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

Reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths by WHO as of 8 December 2020

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Plan International is also responding to Hyderabad floods in India, Nageswari floods in Bangladesh and, floods in Central Vietnam.

Plan International’s Highest Risk Locations

Other Plan International Locations

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

REGIONAL INFLUENCING

Published ‘COVID-19 Six Months On Report, Asia-Pacific Region “Stop the Setback” an analysis of the current situation of children, women and vulnerable groups after six months of effects from the COVID-19 pandemic in the Asia-Pacific region. It highlights our response, outputs and impacts during this time, as well as funding gaps and priority needs for future actions. Download full report, here.

Organised education webinar with the Asia Pacific Coalition for School Safety (APCSS) partners, titled “inclusive policy and practice in education continuity amidst the COVID-19 pandemic for the most at-risk girls and boys”. Link to recording, here.

Regional Reach

Program Participants Reached So Far

**35,520,530 People**

Including **16,124,680 girls and women**

- **6,938,011** People reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages
- **2,672,135** Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed
- **1,744** Handwashing and sanitation facilities built or repaired (households, communities and institutions)
- **514,997** Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs
- **68,073** People received cash and voucher assistance (1,040 of which are people with disability)
- **8,120** Teachers received learning support training
- **418,939** Parents and caregivers participated in ‘Coping with COVID-19’ support sessions
- **388,786** Children and youth participated in ‘Coping with COVID-19’ support programmes
- **123,592** Vulnerable families received food rations
- **1,249** Primary healthcare facilities received essential support
- **1,350,589** Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed
- **991,997** Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials produced and distributed
- **68,073** People received cash and voucher assistance (1,040 of which are people with disability)

**Figures as of 24 November 2020**
**Program Snapshots**

**Bangladesh**
- Distributed food rations to 111,744 vulnerable families and hygiene kits to 175,608 families.
- Reached 28,215 people living with HIV with life-saving medicine at home.
- Supported 38,605 girls with education kits to continue distance learning.
- Distributed PPE kits to 39,745 frontline healthcare workers.

**Fiji**
- Working with Partners in Community Development, Disabled Peoples Federation, Fiji Council of Social Services, Empower Pacific, Rainbow Pride Foundation, and the Australia Pacific Climate Partnership to deliver activities in protection, agriculture and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and psychosocial support.

**Cambodia**
- Supported Ministry of Education Youth and Sport in the production of Information, Education and Communication materials for school reopening.
- Distributed menstrual hygiene and hygiene kits to 10,271 vulnerable households in programme areas.

**China**
- Provided cash assistance to support young women unemployed in Shaanxi and Ningxia.
- Provided lunch boxes for students for returning students in programme areas.

**India**
- Distributed food rations to 111,744 vulnerable families and hygiene kits to 175,608 families.
- Reached 28,215 people living with HIV with life-saving medicine at home.
- Supported 38,605 girls with education kits to continue distance learning.
- Distributed PPE kits to 39,745 frontline healthcare workers.

**Indonesia**
- Collaborated with the Ministry of Education and Culture and Youth Advisory Panel to distribute 1,000 radios to support distance learning under the campaign #LearningNeverStops with a youth-friendly monitoring tool to assess school capacity in reopening.
- Co-facilitated an online training on psychosocial support for children with the Ministry of Social Affairs.

**Laos PDR**
- Collaborated with Provincial Health Department in Saravan to install handwashing stations in 48 health centers and 6 district hospitals, reaching 25,103 people.
- Supported Provincial Health Department in Oudomxay to conduct COVID-19 prevention awareness raising in 199 villages, reaching 19,374.
- Supported 320 girls from vulnerable households with cash grants to continue their secondary education.

**With children in East Nusa Tenggara province in Indonesia still out of school and working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Plan International has distributed 1000 solar radios to children in Soe, East Nusa Tenggara, where just 1 in 5 children have their own radio.**
Many of us here do not have Thai Citizenship, this makes going to see doctors at a hospital or healthcare centre difficult.

-Song, Thailand

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