pandemic, a worsening economic crisis, and donor fatigue converge to create unprecedented challenges for people in need throughout the region.

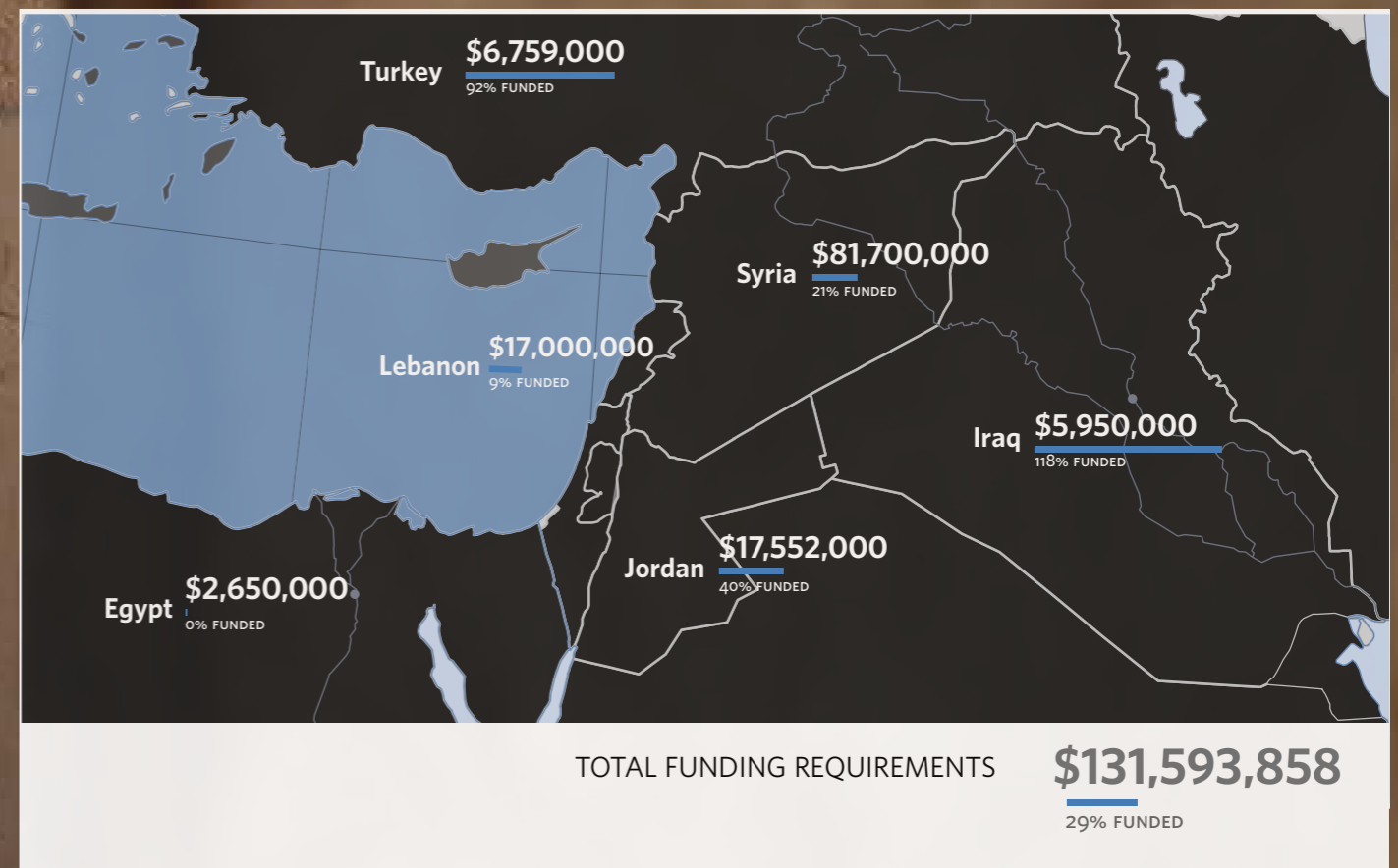
**WHILE FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY ARE NATURAL RESPONSES TO THE CORONAVIRUS, WE MUST BE GUIDED BY FACTS AND SOLID INFORMATION. WE MUST STAND TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY, FIGHT STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, AND ENSURE THAT PEOPLE GET THE INFORMATION AND SERVICES THEY NEED, ESPECIALLY PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN.**

— Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director, on COVID-19

The crisis in Syria has been globally recognized as one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time. As of late 2020, more than 11.7 million people inside Syria are in need, while close to 5.7 million have taken refuge in neighbouring countries throughout the region. They continue to suffer the effects of a decade of conflict, including disruption of community networks, safety nets, and rule of law. Even as some parts of Syria stabilise, the crisis has passed a tipping point in terms of generational change, and its effects will undoubtedly continue for many years to come. This is particularly true in the case of women and girls due to the deep-rooted complexity of the issues they continue to face on a daily basis.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 pandemic has added yet another unpredictable dimension to the crisis. In addition to significantly impeding access to life-saving sexual and reproductive health services for people in need, the restrictions on movement that have accompanied the pandemic have multiplied the pre-existing risks of gender-based violence by further confining women and girls within harmful situations while compounding the economic challenges that contribute to such violence. These restrictions also continue to place the lives of GBV survivors at risk by disrupting essential responses, counselling, and support services, further underscoring the need for more adaptable, flexible, and innovative programming to bridge these emerging gaps.

Since 2011, UNFPA has been responding to the needs of women and girls across the region. In 2020 alone, and despite the numerous restrictions that accompanied COVID-19, UNFPA provided life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services to 1.9 million people, which have been delivered through 264 health facilities, mobile clinics and outreach teams. Meanwhile, 800,000 women and girls have been reached with gender-based violence (GBV) programmes, while close to 98,000 deliveries were safe. UNFPA also continued to support the empowerment of women, girls and youth through its 116 specialized women and girls safe spaces and 22 youth centres.



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# REGIONAL SYRIA RESPONSE

Delivering life-saving sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services to communities in need inside Syria and throughout the region.

## 2021 TOTAL FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE/ HUMANITARIAN	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$41,443,791	\$5,110,722	\$46,554,513
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$44,724,207	\$7,162,627	\$51,886,834
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$21,830,000	\$750,000	\$22,580,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$7,756,348	\$2,816,163	\$10,572,511
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,754,346</b>	<b>\$15,839,512</b>	<b>\$131,593,858</b>



## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

- 116** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES
- 1,869,485** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES
- 769,742** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES
- 39,538** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES
- 695,437** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS
- 11,339** PEOPLE TRAINED ON SRH, GBV AND YOUTH

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# WHOLE OF SYRIA RESPONSE

UNFPA continues to deliver life-saving services and support to Syrians in need, including through cross-border operations from Turkey.

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

- 67** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES
- 1,674,189** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES
- 606,046** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES
- 26,742** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES
- 662,795** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS
- 341,283** REACHED WITH DIGNITY KITS

## 2021 STRATEGY

UNFPA in Syria, operating through both Syria and Turkey Cross-Border offices, will continue working to increase the availability of and access to sexual and reproductive health services throughout Syria, in addition to providing comprehensive GBV prevention and response services to people in need. Integration of reproductive health and gender-based violence services will continue to be expanded in Syria and through Turkey Cross-Border through service delivery points and mobile outreach teams, while improving the quality of gender-based violence prevention and response activities at women's and girls' safe spaces. Moreover, UNFPA will continue working towards making facilities disability-friendly.

Through its office in Damascus, UNFPA Syria will continue 2020 pilot projects on cash and voucher assistance to ensure the most vulnerable populations have access to essential goods and services. UNFPA will also pilot engaging men in accountable practices and social norms change programmes, and will build capacity of service providers to provide comprehensive mental health and psychosocial support counselling and other services.

Through its Turkey Cross-Border operations, UNFPA will continue to respond to the increasingly volatile humanitarian situation northwestern Syria, with a focus on meeting the urgent and growing needs of internally displaced persons and other people in need. The response will see a continuation and expansion of support to local women's organizations in the region, including the expansion of CVA initiatives to encompass GBV case management and the implementation of GBV structured prevention activities with women, men, boys, and girls. UNFPA will also work towards expanding specialized adolescent girls programming, with a focus on cultivating awareness, empowerment, and agency.

UNFPA will also continue to support the national response to COVID-19, focusing on ensuring continuity of services despite restrictions and mitigating the emerging needs of women, girls, and young people in light of the pandemic. As of late 2020, the steadily rising number of infections clearly shows that the epidemiological situation in Syria is rapidly evolving. Specialized programmes have been developed to guarantee women and girls access to essential SRH services to avoid preventable loss of life, in addition to addressing the escalating risks of gender-based violence as a result of movement restrictions and the escalating economic crisis in the country.

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	HUMANITARIAN	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$29,800,000	-	\$29,800,000
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$28,800,000	\$400,000	\$29,200,000
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$19,200,000	-	\$19,200,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$3,100,000	\$383,000	\$3,483,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,900,000</b>	<b>\$783,000</b>	<b>\$81,683,000</b>



COUNTRY OVERVIEW  
**EGYPT COUNTRY OFFICE**  
 UNFPA Egypt continues to provide assistance to Syrian refugees in the country, focusing on issues related to gender-based violence.

## 2021 STRATEGY

UNFPA Egypt will continue to support primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare, including reproductive health and family planning services, for Syrian refugees and the Egyptian host community through equal and non-discriminatory access. In 2021, despite continuing challenges of COVID-19 and related concerns, secondary and tertiary healthcare for Syrian refugees, particularly pregnant women with complications, will be a key priority. Additionally, efforts to reduce and mitigate the impacts of gender-based violence will be made by strengthening access to legal, medical, psychosocial, and emergency shelter services. UNFPA Egypt will continue to strengthen community-based protection and community-led activities to address GBV, along with developing governmental capacities to respond and provide refugee-friendly services.

In terms of its response to COVID-19, UNFPA Egypt has adapted and adjusted programmes to ensure that the emerging essential needs are met, including the provision of dignity and hygiene kits for Syrian communities in Egypt. In addition, the safe spaces are adapting their community-based approach to be implemented remotely through online and social media tools. The programme includes new interventions such as COVID-19 awareness raising through short videos over social media. In addition, hygiene and dignity kits are provided to Syrian refugees living in COVID-19 hot spot areas.

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$496,000	\$124,000	\$620,000
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$1,180,000	\$300,000	\$1,480,000
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$80,000	-	\$80,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$376,000	\$94,000	\$470,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,132,000</b>	<b>\$518,000</b>	<b>\$2,650,000</b>

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

**11** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES  
**2,375** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES

**11,014** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES  
**300** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES

**251** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS  
**2,990** REACHED WITH GBV AWARENESS



COUNTRY OVERVIEW  
**IRAQ COUNTRY OFFICE**  
 UNFPA Iraq continues to provide essential support to more than 245,000 Syrians currently taking refuge in various locations around the country.

## 2021 STRATEGY

UNFPA Iraq provides comprehensive reproductive health services for refugees, displaced populations, and host communities. In 2021, UNFPA will continue to work with government counterparts and local actors to build their capacities and ensure continuity of services, including through the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA Iraq will continue providing gender-based violence services while working with the government to improve and implement national GBV policies while developing responses to emerging and growing GBV and child marriage concerns throughout the country.

To adapt to COVID-19, UNFPA is working with the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government to ensure that essential services are still being provided, in addition to working consistently to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on SRH supplies including modern contraceptives, maternal health medicines, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$1,800,000
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$350,000	-	\$350,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$300,000	-	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,150,000</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$5,950,000</b>

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

**4** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES  
**40,665** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES

**4,129** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES  
**5,177** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES

**4,260** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS  
**8,248** REACHED WITH GBV CASE MANAGEMENT



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# JORDAN COUNTRY OFFICE

With 1.3 million Syrians nationwide, UNFPA Jordan continues to provide essential services to refugee and host communities nationwide.

## 2021 STRATEGY

UNFPA Jordan will expand, strengthen, and integrate gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services through multiple means in 2021, having adapted several service delivery methods to remote modalities during the pandemic and by embedding case management teams with health outreach teams. UNFPA Jordan will also pilot the Adolescent Girls Against All Odds approach for pregnant adolescent girls and adolescent mothers, as well as expanding a pilot cash assistance programme for GBV survivors. Through its youth programming, UNFPA Jordan will continue developing sexual and reproductive health and rights and comprehensive sexuality education along with youth, government partners, and other key stakeholders. UNFPA Jordan will build on efforts along the humanitarian-development nexus throughout its programming while supporting women, youth, peace, and security activities.

In terms of adapting to COVID-19, UNFPA Jordan identified key disruption risks and scenarios to provide a framework on determining essential life-saving activities and functions to continue operating despite the pandemic, and restrictions on movement. Programmes and work plans for 2021 have also been comprehensively designed to adjust to the new challenges posed by the pandemic and ensure continuity of operations across SRH, GBV and youth responses.

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$5,567,500	\$982,500	\$6,550,000
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$3,524,640	\$3,233,360	\$6,758,000
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$400,000	\$-	\$400,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$2,405,540	\$1,438,460	\$3,844,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,897,680</b>	<b>\$5,654,320</b>	<b>\$17,552,000</b>

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

**19** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES  
**85,028** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES

**32,639** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES  
**5,593** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES

**26,578** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS  
**3,187** REACHED WITH GBV AWARENESS



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# LEBANON COUNTRY OFFICE

Despite the ongoing instabilities in Lebanon, UNFPA will continue to provide life-saving services to people in need.

## 2021 STRATEGY

Following a challenging year, UNFPA Lebanon will scale up and enhance health services, particularly sexual and reproductive health, through support to health centres and clinics, integrated services at women's and girls' safe spaces, and outreach. UNFPA Lebanon will enhance social inclusion of marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities and the LGBTQI+ community, at all service points. UNFPA will continue to strengthen and integrate gender-based violence services, and will increase programming targeting adolescent girls including through piloting the Adolescent Girls Against All Odds approach. UNFPA will also pilot cash assistance for gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health programming to address the needs of the most vulnerable populations, which is especially important given the dire economic situation and increased needs in the country.

Meanwhile, UNFPA Lebanon has designed flexible, adaptable programmes to meet the challenges of COVID-19. Within the GBV programme, activities largely transitioned to new modalities to continue ensuring the provision of priority GBV services in times of limited access while avoiding mass gatherings. UNFPA is also adapting its SRH services to ensure the continuation of essential and life-saving support to people in need. COVID-19 adapted dignity kits are also being procured to meet the evolving needs of the situation.

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$4,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$6,500,000
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$5,400,000	\$1,600,000	\$7,000,000
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$1,750,000	\$750,000	\$2,500,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,650,000</b>	<b>\$5,350,000</b>	<b>\$17,000,000</b>

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

**10** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES  
**42,677** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES

**20,341** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES  
**637** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES

**377** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS  
**5,953** PEOPLE TRAINED ON SRH, GBV AND YOUTH



# REDUCING FINANCIAL STRESS

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) — an innovation in integrated, resilience-oriented SRH and GBV programming in emergencies.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, UNFPA partnered with the World Food Programme (WFP) in Syria to provide top-ups to WFP's electronic vouchers for food, to allow 3,000 pregnant and lactating women to purchase hygiene items based on their needs and feedback. UNFPA and WFP began scaling up this joint initiative by USD 3.37 million in September 2020 to reach 70,000 women with recurrent vouchers. This initiative is one of the key pillars of integrated, resilience-based GBV and SRH in emergencies programming in order to meet the changing and individual needs of women and girls, and is one of the largest CVA initiatives being implemented by UNFPA globally.

**CVA is a programming modality or tool that can contribute to access to SRH and GBV services in emergencies by addressing financial barriers, including for those persons at heightened risk of exclusion linked to their age, disability, HIV status, diverse gender, or sexual orientation.**

Beginning in 2020, UNFPA has also begun coordinating with its Humanitarian Office's (HO) Cash Advisor to pilot cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in several countries of the regional Syrian response, including Syria, Turkey Cross-Border, Jordan, and Lebanon. This includes urgent cash for survivors, vouchers to increase access to services such as antenatal care and deliveries, and vouchers for women and key populations to meet their essential needs in the wake of income loss and increased gender-based violence. Each intervention is tailored to the specific needs of the vulnerable communities being targeted, and UNFPA is coordinating with partners to evaluate the impact of CVA on GBV mitigation and response. The lessons learned from this and other monitoring and evaluation efforts will inform how the programmes will be adapted throughout the proposed programme and future interventions.

There is robust evidence that vouchers increase service utilization for earlier and more frequent antenatal care as well as skilled birth attendance, and field research showing the potential for CVA to contribute to reduced financial stress, and as a result, to decreased household tension and intimate partner violence. In 2021, UNFPA will continue to scale up its CVA across regions and countries and build its guidance and policy, evidence base, and risk mitigation strategies in this area in line with its corporate CVA position paper, "UNFPA's Commitments to Scaling Up Cash and Voucher Assistance."

UNFPA will continue to leverage its strong local partnerships, working closely with government, social services and health workers, local NGOs, and UN sister agencies to deliver cash and voucher assistance that contributes to GBV prevention and response and access to SRH services for diverse women and youth.

**THERE IS ROBUST EVIDENCE THAT VOUCHERS INCREASE SERVICE UTILIZATION FOR EARLIER AND MORE FREQUENT ANTENATAL CARE AS WELL AS SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANCE, AND FIELD RESEARCH SHOWING THE POTENTIAL FOR CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCED FINANCIAL STRESS, AND AS A RESULT, TO DECREASED HOUSEHOLD TENSION AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.**



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# TURKEY COUNTRY OFFICE

With the largest number of refugees worldwide, turkey continues to provide much needed assistance to displaced syrians throughout the country.

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

- 6** WOMEN AND GIRLS' SAFE SPACES
- 66,037** PEOPLE REACHED WITH SRH SERVICES
- 110,909** PEOPLE REACHED WITH GBV SERVICES
- 7,900** PEOPLE REACHED WITH YOUTH SERVICES
- 1,376** FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS
- 27,950** REACHED WITH DIGNITY KITS



## 2021 STRATEGY

UNFPA in Turkey will focus on ensuring continued access to sexual and reproductive health services through existing service delivery channels, in addition to investing in building the capacity of service providers and delivering essential supplies. Through its various specialized units, UNFPA will also continue to make gender-based violence programmes available to women, girls, youth, and to the most vulnerable refugee groups, including LGBTQI individuals, sex workers, refugees living with HIV, refugees with disabilities, and men and boys who are either survivors or at risk of sexual violence.

To adapt to the needs emerging due to COVID-19, UNFPA Turkey's service providers prioritised awareness raising activities on COVID-19 among beneficiaries through regular information sharing, primarily via phone. UNFPA has also started conducting bi-weekly online supervision and coordination meetings for personnel of the six WGSSs as well as IP managers to enable experience and information sharing between all partners and strengthen their capacities for better service provision.

### Project Highlight

UNFPA has been supporting four Youth Centres in Turkey which provide essential and lifesaving health and protection services to young refugee women and men. Especially with the COVID-19 pandemic, where resources are diverted to the overall health crisis, vulnerable refugees are at risk of being left behind since there are not specialized resource allocations to ensure continuation of such services and activities for young refugees within the mainstream humanitarian response. If these centres are not funded in 2021, it is estimated that almost 4,500 young refugees, most of whom are neither in education nor in employment, will have less access to protection and GBV services while 6,000 young refugees will have less access to health, specifically SRH, services. For this purpose, there will be a need to allocate around USD 500,000 in order to ensure the continuation of the four Youth Centers for one year.

## 2021 FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
<b>SRH</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$580,291	\$704,222	\$1,284,513
<b>GBV</b> SERVICES, INFORMATION, AND COORDINATION	\$3,319,567	\$629,267	\$3,948,834
<b>SUPPLIES / COMMODITIES</b>	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
<b>OTHER</b>	\$1,074,808	\$400,703	\$1,475,511
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,024,666</b>	<b>\$1,734,192</b>	<b>\$6,758,858</b>



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