

*3 minutes speaking slot in plenary – Global Refugee Forum*

Excellencies, colleagues and partners,

Last month in Nairobi, at the ICDP25 Summit, more than 8,000 people gathered to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights. The meeting was bursting with energy and engagement, and with hope.

We gather here to advance hope for refugees. Women, girls and young refugees find themselves in vulnerable situations, and host communities oftentimes are overburdened, requiring international support.

In line with the New York Declaration and the UNFPA mandate, UNFPA supports host governments to combat gender-based violence, to ensure access to sexual and reproductive health services for refugees and host communities, and to empower women, girls and youth.

For the coming period, UNFPA commits:

Firstly, to improve access to safe, quality and dignified Menstrual Hygiene Management for refugees and host communities. This issue is often neglected in humanitarian responses, requiring humanitarians to do more for women and girls' protection, empowerment and health. UNHCR and UNFPA are making a joint pledge to improve quality and coordinated inter-sectorial menstrual hygiene management programming.

Secondly, to enhance gender-based violence protection and response in refugee contexts. UNFPA will increase the coverage and quality of Clinical Management of Rape and Intimate Partner Violence. And UNFPA will enhance cash-based programming that facilitates access to sexual and reproductive health services and gender-based violence response. Also, UNFPA will ensure roll-out of the new Inter-Agency Minimum Standards for Gender-Based Violence. This entails strengthening capacity of national partners, including local women's movements.

Thirdly, UNFPA will improve the collection, analysis, dissemination and usage of population data in support of refugee and internally displaced populations.

Fourthly, UNFPA commits at corporate level and jointly with members of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action to ensure systematic use of age-disaggregated data and that programming happens with and for young people.