

# Emergency Gender-Based Violence Programming

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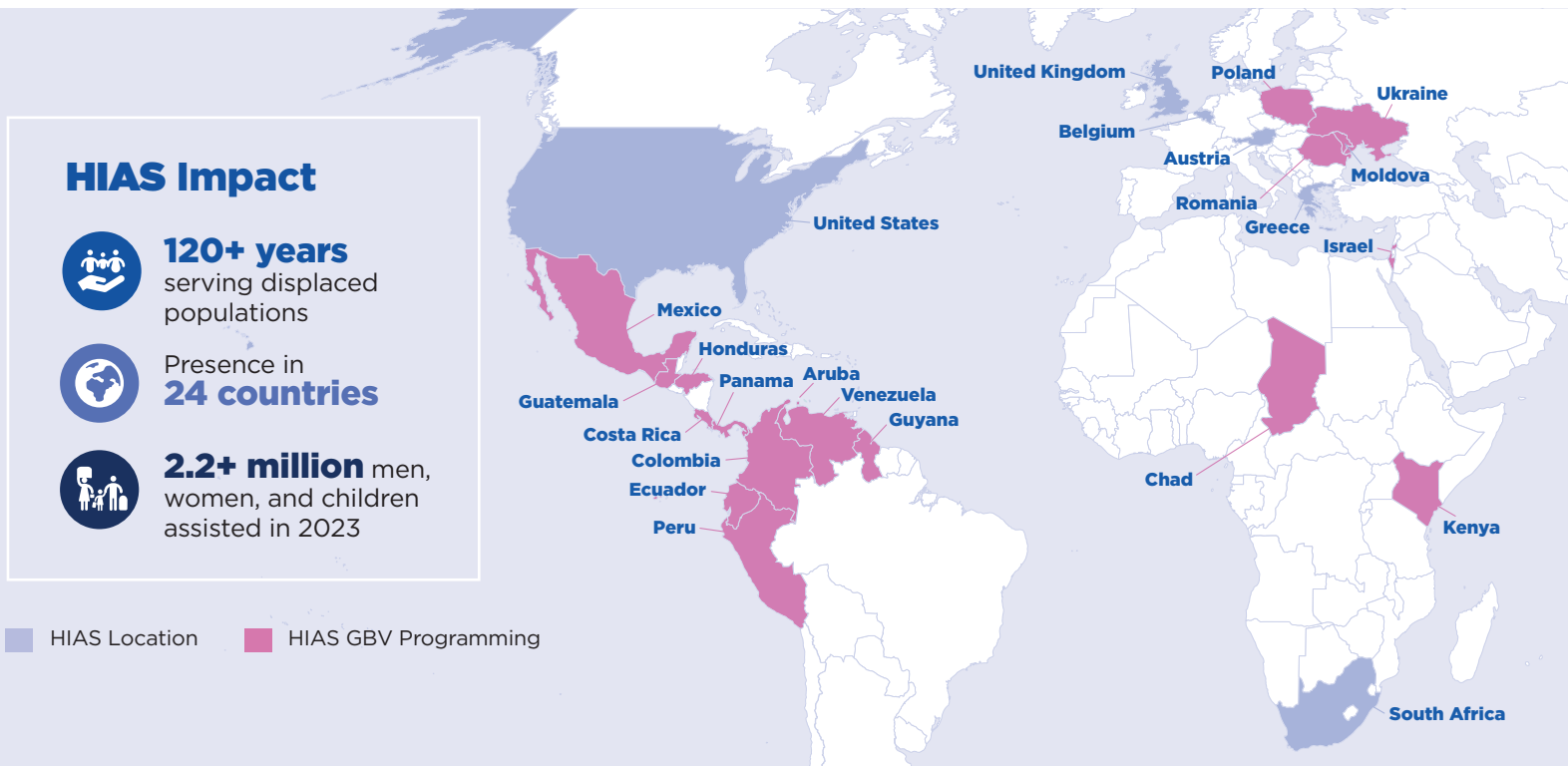
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## Our Organization

For over 120 years, HIAS has provided lifesaving assistance and protection services during crises. HIAS responds to emergencies with critical assistance in several key areas: Prevention, Mitigation, and Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV); Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS); Economic Inclusion (including cash assistance); and Legal Protection and Resettlement.

## Emergency GBV Programming

HIAS' emergency gender & GBV programs support survivors and individuals at risk of GBV. Leveraging a feminist approach, these programs provide high-quality, effective interventions that engage social, legal, and community-based systems and structures to promote gender equality and challenge harmful norms and behaviors that perpetuate violence. HIAS advocates for the rights of survivors and systemic change, and for an environment that not only supports survivors but also promotes broader societal transformations to foster gender equality and eradicate GBV.



## Our Gender & GBV Team

The HIAS Gender and GBV team is composed of technical advisors, specialists, coordinators, and field teams with broad global, regional, and country-specific experience. The team sets and guides HIAS' strategy, maintains a gender lens across interventions, and provides technical support including capacity strengthening and knowledge building to ensure our programming aligns with international standards, founding principles, and best practices.



HIAS Guyana's legal protection and GBV teams visit an indigenous family of 48 members in Guyana. November 2, 2023. (Lyn Morales/HIAS Guyana)

# GBV Achievements



## Ukraine

The Women's and Girls Emergency Response Fund, focusing on empowering local women-led organizations in Ukraine, benefitted 20 NGOs and successfully reached 6,118 internally displaced persons including Roma women and girls, older individuals, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, GBV survivors, and those at risk of GBV.



## Latin America & the Caribbean Region

HIAS addresses GBV along migration routes, across the Darién Gap, offering cross-border case management services as well as psychological first aid and legal support to survivors and individuals at risk of GBV. This program has been commended as one of the top ten global best practices by the United Nations Network on Migration and the International Migration Review Forum.

## GBV Approach

HIAS addresses GBV from the onset of emergencies by focusing on its root causes and implementing immediate, targeted strategies. HIAS challenges the norms and behaviors that fuel violence, identifies and reduces GBV risks, and provides essential services to GBV survivors and those at risk to aid their recovery and empower them.

- **Women and Girls' Leadership and Participation:** We center women and girls in all their diversity, and promote their leadership and meaningful participation in the programming and decision-making spaces.
- **Intersectionality:** HIAS uses the prism of intersectionality, through which the convergence of race, gender and other stereotypes can be used to understand the relationship between people and the world around them.
- **Do No Harm:** HIAS takes all measures necessary to avoid exposing people to further harm.
- **Protection:** We place the rights, wishes, needs, safety, dignity and well-being of survivors at the center.

## Coordination

HIAS engages collaboratively with key stakeholders. At the global level, HIAS sits as a member of Interaction's GBV Working group, and at regional and country levels HIAS co-chairs the Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions, and Sex Characteristics interagency working group in Kenya and also participates in United Nations GBV Protection sub-working groups, as well as the European Council on Refugees and Exiles working group on refugee women and girls.

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## Why HIAS?

**Long-Standing Experience:** HIAS was founded over 120 years ago to support Jews fleeing persecution and poverty in Eastern Europe. Today, HIAS is a global organization which serves refugees, asylum seekers, and other forcibly displaced and stateless persons around the world, and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives.

**Balanced Localization:** HIAS partners with key local institutions, civil society organizations and leaders in disaster planning, budgeting, training, and risk sharing.

**Committed Across Displacement:** HIAS programs often begin during an acute emergency but continue serving individuals throughout their long journey of displacement. HIAS' geographic presence and range of programs allows for life-saving assistance, the rebuilding of families and communities, and the promotion of sustainable social and economic empowerment.

**Centering Women and Girls:** HIAS has crafted a strategic initiative focused on prioritizing women and girls across all programming and services encompassing five core areas: Strategy, Partnerships, Advocacy, Fundraising, and Learning, creating a holistic framework to center women and girls and tackling GBV.

**Women-led Organization Partnerships:** We build partnerships with women-led organizations that promote and protect the rights of survivors, women, girls, and LGBTQI+ individuals.

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