

Thanks Madam Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to hear the direct voice of a refugee and other prominent panelists.

For sustainability and longer-term solutions, refugees and host communities must be involved in the planning and implementation of the responses to meet their needs, particularly in protracted crises. There is an untapped potential to engage young people more meaningfully, and support them as agents of change. As co-lead of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, UNFPA commits to ensuring that data is disaggregated by sex and age, and that humanitarian response programming is done in close cooperation with and for young people.

Last month at the Nairobi ICPD25 Summit, young people actively took centre stage. At the Summit, more than a thousand commitments were made in support of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Ending gender-based violence was repeatedly highlighted as a top priority, a reminder of our collective responsibility to achieve the SDG goal of eliminating gender-based violence by 2030.

This is especially important for displaced women and girls who face increased risk of rape and intimate partner violence, of discrimination, marginalization, and violations of rights to make their own choices and to decide over one's own body. Without protection from gender-based violence and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including family planning services, there will be no true empowerment of women and girls.

UNFPA commits to increase coverage of Clinical Management of Rape and Intimate Partner Violence in refugee contexts, including by strengthening the capacity of national partners and local women's organizations. UNFPA will also enhance cash-based programming that facilitates access to sexual and reproductive health services and gender-based violence response. Moreover, UNFPA will scale up mental health and psychosocial support to refugees and host communities. Finally, UNFPA commits, jointly with UNHCR, to improve access to safe, quality and dignified menstrual hygiene management for refugees and host communities.

Thank you.