As a global girls’ rights and humanitarian organisation, Plan International’s experience indicates that girls and young women are particularly vulnerable in health emergencies. We call on governments to include meaningful participation of girls and women in its decision-making processes related to the COVID-19 response and recognise that outbreaks, quarantines and isolation affect girls and boys, women and men differently.

We believe that sex and age-appropriate interventions that address increased risk of child marriage, sexual violence, sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health and burden of domestic work facing girls and women are particularly essential and we call on countries to provide foreign assistance to increase funding in light of COVID-19, including intensifying support and preventive measures in refugee and displacement settings.
COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Countries, territories or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 28 May 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #129)

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REGIONAL INFLUENCING

-Released 'Hear it from the Girls - Asia and COVID019', a brief report highlighting ongoing impacts on girls’ lives through their voices and anecdotes while incorporating regional key challenges, analysis, and recommendations to governments, read here.

-Actively engaging with Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) and participating as a speaker in their webinar series, watch here.

-Co-leading the priority action on Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) with youth and children together with UNICEF and WHO as part of the Regional RCCE Working Group.

-Participated as a panelist in a joint webinar on ‘Safer Return to Schools’ together with WHO, UNOCHA and UNICEF.

All Plan International countries in Asia-Pacific are implementing their 6 months COVID-19 Emergency Response Plans
REGIONAL REACH

**Beneficiaries Reached So Far**

- **4,283,014** people
  - Including **2,312,599** girls and women

**Figures as of 26 May 2020**

- **2,344,966** people reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages
- **1,218,121** Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed
- **180,652** Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs
- **14,025** People received cash and voucher assistance (254 of which are people with disability)
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Program Snapshots

NEPAL

- Collaborating with Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen to broadcast child protection messages on 273 radio stations.
- Launched Girls Voices initiative with 100 girls who campaign and call on decision-makers to respond to girls’ needs during lockdowns.
- Broadcasting distant learning programmes through 10 local radio stations, reaching 5,000 students.
- Training 28 youth to build their media skills to raise their concerns and voices during COVID-19.
- Supported 41 youth on sexual reproductive health and rights awareness raising in Bandiya.

PHILIPPINES

- Trained 6 Barangay Councils to establish functional referral pathways for child protection and gender-based violence in Metro Manila.
- Distributed hygiene equipment to 3,334 frontline workers in 15 local government units in Lago del Sur.
- Aired health-related public service announcements through five radio stations, reaching 456,676 people.
- Training young populations on journalism and media production to produce youth-friendly public service announcements about the outbreak and mental health.
- Providing weekly inputs to the House Committee on the Welfare of Children on possible gaps, deficiencies, recommendations and other concerns in the implementation of the Bayanihan Act.

BANGLADESH

- Distributed 495 hygiene kits to adolescent girls and women in Cox’s Bazar.
- Reached 43,972 beneficiaries in awareness and preventative sessions, including 15,287 children.
- Provided cash assistance to 10,075 vulnerable families in programme areas.
- Providing counseling services to 717 people including adolescents, pregnant mothers, lactating mothers, and newly married couples.

MYANMAR

- Distributed food rations to 46,000 internally Displaced Persons (IDP) living in conflicted areas.
- Trained 120 youth leaders as part of adolescent-led education and protection campaign to offer protection support for girls and young women living in 24 IDP camps and 24 host communities, as well as in 220 villages.
- Training young people to produce youth-friendly content on prevention and control, nutrition, substance abuse, coping mechanisms and mental health.
- Launching online “Plan Challenge” campaign to encourage parenting practices for COVID-19 care.
- Distributed hygiene equipment in conflicted areas, reaching 79,393 people.
- Installed 33 hand washing stations in 33 child-friendly spaces in IDP camps.

INDONESIA

- Providing support to local governmental education offices to produce radio programmes so children can continue to learn during lockdowns.
- Coordinating with Ministry of National Development Planning to analyse assessments, policy briefs and impacts COVID-19 has on children.
- Supporting Youth Coalition For Girls to advocate for inclusive education for children in remote areas or without access to the internet.

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-Kamel, Indonesia

For less fortunate families, food is considered to be more important, so most of the limited family budget goes straight to fulfilling the need to satisfy hunger. But, female hygiene is also important to sustain their health and avoid possible complications brought by poor sanitation practices.

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NEPAL

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CAMBODIA
- Providing support to Provincial Department of Rural Development to carry out COVID-19 prevention campaigns in Ratanakiri.
- Supporting distant learning programmes in 32 primary schools.
- Supported 246 people, including 125 children with online protection counseling services.
- Reached 2,590 households through COVID-19 awareness raising and prevention.
- Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.

LAO PDR
- Partnered with Centre of Education and Health to disseminate age-appropriate key messages as part of the National COVID-19 Task Force Group.
- Collaborating with the Ministry of Education and Sports on the Back to School campaign.
- Trained 361 teachers on COVID-19 prevention and awareness.
- Distributed 362 boxes of face masks, 965 bottles of sanitizers, 233 bottles of disinfectants, 41 thermometers and soap to schools in Bokeo and Oudomxay.
- Installed 27 handwashing stations in health centers in programme areas.

CHINA
- Working with Women’s Federation to conduct activities addressing issues of sanitation and hygiene, environment and children’s protection.
- Providing lunch boxes for students returning to school in programme areas.
- Collaborating with a major international clothing brand and a Chinese foundation on a mass media campaign to raise awareness of women’s economic empowerment in COVID-19 recovery stage.

INDIA
- Issued a joint statement to National Government calling for allocation of additional funds to prevent under-5 child mortality and maternal mortality during COVID-19.
- Collaborating with UNFPA to develop a mobile app targeting vulnerable families to request for support, including safe transportation, tele-counseling, and sexual and reproductive health services.
- Distributed food rations to 50,792 families.
- Provided 36,013 frontline health workers with personal protective equipment and 14,255 hygiene kits.
- Distributed hygiene kits to 60,151 families including 601,510 sanitary napkins for adolescent girls.
- Supported 243 pregnant women and 40 senior citizens to receive medical care and treatments.
- Reached 747 people through 83 youth advocates on child protection and safeguarding measures using WhatsApp.

THAILAND
- Collaborating with the Office of Basic Education and Safe School Network to produce home learning materials and train teachers virtually.
- Supporting local youth leaders in prevention campaign in programme areas.
- Distributed 1,421 face masks and 1,391 bottles of hand sanitizer to migrant workers and children in Bangkok and programme areas.
- Distributed food rations to 155 families in programme areas.
- Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.

TIMOR-LESTE
- Continuing to work with Ministry of Health to promote access to sexual and reproductive information and services through radio talk shows.
- Handled over 64 hand washing stations to the Government to support 51 households with hygiene promotion.
- Constructing a water transmission pipeline to reach remote communities.
- Distributed 1,000 IEC material to prevent violence against children in programme areas.
- Distributed 1,500 menstrual hygiene management kits in programme areas.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- Supporting the Ministry of Health to set-up COVID-19 information booth in Buka to disseminate education and communication materials, and proper hygiene management.
- Collaborating with Women’s Federation to train women on how to prepare tippy taps in Buka.
- Launched awareness and prevention campaign in 40 locations in Central Bougainville.
- Constructing a water transmission pipeline to villages in programme areas.
- Collaborating with Centre for Education and Health and Safe School Network to produce home learning materials and train teachers virtually.

VIETNAM
- Distributed 154 sets of information and communication kits in programme areas.
- Distributed 1,500 menstrual hygiene management kits in programme areas.
- Distributed food rations to 155 families in programme areas.
- Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.

CAMBODIA
- My family has faced a lot of difficulty. My father’s job has been suspended and I can’t go to school which is especially hard because I am supposed to sit national exams this year. Now, to support my family I have had to go to work.
- Girll, Cambodia

LAO PDR
- “I am confident to discuss and raise awareness on gender-based violence young people in my village may face, urge everyone to raise their voices and gain support if cases are found. During this lockdown, I stand with my fellow Champions of Change to report any cases of gender-based violence.
- Godelina, Champions of Change advocate, Timor-Leste

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PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS