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Regional Highlights

- All countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, except Turkmenistan, have officially reported COVID-19 cases. Armenia, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia are the most affected relative to their population size. Ukraine became officially the most affected country in absolute numbers (making up 26.3 percent of reported cases in Eastern Europe and Central Asia) and ranks eleventh among UNFPA programme countries, globally.
- UNFPA together with Women Enabled and Special Olympics Eurasia conducted regional consultations on disability and COVID-19 together. These consultations focused on the lived experiences of women, girls, Gender Non-Conforming (GNC), and youth with disabilities from the region during the COVID-19 crisis, in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).
- Prioritising the continuity of SRH services, including the protection of health workforce, UNFPA continues to conduct region-wide interventions with a focus on knowledge management, direct technical support and south-south cooperation between countries of the EECA region.
- UNFPA together with WHO, UNECE, OHCHR and HelpAge International launched a new [Joint Programme](#) to support countries in strengthening the rights and dignity of older men and women during the pandemic and beyond through improving health and social care provision and enabling environments across the region.
- In collaboration with the community-led organisation “Red Umbrella” in Turkey, a guidance document was developed for sex workers on how they can protect themselves from COVID-19 in their daily life and work and minimise risks and harms they may face during the pandemic.

Situation in Numbers

 **1,821,407** Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

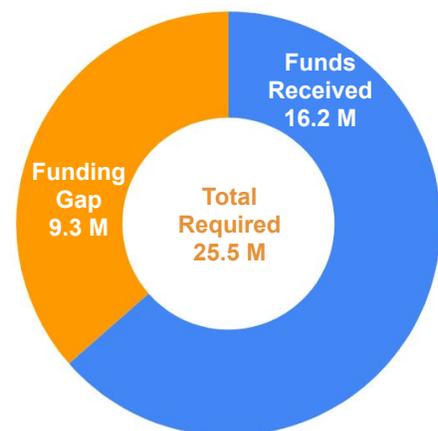
 **34,691** COVID-19 Deaths

Source: WHO, 10 November 2020

Key Population Groups

-  **3 M** Pregnant Women
-  **63 M** Women of Reproductive Age
-  **53 M** Young People (age 10-24)
-  **26 M** Older Persons (age 65+)

Funding Status for Region (US\$)



Coordination and partnerships

UNFPA country offices continue to liaise with governments, national stakeholders and the UN team to provide advice and to highlight reproductive health or social protection needs of vulnerable groups to make sure these are addressed in the COVID-19 response.

Country examples:

- **Albania:** UNFPA is an active member of the UN Crisis Management Team established to provide guidance and support in the context of COVID-19. UNFPA is also represented in the UN Albania COVID-19 Medical Evacuation mechanism.
- **Armenia:** UNFPA is part of the UN Supply Chain Coordination Group that allows for provision of UN support to the government per government request to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA is also part of the newly established UN Crisis Communication Group on COVID-19.
- **Azerbaijan:** UNFPA is an active member of the UN-Government COVID-19 Coordination Group. At the same time, the UNFPA Head of Office also performs the duties of the UN COVID-19 Country Coordinator.
- **Belarus:** UNFPA together with OHCHR co-chairs the UN Task force on Human Rights and Vulnerable groups in the context of COVID-19, and in the capacity of co-chair coordinates joint UN Task Force efforts to address the COVID-19 related needs of the most vulnerable populations.
- **Georgia:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between UNFPA and the Agency for State Care and Assistance for the (Statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking to promote and protect the rights of older persons and establish gender-responsive services regarding SRHR and gender-based violence (GBV), including in the context of COVID-19.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** UNFPA continues to coordinate the GBV sub-sector and to actively provide technical support to government and development partners. UNFPA also plays a key role in coordinating the Maternal and Child Health group under the Ministry of Health, with group members participating in different advocacy and knowledge sharing platforms.
- **Serbia:** UNFPA is an active member of the UN Country Team (UNCT) COVID-19 Coordination Group and the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 Task Force.
- **Tajikistan:** UNFPA continues to be the coordinating agency for MEDEVAC and UN Medical Doctors' group in Tajikistan. In addition, UNFPA is an active member of the UNCT COVID-19 Coordination Team as well as Donor Coordination Councils on Health and Education.
- **Turkey:** UNFPA is an active member of the UN Turkey COVID-19 Emergency Response and Preparedness (ERP) Working Group and the Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19 Task Force, as well as the COVID-19 communication task force.
- **Turkmenistan:** UNFPA leads the pillar on vulnerable groups and human rights within the National Plan on Reducing the Socio-Economic Impact of Acute Infectious Disease.

Continuity of SRH Services and interventions, including protection of health workforce

UNFPA conducted a series of region-wide interventions with a focus on knowledge management, direct technical support and south-south cooperation between EECA countries. Thematic conferences tailored to country needs have been organised, resulting in detailed action points and country solutions.

- The Rapid Assessment of COVID-19 Impact on Maternal Mortality was initiated in EECA with the regional web conference on 6 October.
- UNFPA/EBCOG webconference “Integrating SRH training in pre- and post-diploma curriculum - Experiences from the European Region” was organised on 21 October with primary objective to introduce the opportunities for strengthening national capacities in the context of COVID and beyond.
- Under the umbrella of the SRH Regional Joint Programme between WHO/Europe and UNFPA EECA Regional Office, a consultation with the participation of the MoH and national counterparts in Central Asia was organised to discuss the outcomes of the assessments of SRH in the context of Universal Health Care and to elaborate the actions to maintain access to SRH interventions in the context of COVID-19 and beyond.
- A web conference on the Roadmap to a new EECA Family Planning (FP) Strategy 2022-2030 was organised on 30 October, with the participation of the East Europe Institute for Reproductive Health (EEIRH) and UNFPA Country Offices with the objective to strategise joint actions aimed at zero unmet FP needs in EECA.

Country examples:

- **Albania:** Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) and coordination of Health Care Operator, 6 training sessions were organised to strengthen the national preparedness and response mechanism for the provision of SRH services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. 119 participants from 6 regions of the country followed the training sessions (55 medical doctors, 59 nurses and 5 representatives from health care local units). Guidelines for provision of SRHR services in the times of COVID-19 as part of the Primary Health Care Package were drafted and officially endorsed by the MoHSP on 27 October 2020.
- **Armenia:** Per request from the Ministry of Health of Armenia, UNFPA provided additional PPE (200,000 gloves, 45,000 masks) procured with funds from Germany.
- **Azerbaijan:** UNFPA supported the MoH with the development of a mobile app containing information on COVID-19 and referral information on health facilities provided services. UNFPA also contributed to the preparation of a monitoring digital platform allowing COVID-related monitoring data collected from perinatal centers, women consultations, maternity hospital and gynecological departments. Additionally, a COVID-19 Epidemiologic Evaluation Handbook was developed by the MoH with UNFPA's active involvement.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** In the partnership with Medical Health Center, UNFPA continued with organising and conducting awareness raising sessions on health with focus on SRH in the context of COVID-19 through Boys and Young Men Centers in Refugee Camps in BiH. In October, 33 awareness raising sessions were held.
- **Belarus.** UNFPA printed and delivered 17,000 booklets to facilities for pregnant women for the health promotion, engagement in ANC and health advice with COVID19 prevention information. The booklet improve ANC and satisfy womens need in information without unnecessary contacts with the provider.
- **Kazakhstan:** A [policy paper](#) on youth-friendly health centres (YHC) was disseminated to YHCs and several journalists contacted. UNFPA organised media campaigns and visits to these centers to further attract young people also during the COVID-19 pandemic as they offer several reproductive health and counseling services as well as psycho-social and legal support. Two 3-day webinars in Kazakh and Russian were conducted online for 60 youth health service providers from 17 regional centres to further strengthen the capacities of these YHCs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Kosovo*:** UNFPA responded to the urgent needs for masks of the Roma community located in the Roma mahalla in Mitrovica South with a donation of 5,000 disposable masks that were distributed mainly to women and school children. In partnership with Coalition K10 and Jeta Vita, UNFPA developed and aired a [video](#) aimed at raising awareness about breast cancer screening, as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness month. Particular emphasis was given to ensure that all essential SRH health services are available during the pandemic.

* All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Country examples (continued)

- **Kyrgyzstan:** UNFPA supported the Ministry of Health to develop interim recommendations and algorithm in Russian and Kyrgyz to aid practitioners in the management of pregnant women with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Informational materials related to Covid-19 and danger signs during pregnancy and post-partum, family planning and the main elements of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for SRH in humanitarian and fragile settings were developed and disseminated. UNFPA also organised jointly with the MoH and a local NGO four 1-day trainings for 60 volunteers (representatives of youth, religious leaders and village health committees) in Chui and Naryn districts on SRH in relation to COVID-19 to raise awareness at community level on danger signs, family planning and access to SRH services during the pandemic.
- **Moldova:** UNFPA provided PPEs for the network of 41 Youth Friendly Health Centers from all over the country to ensure the continuity of health services for adolescents and youth, including sexual and reproductive health services, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The assistance includes 26,000 pairs of gloves, 1,300 protective screens, 5,500 gowns, 150,583 masks and 23,500 caps. This was the largest batch of protective equipment offered to date to the “Youth Clinic” Network.
- **North Macedonia:** In partnership with WHO and UNICEF, the process of implementation of the Master Plan for Maternal and Neonatal Health was initiated with the written endorsement by the Ministry of Health. Two pilot facilities were identified.
- **Tajikistan:** UNFPA continues implementing UN-MPTF funded project on the Strengthening of National Capacity to Respond to the Covid-19 pandemics with rendering alternative SRH and psychosocial support services during the pandemics. Over 60,000 leaflets with information on how to access alternative services during Covid-19 were printed out to be distributed through RH facilities. In addition, over 1,000 hygiene kits were distributed to People living With Disabilities (PWDs) with specific mobility issues. Five medical rooms are fully equipped and initiated providing services adapted to PWDs.
- **Turkey:** UNFPA continued to support the MoH in COVID-19 prevention and response in order to maintain the continuation of essential SRH services, via provision of mobile health teams, hygiene kits, PPE, information, education and communication (IEC) materials, with a focus on the most vulnerable groups, including seasonal migrant workers, pregnant/lactating women, people at risk of/living with HIV, elderly and people with disabilities.
- **Turkmenistan:** UNFPA procured and distributed 300 disinfectant sprayers and 100 bags for transportation of infectious bio samples
- **Ukraine:** In October, UNFPA mobile clinics provided medical and psychosocial assistance to almost 2,000 people living in settlements along the contact line and remote areas in the east of Ukraine. In 82% of cases, it enabled the first-ever diagnosis of diseases, 18% of which required immediate medical treatment, including surgery.
- **Uzbekistan:** On 5 October, UNFPA Uzbekistan initiated a course of online trainings on ‘clinical audit of near miss case review’ for 50 employees of perinatal and maternal facilities in the Republic of Karakalpakstan under the joint UNFPA-UNICEF MPTF project with the aim to reduce the preventable maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality, especially under complications linked to COVID-19.

Addressing GBV

UNFPA is addressing GBV in the region:

- UNFPA country offices are undertaking community engagement activities through religious entities, capacity development interventions to frontline service providers and psychosocial support services to survivors of violence including older persons and persons with disabilities.
- UNFPA also facilitates regional exchange of experiences and knowledge management between countries in the region.

Country examples:

- **Armenia:** Started work on enhancing “SafeU” application aimed at protecting women from violence.
- **Azerbaijan:** UNFPA, Ministry of Communication and State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs signed a tripartite contract to launch the first-ever official GBV hotline in Azerbaijan, in response to findings of the Rapid Gender Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on men and women.
- **Belarus:** Continued provision of online sessions for social care providers, CSOs on counseling and assistance to persons facing domestic violence with focus on older persons and persons with disabilities during COVID-19. Developed package of tools and materials for service providers on risk assessment and prevention of GBV among persons with disabilities.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Continued to provide psychological support and case management to GBV survivors through Women and Girls Centers, as well as distributing dignity kits. In October, 70 GBV cases were followed up and 75 dignity kits were distributed.
- **Kazakhstan:** [A premarital course for couples wanting to marry in mosques](#) was developed to help build relationships based on mutual respect and support, raise children with dignity, invest in family planning and maternal health. This is expected to help prevent GBV, in light of pandemic-related increase in cases.
- **Kosovo*:** In cooperation with the Orthodox Church, inaugurated a mural in the center of Mitrovica North to help fight against GBV in context of rising cases due to the pandemic.
- **North Macedonia:** As part of UK-funded project on safe services for GBV survivors in times of COVID-19, consultations were held with relevant national and local authorities, psychotherapists and other stakeholders to identify the bottlenecks and improve responses, including through protocols for safe operation of GBV shelters.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Worked with the Ministry of Labor and Social Development to adapt referral pathways to COVID-19 response with an increased use of hotlines. With support from partners, the existing hotline will be upgraded.
- **Serbia:** With DRC, continued to provide hygiene items and individual counselling on GBV and awareness rising on COVID 19 (leaflets on COVID-19 preventive measures provided in English, Arabic and Persian language) among women and girls from migrant populations in 6 accommodation centres.
- **Tajikistan:** Supported expansion of additional 13 victim support rooms through the Spotlight Initiative in different districts of the country to assist women and girls subjected to violence with medical and psychosocial support services during the pandemic.
- **Turkey:** GBV case management services adjusted to COVID-19 continued to be provided to refugee women, men and key groups through women and girls’ safe spaces, key refugee group units and social service centres.
- **Turkmenistan:** The 2nd National Action Plan on Gender Equality which includes GBV and its linkages with emergencies is being developed with support from UNFPA.
- **Ukraine:** Mobile clinics provided psychosocial assistance to almost 2,000 people living in settlements along the contact line. This outreach support is critical for vulnerable population that is particularly at risk during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Uzbekistan:** As part of the UK-funded Central Asia Regional programme, completed the online pilot training on the SOPs on Multi-sectoral response to Gender-Based Violence in Samarkand region, for health care workers, law enforcement agencies, social services, Rehabilitation and Adaptation Centers, and NGO Crisis Centers.

Implementation of the UN socioeconomic framework of COVID-19

The analysis of responses to youth assessments conducted in spring is ongoing, with a focus on the needs, participation, and mental well-being of young people, and will feed into a regional summary paper.

Country examples:

- **Azerbaijan:** Completed Rapid Gender Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on men and women conducted in cooperation with the Social Research Centre, a local research institution. The launch of the report was postponed due to the ongoing military conflict.
- **Belarus:** Finalised youth needs assessment. Survey results are representative covering 1,000 respondents and prepared for the dissemination and advocacy efforts.
- **Kazakhstan:** The UNCT has started updating the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) (Phase II). It will include relevant findings from a recent UNFPA survey on older persons and COVID-19 as well as elements of two related desk reviews being finalized.
- **Moldova:** Produced and launched two analysis on the impact of COVID-19 on young people, focusing on youth participation and mental well-being. A socio-economic impact assessment on COVID, developed with UNDP, was consulted with relevant authorities. An assessment of COVID-19 through the National Transfer Accounts was presented to development partners
- **Serbia:** Rapid Gender Assessment of COVID19 conducted jointly with UN Women was launched through a series of public statements. Socio-economic impact assessment of COVID-19 pandemic on older persons was presented to the UNCT and selected representative of the IBC on Health, as part of a discussion on health and rights of older persons in the context of the Regional JPA framework. Both reports are reflected in the SEIA for Serbia.
- **Turkey:** UNFPA is part of the health, protection and refugee sections of the COVID-19 socio-economic impact assessment (SEIA) and COVID-19 Response Plans. An assessment is conducted with Sabanci University (the Business Against Domestic Violence Platform) to identify the impact of COVID-19 on domestic violence and worklife of women. Preliminary results will be available in November.



Risk communication and community engagement (including with young people)

The mental health of young people and the emotional effects of Covid-19 were the subjects of panels and workshops, which are implemented in cooperation with partners such as Y-PEER. In addition, a project for promoting intergenerational cooperation among young population was started and workshops targeting young people with disabilities were realized.

In partnership with the regional key populations network ECOM (Eurasian Coalition of Men's Health), UNFPA has started to assess the impact of COVID-19 on health and human rights of gay youth, other MSM and transgender people in the EECA region. The report is expected by the end of the year.

Country examples:

- **Albania:** Y-PEER Educators conducted 6 one-day trainings on "Peer Education to prevent COVID-19 in Schools", part of SAFEPEER initiative on preventing COVID-19. 105 young people from 5 districts of the country have been trained as peer educators through these initiatives.
- **Kazakhstan:** The Ministry of Health endorsed five UNFPA-produced videos for parents on how to talk with adolescents on SRH issues especially during the pandemic, and five additional [brochures](#) for adolescents on: bullying, relationships, abuse, STIs and the importance of Youth Health Centers.
- **Kosovo*:** Together with Coalition K10 and Peer Educators Network–PEN, organised a panel discussion on mental health during the pandemic with psychologists and youth participants.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Provided an induction session on counseling psychology and remote consulting for volunteer psychologists as part of a project on psychological support for youth and adolescents during the pandemic.
- **Moldova:** Launched programme to build the capacity of Youth Friendly Health Clinics volunteers to cope with the pandemic and adopt healthy behaviours, including regarding SRH. With the Ministry of Education, launched a psychological support programme for teachers and parents to better cope with the pandemic.
- **North Macedonia:** Together with Y-PEER, launched [two workshops](#) targeting young people with disabilities where they discuss about employment and creative knowledge during Covid-19. Published the [analysis](#) of responses to the questionnaire on Covid 19 and Youth prepared in June for planning immediate activities
- **Serbia:** Launched a project with partners to promote intergenerational cooperation and community engagement in relation to COVID-19 in 12 municipalities and a project to promote intergenerational cooperation and skills exchange among young population.
- **Turkey:** Provided information on COVID-19 prevention and services through over 60 service delivery points in youth centres, women/girls' safe spaces, mobile health services, and other service centers.
- **Ukraine:** 70,000 safety plans and posters for GBV survivors were disseminated nationwide by police officers.
- **Tajikistan:** Supported State Agency on Statistics with 120,000 antiseptics and over 800,000 masks as Covid-19 prevention measures during 2020 Population and Housing Census supported by Germany extra funds.
- **Turkmenistan:** Jointly with UK and Keyik Okara NGO, launched a hotline on reproductive health, rights and COVID-19 which provides anonymous and professional consultation and referral services on woman and girl reproductive health, GBV and COVID-19.
- **Uzbekistan:** Together with the Ministries of Health, Education, and Mahalla and Family Affairs, conducted a pilot peer-to-peer education programme for 60 adolescent girls in the Tashkent Region, focusing on healthy lifestyles, health issues during COVID-19, reproductive health, HIV prevention, and leadership and communication skills.

Leaving no one behind (with a focus on older people and people living with disabilities or with HIV/AIDS)

UNFPA together with Women Enabled and Special Olympics Eurasia conducted regional consultations on disability and COVID-19 together. These consultations focused on the lived experiences of women, girls, Gender Non-Conforming (GNC), and youth with disabilities from the region during the COVID-19 crisis, in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights. The regional consultation is part of a global initiative that will inform 1- the development of an SRHR Checklist to be used by UN Country Teams and others to guide immediate response to the pandemic, 2- impact assessment of COVID-19 on SRHR with case studies that help draw out lessons learned for future crises; and 3- a compendium of good practices that have emerged during this pandemic.

In collaboration with the community-led organisation “Red Umbrella” in Turkey, a guidance document was developed for sex workers on how they can protect themselves from COVID-19 in their daily life and work and minimize risks and harm they may face during the pandemic.

Country examples:

- **Albania:** Health mediators organised 14 awareness sessions on SRHR in the context of COVID-19, including with Roma and Egyptian communities, people living with disabilities, young people in prison, and young people who inject drugs. Training sessions with prison administration staff and providers of social and health care services in the prisons, have been organised focusing on continuation of services in the context of COVID-19.
- **Armenia:** Provided cash and voucher assistance for COVID-19 to 88 women survivors of GBV, women with disabilities, and women from other marginalized groups, through Coalition to Stop Violence against Women.
- **Georgia:** Continued delivering food and hygiene parcels, and printed information materials (booklets, leaflets and posters) with COVID19 risks and prevention messages to vulnerable older persons living alone in rural areas. In total 2,256 vulnerable older persons were reached by September in partnership with the GRCS, including through the funding received from the UN COVID19 Fund.
- **Moldova:** 50 young people from 10 localities were trained as trainers on using mobile devices. They will use their skills in training 100 older people in using a mobile phone to overcome social isolation imposed by the pandemic. Launched programme on providing food and hygienic packages along with PPE to 400 older people. Over 600 primary health care providers were capacitated to provide HIV prevention services to key populations, including continuity of services during COVID-19 pandemic.
- **North Macedonia:** Launched, in partnership with Humanost, a [series](#) of webinars on psychosocial support for older people (65+) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Kosovo*:** Developed a [video](#) aiming to raise awareness and start changing social norms, for a more prosperous, equitable, intergenerational tolerance, and healthier society in Kosovo, and, during White Cane Week delivered 250 Anti-COVID19 manuals printed in Braille (Albanian and Serbian) for the Kosovo Association of the Blind.
- **Serbia:** Initiated psychological support to mitigate burnout among care providers and support COVID-19 patients, and with Red Cross initiated activities to reduce the risk of depression and enhancing psychological resilience and social participation of older people. On International Day of Older Persons, featured stories of four older people and COVID19 (featured [live on FB](#)).
- **Turkey:** Protection services continued to be provided to male and female survivors of violence, people at risk of/ living with HIV, and people living with disabilities. Health services were provided to seasonal migrant workers and rural refugees via mobile health teams. A new protection center is being established in Ankara to reach out to most vulnerable refugee women and youth that have also been affected by Covid19.
- **Uzbekistan:** 25 members of the ‘Opa/Singillar’ NGO for women with disabilities in Tashkent region, as well as 88 women and children located at rehabilitation centers nationwide were supported with food and hygiene products as part of a project funded by the UN COVID-19 Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

Media & Communications on UNFPA's response to Covid-19 pandemic in EECA

Across the region, UNFPA has reached out to the public, through traditional and social media, to raise awareness of COVID-19 related information and guidance and showcase achievements in assisting people during the pandemic.

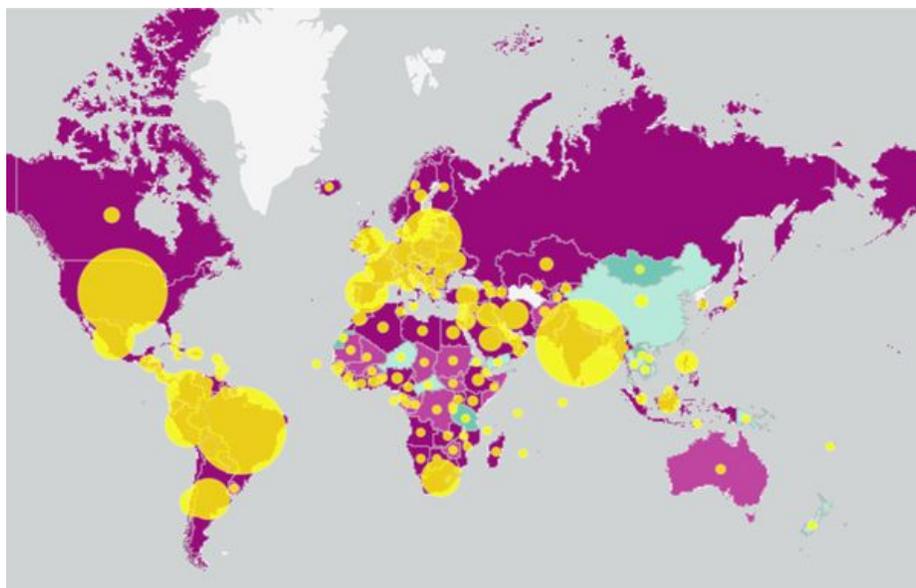
Story highlights:

- [New regional programme supports countries in upholding rights and dignity of older persons during COVID-19 and beyond](#)
- [Leading the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic: stories of Ukrainian female healthcare workers](#)
- The plans and dreams of girls like [Azize](#) from Turkey in the context of COVID-19 was the focus of UNFPA's regional campaign to mark International Day of the Girl Child.
- A photo from UNFPA Moldova showing a young volunteer supporting an older woman affected by COVID-19 was selected for the #UN75 Photo [exhibition](#) "Shaping Our Future Together" from more than 600 entries worldwide.

Country examples:

- **Albania:** #SAFEPEER social media campaign on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) is ongoing in 5 districts of Albania to train young peers and raise awareness on Covid-19 preventive measures.
- **Belarus:** The Ministry of Health endorsed [seven UNFPA-produced animated videos for older people and their families and caregivers](#) on COVID-19 protective behaviors for social media, TV and other city facilities.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** On disaster risk reduction day, UNFPA shared a [series of infographics](#) on social media reflecting public opinion on readiness to respond to crisis situations, including recovery from the consequences of COVID-19, and main goals of disaster risk reduction for sustainable development in BiH.
- **Moldova:** With the National Bureau of Statistics, UNFPA launched a [video](#) on data and overcoming the pandemic. Two press releases were issued on analysis of COVID-19 and young people: on [emotional well-being](#) and [participation](#) (Media coverage: [Radio Free Europe](#), [IPN](#), [Agora.md](#), [Ea.md](#)). UNFPA issued [press release](#) on the donation of mobile phones to older people to strengthen intergenerational dialogue during the pandemic.
- **North Macedonia:** #SafeHand [social media campaign](#) on multisectorial response to GBV during COVID-19 with over 15K reach was implemented on UNFPA and British Embassy social media channels.
- **Georgia:** Special [video](#) targeted at older persons conveying COVID-19 related information and messages was launched on social media with the support of the UN COVID-19 Fund
- **Ukraine:** Reached over 15,000 people with COVID-related posts on social media. Published [article](#) with 4 stories of Ukrainian female healthcare workers who are at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19.
- **Kosovo*:** During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, participated in popular TV show to [talk](#) about breast and cervical cancer and the importance of maintaining essential SRH services during COVID 19 pandemic
- **Kyrgyzstan:** As part of the [International Day of the Girl](#) a number stories of inspiring adolescent girls or girl-led organisations were shared with a focus on innovations and efforts for positive social change, including gender equality in their communities and COVID-19 related activities.
- **Kazakhstan:** On International Day of the Girl Child, together with singer Kaliya and [The Steppe](#), re-launched an updated version of the project "[Her Future](#)", including a web page containing information for girls and women on family planning, adolescents' rights, RH and services in the context of COVID-19.
- **Serbia:** [Mikser festival](#) opened with a [panel](#) on intergenerational solidarity with UNFPA participation highlighting effects of COVID on older and young people and speaking to the media. Rapid Gender Assessment of COVID19 report was [launched](#) with UN Women, and covered widely by media.
- **Turkmenistan:** A number of articles on UNFPA-run Yashlyk.info youth portal focused on [post-COVID-19 rehabilitation](#) and [dealing with anxiety](#) in the context of the pandemic. PSAs for TV and radio are being developed on virus prevention and safe behaviour with a focus on pregnant and breastfeeding women, youth and older persons. Radio ads started airing every two hours on major radio channels countrywide.

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Albania	24,731	571
Armenia	108,687	1609
Azerbaijan	66,046	852
Belarus	107,262	1011
Bosnia and Herzegovina	62,423	1510
Georgia	63,650	521
Kazakhstan	156,451	2306
Kosovo*	24,749	758
Kyrgyzstan	63,960	1185
Republic of Moldova	82,677	1912
North Macedonia	40,275	1156
Serbia	64,065	901
Tajikistan	11,376	83
Turkey	396,831	10972
Turkmenistan	0	0
Ukraine	479,197	8756
Uzbekistan	69,027	588
TOTAL	1,821,407	34,691



See UNFPA's [COVID-19 Population Vulnerability Dashboard](#) for real-time updates