

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

# RESTORING BALANCE

REGIONAL IMPACT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SYRIA CRISIS / 2020

## SCOPE OF THE ASSESSMENT

2,000+

RESPONDENTS REGIONALLY

100+

ADOLESCENT GIRLS

125

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

51

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

2000+

TOTAL CLIENT FEEDBACKS

100+

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INTERVIEWED

Since the onset of the Syria crisis, UNFPA has been providing sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services to Syrian refugees, displaced people, and host communities. UNFPA has conducted its fourth regional assessment spanning Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Turkey to gauge the impact its programmes have had on the wellbeing of women, girls, boys and men. The assessment also incorporated COVID-19 and its far-reaching ramifications throughout the process.

UNFPA is grateful to all donors and implementing partners whose support has enabled the delivery of a wide array of programmes geared toward women and girls region-wide. UNFPA's programmes are currently supported by Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, The European Commission, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

87%

Of respondents described facilities as very important.



Overall, participants are very satisfied with UNFPA-supported services.

99.5%

Of clients reported feeling honoured/respected.



Participants consistently underscore the uniqueness of services at safe spaces.



Clients of health facilities report that quality of services surpasses alternatives.



Respondents continue to regard women and girls safe spaces as lifelines.



Findings show better community engagement in programme design.



Clients of safe spaces exhibit a significantly better understanding of GBV issues.

“ I love coming here. When I first came to this country, I did not have any friends or family to support me. The people in this place became my family, and they’ve saved my life many times.

— Nerges, a Syrian refugee living in the Domiz 1 Camp, Iraq

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## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Instituting an ongoing practice of collating and sharing COVID-19 solutions and positive outcomes, in addition to supporting the testing and replication of other successful interventions in different settings.

## ENGAGEMENT WITH MEN & BOYS

Finding innovative ways to introduce male engagement and activities through GBV programming, with the clear understanding that women and girls' safe spaces are exclusively for women and girls.

## TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES

Planning for the expansion of gender-transformative interventions, including income-generating initiatives in women and girls' safe spaces.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

