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At the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. Our goal is to end unmet need for family planning, preventable maternal deaths, gender-based violence (GBV) and other harmful practices, particularly among vulnerable groups.

UNFPA, UN Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency, advocates for rights on dignity, body integrity and choices of fertility and tries to expand the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy and productive lives. UNFPA was established in 1969 and began working with the Government of Türkiye in 1971. For more than 50 years, UNFPA in Türkiye has provided support to:

- Safe motherhood and sexual and reproductive health
- Youth/adolescent health and empowerment
- Prevention of STIs, including HIV
- Promotion of gender equality, and prevention of and response to gender-based violence
- Humanitarian response
- Research and data on population dynamics

UNFPA contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including SDG 3 on Health and SDG 5 on Gender Equality, as well as the Türkiye's 11th National Development Plan. In Türkiye, UNFPA currently implements its 7th Country Programme (2021-2025) and works in collaboration with government institutions, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, private sector, universities and media, as well as other UN agencies.

Since the beginning of the Syria conflict in 2011, UNFPA has also supported the humanitarian response efforts of Türkiye, through strengthening reproductive health services and combating gender-based violence, in order to contribute to the resilience of the individuals and institutions.

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS...



UNFPA aims to reduce unmet need for family planning, maternal health risks, and gender-based violence and child marriages among those furthest behind. UNFPA advocates for rights on dignity, body integrity and choices of fertility.



To improve access to sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services, UNFPA aims at reducing unmet need for family planning, maternal and newborn health risks, and ensuring the realization of reproductive rights for all, and supporting access to a wide range of sexual and reproductive health information and services. UNFPA also partners with the government and other stakeholders to conduct research, strengthen reproductive health systems, conduct in-service training for health service providers and health managers, and improve access to the full range of reproductive health information and services.



To end gender-based violence, UNFPA works with decision makers, policy makers, justice system, health sector, law enforcement, religious leaders, private sector and humanitarian actors.

In this context, UNFPA conducts research on GBV and awareness raising activities for behavioral change and advocate for policy change. UNFPA also strengthens the capacity of service providers and relevant staff by developing and disseminating in-service trainings, and supports strengthening the legal infrastructure.



To prevent child, early and forced marriages, UNFPA works to ensure that every girl child is empowered to make their own choices and has access to a healthy life and equal education and future employment opportunities. In partnership with public institutions and civil society organizations, UNFPA conducts capacity-building, research and advocacy activities to increase awareness among the public and change social norms. UNFPA also supports strengthening local institutional capacities for prevention of and effective response to child marriages.



To achieve gender equality, UNFPA works in collaboration with public institutions, non-governmental organizations, academia, the private sector, media and celebrities and aims at increasing awareness and realizing effective policy changes. UNFPA also focuses on eliminating harmful practices, including gender-based violence and child, early and forced marriages, and helps to engage men and boys to advance gender equality.

FOR YOUTH...



UNFPA works to ensure that young people have access to youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health information and services, GBV prevention and response services, and necessary tools and information to reach their full potential.

UNFPA conducts research on youth issues and partners with young people in its work, and advocates for youth engagement in the work of others. UNFPA also promotes the youth leadership and meaningful participation of young people in local and international settings, helping them engage in decisions affecting them, and strengthening their ability to advance human rights and development issues such as health, education and employment.

To empower young people and to enable them to become drivers of change, UNFPA provides financial and technical support for them to develop the skills, knowledge and support needed to make informed decisions about their bodies, lives, families, communities, countries and the world.



UNFPA also promotes **comprehensive sexuality education,** which enables young people to protect and advocate for their health, well-being and dignity. It is a precondition for exercising full bodily autonomy, which requires not only the right to make choices about one's body but also the information to make these choices in a meaningful way. This includes supporting sexual and reproductive health care to help adolescents avoid unintended pregnancy.



FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE...

For refugees and migrants, UNFPA improves access of the most vulnerable refugees to sexual and reproductive health information and services, and gender-based violence protection and response services in Türkiye, of which the services include family planning, maternal health, gender-based violence prevention and response, and psychosocial support via specialized service units. UNFPA partners with ministries, non-governmental organizations, other UN agencies, universities and municipalities in service provision, capacity building and advocacy efforts to ensure that refugees and migrants can have access to the information and services they need in Türkiye.



For persons with disabilities: UNFPA ensures that persons with disabilities, who have limited access to health and protection services and face different forms of discrimination, are empowered in order to make decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health and rights and are able to live free of discrimination and gender-based violence.



For seasonal migrant agricultural workers and other mobile groups: UNFPA provides health and protection services via mobile service units in the rural areas of Türkiye, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and other partners.



For key refugee groups: UNFPA provides sexual and reproductive health information and services, including HIV counselling and referral to testing and treatment, psychosocial support, legal counselling and case-management services for gender-based violence. UNFPA also provides sexual and reproductive health and protection services to refugee men and boys, who are survivors or at risk of sexual and gender-based violence.



BY 2030 TO ACHIEVE;

ZERO unmet need for family planning

ZERO preventable maternal deaths

ZERO gender-based violence and harmful practices



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