

OVERVIEW

Gender Based Violence (GBV) is more prevalent in humanitarian crises where vulnerabilities and risks are heightened and the family, community and social protection networks are fractured, weakened or overstretched. While sexual violence is a major concern during conflict, as it is sometimes used as a weapon of war, other forms of gender-based violence also increase during crisis and displacement - for instance sexual exploitation is common along migration routes. Vulnerabilities during movement, the lack of secure living conditions and the lack of stable community structures can also elevate the risk of GBV.

IOM's efforts to combat GBV include both GBV specialized response and GBV risk mitigation measures, such as: training of all staff involved in the humanitarian response on safe and ethical referrals of survivors and on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA); specialized services, including provision of case management and psychosocial support aimed to contribute to the survivors' safety, healing, recovery and psychosocial well-being and resilience; establishment and management of women and girls friendly spaces, training and referrals to other specialized actors such as health and legal practitioners; capacity building of other service providers on survivor-centred approach and meeting the individual needs of GBV survivors; and engagement with communities on services available for GBV survivors.



1. DIRECT ASSISTANCE

To ensure needs are addressed and people have access to timely and quality care, IOM offers comprehensive direct assistance packages to survivors of GBV, in collaboration with our partners. During the reporting period, the following assistance was provided by IOM Country Offices:

IOM Moldova: in coordination with the implementing partner Artemida, IOM offers GBV survivors information on the existing support services, as well as referral to the relevant state and non-state services in the Northern regions including Drochia, Riscani and Donduseni districts. Additionally, IOM supports the women and girls' safe spaces managed by local NGOs. Since the beginning of September, IOM Moldova offers support to the local organization, Pas cu Pas, in Cahul, that provides GBV outreach services with a focus on domestic violence survivors.

IOM Ukraine: IOM's Medical Rehabilitation Centre for trafficking survivors, based in Kyiv, has broadened its support to include survivors of GBV. Tailored medical and psychological assistance is provided by psychologists, psychotherapists, gynaecologists. In-kind and cash assistance to survivors can be provided for up to 14 people at a time.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: INFORMATION MATERIALS

Information on how to support survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) is compiled in this IOM Flyer:

- IOM GBV Flyer in English
- IOM GBV Flyer in German
- IOM GBV Flyer in Ukrainian
- IOM GBV Flyer in Russian

To read more please see the GBV Pocket Guide by the UN High Agency Standing Committee (HASC):

- GBV Pocket Guide in English
- GBV Pocket Guide in Ukrainian

IOM's videos on sexual and gender-based violence "No one has the right to hurt you" are available in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

IOM GBV FLYER



01.10. - 31.10. 2022 How to care for survivors of GBV (English) 01.10. 2022 How to care for survivors of GBV (German) 01.10. 2022 How to care for survivors of GBV (Ukrainian) 01.10. 2022 How to care for survivors of GBV (Russian)

What is gender-based violence (GBV)?

GBV is an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person's will and that is based on a person's socially ascribed gender.

GBV includes acts that inflict physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion, and other deprivations of liberty. These acts can occur in public or private.

Indicators and signs of possible GBV

Level of self-image	Somatic level	Social level
Feeling shamed Feeling worthless Feeling guilty Feeling contaminated	Chills Headache, stomach ache Constipation, hemorrhoids Painful urination Sexually transmitted infection (STI)	An unexplained loss of interest in hobbies or activity Avoiding contact with their social circle An unexplained change in behavior such as becoming more introverted

Key Messages

Use a survivor-centered approach by practicing:

- RESPECT**
All actions you take are guided by respect for the survivor's choices, wishes, rights and dignity.
- SAFETY**
The safety of the survivor is the number one priority.
- CONFIDENTIALITY**
People have the right to choose to whom they will or will not tell their story. Maintaining confidentiality means not sharing any information with anyone.
- NON-DISCRIMINATION**
Providing equal and fair treatment to anyone in need of support.
- HEALTH SERVICES**
If health services exist, always provide information on what is available. Share what you know, and most importantly explain what you do not. Let the survivor decide if they want to access them. Receiving quality medical care within 72 hours can prevent transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and within 120 hours can prevent unwanted pregnancy. Provide the opportunity for people with disabilities to communicate to you without the presence of their caregiver, if wished and does not endanger or create tension in that relationship.

IOM Germany's [landing page](#) for information about GBV and the downloadable GBV flyer available in four languages



2. THEMATIC GUIDANCE

IOM Moldova: IOM participated in the workshop on GBV risk mitigation in Cash Based Assistance (CBI) programming and in the case management workshop led by the National GBV Sub-Working Group. Recommendations and feedback were provided by IOM on actions to be taken as well as challenges and issues faced on the ground.

IOM Ukraine: IOM provided inputs and comments to the first draft Implementation Plan of the Framework of Cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations on the Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV), especially on how to provide comprehensive assistance to CRSV survivors.



3. CONVENING & DIALOGUE

IOM works in partnership with governments, the United Nations system, international and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and development partners to ensure that its interventions are complementary, and support the work of the GBV sector as a whole. As part of this approach, the following initiatives took place during the reporting period:

IOM Moldova: IOM organized a round table discussion in Tiraspol, within the Transnistria region, on preventing violence against women and children in the humanitarian crisis context.

IOM Ukraine: IOM started co-chairing the Outreach Working Group of the GBV Sub-Cluster in Ukraine. IOM Ukraine has also actively participated in biweekly meetings of the GBV Sub-Cluster.



4. ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATIONS

Awareness-raising and advocacy are critical to amplify programming impacts and support national efforts to develop survivor-centered approach and GBV risk mitigation measures. As part of this approach, the following initiatives were implemented by IOM during the reporting period:

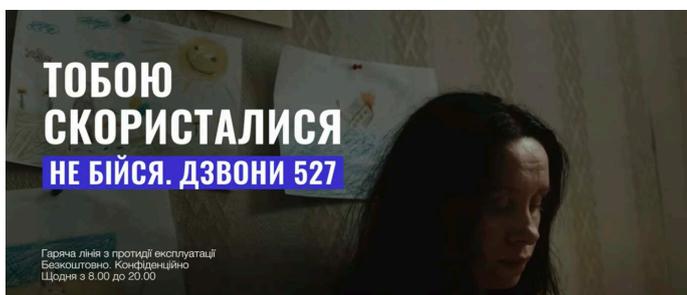
IOM Moldova: IOM, in coordination with UNFPA, distributed a GBV pocket guide in Russian and Romanian to seven frontline implementing partners including those in the Transnistria region.

IOM Ukraine: IOM launched on 2 September the nation-wide information campaign "They used you", which is aimed at telling stories of survivors of human trafficking, exploitation and GBV. The campaign is

helping to raise people's awareness about available support and encouraging them to seek assistance through 527 hotline.

As part of the campaign, IOM developed two 30-second video on sexual exploitation and survival sex, as well as the set of related visual materials. All these materials are being widely promoted in social networks, YouTube and on most popular TV channels, including special live studios with IOM experts in "Snidanok with 1+1" morning show.

The infocampaign is also accompanied by billboards and citylights featuring the main infocampaign visuals. Posters have also been displayed and other transports, and contextual ads posted on Internet.



IOM Ukraine produced a video about survival sex. Watch it [here](#).

IOM Germany: IOM Germany conducted a social media campaign on prevention of GBV. The campaign featured social media adverts showing how to spot the signs of GBV and provide care for survivors. It was targeted at volunteers in Germany who are supporting Ukrainians and third country nationals who fled the war. The campaign consisted of three image adverts in English, German, Russian, and Ukrainian and resulted in 797 link clicks, a reach of 28,015 users, and 53,953 impressions. Beyond Facebook and Instagram, the materials were also shared with civil society organizations, volunteers and diaspora organizations and Ukrainians and third country nationals, directly through Telegram chats, as well as with German government entities working on the Ukraine response. IOM Germany also shares the material on its [website](#).



5. TRAINING & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

IOM aims to support governments, civil society organizations, international organizations, and the private sector to address GBV. This includes support to strengthen policies and procedures to facilitate the safe and ethical referral, and protection and assistance of GBV survivors. To this end, IOM supported the following initiatives during the reporting period:

IOM Poland: IOM staff benefited from a capacity-building session on GBV led by IOM Headquarters, on 1 September. Over 70 people joined the online training, including IOM staff from other neighbouring countries.

IOM Moldova: IOM personnel participated in a training of trainers on the GBV Pocket Guide organized by the GBV Sub-Working Group and conducted by UNFPA. IOM Moldova plans to organize a cascade training on this topic, targeting IOM Moldova's implementing partners in the upcoming months.

IOM Belarus: IOM conducted a PSEA webinar focusing on the Ukraine crisis response led by

the IOM PSEAH Unit at Headquarters. The training was attended by a total of 74 IOM Belarus staff members and implementing partners representing civil society organizations. The training was delivered via Zoom with simultaneous translation into Russian, and contributed to raise participants' PSEA awareness in the current humanitarian context.

IOM Ukraine: IOM, through its implementing partner Terre des Hommes Hungary, organized training and capacity building activities in August and September for a shelter staff in the border region on the topics of gender roles and GBV, as well as for families accommodated in the shelter.