Launch of the UNFPA Humanitarian Action 2022 Overview

Rights, Safety and Dignity for Women, Girls and Young People In Humanitarian Crises Worldwide

Monday, 13 December 2021 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. EST

Virtual event

CONCEPT NOTE

Women do not stop giving birth, and risks of gender-based violence increase during conflicts and disasters. Climate change and COVID-19 have made matters worse with rising gender-based violence, disruptions in access to sexual and reproductive health services, and increased mental health needs. In response to these crises, UNFPA’s lifesaving work is more important than ever.

On 13 December, UNFPA will launch its Humanitarian Action 2022 Overview at a virtual event to raise awareness and support to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights, prevention and response to gender-based violence, and mental health and psychosocial support. It is time to prioritise the needs and rights of women and girls in humanitarian crises!

In 2022, we are appealing for more than $800 million to reach millions of women, girls and young people in 61 crisis-affected countries.

In 2021, we registered significant achievements together with our partners, innovating during COVID-19 to ensure continuity of services. At this launch of our global humanitarian appeal, we will share our results and plans for 2022 in line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-25.

We continue to build on the work in countries, the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit, the Oslo Conference on Ending SGBV in Humanitarian Crises, the High-level Conference in Amsterdam on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Crises, the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) and other events that mobilized stakeholders for humanitarian action and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Opening Speaker: Dr. Natalia Kanem, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNFPA

Panel Invitations: United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield; European Commissioner for Crisis Management, Mr. Mr. Janez Lenarčič; UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador Ashley Judd; Chair, UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, Ms. Nisreen Elsaim (Sudan); UNFPA Representative in Afghanistan, Mr. Aleksander Bodiroža; GBV coordinator in Haiti, Ms. Sindie Frederic; Head of UNFPA’s Regional Syria Response Hub, Ms. Jennifer Miguel; and representative from Yemen, Nestor Owomuhangi. Films will be shown to highlight UNFPA’s work on ground.