UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

FACTSHEET

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response in Syria

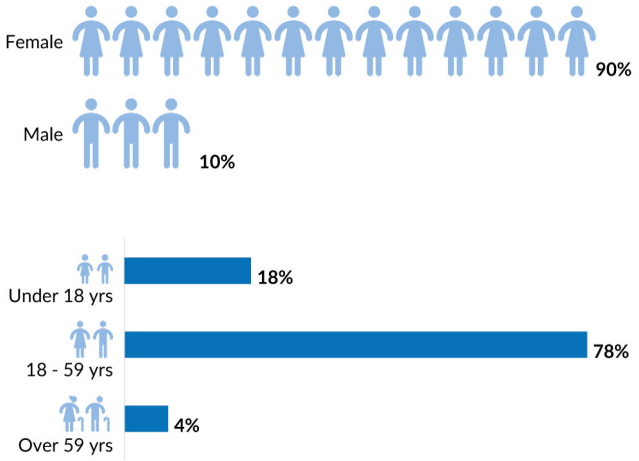
January – December 2024

115,570
people participated in GBV awareness sessions

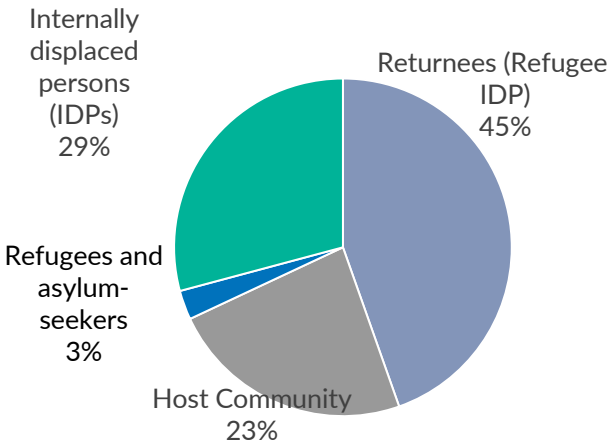
155
community–based structures supported

7,406
GBV survivors received safe and survivor-centred GBV response services

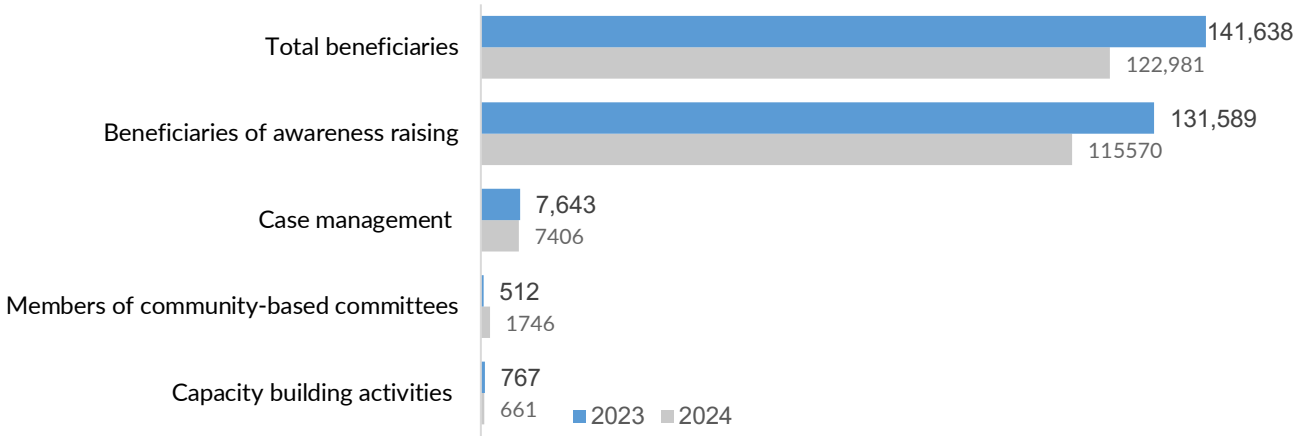
122,981 individuals reached with GBV prevention and response services



Population groups
benefiting from services



14 Governorates | 113 Community Centres | 16 Partners



Case management

UNHCR's survivor-centred approach to GBV case management seeks to empower the survivor by prioritizing their rights, needs, and wishes. This is done by ensuring survivors have access to appropriate, accessible, and quality support services including healthcare, psychological and social support, and legal services. In line with the guiding principles on protection and applying the survivor-centred approach, UNHCR and its partners tailor each service to the needs of each survivor based on their priorities.

In 2024, UNHCR and its partners identified and supported **7,406** GBV survivors through survivor-centred and multi-sectoral case management services.

Community engagement

Women's committees comprising women of all ages and backgrounds play a central role in GBV awareness-raising and community mobilization. They were created to strengthen the role of women in decision-making within their communities.

Women's committees focus on promoting gender equality, sensitization through awareness-raising in GBV prevention and response, women's legal rights, and available services. The committees also coordinate with UNHCR to assist vulnerable women in finding work. In 2024, UNHCR supported **131** women's committees (**1,479** women) across different governorates in Syria. The support is desinged based on the needs and intervention plans of the committees, starting with capacity building and specialized trainings to enhance their skills, all the way with linking them to the CLI programme in the community centre.

Men's engagement in GBV prevention continued throughout 2024 by enhancing the role of men in preventing and responding to GBV as well as in challenging deep-seated cultural norms and power structures. In 2024, UNHCR supported **24** men's committees (**267** men) who empower women and challenge harmful practices.

Awareness-raising

Awareness-raising is a fundamental component of UNHCR's GBV prevention strategy to enhance gender equality and gender inclusion. It fosters communication and information exchange to improve mutual understanding of GBV and the related harms within the communities, as well as available services, especially to GBV survivors, and to promote change in attitude and behaviour.

In 2024, UNHCR and its partners conducted over **4,400** awareness sessions in community centres, schools, and collective shelters, among other locations, reaching **115,570** individuals. The topics of the sessions were selected based on the needs, including life-skills for women, violence against women in the labour market, gender equality for children, cyber risks and online harassment for adolescents, forms of domestic violence and legal framework on GBV. Distribution of dignity/hygiene kits was carried out in parallel to the awareness sessions to address menstrual hygiene and protection needs of women and girls. A total of **71,362 kits** were distributed in 2024.

Capacity-building

UNHCR trained **661** individuals (453 females and 208 males) including partner staff and outreach volunteers on GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response, including the basic concepts of GBV, psychological first aid, and safe referral.