



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASIA-PACIFIC SITUATION REPORT



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KEY MESSAGES

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.

35,520,530 PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH OUR RESPONSE in APAC



2,672,135

Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed



991,480

IEC materials distributed



1,350,589

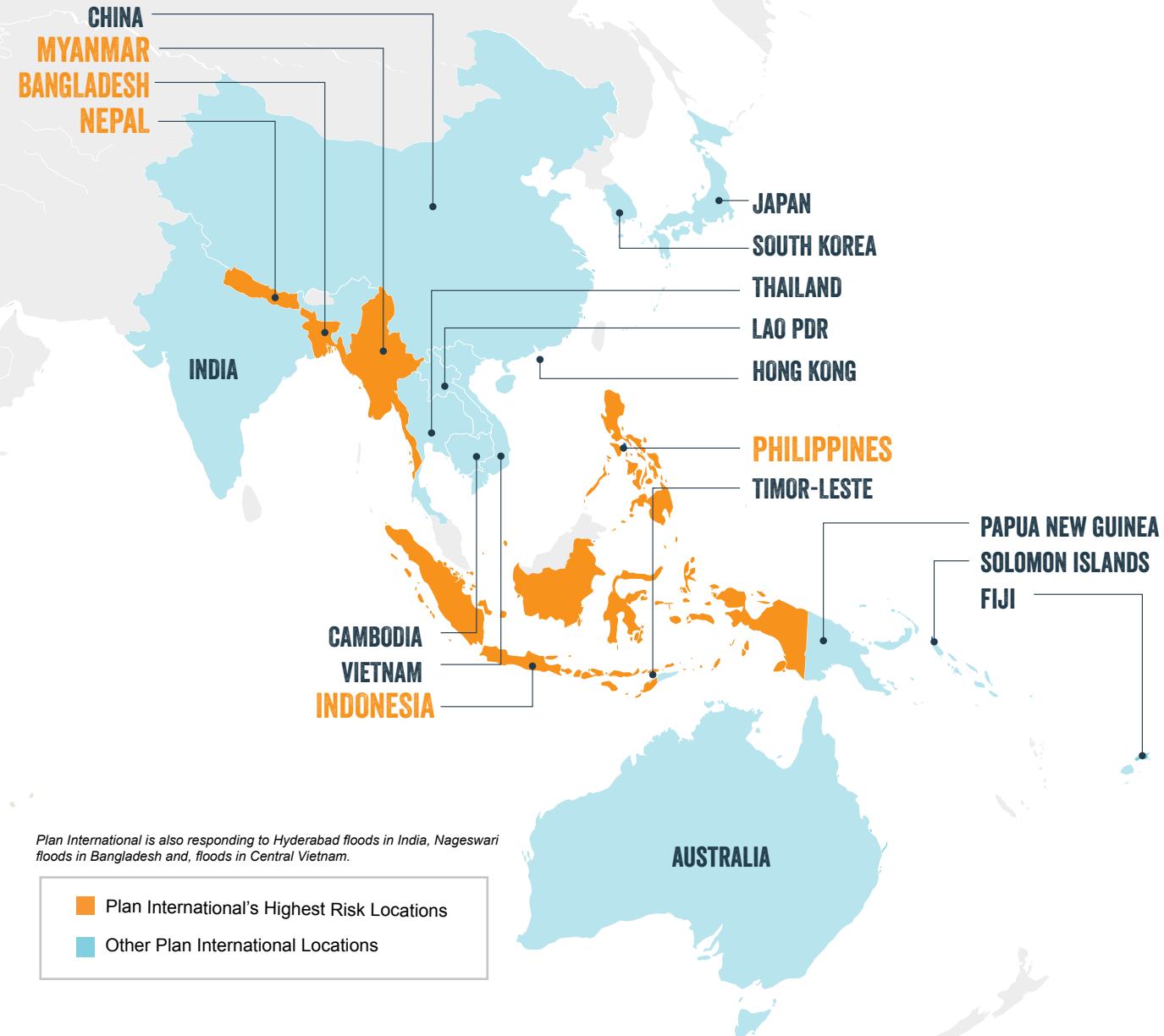
PPE equipment distributed



COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

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

LOCATIONS	TOTAL CONFIRMED	TOTAL DEATHS
Bangladesh	407,684	5,923
Cambodia	346	0
China	94,160	4,753
Fiji	44	2
India	9,644,222	140,182
Indonesia	569,707	17,589
Lao PDR	39	0
Myanmar	96,520	2,059
Nepal	239,885	1,577
Papua New Guinea	671	7
Philippines	438,069	8,526
Solomon Islands	17	0
Thailand	4,072	60
Timor-Leste	31	0
Vietnam	1,365	35



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](#).

Facilitated a session on "Youth Reporters: Holding Humanitarian Actors Accountable" in the Global Virtual Core Humanitarian Exchange 2020. 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



514,997

Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs



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



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Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed



68,073

People received cash and voucher assistance (1,040 of which are people with disability)



123,592

Vulnerable families received food rations



1,249

Primary healthcare facilities received essential support



1,744

Handwashing and sanitation facilities built or repaired (households, communities and institutions)



8,120

Teachers received learning support training



1,350,589

Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed



991,997

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials produced and distributed

Figures as of 24 November 2020



PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

BANGLADESH



-Provided cash grants to 2,715 households in Cox's Bazar and 850 households in Kurigram district.

-Facilitated 2,980 COVID-19 awareness and prevention sessions with 9,963 participants in Cox's Bazar.

-Provided 5,406 households with Menstrual Hygiene Management kits in Cox's Bazar.

-Distributed 1,535 solar lamps in Kurigram district.

-Distributed 567 Menstrual Hygiene Management kits to adolescent girls in Barguna, Khulna and Satkhira districts.

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.

-Providing lunch boxes for students for returning students in programme areas.

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.

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.

LAO 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.



All School Open



School Partially Open



School Closed



Reported Cases of COVID-19



PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS



“ Many of us here do not have Thai Citizenship, this makes going to see doctors at a hospital or healthcare centre difficult. ”

-Song, Thailand



MYANMAR



-Continued to conduct emergency food and cash distribution to 48,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Rakhine State.

-Ended digital education and protection campaign led by 125 youth leaders and 700 of their peers, the campaign reached over 4 million people, watch video here.

NEPAL



-Broadcasted key messages on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse through local radiostations, reaching 266,660 households.

-Distributed 16,828 education kits to support distance learning for children in Kalikot and Jumla.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



-Conducted COVID-19 awareness and prevention sessions in 14 primary schools in Central Bougainville, reaching 48 teachers and 1,378 students.

PHILIPPINES



-Published 'Through Her Lens: The Impact of COVID-19 on Filipino Girls and Young Women' study, read full report here.

-Provided mobile phones to 9 barangays and 2 agencies under the BREADY Project in an effort to strengthen reporting on violence and abuse against women and children.

-Provided 500 vulnerable families with cash transfers.

SOLOMON ISLANDS



-Working with Live and Learn, Solomon Islands Development Trust and the Honiara City Council to deliver activities in protection, agriculture and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and psychosocial support.

-Collaborated with Live & Learn to facilitate hygiene promotion sessions in 16 primary schools, reaching 146 teachers and 2,577 students.

THAILAND



-Distributed 3,901 washable face masks, 90 food rations and 840 child-friendly Information, Education and Communication materials in Thai, Burmese and Khmer language to migrant children in Trat, Rayong and Tak Provinces.

-Conducted COVID-19 risk communication sessions in 25 schools in Chiang Rai province.

TIMOR-LESTE



-Distributed hygiene kits and conducted awareness raising sessions across 235 schools.

-Distributed hygiene kits to 600 households.

VIETNAM



-Collaborating with Youth Pioneer Organisation to develop and produce video clips on child protection, COVID-19 prevention, sexual exploitation and abuse, domestic violence and, safety online.

-Carried out COVID-19 prevention and awareness communication broadcasting activities in programme areas, reaching 20,584 people.



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