

# YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

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*“Despite all my fears, I was not alone through this.” Gulirano, Uzbekistan*



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## HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Your partnership in 2025 kept hope alive for millions of women and girls when they needed it most. Despite funding cuts, escalating conflicts, and overwhelmed health systems, your commitment ensured that UNFPA could continue delivering lifesaving care to those who had nowhere else to turn.

Because of you, mothers delivered their babies safely. Survivors of violence found refuge and healing. Women accessed the family planning and maternal care they desperately needed. In communities where stability has crumbled, your generosity provided safe spaces, dignity kits, and mobile clinics—bringing care directly to those facing impossible circumstances. Your steadfast support made these moments of dignity possible.



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## WHAT CARE WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2026

In 2026, UNFPA will continue showing up for women and girls in their darkest moments by delivering safe childbirth, emergency reproductive healthcare, and compassionate care for survivors of violence when crisis strikes and systems fail.

By partnering with local and women-led organizations, we are reaching communities faster and more effectively. Pre-positioned supplies and mobile health teams mean care arrives before needs become critical. We are ensuring every response is shaped by the voices of those we serve, building services based on trust, respect, and community needs.

Behind every plan and priority are the women and girls whose lives hang in the balance. Each has her own story of resilience, and each whose future was changed because help arrived when it mattered most.

## 2025 IN NUMBERS

**6.2 million**

people reached with reproductive health programming in 45 countries

**2.9 million**

survivors of sexual violence reached with support services in 48 countries

**518,000**

dignity kits distributed across 40 countries

**482,400**

women safely delivered babies in UNFPA facilities in 46 countries



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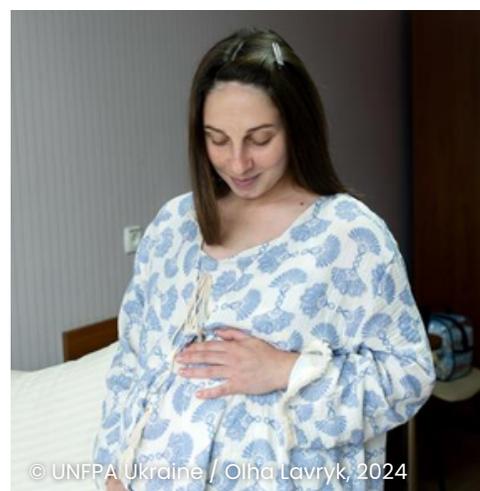
## FINDING LIGHT IN 2025'S DARKEST MOMENTS

Throughout 2025, a record number of conflicts and crises tore apart communities. Deep cuts to humanitarian funding placed millions of lives at risk, while the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence fueled new forms of digital violence against women and girls.

Amid these challenges, however, extraordinary acts of courage and solidarity emerged. From health workers delivering babies amid war in Ukraine to community members in Somalia creating safe spaces for survivors of violence, people across the world showed courage, resilience, and care for one another. To end a dark year on a brighter note, this collection reflects on just some of those stories.

### Ukraine – Safe Childbirth in War Zones

**Lyudmila** went into labor in Kherson, Ukraine, just as an air-raid alarm sounded. She was ushered to the hospital's basement, where UNFPA had helped build a fully functioning bunker maternity ward a few months prior. **"There was a strike just at the moment when I was giving birth,"** she recalled. *"The doctors said, 'let's continue,' because my child was already coming out when the shelling began."* Her daughter, Miroslava, was born safely despite the attack. Health workers in Ukraine continue delivering babies and providing care even when attacks interrupt. Your support helped ensure women gave birth safely, even in war zones.



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### Afghanistan – Girls Resisting Educational Barriers

When Afghanistan's girls were banned from secondary school, **Meena** felt her dreams disappear. Isolated at home in Kabul, her confidence faded. *"I felt isolated and had no one to share my ideas with,"* she told UNFPA. But at a UNFPA youth center, Meena found hope again through mental health counseling and skills training. She joined business development training, launched an online shop, and now teaches computer skills to her neighbors. **"The programs have completely changed my life,"** Meena said. *"I learned techniques that gave me courage, and now I believe in myself. I feel hopeful about what lies ahead."* Your generosity reached girls like Meena, helping them reclaim their futures even when their rights are denied.



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## Zambia – Survivors Becoming Healers as Midwives

**Charity** became pregnant while finishing boarding school in Zambia. She tried to deliver her baby at home, but after two days of labor, she realized something was wrong. She was taken to her local hospital, where doctors were fortunately able to save her baby's life and deliver via a C-section. But due to her prolonged labor, Charity had developed the painful childbirth injury known as obstetric fistula. Confined to her bed, Charity feared she would never heal or return to school. Then she heard about a UNFPA program offering repair surgery. The surgery succeeded, and Charity returned to school to retake her exams.

Today, she is training to become a midwife herself, driven by the kindness she received. *"Pregnancy at an early age can derail your future,"* said Charity, ***"I want to be an example that, no matter how difficult the circumstances, you can still overcome them."***



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## Uzbekistan – A Mother's Life Saved by Training

**Gulirano** arrived at a UNFPA maternity hospital in Uzbekistan, terrified she would lose her life. Her blood pressure was high, and she was still bleeding heavily from childbirth. Thanks to the quick response of the doctors, they were able to stop the bleeding and stabilize Gulirano enough that she could finally hold her baby. Through tears, she breastfed her daughter for the first time. ***"Despite all my fears, I was not alone through this,"*** Gulirano told UNFPA. From 2024 to 2025, UNFPA trained over 18,000 doctors, midwives, and other healthcare providers across Uzbekistan, increasing their capacity to safely handle emergencies and save lives.

**2025**  
IN NUMBERS

**2,800**

health facilities fully supported by UNFPA in 37 countries

**1,300**

safe spaces supported by UNFPA in 44 countries

**770**

mobile clinics were fully supported by UNFPA in 29 countries

## Panama – Indigenous Women Demanding Their Rights

In western Panama's remote mountains, **Eneida** walked three hours while nine months pregnant to reach a maternity waiting home. UNFPA and their partners have provided remote communities with maternity waiting homes and a network of local health workers to provide care and reproductive education. They also brought Indigenous women's voices to the government health system. Now there's an interpreter at the local hospital, and staff are trained to treat women respectfully, ensuring women are not forced into medical procedures. **"If a woman does not accept, that is respected,"** said Eira Carrera, an interpreter at the hospital.



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## Somalia – Ending Violence Against Women

Thirteen-year-old **Amina** arrived at a UNFPA safe space bleeding heavily from a female genital mutilation (FGM) procedure gone wrong. Already, her wound was infected. Displaced and unable to afford medical care, she thought her life would end. The safe space's health workers were able to stabilize her and provide a space for her to heal, both physically and mentally. **"Before coming**



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**here, I thought my life would end,"** Amina said. **"Now, I feel healthy and strong again."** In Somalia, where 98% of women have survived FGM, your gift helped survivors get treatment and help communities stop the practice. Last year alone, care reached more than 260,000 people in Somalia.



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